Presentation Night
This year’s event was an opportunity to celebrate the achievements our students have made in so many areas of their education from Years K-12 and to officially farewell the Graduating class of 2014. Congratulations to all of our student performers and award winners on the night. The event was coordinated by Diane Popovich and I sincerely thank Diane for her dedication to ensuring that the evening was a great success and to Michael Lake who assumed overall responsibility for the staging and event set up. Thank you to every staff member who contributed their time and effort to ensure the evening ran smoothly and was a great success. A special thank you to our talented musician parents, Tania Praino and Stephen Pigram who supported a number of the primary student performances. To all parents, thank you for your commitment to supporting the students at St Mary’s College, and I am sure all who attended will agree that the night was very impressive and we can look forward to hosting a similar event in 2015.

Movie Night
A huge thank you to our dedicated Parents and Friends group for the Moonlight Movie Night held at the Primary campus last week. It was a very enjoyable night for all with over 550 people attending. I also acknowledge Mr Lake and the Grounds and Maintenance staff for all the work in setting up for the evening. To the many generous community sponsors who donated food, drinks and prizes for the raffle I sincerely thank you all for your great support of our school. The funds raised on the night will be used to enhance educational programs being offered at the College.

Examinations
Our Year 12 ATAR examinations are continuing and next week our Year 11 students will commence their final examinations for 2014. There will also be a number of tests and exams for students from Year 7 – 10. Students will be notified by their teachers of dates and times for each test and examinations.

College Board and Parents and Friends Annual General Meetings
The College Board Annual General Meeting will take place on Tuesday November 25 commencing at 7.00pm followed by the St Mary’s College Parents and Friends Annual General Meeting. The College Board is responsible not only to our school community, but also to the Catholic Education Commission of WA (CECWA)
It was a true privilege to be present at Secondary assembly on Wednesday morning when the students who have nominated for the positions of Head Girl and Head Boy for 2015 delivered their address to the College. These students, Grace Cuzens, Alicia Gould, Jada Hunter, Tessa Jaffrey, Dominic Hill and Navin Latchman presented speeches that were well prepared and obviously reflected their beliefs about what a fabulous place St Mary’s College is. As I said to the student body, it certainly was not an easy task to choose who to vote for as the standard was so high and we are grateful to have such quality students who are willing to stand up and be proud to represent St Mary’s College. All current Year 10 and 11 students, along with staff, were then given the opportunity to vote for all positions on the Student Representative Council. Results will be tallied and announcements made on Monday November 24, after exam week. Voting for House Captains took place in Pastoral Care Groups this morning.

EXAM WEEK
Next week, November 17-21 is Exam week. Year 11 students are only required to be at school if they have an exam. They need to sign in and out through Student Services. All of the students have been given a letter outlining our expectations for next week, along with a copy of their exam schedule. The last day of the school year for Year 11 students is November 28. All students are expected to be in attendance up until this date.

Year 10 students who are studying Stage 1 or 2 courses will also be sitting exams next week but are expected to still be at school and attending normal classes when there are no scheduled exams.

Most junior school classes will also be finalising assessments and tests in the next few weeks but this will be conducted in normal class time.

ATTENDANCE
Remember EVERY DAY COUNTS! Even though assessments may be finalised, there is still much work to be completed in classes and testing will still be happening almost right up to the last week of school. It is important that every student is at school every day.
The term is moving along so quickly, before we know it we will be into 2015 it seems!

Year 6 Camp Meeting 2015
Last week the Year 6 team for 2015 met with families to discuss the exciting news that our 2015 year 6 students will be heading to Canberra for their Leadership Camp next year. There was great excitement from all involved that our students would have this opportunity, however it is not going to be an easy job raising the funds to be able to travel interstate. Due to the outstanding enthusiasm and commitment of the staff and families, a fundraising committee was created and they met again last Wednesday to plan events and fundraising opportunities. We will provide further information about our fundraising events very soon, and thank you in advance for your support. We are confident that Canberra is going to provide first class educational and leadership opportunities for our Kimberley kids.

Remembrance Day
On Tuesday morning we held a Remembrance Day Liturgy on Primary lead by some of our student leaders to reflect on the memorial of Remembrance Day. We then held a one minutes silence at the 11th hour, of the 11th Day in our classrooms. Our students were extremely reflective and respectful as we played the Rouse and Last Post. It was wonderful for us to come together as a campus to reflect on such an important part of Australia’s history.

ATA’s Study
Last fortnight we celebrated the Graduation of four of our staff. With this at the forefront motivating and inspiring our staff, we are launching new groups of staff to complete their Certificate III and Diploma. This week Miss Annette, Mr Din and Miss Trish commenced their units in the Certificate III and Mr Joseph, Miss Reannan, Mr Sonny and Mr Prince started their Diploma course. It is a pleasure for me to work with these staff and the conversations are professionally rich and inspiring. Best wishes to all of these staff and thank you for your commitment to learning more for the good of our students at St Mary’s College.

Christmas Carols
The Parish Christmas Carols will be on again the year, on Sunday December 7. Our Drama team, thanks to the guidance of Miss Coco, Miss Elaina, Miss Josie and Miss Nikki will be performing the Nativity for our community. Please make sure you come along to this lovely family event.

Swimming Lessons
Our Pre Primary and Year One students commenced swimming lessons this week. We hope that our students learn some invaluable skills to keep them safe around water and enjoy splashing around in the pool. Thanks to Mr Ed and Classroom Teaching teams for supporting these lessons.

Early Childhood Transition
This week we commenced our Transition and Orientation programs on Primary. Our Kindy and Pre Primary Parent Information Evenings were held on Wednesday evening and it was wonderful to see the support from our families and the enthusiasm from our early years team in presenting to families, and getting to know their new students for 2015. We hope that parents found these sessions informative and are feeling more at ease about their child’s new learning adventure for 2015. I encourage any families to come and see a member of the early years team if they require any further information or specific transition needs for their little person. A huge thanks to Miss Sarah, Miss Sally, Miss Steph and Miss Catherine for their efforts in preparing for the evening. 2015 is looking exciting for primary!

Reports
Primary staff are busily assessing and finalising assessment for students, and writing reports. There have been some really pleasing data stories for our students and I encourage you to speak with your child’s classroom teachers for any insights leading up to report time in relation to your child’s progress and needs. Reports are a wonderful way to discuss your child’s progress, as well as their strengths and areas for further development. For effective growth to be made it is imperative that families are communicating with Classroom Teaching teams so that we know how we can work together to support individual needs.

Primary Christmas Concert
Our Primary Christmas Concerts plans are well and truly underway and inserted in this newsletter you will find a flyer with information regarding this big event. Your children will entertain you during the evening, food and drinks will be on sale, as a fundraiser for our Year Six Camp, so please support. Save the date...Friday December 5.

Professional Learning
It appears the learning of teachers never stops! Our staff have been out and about in the last couple of weeks attending Accreditation courses for their Religious Education Studies, Cyber Bullying Training, Australian Curriculum learning opportunities, Healthy Food Traffic Light training just to name a few. Our dedicated staff, who often attend these opportunities in their own time, thank you for your wonderful commitment to our kiddies.

P&F Movie Night
What another wonderful celebration of our community spirit last Friday at our P&F Movie Night. The outstanding
contribution by so many made for another fun and successful evening. It was wonderful to witness so many people working together for the good of our College. A special mention must be made of Lynette Chidlow and Rose Mitchell who were instrumental in the coordinating and organising of the event. Thanks to one and all for such a fabulous event.

**Upcoming Events:**
Primary Christmas Concert—Friday 5th December

Have a super fortnight!
Special Education Network Centre (SENC) News

The SENC has been a hive of activity lately. We have commenced creating Christmas decorations and are busily preparing for our upcoming Disability Week morning tea taking place on December 2nd. Stay tuned for more information regarding this event.

On Monday we celebrated Matt Saraza’s birthday with a party morning tea at the Centre. Matt’s Year 2 class also visited and made lovely cards to give to Matty. Here are some photos of Centre activities and the birthday morning tea.
Well Movie Night is over for another year and what a wonderful night it was. It was great to see so many people enjoy the atmosphere whilst watching Despicable Me 2. A huge thank you to Lynette Chidlow, Holly Snell, Jude Millard and Natalie Giancono for leading the organisation of such a huge event. Thank you to our MANY helpers who stepped in to help with various tasks before and during the night. Mr Mike Lake did an amazing job coordinating the set up and pack up along with the ground staff. Those behind the scenes jobs are much appreciated as they enable us to concentrate on other tasks. We were delighted with the profit for Movie night being just over $10,000!!! Everyone was raving about the delicious curries which were kindly donated by Pinctada Cable Beach, Little Indian, Kool Spot, Matso’s, Cable Beach Club Resort and Spa, Tong’s Chinese Restaurant and Kimberley Training Institute. Copy cats kindly donated the printing of the posters and Pindan Printing generously donated the printing of the raffle tickets.

We were also very fortunate to receive a grant from the Road Safety Community Grants Program. This year our Road Safety message was car restraints with a focus on child restraints. We reminded our audience that children under 4 years to under 7 years need to be restrained in either a forward facing child restraint or booster seat restrained by a correctly adjusted and fastened seat belt or child safety harness. Belt Up, Because you’re worth holding on to. Our Movie night raffle was one of our most successful and I thank everyone who took raffle tickets to sell or bought raffle tickets. We made over $3800. Well. Done everyone!

A big congratulations to Summer Leonard, Matilda Moase and Holly Chidlow on their fund raising efforts at Movie night. The girls sold “Kimberley Candles” which they had made with Jo Summergreen and then sold them at the Movie night. They kindly said they would donate their earnings to the P and F however, in recognition of their generosity and enthusiasm, the P and F have decided that we will donate the money they raised back to their Yoh Fest fundraising endeavours. Well done girls on recognising an opportunity but also thinking of the bigger picture.

A big thank you to our generous sponsors who donated prizes.

1st Prize: 2 Nights’ accommodation at the Pearle Resort, kindly donated by Paul and Melissa Coggan
Won by Elijah Archer from PPSW
2nd Prize: $250 cash donated by Gully’s Electrical won by Kathleen Thompson
3rd Prize: $200 Cleaning Voucher donated by Broome Carpet and Tile Cleaning
4th Prize: $100 Cash donated by McKeno Blocks and Pavers
5th Prize: $100 cash donated by Pearl Sea Laundry
6th Prize: Gift Basket donated by the Hailes family
7th Prize: 20kgs Laundry Powder Donated by Landmark

We hope you all enjoyed the movie night as much as we enjoyed seeing you all there. If you feel inspired to be part of a dynamic team please consider coming to our AGM which will be held on Tuesday November 25, at 7pm. We hope to see lots of new faces at our AGM, some who might be able to step into some of the roles that will become available in 2015. We will be looking for a new Treasurer and also a new President. There are so many parents in our school community who contribute in so many different ways and this is just one way to play a part. If you are nervous about taking up the President or Treasurer’s role, please know that you will have people on the committee who will be able to assist. I have done the President’s role for the past three years and whilst I have enjoyed every minute of it, I feel it is time for someone else to have a go. That person might be you.

Rose Mitchell

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ABC Kimberley Excursion

On November 7, Senior Drama students visited the ABC Kimberley Broadcasting Centre to watch Vanessa Mills interview their teacher Rani Middleton and her mother, Juliet Middleton for a segment ‘Chip off the Old Block’. Afterwards the students were given a tour of the studio and left with a good insight into live radio broadcasting.

The Magic of Grass

The Kindy kids are loving our new roll of lawn. Who can resist not to roll around on it, we broke through the barrier today! We are loving it.