

Term 4

The Link

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St Mary's Primary School

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School Vision Statement

At St Mary's Primary School we work in partnership with families and the Goldfields Community, to provide a Christ-centred and child focused school of excellence, where children are nurtured and empowered to reach their full potential.

Calendar Term 4

From the Principal's desk

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

This week we welcome Mrs Jenna Pearson to our Office team. Jenna will be working closely with Mrs Miller to familiarise herself with the Office Programs before she commences full time work in 2024. Please make Jenna feel welcome.

It is difficult to believe that we have only a month to go before school finishes for 2023. Christmas is really in the air at school and our classrooms are really starting to reflect the Christmas spirit. It is lovely to walk around the school and see the creative way the teachers have decorated their doors.

A big congratulations to the Year Three children who made their First Reconciliation last Saturday at St Mary's Church. We know it was a very meaningful time for them. Thank you to their teachers for preparing them so well. Our second group will be making their First Reconciliation on Saturday the 18 November and we wish them well for this important step in their faith journey.☺

The Kindy Orientation Day will be held on Wednesday the 22 November.☺ The children and their parents will be attending school for an hour to meet their teachers and play in the Kindy room. There will also be an information session held from 5.00-5.30 for parents after school.☺

There will be no playgroup on this day as the existing Kindy children will be using the Hall for their classes in the morning.

The library will be hosting a Bookfair next week. It will be open before school at 8.15am and after school until 3.45pm. This is a great opportunity to pick up some books for Christmas while assisting the school to purchase new books for the school Library. Please see inside the Link for more information.☺

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The St Mary's Sunset Night will be held on Friday the 24 November from 5.30pm-8.00pm. This is a fun, family night for our School Community. Children need to be accompanied by their parents, they may not attend on their own. Tickets are available on the night, or you may purchase them from the Office. They cost \$10.00 per child which will enable them to attend the Disco including a drink and chips and have their faces painted. Parents are responsible for supervising their children on this night. For security reasons the back gate to the school will remain locked. Parents will need to walk around to access the gate by the Hall.☺Please bring a picnic dinner or take advantage of purchasing food from the food vans.

Have a wonderful week,

God Bless,
Elizabeth Browner Principal

SAVE THE DATES

21 – 23 November

Scholastic Book
in the Library

Wednesday 22
November

2024 Kindy Orientation

Liturgical Calendar

Friday 17 November,
Year Two Church Visit,
9:30am St Mary's
Church

Saturday 18 November,
Year Three
Reconciliation, 11:00am
– 12:00noon
St Mary's Church



MANDATE LETTER - KNOWLEDGE BRING RESPONSIBILITY

As a privilege and gift from God, new learning needs to be accompanied by the development of a matching sense of social responsibility. The gift of knowledge is not meant for self centred purposes. All, especially those entrusted with curriculum decisions, need to challenge students with this principle. It is worth repeating again that learning is not to be thought of solely as a 'means for material prosperity or success'. Students should be encouraged to study for reasons beyond personal advancement, material success or social ambition.

Today we get ready for the second last Sunday of Ordinary Time. It is the thirty-third Sunday. In two weeks, we will begin a new Church Year with the season of Advent.

The reading for today is another kingdom story. It's a story Jesus told at the very end of his mission before he suffered, died and rose again. He always did what God asked of him, so he tells us to be ready to show God what we are doing with our lives.

GOSPEL

Listen to the words of the Holy Gospel according to Matthew: 25:14-15, 19-21

Jesus said, 'The kingdom of Heaven is like what happened when a man went away and put his three servants in charge of all he owned. The man knew what each servant could do. So, he handed five thousand coins to the first servant, two thousand to the third. Then he left the country.

"Sometime later the master of those servants returned. He called them in and asked what they had done with his money. The servant who had been given five thousand coins brought them in with the five thousand that he had earned. He said, "Sir, you gave me five thousand coins, and I have earned five thousand more.'

'Wonderful!' His master replied, 'you are a faithful servant. I left you in charge of only a little, but now I will put you in charge of much more. Come and share my happiness!"

The Gospel of the Lord

PRAYER

God of love and goodness,
you raise up good people
who show with their lives
that they follow the gospel
of you Son, Jesus.

Fill us with your grace,
so that our lives and our words
will be as true as our faith.

May we grow more and more
in your son's likeness.

We ask this through Christ our Lord.

Amen





Financial
Matters....



School Fees are due at the end of Term 3

Please contact Linda Schuts in the office

If you have not already made arrangements.

If you have a CURRENT HEALTH CARE CARD OR PENSION CARD

*Can you please check at the office to see if it is recorded so any
applicable discounts can be applied.*



UNIFORM SHOP

OPENING TIMES



MONDAY 2.30pm – 3pm WEDNESDAY 8.30am – 9am

FRIDAY 8.15am – 8.45am

CASH & EFTPOS AVAILABLE

IF YOU WOULD LIKE US TO PUT ITEMS ON HOLD WE DONT MIND BUT FOR A LIMIT OF 1 MONTH. ITEMS WILL THEN BE RETURNED TO THE SHELF. UNIFORMS CAN BE RETURNED WITHIN 7 DAYS OF PURCHASE FOR EXCHANGE OR CREDIT, PROVIDING A RECEIPT IS SHOWN AND TAGS ARE INTACT. PLEASE SEE THE LADIES IN THE UNIFORM SHOP IF YOU HAVE ANY QUERIES.

Any Queries please phone Marcelle Caputo 0438941439

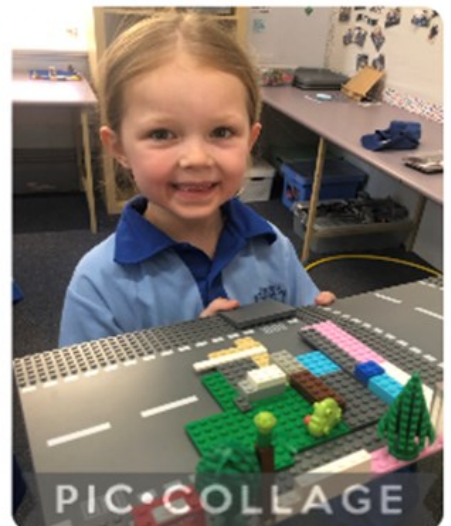
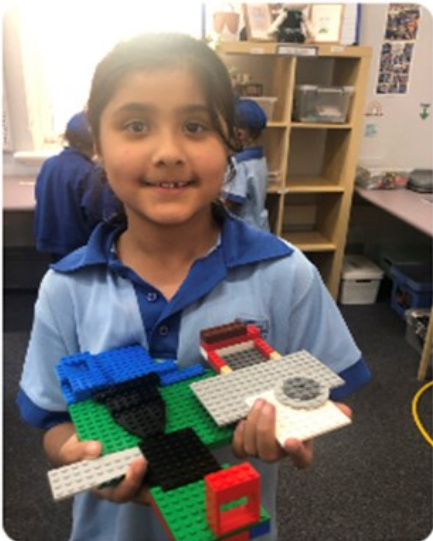
Second Hand Uniforms

Open Thursday's from 8.30am to 9.00am

WE ARE LOOKING FOR VOLUNTEERS !!

Please come and visit on Thursday to see how you can help

The Wonder of Lego



COMMUNITY



Remembrance Day



On Monday the year 6s led us in a reflection to commemorate Remembrance Day. Remembrance Day was on 11 November and is a time to recognise and remember all those who have lost their lives or suffered in wars, conflicts and peacekeeping operations.

The students made and wore their own poppies to recognise and remember all those who have lost their lives or suffered in wars, conflicts and peacekeeping operations.

Mrs Amanda McFall Specialist HASS Teacher

RESPONSIBILITY

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Christmas Food Hampers

St Mary's has always valued the importance of giving to those less fortunate than ourselves, especially at this time of the year.

Please help us boost our Christmas Hampers this year.

Donations of: Pasta Mixes/Taco kits, spaghetti sauces, tinned fruit, cereals – weetbix, washing detergent, rice crackers, toilet paper, shampoo/conditioner, deodorant, lollies, Bon Bons, chips, noodles, Christmas trinkets and any other non-perishable items ***would be gratefully received.***



Please drop off any donations to your child's teacher.

Thank you for your support in helping us to help others!

SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR

LOOKING FOR THAT SPECIAL CHRISTMAS PRESENT

Book Fair commences next week, Week Seven. Tuesday 21st Nov, Wednesday 22nd Nov, Thursday 23rd Nov. in the St Mar's Library.

The opening times : 8.20am – 8.40am

1.10pm – 1.25pm

3.15pm – 3.45 pm

Please come and support our school by purchasing a book from the library.

The Book Fair enables us to stock our library with some of the latest books for your child. It would be great to see you at the Book Fair.

Mums, Dads, Grandparents, Aunts, Uncles and friends are all very welcome.

Mrs McFall and Mrs Crowley

St Mary's Primary School has a Code of Conduct that applies to all members of our School Community and all visitors to our school. It is important that all members of our school community abide by our Code of Conduct and while we do not always agree, we resolve our differences appropriately in a respectful manner.

Elizabeth Browner
Principal

Code of Conduct Statements

1. You act safely and competently.
2. You give priority to students' safety and well-being in all your behaviour and decision making.
3. You act in accordance with the values of the Gospel as defined in the Code of Ethical Conduct.
4. You conduct yourself in accordance with laws, agreements, policies and standards relevant to your relationship with the school community.
5. You respect the dignity, culture, values and beliefs of each member of the school community.
6. You treat personal information about members of the school community as private and confidential.
7. You give impartial, honest and accurate information about the education, safety and well-being of students.
8. You support all members of the school community in making informed decisions about students.
9. You promote and preserve the trust and privilege inherent in your relationship with all members of the school community.
10. You maintain and build on the community's trust and confidence in Catholic schools and the Church.
11. You act reflectively and ethically.
12. You allow students to have a voice in their education, safety and well-being.

MERIT AWARDS

Term 4 Week 5 Award Winners

Class	Principal's Award 'A Cooperative Worker'	Teacher's Award 'Religion'
PPT	Macy Booy	Charlie Newall
PPK	Lukas Cooke	
1C	Surkhaab Sandhu	India Tasker
1T	Corbin Rainey	Hailey Johnson
2D	Ryan Lee	Noah Hobba Tahlie Leveney
2W	Leo Fanetti	Ethan Kent
3P		
3F	Nicholas Best	Sophie Kent
4A	Jeswin Jis	Nate Hefron
4P	Leo Willis	Delilah Haythornthwaite Fravin Majige
5N	Matthew Krakouer	Arnold Musengi
5B	Jaxon McGirr	Charlie Brensell
6S	Craig Tilly Kelsey Murray	Lilly Mulqueen
6M	Rori Pryer	Chloe Phelan



ST MARY'S PLAYGROUP

St Mary's warmly invites new and existing families to join us in the school hall for playgroup.

Playgroup is on each Wednesday,
starting at 9am and finishes at 10:30am.

Cost is \$5 per family

Please feel free to bring a small healthy snack for your child to have for morning tea and ensure they have a water bottle and a sun hat.

We look forward to meeting you and having bucket loads of fun!

Mrs Sharon Pav and Mrs Jessica Brensell

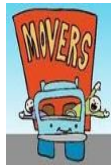
WE NEED YOUR HELP



One of our soccer goals on the Senior Oval has rusted and has become unusable. These goals were made many years ago by a local company that had a connection to a parent. Does anyone in our community know where we could get a replacement constructed?

Thank you, Elizabeth Browner.

ARE YOU LEAVING TOWN?



As we are preparing our waiting lists for next year
PLEASE ADVISE LEANNE IN THE OFFICE

as soon as possible if you are leaving

at the end of the year and no longer require a position for your child at St Mary's.

EASTERN GOLDFIELDS LITTLE ATHLETICS CENTRE



SEASON RUNS OCTOBER- MARCH
U6 - U17YRS

WWW.LINKTR.EE/EGLAC



We are about family and FUN! Everyone is welcome - We also foster future athletes. Enjoy Long Jump, Triple Jump, High Jump, Discus, Javelin, Shot Put, Turbo Javelin, Vortex, 60m, 70m, 80m, 100m, 200m, 300m, 400m, 500m, 800m, 1500m & Hurdles

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About Mike Dyson Growing Good Blokes Co.

Mike Dyson founded Good Blokes Co in 2015 and has lead tens of thousands of conversations with blokes all over Australia in workplaces and schools, on men's leadership retreats and father & son camps and on rites of passage programs for young men.

These conversations give him a rare insight into what's truly going on behind the mask of masculinity and a unique perspective on how our culture of masculinity shapes our men and boy's wellbeing and behaviour.



Growing Good Blokes

This FREE informative and practical presentation begins by exploring masculinity and its impacts on boys' mental health, their propensity to risk and aggression, boys' relationships with girls and women, and the quality of their social connection. Topics covered will include:

- How the interplay between stoic masculinity and social media are leaving an increasing number of boys lacking the social intelligence that is essential for them to thrive.
- Practical tips for getting boys talking on all kinds of difficult topics at home and a large list of conversation starters.

When & Where

7pm - 8:30pm AWST with Q&A
Tuesday, 28 November 2023

Free event. Bookings essential.
For WA parents & caregivers.

<https://bit.ly/growinggoodblokes1>

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NOTICE OF POSTPONEMENT AGM

In consultation with the P&F
and the School Advisory Council
we have decided to move the
Annual Community Meeting
to February 2024.

We feel this is a more appropriate
time of the year to welcome
new people to our school
and potentially to our parent groups.

Everyone is fresh and
enthusiastic for the year ahead.

**IMPORTANT
NOTICE**



ACADEMIC TASK FORCE
Achieve Success at School

January Head Start Program

Starting High School Next Year?

Help your child prepare for High School with engaging transition courses that will build skills and confidence before they start High School. Courses available in January for Year 7 NAPLAN Preparation, English, Maths, Learning Skills and Essay Writing

For students who will be sitting the **GATE or Scholarship Exams** we have preparation courses in Maths Problem Solving and Abstract Reasoning and Reading Comprehension and Creative Writing for GATE and Scholarship exams.

- ✓ Learn from WA's top teachers
- ✓ Small group classes for individual attention
- ✓ Targeted help to ensure your child develops their skills
- ✓ Build confidence

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SUNSET NIGHT

FRIDAY

NOVEMBER 24

5:30 - 8PM

DISCO featuring the KDA dancers

FACE PAINTING

GLITTER TATOOS

PHOTO BOOTH

AERIAL DISPLAY FROM HEART OF GOLD DANCERS

SANTA (6.30PM)

FOOD VANS

RAFFLES

LOLLY JARS (guess the number to win)


BUBBLES

PRE PURCHASE TICKETS FROM P&F

TICKETS \$10 PER STUDENT

(KINDY to Year 6)

PRE-KINDY & UNDER FREE

FEATURING

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THE HIGH FLYING PANTOMIME
DIRECTED BY STAN WILSON

NOVEMBER

7PM-9PM FRIDAY & SATURDAY
2PM-4PM SATURDAY MATINEE

10TH, 11TH, 17TH,
18TH, 24TH, 25TH

**stage
left**

**theatre
troupe**

