Our Lady Help of Christians

The College Feast Day was shared by Bishop Saunders and Fr Marcello with parishioners, staff and students. Additional features of the liturgy were the singing by the Choir and an impressive and thought provoking choreographed movement depicting Mary as mother of the Child and mother of Jesus of the Gospels. This preceded the generous catering for student refreshments and the customary House activities.

The Common Gate:

This Exhibition opening this Sunday at the Civic Centre, is a practical step in learning about the past to come to a better understanding of the present. Then we can step forward together far more effectively to build positive relationships and a society centred on respect and understanding. An appreciation of our shared history and our physical environment is a practical move in the right direction.

Steps into Season:

We have already had the first major fog of the season. What season? Well, welcome to Bargana. The wattle flowers in Bargana mean that the salmon and catfish are fat. When the wattle seeds, the mullet lay their eggs, and when the seeds open up, the eggs have hatched...Mati Gilbert.

Tall stories

The cooler days and nights of the European months retained by the colonists to depict June to August were the prominent features of the Bargana – or cold period for the Broome district. As winter rain were unusual, the early pearlers used the term ‘the dry’ to describe that period. Further inland strong sou’easterly winds pushed clouds of dust towards the coast but also lowered temperatures. As noted by Mati Gilbert, this is a time of plenty regards seafood, and fish traps were used to catch the run of salmon and mullet. Dugongs were prized game while humpback whales were seen moving north. Does your family have fishing tales to share or hunting stories from inland?

Yawuru:

Across Australia, Aboriginal societies also used the changes in constellations and individual stars that anticipated seasonal changes. The vast spaces of the country meant that distinct cycles or patterns of weather could be distinguished. Traditionally the Yawuru people lived by six seasons. They studied the changing signs in the wangal (winds), the wula (rainfall), the heat, the vegetation and the animals, and understood the interplay between these. On the land, the food chain is heavy with ripening fruits and satisfied possums, porcupine and bobtails, as well as the larger wallaby and kangaroo. Bunung and conkerberry are in fruit and there are many bush onion bulbs to eat.

Follow the Dream

Students from St Mary’s College and Broome SHS share the opportunities offered by the Graham Farmer Foundation and its sponsors. Mr D Wilkinson invited a number of Follow The Dream tutors to share in the Compact Signing by the Year Sevens at a function hosted by the Mangrove Hotel. The
students acquitted themselves very well in some small public speaking roles, and their conduct and enthusiasm impressed their family and friends present at the evening. The Farmer Foundation and the co-sponsors offer practical support in making Reconciliation real for many families as their students progress to the completion of Year Twelve.

**Sorry Day**
The colourful graphic above is taken from the bank of hands displayed at Canberra symbolising the Bring Them Home theme of Sorry Day. Among a range of classroom activities on Thursday, Merilee Lands shared the viewpoint of someone whose mother was a member of the Stolen Generation, with a number of students on the Dakas Street campus. After the Sorry Day Assembly on the secondary campus this morning, Daisy Hunter, a Stolen Generation survivor planted a Mamajin tree at the registered cultural site of three dreaming dogs the front of the College Administration on Port Road. A plaque acknowledges the significance of 2017: In recognition of the 20th Anniversary of the Bringing Them Home Report, St Mary’s College, with Listening Hearts, is committed to walking with each other in Reconciliation.

**Vale**
A Requiem Mass will be held for Rozahi Jones on Friday 3rd June 2017 at Our Lady Queen of Peace, Weld Street, 3 p.m. Rozahi’s guardian has appreciated an offer from the Clontarf Academy for the boys to form a guard on honour at the cathedral. Thanks to Mr Jack and Mr Slade and the wider community for their support of the family.

**Thank You**
As Mr Pepper returns from Leave on Monday, today sees the completion of my ‘short term’ role as principal of the College. I have appreciated the welcome of parents and students as well as the staff and the parish, in all working together to make St Mary’s a great college. I applaud the care and commitment shown by staff to the students and to each other in addressing trauma and being prepared to step forward together.

Peace

Clement Mulcahy
Short Term Principal 26th May 2017

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**FROM HEAD OF SECONDARY**

**OLNA**
All Year 10, 11 and 12 students have received their OLNA results. This test was extremely positive with many more students passing some or all sections of the OLNA Test. Any students who still have areas in which they have not reached Level 3 have also been given a sheet which highlights the areas they need to work on so that they will be able to pass in the next round in September. Starting Week 7 we will have extra staff spending lessons with those students who need extra help to pass at the required standard. Year 12s of course will be the first priority as this is the last chance they have while at school to achieve this result. If you have any questions about the OLNA testing or have not seen your child’s results please contact Ms Lea via email at lea.wilson@cewa.edu.au or by phone on 9194 9500.
**Uniforms**

We would like to ask for parent support in sending your children to school in the correct uniform. Shoes are to be all black, hair is to be tied up, students may only have up to two piercings in each ear with small studs or sleepers. Hats must now be college hats. Jumpers need to be school jackets or plain navy blue or black cardigans or jumpers. No hoods. Recently there have been several students, particularly senior students, wearing nose piercings. Nose piercings are not, and have never been, allowed at St Mary’s College and any student wearing a nose piercing will be asked to remove it. If they do not, they will be sent home and will not return until it is removed.

**Year 11 and 12 Exams**

Year 11 and 12 Exams will take place during week 6, from May 29 until June 2. During exam week all Year 11 and 12 students will only need to come to school if they have an exam on, unless you have outstanding work in practical Cert or General subjects that need completing. You must liaise with your teachers to organise when you can come in and finish work if you have outstanding work.

This is the final timetable for the examinations that begin on Monday.  **When you come into school, whether you have an exam, are finishing work or asking for help you are expected to wear full school uniform.**

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| Monday 29/05    | 8:00am | English 3 hours  
EALD (Room 7) | English 3 hours  
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| Tuesday 30/05   | 8:00am | PE Studies 3 hours  
Modern History 3 hours | PE Studies 2 ½ hours  
Modern History 2 ½ hours |
| Wednesday 31/05 | 8:00am | Religious Education 3 hours       | Religious Education 3 hours       |
| Wednesday 31/05 | 12:30pm| Chemistry 3 hours  
Visual Arts 2 ½ hours | Chemistry 3 hours  
Visual Arts 2 ½ hours  
Drama 2 ¼ hours |
| Thursday 01/06  | 8:00am | Mathematics Applications 2 ½ hours | Mathematics Applications 2 ½ hours  
Mathematics Methods 2 ½ hours |
| Friday 02/06    | 8:00am | Human Biology 3 hours             | Human Biology 3 hours             
Psychology  
Politics and Law (SIDE) |
A MASSIVE THANKYOU To the St Marys Community for making this happen! Final Figures will be in next week after all cash donations are handed in on the 26th. Online Prize ordering will be activated after the 26th May and can be made through your online page that was set up. All cash donation prizes will also be ordered by St Mary’s. For any questions please Phone Admin. Thanks again everyone! It was a great start to our 2017 Year 6’s Fundraisers!
Year 3 Liturgy
On Friday the 12th of May both Year 3 classes attended the Nulungu chapel for 3S’s Liturgy. The Liturgy was based upon our current Religious Education topic ‘Sharing in Jesus’ Special Meal – The Eucharist’. In the weeks leading up to the Liturgy the students worked hard to practice all of their parts, especially their readings and the hymns. Miss Brooke and I had also previously taken the students across to see the chapel to point out all of the important items and fixings inside. As part of our unit of work students are required to study church furnishings, sacred vessels, actions, prayers and responses used during Mass. It was wonderful to see the students learning about their Chapel here at St. Mary’s and the Church as a whole. Well done 3S on a fantastic Liturgy.

Secondary Cross Country
The House Cross Country date has been changed to Thursday week 7 JUNE 8th.
The Interschool has been shifted to Friday week 1 term 3.
Indigenous students from the Clontarf Academy and Deadly Sista Programs presented to Year 11 students from St Monica’s College, Epping, the largest Catholic Secondary College in Melbourne, as part of Indigenous Awareness Week. Our students spoke well about their involvement in the programs and about themselves personally, sharing what community they are from, what they like to do in their free time in the Kimberley and information about St Mary’s, Broome and beyond. Our students were asked a variety of questions from why they start school so early; what they do in their spare time; what their favourite subject is; what they hunt for and what their aspirations are once they complete their education at St Mary’s College. Hopefully this is the first of many opportunities for our students to communicate with city kids. We organised this Skype session and were very proud of each student and of how well they spoke. Special thanks to Jack Reagan, Halina Kolatowicz, Mark Leitch, Sam Baird and Mr Clem for their support.

Ms Angela & Mr Clem
Work Experience for Year 10s – 4th to 8th September

Work Experience is a valuable opportunity for Year 10 students to gain and improve employability skills they can use in all future employment. Students are encouraged to talk to their parents / caregivers about which workplaces might offer them a placement. The required paperwork has been given to students which they are to provide to potential employers in an industry area in which they have a genuine career interest.

Ideally, students should first phone employers, then, accompanied by parents, approach employers in person. They can also post forms to employers, but should always follow up with a phone call and not wait for a reply. Forms can be sent to several employers to maximise securing of a suitable placement. These are life-long, real-world job seeking skills that all people need to have. It is hoped students have secured a placement before the end of this term so that final arrangements can be confirmed with employers.

Please use the QR code provided to access full information and the placement details form. Completed forms and queries can be directed to Aidan Mitchell at aidan.mitchell@cewa.edu.au or on 9194 9535. Employers who might be able to offer a placement are also asked to contact me.

Happy job-hunting to all Year 10s!

Clontarf Mother’s Day Morning Tea

On the 17th March the West Kimberley Academy year 7 and 8 class put on a morning tea for the important women in their lives, their Mothers, Aunties, Grandmas and female care givers. The boys served tea and coffee as well as sweet and savoury snacks and kept the guests entertained with updates of their recent Clontarf activities.

The second part of the morning tea had eight of the boys read a short spiel about their mother, including why they loved her and presented her with some flowers. It was a great way for the boys to not only work on their public speaking and confidence but more importantly show the appreciation for the women in their lives.

Thank you to all the guests that came and to Mr Clem and Ms Lea for their support on the morning.
Talking Drugs – An Information Session for Parents

Parents have an important role to play in preventing and reducing their children’s risk of harm from drug use.

As part of the national and state strategy to address methamphetamine and other drug use behaviour, School Drug Education & Road Aware (SDERA) will offer Talking Drugs: An Information Session for Parents. The 90 minute event will be held on Thursday 8th June at Mangrove Hotel, Argyle Room with welcome tea and coffee available from 5.45pm.