

Term 4

The Link

16 November 2022

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

Friday 18 November

Year 6 Assembly
8.45am in the
Undercover area

22-24 November

Bookfair in the Library
Times on the back page

Wednesday 23 November

Kindy Orientation
NO PLAYGROUP

Liturgical Calendar

Thursday 17 November –

Staff & Parent Mass –
School Chapel – 8:00am

Saturday 19 November -

Year 3 First
Reconciliation – 11:10am
– St Mary's Church

From the Principal's desk

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

It is difficult to believe that we have only a month to go before school finishes for 2022. 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 19 November and we wish them well for this important step in their faith journey.

The Kindy Orientation Day will be held on Wednesday the 23 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 5.30-6.00 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.

Please save the date for the School Advisory Council and P&F ACM (Annual Community Meeting) which will be held on the 23 November at the School Hall at 7.00pm. Please see the nomination forms in today's Link. This meeting is open to all members of our School Community and is a great way to find out how the school is tracking financially and what has been accomplished this year.

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.

The Year Six children will be performing their final assembly on Friday. They have had a busy term with Graduation still to come. They have been great role models for the younger children, and we will be very sad to farewell them at the end of the year.

I am in Perth this week attending several information days and the CEWA Thanksgiving Mass. We have a lot to be thankful for as we look forward to Advent, the most blessed time of the year. A big thank you to Mrs Gorman, Mrs Coyle and Mrs Terry for looking after the school this week in my absence.

God Bless, Elizabeth Browner Principal



MANDATE LETTER - INITIATORY CATECHESIS

For the growth of Christian faith, the primary proclamation must be followed by initiatory catechesis. Effective catechesis matures the faith stirred by primary proclamation to the depth required to live a Christian life.

Catechesis is the central activity of evangelisation. Its first stage is called initiatory catechesis. Initiatory catechesis aims to help people mature from the initial conversion to Jesus Christ that results from fruitful primary proclamation, to deeper personal relationship with him.

This Saturday we have our second group of Year 3s make their First Reconciliation. We ask that the school community to keep these children and their families in their prayers. This Sunday is the Feast of Christ of King, which is the last Sunday of the church's liturgical year. As the church's year comes to an end, we continue to think about the coming of Jesus at the end of time.

GOSPEL

Listen to the words of the Holy Gospel according to Luke 21: 12-19

Jesus said to disciples, "Because of me you will be placed on trial before kings and governors. But this will be your chance to tell about your faith.

"Don't worry about what you will say to defend yourselves. I will give you the wisdom to know what to say. None of your enemies will be able to oppose you or to say that you are wrong. You will be betrayed by your own parents, brothers, family and friends. Some of you will even be killed. Because of me, you will be hated by everyone. But don't worry! You will be saved by being faithful to me."

The Gospel of the Lord.

PRAYER

Jesus, King of flesh and blood,
teach us what it means to be human,
to find divine life in our own
lives of flesh and blood.
Help us to see you, to be
moved by you,
to give our lives to the only
King worthy of them,
for you are Lord.

Amen.





Financial
Matters....



School Fees have now been issued!!

*Please contact Linda in the office
with confirmation of your payment plan.*

**REMINDER FINAL PAYMENT OF
FEES ARE DUE BY THE END OF TERM**



UNIFORM SHOP



OPENING TIMES

MONDAY 2.30pm – 3pm

WEDNESDAY 8.30am – 9am FRIDAY 8.15am – 8.45am

CASH CHEQUE EFTPOS AVAILABLE

IF YOU WOULD LIKE US TO PUT ITEMS ON HOLD WE DON'T 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.

A REMINDER THAT THE UNIFORM SHOP IS ALL VOLUNTARY AND WE TRY OUR BEST.

Any Queries please phone Marcelle Caputo 0438941439

Second Hand Uniforms

Open Thursdays from 8.30am to 9.00am

For second hand uniforms please contact Ingrid Fitzgibbins [0412327113](tel:0412327113)

WE ARE LOOKING FOR VOLUNTEERS !! Please come and visit
on Thursday to see how you can help

WOMBAT STEW



RESPECT

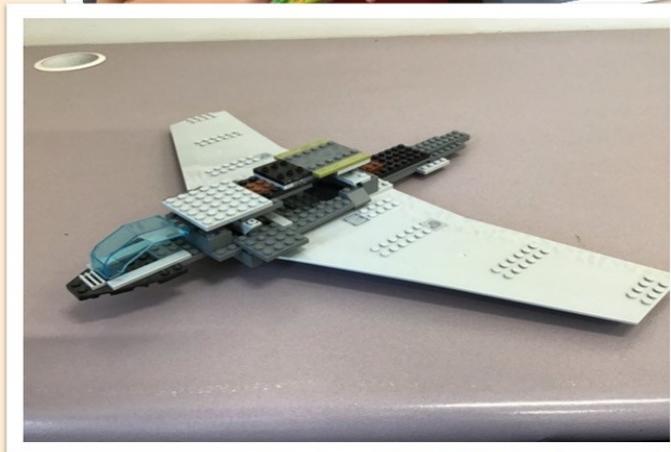


Last Friday the Pre-Primaries had their very first assembly. They performed a good old Aussie classic that has been enjoyed by many for generations, 'Wombat Stew'. They acted out the story and finished off by singing the catchy song, 'Wombat Wobble'.

You all did such a great job and your teachers were very proud of you!

Pre- Primary Team

ACCEPTANCE



**BUILDING LEGO...
BUILDING FRIENDSHIPS**



**TUESDAY
FEELS**

PIC·COLLAGE

RESPONSIBLE



ST MARY'S
CHRISTMAS LEGO MASTERS
CHALLENGE.



PIC-COLLAGE

Remembrance Day



Friday 11th November, was Remembrance Day and the 75th anniversary of Australia being a part of the Peace Keeping Force. At school our Year 6 students lead us in a short reflection and the school showed reverence during the prayer, ode and then a minute silence was observed.

Our St Mary's School Choir was invited to attend the actual Remembrance Day Ceremony at the war memorial where they sang the National Anthem and Lest We Forget. They were exceptional in their performance, and exemplary in representing our school.

Mrs Amanda McFall (Specialist HASS Teacher)

RESPECT

Remembrance Day



NAIDOC REFLECTION



On Thursday 10th November we had a NAIDOC Day reflection at school. Unfortunately Marcus Maguire was unwell and couldn't attend to do some interactive cultural activities. Instead they listened to a recorded story from a past local author Josie Boyle – *'How the echidna got its spikes?'* The students also completed an Aboriginal activity in their classes.

Mrs McFall (HASS Specialist Teacher)

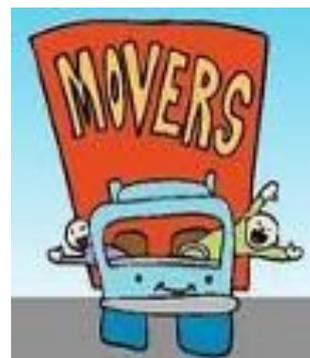
MERIT AWARDS

Term 4 Week 5 Award Winners

Class	Principal's Award 'A Cooperative Worker'	Teacher's Award 'Religion'
PPT	Libby Owen	Hailey Johnson
PPK	Parker Pettit	Tadhg Vasic
1P	Evie Crowley	Emmett Blackley, Anne Osei
1T	Jess Ryan	Lucille Parker
2L	Levi Norrish	Edison Walley, Enzo Mascarenhaus Arruda
2W	Nicholas Best	Jordan Gwenzi
3B	Marco Cocciolone	Theresa Peterson, Tony Jian
3F	Leo Willis	Olivia Lambert
4G	N/A	N/A
4A	N/A	N/A
5M	Xavier-James Doyle	Peyton Bloomfield
5B	Christine Peterson	Angelica Chikonyora
6S	Eshaan Jain-Matthews	Abby Leslie
6B	Lucy Boord	Paula Blancas

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.**



FRIDAY
NOVEMBER 25
5:30 - 8PM

DISCO (School Hall)

- 5.30-6.30pm: Kindy and under to Year 3
- 7.00-8.00pm: Year 4 to Year 6

FACE PAINTING

GLITTER TATOOS

SANTA (6.30PM)

FOOD VANS

RAFFLES

BUBBLES

PRE PURCHASE TICKETS FROM P&F

TICKETS \$10 PER STUDENT
KINDY & UNDER FREE

St Mary's SUNSET NIGHT

Friday the 25th of November
From 5:30pm - 8:00pm

COST: \$10 per child: Pre-Primary and up
FREE: Kindy and under



Includes disco (with a drink and chips), glitter tattoos and face painting PLUS a visit from Santa!!!!



DISCO in HALL at the following times:

- 🕒 5:30-6:30pm: Kindy and under to Year 3*
- 🕒 6:30pm: SANTA*
- 🕒 7:00-8:00pm: Year 4 to Year 6*

Food vans, raffles, bubbles, guessing competition and more will be available for additional purchase.

Please complete and return the below order form and money to your classroom teacher by Wednesday 23rd of November

Name: _____

Class: _____

How many tickets

Pre Primary and Up \$10

Kindy and under FREE

Background to the Parents & Friends Association

The Parents & Friends Association is looking for School Community members to nominate for all positions. Parents are encouraged to give consideration to nominating for one of these positions. The aims of the P&F association are to:

- Adhere to the aims and objectives of the State Federation;
- Strive to develop at the School a community of parents, teachers and students which reflects a truly Christian ethos;
- Work closely with the School Authorities, in particular the School Principal, who is the leader of the school community, to achieve common goals;
- Ensure that a high level of social and educational interaction exists between home and school, parents and teachers;
- Endeavour to have all parents enjoy the exciting experience of their children's formal school years by active participation and personal involvement in the school's programs.
- Provide a healthy forum for ideas and discussion on any relevant issue that will benefit the education of the children.
- In particular, concern itself with further education for the parents of the school in their faith development and ensure that a clear understanding of the school's religious education program exists;
- Assist in planning and organising functions associated with the social, sporting, cultural and educational life of the school community; work to provide additional resources which are considered necessary for the children or the teachers.
- Work to provide additional resources which are considered necessary for the children or to assist the teachers.

Parents & Friends Nomination Form

I, _____ wish to nominate for election to the 2023
(Name)

St Mary's Parents & Friends Association as I wish to serve on the P&F in the capacity as:

President (please tick)

Vice-President (please tick)

Secretary (please tick)

Treasurer (please tick)

General Committee Member (please tick)

Signed: _____

Background to School Advisory Council

This year has seen the former Catholic School Board transition to a Catholic School Advisory Council. The Advisory Council, comprised of parents and parish community members (including the Parish Priest). Retains a very valuable role in actively contributing to and enriching both the Catholic ethos and informed, proper governance of the school.

The Advisory Council shall carry out the following functions:

- ◆ Acts as a support and 'sounding board' for the Principal
- ◆ Advises the Principal regarding school financial matter, such as financial performance against budget, sustainability and recurrent and capital funding
- ◆ Endorses the Principal's annual school budget (including tuition fees and charges) before submission to CECWA for approval
- ◆ Provides panel membership on Principal appointment recommendation, in accordance with CECWA policy
- ◆ Provides planning and development advise to the Principal on meeting the present and future needs of the school's students, and
- ◆ Disseminates information within the school community

Criteria For Membership Of The Advisory Council

Membership of the School Advisory Council is based on:

- ◆ possession of an enthusiasm for and a willingness to promote Catholic schooling;
- ◆ a deep interest in the welfare of all students and staff;
- ◆ a desire to give service to the Catholic School community;
- ◆ an ability to work co-operatively and constructively with all other members of the Advisory Council;
- ◆ sufficiency of time to devote to Advisory Council duties;
- ◆ an ability and desire to uphold confidentiality in Council matters; and possession of special skills that will be an asset to the Advisory Council.
- ◆ Membership of the Advisory Council is for a two year period up to a maximum of six consecutive years. P&F and Parish nominees hold their position for one year, but may renominate for an additional year, up to six consecutive years.

School Advisory Council Nomination Form

I, _____ wish to nominate for election to the 2023

(Name)

St Mary's School Advisory Council. I believe I can fulfil the criteria required of me as a School Advisory Council member and contribute to the School in this capacity.

Signed: _____



BOOK FAIR

22nd, 23rd & 24th November

St Mary's School Library

8.20am to 9.00am

1.10pm to 1.30pm

3.15pm to 4.00pm

