Greetings parents and friends of St Mary’s College, welcome to the second newsletter of Term 3, 2014. Much has been happening in the past two weeks. The athletics season is now underway, our students have been preparing for camps and some have returned from a great experience in Melbourne. Our Drama and Hip Hop students have much to celebrate, and we hosted exchange students from Japan. Thank you for supporting your child/children and St Mary’s as we continue on our road to success for all.

Feast of Assumption Mass next Friday 15 August
Next Friday 15 August, we will celebrate the Feast of the Assumption. The feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary, commemorates the death of Mary and her bodily assumption into Heaven. It is the principle feast day of Mary our mother. Parents and friends you are all welcome to join with the school to celebrate this feast with the Mass which will take place at 8:30am in the Secondary undercover area.

Primary Athletics Carnival
The Primary Inter House Athletics Carnival is taking place today! Thank you to Mr Ed and staff who have been working very hard to prepare the students for the carnival. Thank you also to Ralph, Arthur, Emer and Murray from the Grounds team for their work in setting out the athletics track and equipment. Thank you to all students, staff and parents/grandparents and friends who will be in attendance at this very important event in the College calendar. I’m sure it will be a fun day for all involved.

Taiji Exchange
Last week at St Mary’s we hosted six students and five staff from our sister school in Japan. Thank you to all our host families, students and staff for your welcoming spirit. Deserving a special mention is Anthea Demin who coordinated the whole event and ensured that our guests had a wonderful time both at St Mary’s, in Broome and the surrounding country. Last week they were also treated to a civic reception at the Broome Shire Offices. Thank you to Mr Graeme Campbell and the Broome Shire for the generous support of our exchange programme, and to Mr Michael Leake from the Habitat Resort for his support and generosity.

Melbourne Exchange
Welcome back to our students who went on the cultural exchange to Melbourne. Thank you to Jen Cambridge, Yoshi Hunter and Carlene Smith who looked after them for the three weeks. We look forward to hearing about the students’ experiences and adventures in the coming weeks.

Year 5 and Year 6 Camp
This coming week our Year 5 and Year 6 Camps depart. Staff have been working hard to prepare for the camp experiences. Thank you to Mr Dave and all other Yr 6 staff for coordination of the Year 6 Dampier Camp and to Mr Tim and other Yr 5 staff for coordination of the Year 5 Barn Hill Camp. We wish you all safe travels and a happy time.

Events—August

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Confirmation Night Nicholas Emo Centre 5.30 AUG 20
Book Week Parade AUG 22
Secondary Inter House Athletics Carnival AUG 25

Feast of St Mary of the Cross - 8 August
Most loving God. We thank you for the example of Blessed Mary Mackillop, who in her living of the Gospel witnessed to the human dignity of each person. She faced life’s challenges with faith and courage. We pray through her intercession for our needs........ We make this prayer through Jesus the Lord. Amen.
Indigenous Hip Hop
Congratulations to all of our students who participated in the production of an outstanding production of a Foetal Alcohol Syndrome Disorder awareness and educational video clip throughout last week. The Indigenous Hip Project was coordinated at St Mary’s by Mr Brad Carmody and he did an excellent job in working with the Michael Farrah and his crew of Indigenous Hip Hop performers to have an outstanding clip produced in under one week. Thank you to Julie Foley from the WA Police Force, to Marla Croft and to all other businesses, government and non-government agencies and organisations who provided support for this very worthwhile project. This is now the second video clip that has been produced by our students. Thank you also to Ms Rani Middleton for her overall support and coordination of the first clip produced focussing on raising awareness of mental health issues. You can watch the performances by clicking on the following link.
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=p2cspvmN5gE&feature=youtube_gdata
http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=JY8G6UeFscU

Catholic Schools Performing Arts
Last night I had the pleasure of being present at the Catholic Performing Arts Festival to see our Year 8 Drama students perform ‘Anastasia’s Pool’. They received an outstanding score sheet. Their performance competed with students from a range of metropolitan and country schools and they were outstanding representatives for St Mary’s College and the Kimberley. Congratulations to the students for their wonderful performance, and to Ms Rani and Ms Vicki for the very high standard of preparation of the students.

Staffing
Coco Yu commenced extended leave from her administration role to take up a position at the Yawuru Corporation’s Yawuru Language Centre. Coco will continue to teach the Yawuru language on the Primary campus. We wish Coco well in her new role and we extend our sincere thanks to Coco for her dedication over so many years at St Mary’s College.

Pupil Free Day
A reminder that Monday 11 August is a pupil free day for Secondary students only. The secondary teaching staff will be working with Professor John Munro from Melbourne University to further develop our whole school approach to literacy. Professor Munro will also be working with primary staff and students on Monday and Tuesday.

Presentation Night
Our whole College Presentation Night will be held on Friday evening 31 October, commencing at 6.00pm on the secondary campus. Presentation night is being held earlier this year to enable our College community to officially farewell our Year 12 students. Please enter this date into your calendars as it is an expectation that all St Mary’s College students and their families attend this important event.

FROM HEAD OF SECONDARY

Thank you to all our Parents and caregivers who came along to our Parent Teacher interviews last week. Whilst the overall number of parents was disappointing, it is always good to meet with families and talk about student progress.

Pupil Free Day
Monday August 11 is the last pupil free day of the year for Secondary students. Teachers and our Teacher Assistants will be working very hard with Professor John Munro on strategies to improve Literacy outcomes for all students.

Parent Information Evenings
Two very important nights are coming up in the next two weeks. Next Wednesday August 13 the Year 11 moving into Year 12 2015 Parent information session will be held in the Library from 5.30pm. Information will be provided about ATAR courses and calculations and KTI will also be visiting with some options for further study.

The following Wednesday August 20 is the Year 10 moving into Year 11 in 2015 Parent information session. It is VITAL that all Parents and caregivers attend this night as there are many changes to the WACE requirements that these students will need to meet in order to achieve their WACE in 2016. Subject selection information will be explained, along with these changes. The system has been dramatically changed and it is important for all families to be familiar with this information. The parent information session will be held in the Library from 5.30pm.
Letters have been sent home outlining these nights.
This week we celebrate the feast of St Mary of the Cross. Mary MacKillop is very special to us in Australia, as she is our first Australian saint. This Solemnity is an opportunity to contemplate St Mary of the Cross’ remarkable life, her sense of social justice and her enormous contribution to education and as a champion of the poor, vulnerable and marginalised. Her vocation was for the disadvantaged and lived by the motto of ‘never see a need without doing something about it’. St Mary of the Cross continues to be an inspiration to many Australians and members of the St Mary’s College community.

FROM HEAD OF SECONDARY cont.

Secondary Happenings
It has so fantastic to see so much happening here on secondary – some of it in classes and other activities that cross all areas of the curriculum. Last week the Indigenous Hip Hop crew were back in Broome working with some of our students to create another powerful video about the harmful effects of drinking, on unborn children. The students developed the lyrics and the dance and took ownership of the whole process.

We have had visitors from Ballet WA working with some of the Dance classes; the Hospitality class went to Yo Play to sample some of the delights but also to look at food service and food preservation. On Friday we have a guest author visiting with classes as part of the Corrugated Lines festival. Some students will be visiting KTI to ‘try a trade’ on Friday. Miss Katrina’s Year 10 S&E class have visited the RSL as part of their Australian History studies. Miss Rani is accompanying a group of students to the Goolari Indigenous Scriptwriting Seminar. One of the actors from “Managing Carmen” production has also visited this week to speak with the Senior Drama students. Some of our Year 8 Students are currently in Perth as part of the Catholic Performing Arts Festival. Mr Samuel has been taking his Design Photography class out and about snapping shots for their assessment pieces.

As you can see there is an awful lot crammed into each and every school day. All of these activities add so much to the education and development of all our students. Our focus always needs to be on the curriculum and achieving the best possible outcomes for all students and these visitors and other excursions add interest and enthusiasm to what is happening in the classroom. If students are absent or late to school they miss out on some of these fantastic opportunities whilst also endangering their chances of achieving their very best whilst here at school.

The following table highlights the impact of non-attendance over time.

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If your child is absent from school for 1 day per week they have missed more than 2 years of schooling and the long term effects for students who regularly miss school include:
- Gaps in knowledge and understanding from missing basic concepts
- Loss of opportunities for play, social interaction and friendship development
- Lack of continuity resulting in feeling less secure within the school environment increased likelihood of leaving school early.

(Adapted from Xtra “Attendance guidelines” Vol 3 no 4 March 2000, cited in Cycles for Success 2002 p.44])

A very interesting article appeared this week in the news about how attendance can have impact on NAPLAN results. See the full story at http://www.smh.com.au/nsw/skipping-school-for-just-one-day-affects-naplan-results-study-finds-20140802-2zjmr.html

Parents and families please ensure that your child is a school every day because EVERY DAY COUNTS.

FROM HEAD OF PRIMARY

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Next week we celebrate the Assumption of Mary, on this feast of Mary we celebrate a special favour that God gave to Mary, our Mother. The Assumption means that Mary was taken up into the glory of heaven not only with her soul, but also with her body. The Assumption is one of the most important feast days of the Church year and a holy day of Obligation. As a College we will be coming together next Friday 15th August at 8:30am on the Secondary. We would encourage parents to join us on this feast.

Class Mass
Last Friday The Year Two students celebrated Mass together at the Nulungu Chapel. It was wonderful that parents were able to join us for this special celebration and Miss Rebecca did a great job of her first mass with her students.

Bishops’ Religious Literacy Assessment
Our Year Three and Five students participated in the Bishops’ Religious Literacy Assessment last week. It was an opportunity for us to explore students’ Religious knowledge and how we can best support our students in the area of Religious Education. We look forward to sharing the results with families when they are received.

Sacrament of Confirmation
Our Parent evening for the Sacrament of Confirmation will be held on Wednesday 20th August in the Nicholas Emo Centre at 5:30pm. We look forward to meeting with families in this forum as candidates continue their sacramental journey.

Jumps Day & Athletics Carnival
On Wednesday the Year 3-6 students participated in the Jumps Carnival. The students enthusiasm and willingness to give it their best shot was brilliant to see. The support from parents and staff, guided by Mr Ed was terrific and ensured that the events ran smoothly. On Friday we look forward to our Athletics Carnival and wish all Houses well. Please make sure your children have sunscreen, hats and water for the day. Thanks to Mr Ed for his fabulous organisation and commitment to making this a special day for our community.

Book Week
Week Five is Book Week, the theme for 2014 is ‘Connect to Reading’. Please make sure that you check out the display in the Library, can you tell who the mystery staff member is reading a book? We are excited about our traditional Book Week Parade which will be held on Friday 22nd August at 8:10am. We hope lots of families can join us for this wonderful celebration of reading at our College. Get those creative ideas ready for the big week! We will also be holding our Story Telling Evening at Primary on Tuesday August 19, at 6:00pm. There will be Milo and Biscuits for the kiddies and some special guest appearances as the readers. It is a wonderful family event to celebrate reading with our community around the campfire. Please make sure you join us!

Constable Care
Next Week Constable Care will be visiting Primary from Years K-2 and presenting on ‘Getting to School’ focusing on pedestrian, bike and road safety and Years 3-4 is a presentation ‘Catch’ talking about intercultural diversity and tolerance. We hope that our students learn some important messages from these performances.

Maintenance Plan
Our Maintenance plan has been approved on Primary meaning that we have been busily fixing, maintaining and upgrading items on Primary. In particular you may have noticed the new benches in Kindy and Pre-Primary, as well as paving and vegie gardens in our Pre Primary Area. A few more exciting things are planned, so please keep an eye out!

Lost Property
We seem to have a great deal of Lost Property currently on Primary. We will be placing all items out in the Undercover Area on Monday and asking children to check for anything that belongs to them. Parents please come along and have a look, in case there is anything that your children are missing. Your support with this would be greatly appreciated. Please remember to place your child’s name on all of their belongings to ensure these can be returned to their rightful owners.

Hats
We have had a couple of unfortunate incidences with hat cords on Primary of late and the toggles not releasing etc. We are asking that all parents please cut off the cords on their hats to ensure the safety for all. Your support with this matter would be greatly appreciated. Speaking of hats, there are also a lot of students that do not have hats at school. Please make sure your child has a hat with their name clearly marked. Hats are available from the Uniform Shop on Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 7:30-9:00am or from the Primary Office for $10 each.

Professional Learning
Mr Ed has returned from his Rock and Water Course with some fabulous ideas about how to extend this program for our students on Primary. It is exciting to hear students using the language and learning from this program in their everyday dealings within our community. Thanks to Mr Ed, Mr Joseph, Mr Sonny, Miss Keryn, Miss Sara, Miss Harriet and Mr Dave who have been implementing this program for us. We look forward to sharing more with you about this Social and Emotional Learning Program that we have implemented on Primary. Miss Rebecca and Miss Sam have returned from Perth bursting with ideas that they learnt about our new Chrome Books. These ladies attended a course on
Follow the Dream – Walarba Bugarri

The Worlds of Work Excursion

The Year 9 and 10 Follow the Dream students took part in the national Worlds of Work (WOW) Program, run by the Foundation for Young Australians. The program equipped students with the skills and beliefs to make smooth transitions into life beyond school. As the WOW program takes them on “a journey that broadens their views on what it means to be successful in the changing world of work.”

The students learnt important skills when presenting themselves at interview or making a speech. The way to use effective body language and how to ask and respond to questions. The students were privileged to visit a number of work places including the Broome Customs House and the Shire of Broome Offices where the students interviewed a number of employees to find out their ideas about success. The 4 day experience culminated with the students making a presentation to members of the Broome community.

The Follow the Dream - Upper School Dinner

Final preparations are underway for the Follow the Dream Dinner which is open to all Year 11 and 12 Follow the Dream students. The dinner promises to be a memorable even with quest speakers, music, some revitalisation games and a certificate ceremony. Invitations for the dinner have gone out and are for this Friday 8th August at 6:00pm in the Sam Male Room of the Cable Beach Club.

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Follow the Dream / Partnerships for Success Coordinator
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TAIJI EXCHANGE VISITORS

Last Wednesday special visitors from our sister school in Taiji Japan arrived in Broome. The six students and five staff were very weary from their thirty hour journey when they arrived, however they were warmly welcomed by the St Mary’s students, their host families and staff. The visitors experienced and thoroughly enjoyed a jam packed schedule for six days. The students were welcomed at a special assembly, joined in several classes at St Mary’s, participated in a volley ball game and a shared lunch with their host brothers and sisters. The connections and bonds between our two towns and our schools were very evident when the visitors read the Japanese street names in our town, when they attended exhibitions such as the Relationships exhibition, the Common Gate exhibition the Pearl Luggers tour and very importantly when they paid homage to their fellow deceased countrymen at the Japanese cemetery. An overnight trip to the Dampier Peninsular was an amazing experience and a great opportunity for our visitors to see and experience firsthand our beautiful country and coastline and to gain an important insight into the history and culture of the Indigenous people of this area. To the families and students who welcomed Kanon, Ayana, Yasuto, Mei, Yuna and Yuka into your homes, arigatou gozaimasu (thank you very much), thank you also for extending this friendliness to the Taiji staff, who were very grateful for your generosity and kindness. I am sure that this experience will remain with you and hope that you will recognise that you played a very important role; and are a part of this special relationship which we have with the people of Taiji. Thank you also to the staff and students of St Mary’s who supported me, assisted in any way and contributed to the success of this programme. Ms Anthea Demin

Visit to Sr Cynthia in Ballarat

Melbourne Cultural Exchange students visited Sr Cynthia when they were in Ballarat. The students had spent the day at Loreto and St Patrick’s Colleges, and called on Sr Cynthia after school. Although her health is not good, Sr Cynthia is always happy to welcome Broome visitors, especially this year her former year 3 student, Yoshi Hunter.

Photo: Yoshi Hunter, Sharee Dolby, Sr Cynthia, Byron Pigram, Carlene Smith
Banners In The Terrace

Congratulations to Lachlan McMahon from Year 9 whose fantastic artwork was made into a banner and is displayed on the corner of Barrack & St Georges Terrace in Perth until August 9th. The Banner clearly displays the wildlife in Broome and the bright vibrant colours made the work shine. Lachlan’s design was chosen by the Broome Council to represent The Shire of Broome. Well done Lachlan.

Banners in the Terrace is an annual event which exhibits Banners from regions in WA and held during Council Week.

St Mary's College Secondary Art Show

The Bernardine Room
St John of God Heritage Centre
Cnr Weld & Barker St

Thurs Aug 28th-Sun Aug 31st
Opening Hours
9am-4pm

Opening Night
Thursday
5.30pm—6.30pm
Entertainment & light refreshments

Works from
Year 7
to Year 12
Simon Hill Detail
The Argument
We have a busy term of P and F events planned for Term 3. We started off with the annual cake stall at the Boulevard which raised $300. Whilst, we did not break any fundraising records, some delicious treats were baked with love and those that bought them went home satisfied. A big thank you to Melissa Coggan who organised the cake stall and to those that helped on the day.

We have lots of opportunities to get involved in Term Three. You will see one of our parents, Krys Smith, before or after school in the coming weeks with a pop up fundraising stall of amazing flavours from around the world as part of her “Your Inspiration at Home” venture. We had a taste at our P and F meeting and the flavours were A-mazing!

The much loved story telling night will be back this year on Tuesday August 19, in Week 5, as part of Book Week. The P and F will once again serve milo and biscuits to all who gather to listen to the exciting stories. We look forward to seeing you at this St Mary’s family favourite event.

We are looking for donations for our Father’s day raffle to be held in week 7 in time for Father’s day September 7. If you have something that you are able to donate, please contact Natalie Giancono at joeynat@bigpond.com.

Our Movie night organisation is gathering pace. We have locked in November 7, in Term 4 for this fun family night. We are looking for volunteers who would like to go on the sub committee to help with some of the tasks. Please contact Lynette Chidlow if you are able to help out at lynette_hersey@hotmail.com or text 0408722168.

Lastly, lock in Friday September 19, in Week 9 on the calendar and get your dancing shoes on for the school disco. More information is to come. If you would like to be kept up to date with all the P and F upcoming events without having to come to the meetings, please email me so we can add you to our contact list and don’t forget to Like Us on Facebook.

Here is to an exciting term.
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