As we draw to the end of a very busy term, reflecting back on the past nine weeks we have a great deal to celebrate within our College. Our College assembly on Wednesday was an opportunity for us to recognise just some of the many opportunities, hard work and achievements by our students and staff.

Last week’s Youth on Health (YOH fest) performances at the Broome Civic Centre by our students from Years 3 -12 was a fine example of our student’s any talents. Congratulations to every student who participated and to all of our wonderful staff who supported this year’s YOH fest event. We have received a great amount of positive feedback from members of the Broome community who witnessed our student performances.

We have had outstanding success at the Angelico Catholic Art Awards and the recent Catholic Performing Arts Festival held in Perth. This week I had the pleasure of attending the Catholic Performing Arts Awards at the Perth Concert Hall. Our school was recognised as achieving the highest points out of all the country schools in the 2014 Catholic Performing Arts Festival and Year 10 student Kiara Malcolm-Wilson accepted the Zenith Trophy recognising this great achievement. Congratulations to all students and staff who participated and contributed to our success.

Our successful athletics carnivals throughout the term enabled all of our students to put in their best efforts for both their House and St Mary’s College. Our recent Secondary Arts Exhibition and the Wirlburu Art Exhibition events showcased the many fine talents of our students. Our Open Days on both campuses enabled students and teachers to show off some of the great work happening in the classrooms; work which happens every day as part of the business of being a school.

These are just some of the many events and achievements this term. It is most important that I recognise and thank the dedication and efforts of each of our staff members in assisting our students to achieve such great success.

PRESENTATION EVENING
A reminder that our Whole College Presentation Evening is on Friday October 31, starting at 6.00pm. All students are expected to attend along with their parents/carers. A huge amount of effort goes into the organisation of this event and it is important that we show our support by attending on the night. This year we will also officially farewell our Year 12’s from the stage at the end of the evening commemorating this special time as they finish their 14 years of schooling.

YEAR 12 EXAMINATIONS
Next week our Year 12’s will commence their mock examinations, preparing them for their final exams which commence on November 3. We wish them all well and ask you all to keep them in your prayers. I know each and every one of them will be trying their very best and striving for excellent results.

CYBER SAFETY
Finally, as the holidays are fast approaching I believe that it is most important that we stay in touch of where our children are at with regards to keeping them safe when using technologies. Technology is evolving at a relentless pace and children are usually the first to take up anything that’s new, whether it is internet, mobile phones, web cameras, digital cameras or the latest online games. They are often more skilled and informed than parents and many of us struggle to keep abreast of the latest internet games and social networking sites our children are involved with.

As parents, we may well be aware of our children’s ability to master new technologies and how “tech-savvy” our children are. However, we also need to be aware that our children are as vulnerable to harm and violence...
Congratulations and thank you to all students, staff and families that have supported our students during this term as they have undertaken performances in YOH fest, Catholic Performing Arts Festival, the Secondary Art exhibition, Open Evening and our Parent Information Evenings. It has been a very busy term and with the Year 10’s out on Work Experience next week and our Year 12’s undertaking Mock exams we continue to be very busy right up until the end of term. Although next week is the last week of term there will still be much important teaching and learning taking place. It is important that every student is a school every day BECAUSE EVERYDAY COUNTS.

Not only is high rates of attendance great for our students as they are able to make the most of the learning opportunities provided to them, but it is good for parents and caregivers as well. If your child is a school every day you:

- Will know that you have encouraged them to make the most of their skills and abilities and taken up these opportunities
- Won’t be humbugged by the school asking for notes or phoning you to explain why your child is not at school
- Won’t have government agencies or the Police calling around to see if the children are at school
- Will have peace of mind knowing that children who attend school regularly are less likely to break the law and go to jail in later life
- Will enjoy more structured routines at home because every school day the children are at school
- Will know that your child is more likely to finish Year 12 and will have broader opportunities for life after school
- Will avoid ongoing visits from our ATA’s and possible legal action for failing to ensure your children are at school.
- We encourage all students to take up any opportunity presented to them and to be involved with all of the extra “things” that go on at St Mary’s but if they are not at school, they miss out.

All students in Year 10 and 11 should have returned their subject selection forms for 2015 by now. Year 9 students will receive this information early next week. Term Four commences MONDAY OCTOBER 13.

Thanks again to all of the Staff at SMC for their support and commitment to provide a quality, well-rounded education for all our students. I hope all students, families and staff have a wonderful break and look forward to seeing you all again in Term Four.
What a wonderful celebration of student talent we have had on primary in the last fortnight. We have had several events that have allowed our students to showcase their artistic, creative and academic prowess. Thanks to all caregivers and staff that have supported our students to be so amazing!

PRIMARY CAMPUS OPEN NIGHT & WILBURU OPENING
Monday night two weeks ago saw the primary campus buzzing with children, parents, families, community members and staff. It was a truly wonderful celebration of community spirit at St Mary’s College. The magnificent art display set the tone for the high quality standard of student achievement that we were all treated to. Recognition for the excellence of the display needs to be commended and a thanks to Miss Josie for this valuable exhibition. Our Primary Choir, led by Miss Robyn performed for the crowd and our talented Year Six Choir girls performed a new act with a variety of instruments. Our Year Three students supported by their teachers and led by Miss Coco performed Yawuru songs. The performances on the evening were brilliant and a credit to all involved. The fabulous celebration of students continued into the classrooms, where families were able to support their children’s learning and achievements throughout the term. Thank you to everyone that supported this showcasing of our students. Our teachers in particular worked tirelessly to prepare for this event and they need to be recognised for their commitment to our students each and every day. As a bonus, due to the support of Miss Keryn and Mr Yoshi leading the way with catering we were able to raise $1000 from sales of food on the evening. Thanks to everyone’s generosity, this money will go toward our Numeracy Resources. A sensational display of community at SMC, and a special thanks to all those who were able to contribute to this. We look forward to making this an annual event.

YOH FESTIVAL
Last Thursday evening the audience at the Broome Civic Centre was treated to something truly amazing from our SMC students. Our After School Drama Club students from Years 3-6 represented the primary campus at the Youth on Health Festival (YOH Fest). The positive and health related message that our students chose to share and created was surrounding the topic of Screen Time and encouraging children to get outside and be active. To see students from SMC on the big stage shining and promoting such an important message was such a special moment and definitely a highlight for me! The students cleverly created their performance with amazing support from Miss Coco, Miss Elaina, Miss Josie and Miss Nikki. The exceptional quality of this piece drew extremely positive comments from audience members and judges. I felt so proud of our College and the exceptional students and staff.

CELEBRATION OF READING RECOVERY & LEVELLED LITERACY INTERVENTION
We have been very lucky to have several students successfully discontinue from our Reading Recovery and Levelled Literacy Program. These students have worked exceptionally hard in their individualised and small group interventions and have achieved some fabulous milestones in their literacy development. A special mention needs to be made of the brilliant work and commitment from Miss Catherine and Miss Jo as these specialist literacy teachers, with the support of Classroom Teachers, our Curriculum Coordinator, Miss Keryn and Reading Recovery Tutor, Miss Liz. It is great to be able to celebrate such outstanding results from our students requiring additional literacy support. Thanks to caregivers that have supported these intervention programs.

LITERACY ACQUISITION FOR PRE PRIMARY STUDENTS (LAPS)
Our Pre Primary Teaching teams have been working extremely hard to implement a Quality 1st Wave Coaching Model to our classrooms throughout this term. The Pre Primary staff have been attending Professional Learning to support this and have been coming back and sharing all their new skills and knowledge in their rooms. This is a huge undertaking to take on a program like this successfully and they need to be publicly recognised for the wonderful results that they have been achieving, as well as our little Pre Primary students congratulated for their hard work too. We have been so excited about the teaching and learning happening in our ECE classrooms and are thankful to Waardi for supporting our inclusion in this project. We look forward to sharing more news surrounding this with you all very soon.
EXCURSIONS TO THE LOCAL LIBRARY
Last week students from Years 3-6 visited the Local Library to listen and learn from visiting author/illustrator Frane Lessac, an award winning author/illustrator and artist of over 30 books to date. It is such a memorable experience for our students to see someone as talented as Frane in real life and to have read her books from our Library already. What a connection to reading!

SURFING
Our Year 3-6 students have commenced surfing this week under the watchful eye of our very own Mr Ed and two Surfing Instructors. The students report that they have been having a wonderful time and learning lots of tips and tricks for Ocean Safety. Please make sure that you are asking your children all about it and popping down to watch if you can.

SPECIAL EDUCATION CENTRE NEWS
At the end of the term we sadly farewell an amazing team member from our Special Education Centre Team. Paddie Gale has been a part of the SMC community for over a year now and has made a truly remarkable contribution to so many staff and students. We will miss Paddie and wish her well as she leaves Broome.

Exciting News for Miss Janette, who only just finished work last week! Janette welcomed a beautiful little boy to the world with her partner Noel. We know she will make a wonderful mum and we wish Janette every happiness with her new little bundle.

NAPLAN RESULTS
Students from Years 3 & 5 should have received their NAPLAN Reports via mail at the end of last week. I encourage parents to speak with Classroom Teachers if any clarification is required. Please remember that these reports provide us with a snapshot of students learning, on one day on one test, and remember that these assessments were taken as a sample in May. If you have not received your child’s report please contact the College.

PERSONALISED LEARNING PLANS
At our recent Open Night we asked families to spend time with their students contributing to their Personalised Learning Plans. It was wonderful to see the links between home and school, with students discussing their goals and strengths with their learning and parents contributing to what they would like to see their children strive for. These plans are designed to ensure students are self motivated and engaged. We will be revisiting these plans and seeking further engagement from families to support these personalised plans. Thanks to families and students that completed these already and if you haven’t please pop into your child’s classroom.

ATA STUDY GRADUATION
Four of our hardworking and dedicated Aboriginal Teaching Assistants are being recognised for their commitment to their study, after completing their Certificate III. We are so proud of these staff; Mr Joseph, Mr Prince, Miss Reannan and Mr Sonny. We would like you to save a date for the their Graduation that will take place early next term on Tuesday October 28 at 1:30pm on Primary Campus. Further details to follow closer to the event.

P&F DISCO
On Friday night we have our P&F Disco. This is a fabulous opportunity for children to get together in a safe and fun way and allows students to interact with one another in a different context. A huge thank you to our dedicated P&F for arranging this community event for our students and to staff that have worked behind the scenes to support. We hope that lots of parents are able to come along and support their students with this fun event!

FOOTY COLOURS DAY
Next Friday we will be celebrating our Footy Colours Day at 8:10am in our Undercover Area. We encourage all students, staff and parents to dress up in their favourite footy teams colours. This is a fun way to celebrate the end of term. We hope lots of families can join us.

THANKS PRIMARY LEADERSHIP TEAM
Thanks to the Primary Leadership Team of Keryn, Sara, Tim and Yoshi who have been able to support the primary campus students, staff and families in my absence, whilst I was away on Long Service Leave for the last week. I appreciate the way that they cared for everyone throughout this week and I am grateful for their ongoing support and commitment to our Campus. We are so lucky to have such a dedicated team.

All the best for the fortnight ahead. Have a wonderful two weeks holiday with your children and we look forward to welcoming all students back on Monday October 13. See you all in Term Four.
WALARBA BUGARRI – FOLLOW THE DREAM PARTNERSHIPS FOR SUCCESS
The Middle School Year 7-9 Cultural Camp to Port Smith - Tuesday 26th - 29th August

Years 7-9 Follow the Dream students took part in the Middle School Cultural Camp to Port Smith. Sixteen St Mary’s students attended the camp this year, the camp proved to be a great success with student visiting Bidyadanga, Whistle Creek and Port Smith lagoon. The highlights of the camp this year were crabbing, fishing, shell collecting, a quiz night and the camp talent quest! As well as catching salmon, one student even managed to single handily catch a stingray. The camp to Port Smith happens each year and is open to Middle School Follow the Dream students who have fulfilled the requirements of FTD, and have regular school and study centre attendance.

“I really liked the camp because I got to talk to people I don’t usually talk to” Elizabeth Cox

“I love camping and especially crabbing and fishing, which I haven’t done for a long time.” Oseyahn Bradshaw

Paul Woodbridge

FROG TALK

Dr Paul Doughty from the Western Australian Museum visited our Year 6 class on Wednesday. Dr Paul is a world renowned frog scientist who travels extensively across the Kimberley region studying populations of different native frogs. It was interesting to hear just how vital frogs are to our natural environment, and we had great fun trying to identify the sounds of frog species we have here in Broome. Thank-you to Dr Paul for taking the time visit St.

- Year 6 students

MUSIC MATTERS

St Mary’s has had some great experiences in Music this term with performances for two school open evenings, SSJG Senior art opening night, musicians in Shinju and two amazing visiting musicians. The Primary Choir plus a Year 6 band up to Year 11 students have all represented our school’s music talents in a very professional manner. The secondary students have been making great use of our 3 JamHub studios to rehearse during class time as well as recess, lunch and after school groups keeping the music room alive with sound.
Year 10 History

The year 10 history class have been studying “Rights and Freedoms” as part of the course the students have been looking at the legacy of the ANZAC’s. The students researched the service records of the Broome servicemen who lost their lives in WW1 with particular reference to Gallipoli. As part of the research the students visited the RSL memorials in Bedford Park and were privileged to see some artefacts of WW1 from the Australian War Museum. As part of their study students wrote an essay to be entered in the Premiers ANZAC student tour for 2015 competition. We are happy to announce that Harman Sharma is a State Finals. Congratulations Harman!

Year 6H Visit

During week 8, students from Miss Harriet’s Year 6 class came to the Secondary campus and experienced doing a mathematics class with Mr Allen. The topic they looked at was tessellations where each student was challenged to design an interesting but basic geometric shape that they could use as tiles. Some students came up with good designs that you can see below.

Even Miss Harriet came up with an interesting design.

Well done to both Year 6 classes who took part over the last couple of weeks. The mathematics department will be seeing you all soon.

QUESTACON: THINK, MAKE AND CREATE

Recently, Questacon Science Circus conducted engaging and hands on two day Science workshops for Year 7, 8 & 9 students. The focus of the workshops was based on the design of Naturally Buoyant Object (NBO’s) used in the NASA space station. Students were tasked to “Think, Make and Create” for innovative challenges and awesome solutions. Each student designed and made a Naturally Buoyant Object from everyday materials supplied by Questacon. Many thanks to Questacon, Ms Bette, Ms Orin and the Science staff for their support.

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## Secondary Athletic Carnival's

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- **4th**: Sacred Heart 32
A huge thank you to everyone who bought tickets in our recent Father’s day raffle. Congratulations to all our winners. A special thank you to the following businesses for donating the prizes.

1st Prize: $100 Bunnings voucher and a fishing hat donated by McKeno Blocks and Pavers - Total Value $120 won by Cissy Dan
2nd Prize: Tackle Box donated by Kimberley Camping and Outback Supplies $110 won by Lili Comito

3rd Prize: Utility Belt donated by Totally Workwear won by Jessica Chan
4th Prize: Barber of Broome haircut voucher and Linx pack donated by Chinatown Pharmacy value $35 won by Tilly Canavan
5th Prize: Barber of Broome haircut voucher and Linx pack donated by Chinatown Pharmacy value $35 won by Franky Rahman
6th prize: SportsPower pack valued at $35 won by Kaedan McPherson-Stanbridge

We hope to see lots of kids at the Primary Crazy Hair disco tonight (Friday, 19th of September). Kindy -2 are from 4.30-5.30 and years 3-6 are from 5.45-7pm. Entry is only $3 and there are sausages, popcorn, ice cups, drinks and cakes available to purchase. Come along and help out with one of the stalls whilst your kids have a great time dancing. There will also be the opportunity to taste and buy from the great range from Your Inspiration at Home which Krystina Smith and Tamara Hamilton are kindly running as a fundraising event especially for St Mary’s. Come and try some of the amazing dukkahs, oils, spices, and vinegars.

Thank you also to Yo Play and Sun Pictures for donating prizes to our disco and to Brumby’s for donating the bread. We couldn’t run the disco without the fantastic support of the staff and parents. A special thank you to Mr Tim, admin staff, ground staff and Mr Michael Lake from Secondary who always helps us out with these occasions. We look forward to seeing you all tonight.

Rose Mitchell
President
St Mary’s College Parents and Friends

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Position Vacant:
Teacher Aide—Special Needs
There is a vacancy for a full-time temporary TA position commencing in Term 4 (13/10/14—31/12/14) Please refer to our website on www.stmarysbroome.wa.edu.au or contact PA to Principal, Anthea Demin on 9194 9502 for further details. Applications close on Wed 24 September.

Please Note:
The Primary Gardener/Groundsman (Ralph) would like to put a request out to parents not to park at the front verge of the primary campus and behind the Year 6 classes on the oval due to the reticulation needing to be repaired constantly.

CHANGE IN BILLING OF SCHOOL FEES

Dear Parents Guardians
From next term the amounts will stay the same but will appear a bit differently on your statement. Instead of Tuition Fee & Amenities Fee -there will just be one Tuition Fee incorporating both amounts. This will enable us to offer a better Health Care Card Rebate and better discounts for families in need.
If you have any queries at all about your fees or you are having difficulty paying your fees please give me a call and I will be happy to discuss discounts and payment options available. My direct number is 91949507. Thanks Angie.