

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,

A big thank you to all the teachers for the preparation involved in the Junior and Senior concerts this week. The items were fabulous and both nights were a great success. We were entertained magnificently by the children.

Congratulations to the award winners in the Senior concert. A huge congratulations to the Head Girl for 2024 Matilda Tamati-Fitzpatrick and the Head Boy for 2024 Charlie Brensell. A big thank you to our Head Girl for 2023 Lyza Jelliman and the Head Boy Oliver Fleeton. These children have been wonderful leaders this year and I'm sure they will have a bright future at High School.

This morning the school presented Food Hampers to representatives from St Vincent de Paul, Missionary Sisters of Charity, the Red Cross and the Women's Refuge. The Pastoral Care Ministry shopped last week for the food items using the money raised from the Christmas Free Dress Day. The quantity of food donated was supplemented by food generously given by our Parent Community. This has been a wonderful way for the children to learn and experience the Gospel Value of generosity and 'Service to the Community'.

Tomorrow, we look forward to celebrating with our Year Six students as they graduate from Primary School. Fathers Stephen and Brennan will be concelebrating the Mass. Parents and siblings of our graduating students are welcome to attend. It will be sad to say goodbye to our Year Six children many of whom we have known since Kindy. We wish them all the best as they transition to High School.

We bid farewell to Miss Amy Rimmer, Miss Monique Dodgson, Miss Rhi Watson, Ms Renee Franklyn Miss Kolbe Burgoyne, Miss Priya Narayan and Mrs Terri Smith who will very sadly be leaving us this year. All these Staff Members will be greatly missed by the St Mary's community, and I know they will all take fond memories of their time at our school. Mrs Miller will also be leaving us soon, but she had graciously agreed to work with our new Administrative Assistant Mrs Jenna Pearson in the busy first few weeks of 2024 to assist us in starting the year well.

A text message informing you of your child's class for 2024 will go out on the 22nd January 2023. We cannot confirm classes earlier due to the possibility of unexpected changes to student numbers and staffing over the Christmas Holidays.

A little reminder that our School Times will be changing from the 31st January 2024.

Classes open at 8.25am with lessons commencing at 8.30am

School closes at 2.50pm

I wish all our School Community a wonderful Christmas Holiday break, enjoy your time with friends and family and stay safe and well.

Our School Office will close at the end of the week and reopen on Monday 15th January for 2024.

God Bless

Elizabeth Browner Principal

**LAST DAY OF  
TERM 4**

**Friday 8th December**

**FIRST DAY TERM 1**

**Wednesday 31st  
January**

### Liturgical Calendar

**Friday, 8 December,  
Year Six Graduation  
Mass, 9:30am**

**St Mary's Church**



## MANDATE LETTER - *The Family*

Jesus promised to be present wherever two or three of his followers gather in his name. Students need to experience the family as a faith community from their earliest years. The role of parents is vital.

Their calling from God is to serve as the first faith educators of their children. Special rights and obligations accompany the role of Christian parents for three reasons.

On Friday, we celebrate a special feast day, the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary. We believe that God gave Mary the honour of being full of grace from the first moment of her life. This made her ready to be the mother of Jesus.

We celebrate our belief that Mary was full of God's grace from the first moment of her life. God gave Mary this honour because she would be invited to be the mother of the Saviour. In the reading today, we hear Mary's response.

## GOSPEL

Listen to the words of the Holy Gospel according to Luke: 1:26-38

The angel Gabriel was sent by God to a town in Galilee called Nazareth, to a virgin betrothed to a man named Joseph, of the House of David; and the virgin's name was Mary. He went in and said to her, 'Rejoice, so highly favoured! The Lord is with you.' She was deeply disturbed by these words and asked herself what this greeting could mean, but the angel said to her, 'Mary, do not be afraid; you have won God's favour. Listen! You are to conceive and bear a son, and you must name him Jesus. He will be great and will be called Son of the Most High. The Lord God will give him the throne of his ancestor David; he will rule over the House of Jacob for ever and his reign will have no end.' Mary said to the angel, 'But how can this come about, since I am a virgin?' 'The Holy Spirit will come upon you' the angel answered 'and the power of the Most High will cover you with its shadow. And so the child will be holy and will be called Son of God. Know this too: your kinswoman Elizabeth has, in her old age, herself conceived a son, and she whom people called barren is now in her sixth month, for nothing is impossible to God.' 'I am the handmaid of the Lord,' said Mary 'let what you have said be done to me.' And the angel left her.

The Gospel of the Lord

## PRAYER

At the end of this school  
year we give thanks to God:  
For all the teaching and  
learning that has taken place  
in our school, both in and out of the classroom,  
For the talents and gifts  
that have been shared and the  
challenges that have been faced;  
For the burdens that have been lifted and the  
hurts that have been healed;  
For the respect and care that has been given.  
We give thanks for the friendships  
that have just begun  
and for those that have grown.  
We give thanks for the community that we are,  
and we ask you Lord –  
Bless our families as we take our holidays,  
may our time  
together leave us with memories to cherish.  
Pour out your love on us that we  
may return renewed and  
refreshed to continue our journey together.  
We make this prayer 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



# Miners Memorial



On Thursday 30th November, St Mary's students Eliza Jelliman and Brody Butterfield, along with Mrs Browner and Mrs Coyle attended the annual St Barbara's Miners Memorial Service. Family members, mine management, mine rescue personnel, and the broader community came together in reflection and remembrance of those who have lost their lives in the mining industry.

*Mrs Amanda McFall Specialist HASS Teacher*



RESPECT

# MUSIC RECITAL



**Thank you  
Mr Ginn**



TRUST

# HAMPER GIVING



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# ACCEPTANCE





RESPONSIBILITY

# CHRISTMAS CONCERT

## 2023





# UNIFORM SHOP HOLIDAY OPENING TIMES

Thursday 18th January

Friday 19th January

9.00am to 12.00noon

Tuesday 30th January

9.00am to 11.00am

## Thank You from Library

A HUGE thank you to all the parents of St Mary's who purchased books from the Book Fair. We can purchase a \$1000.00 of new books. This is Fantastic.

Thank you to all the students for returning their library books.

We wish all students and their families

A very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Mrs Mc Fall & Mrs Crowley.

**ST MARYS SECOND-HAND  
UNIFORM OUTLET**  
**GET READY FOR 2024 NOW!!!**  
**OPEN THURSDAY, 7TH DECEMBER**  
**8:30AM - 9AM**

**ALL UNIFORMS \$5 - NO EFTPOS**  
**Outlet reopening Term One 2024.**  
**Closed during school holidays!**

**ALL DONATIONS WELCOME TO RECEPTION**  
**BEFORE 15TH DECEMBER**







Join us for a **FREE** movie event from the comfort of your own home!

## 'SCREENAGERS: Under the Influence'

For parents and tweens/teens 10 years+

### On demand viewing:

Watch anytime between  
Monday 5 Feb - 19 Feb 2024

### Register for the viewing link:

<https://bit.ly/GEscreenagers>

### Enquiries:

T: 08 9068 1821 or 0438 219 334

E: [Beverley.pack@anglicarewa.org.au](mailto:Beverley.pack@anglicarewa.org.au)

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Join Screenagers filmmaker, Delaney Ruston as she picks up her camera once more to examine the impact of our digital age on teens decision making in relation to substances such as vaping, alcohol and drugs.

Exploring the latest research and learning more about the personal experiences of teens and families, the film highlights the changing landscape of the substances themselves, offering solutions for how we can best empower teens, as they face decisions about what they will and will not be influenced by.



# Join your local Bunnings Christmas Family Event

**FREE**



Get into the spirit at the free Bunnings Christmas family event.  
Thursday 7th of December from 5pm-7pm  
at Bunnings Kalgoorlie

## Activities and fun for the whole family

Angie The Fairy, Santa, Kalgoorlie Police, KVFR, Men's Shed, GSTIG, Two Up Two Down Choir, Kids DIY, Lucky door prizes and more .....



Refer to your local store for details and book your spot using the QR Code above.

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warehouse





*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.

## School Opening Times for 2024

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

St Mary's Primary School opening times have been under review as we have discovered through the school's audit process that our school's opening hours are in excess of the School Curriculum and Standards Authority requirements.

Also, the CEWA Enterprise Bargaining Agreement for teachers in Catholic Schools has outlined the number of hours teachers can work out of school hours. At present, our teachers are working an extra 25 minutes every day.

Due to these two requirements, we have discussed with teachers about altering our times to bring us in line with other schools in Kalgoorlie-Boulder and across the State.

Studies suggest that students tend to be more productive in the morning than they are in the afternoon; mornings are when your brain is rested, your motivation is high, and you are less distracted.

Teachers agree that in order to maximise learning we need to have the children at school earlier rather than later as our hot weather makes it more difficult for the children to learn in the afternoons.

Taking all this into account we have decided to change our school hours to the following:

**Supervision in Undercover Area: 8.15am (No children should be at school before this time)**

**Classrooms open: 8.25am**

**Instruction Commences: 8.30am (All children need to be at school by this time)**

**Recess: 10.50am - 11.10am**

**Lunch: 12.40pm - 1.20pm**

**School Day ends: 2.50pm (Children need to be collected from school)**

The new hours will come into effect from Wednesday 31<sup>st</sup> January 2024. They will be published on the school website.

Kind regards

Elizabeth Browner Principal



SUNDAY 10TH DECEMBER

# GIRLS FOOTBALL GALA EVENT

We are welcoming all interested junior and youth girls to join us for a morning full of fun and supportive football skills, drills and activities!

Encouraging any girls who are interested in giving it a go!

***Junior girls (8 – 12) 9am – 10:15am***  
***Youth girls (13 – 17) 10:30am – 11:45am***  
***Sir Richard Moore Oval***

All participants will receive their very own footy with the first 20 registered also getting their own warm up singlet!

All participants will have the chance to win signed boots by Emma Swanson- Eagles AFLW Captain

**REGISTRATIONS ESSENTIAL:**

<https://www.playhq.com/afl/register/288fd0>

enquiries: [gharrison@wafc.com.au](mailto:gharrison@wafc.com.au)



**Ali Kent MLA**  
MEMBER FOR KALGOORLIE

**COUNTRY  
FOOTBALL  
WA**





COMMUNITY



**Sandalwood**  
FAMILY CENTRE

**kids art and craft workshops**

# **Term One 2024 'Arty Afternoons'**

Thursdays after school.

School Years One to Four, 3.30pm-4.30pm

School Years Five to Ten, 5pm-6pm



EXPRESSIONS  
OF INTEREST  
WELCOME NOW!

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[www.sandalwoodcentre.com.au/bookings](http://www.sandalwoodcentre.com.au/bookings)



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SATURDAY 9TH OF DECEMBER

SALT LAKE SHANTYMEN SINGING

# SONGS FROM THE SALT LAKE

ALSO FEATURING LOCAL IRISH MUSICIANS  
AND BUSH POET KEN BALL

KALGOORLIE COUNTRY CLUB **TICKETS \$25** - DINNER INCLUDED