Term 1

## 23 February 2023

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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.

<u>Calendar Term 1</u> P&F Meeting Wednesday 1st March 7.30pm Boardroom, St Marys School Office

Swim Training will be starting next week Tuesday and Thursday mornings 7:20 - 7:50am, Tuesday 28th Feb Thursday 2nd March Thursday 9th March

Liturgical Calendar

*Friday 24 February -*Year 6M Reconciliation 9:30am – School Chapel



From the Principal's desk

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

What a challenging week we have had with this bout of extremely hot weather. The children have had many days where they have been unable to play at recess and lunch and have stayed inside in the air-conditioning. Unfortunately, we lost power to the school on several occasions yesterday which made conditions even more difficult. Many thanks go to our wonderful Staff who have 'soldiered on' with very little break times.

The Link

St Mary's Primary School

There was an article in the West Australian newspaper paper yesterday in which schools were identified as achieving great results in NAPLAN by region. Our school was recognised as one of the top performing schools in the Outback South Region (which is a huge region) and we were the only Primary School to be recognised. Please see the article reproduced in the Newsletter. We are very proud.

Ash Wednesday Mass was celebrated by Fr Jeffey yesterday with the children from years 2-6 attending St Mary's Church. It was a very meaningful Mass with the children all receiving a sprinkle of ashes on their heads. The younger children from PP and Year One received their ashes from Fr Jeffey at a Liturgy in the school Hall. We thank Mrs Sue Coyle and Mrs Sharon Pavlinovich for co-ordinating the Liturgical events.

An expression of interest form went home last week for children in years 3-5 to indicate if they are interested in joining the school choir. This is a great opportunity for children to develop their love of singing and represent the school. If your child was a member of the School Choir last year, they still need to renominate for this year and fill in the permission slip. Children need to return their slips to school this week. We are very fortunate to have the very talented Mr Lindsay Ginn as our choirmaster again this year.

Interested Catholic children in Years 4-6 also took home a form regarding Altar Server training. This form needs to be returned by Friday morning as we are hoping to start classes with Fr Jeffey on Friday.

Photo Days have gone ahead quite smoothly, and the children all looked lovely in their Summer Uniforms. As always, the Photographers from MSP have commented on the beautiful manners of the St Mary's children.

Thank you to all the parents who are following the parking rules around the school. Please don't park on the kerbs and verges as it blocks vision, and the Ranger will issue you a fine.

Enjoy the promised cooler weather on the weekend,

God Bless, Elizabeth Browner

## SUPPORT

## MANDATE LETTER - NEW EVANGELISATION IN OUR SCHOOL

For new evangelisation, initiatory catechesis must be offered to young people in ways that draw out the Christian Promise. The 'nucleus of Christian experience', along with the most fundamental beliefs and the most basic evangelical values needed to enter into this experience, are preserved in the four pillars of faith that provide the structure of the Catechism of the Catholic Church: the Apostles' creed, the sacraments, the Life in Christ and the Lord's Prayer.

Yesterday was Ash Wednesday and many Christians received a cross of ashes on their foreheads. This powerful sign has been used by God's people for hundreds of years. The cross of ashes tells friends and neighbours that we know we are not perfect.

We sometimes break the law of God. We hurt other people. We act selfishly.

Today we tell God and each other that we are sorry. With the help of Jesus, we will try to become better during the forty days of Lent. The cross of ashes means all of these things. During Lent we try to pray more often, to listen to God's word with special care, and to become more generous and thoughtful towards each other at school, and in our families. Lent is a time when we remember those in need.

## GOSPEL

Listen to the words of the Holy Gospel according to Matthew 4: 1-4

The Holy Spirit led Jesus into the desert, so that the devil could test him. After Jesus went without eating for forty days and nights, he was very hungry. Then the devil came to him and said, "If you are God's Son, tell these stones to turn to bread."

Jesus answered, "the Scriptures say: "No one can live only on food. People need every word that God has spoken."

## PRAYER

Merciful God, you called us forth from the dust of the earth, you claimed us for Christ in the waters of baptism. Look upon us as we enter these Forty Days bearing the mark of ashes. Bless us on the desert of Lent to the font of rebirth. May our fasting be hunger for justice; our alms, a making of peace, our prayer, the chant of humble and grateful hearts. All that we do and pray is in the name of Jesus, for in his cross you proclaim your love now and forever.

The Gospel of the Lord.

## Amen



## TRUST









School Fees have now been issued

Please contact Linda Schuts in the office

with confirmation of your payment plan as soon as possible.

If you have a CURRENT HEALTH CARE 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 CHEQUE 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.** 

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 Thursday's from 8.30am to 9.00am** 

For second hand uniforms please contact Ingrid Fitzgibbins 0412327113

WE ARE LOOKING FOR VOLUNTEES !! Please come and visit on

Thursday to see how you can help

#### NEWS 6

The Wlest Anstralian Wednesday, February 22, 2023

# **Top of the class for** bringing out the best in their students

New school ranking based on helping kids to beat the odds

PERTH (NORTH-EAST)

Ballajura Primary School

Chisholm Catholic College

PERTH (NORTH-WEST)

Warriapendi Primary School

PERTH (SOUTH-EAST)

Caladenia Primary School

PERTH (SOUTH-WEST)

Oberthur Primary School

Melville Senior High School

Rossmoyne Senior High School

Wattle Grove Primary School

West Beechboro Primary School

Australian Islamic College (Dianella)

Australian Islamic College (Thornlie)

Emmanuel Christian Community School

#### EXCLUSIVE BETHANY HIATT

A public primary school in Perth's south where threequarters of students come from a non-English speaking background has been named one of WA's best-performing schools based on national reading, writing and maths tests.

Caladenia Primary School in Canning Vale is among 20 schools in WA to be singled out for its NAPLAN achievements in a list compiled by the Austra-lian Curriculum, Assessment and Reporting Authority. From today, parents will be

able to see how their child's school performed on NAPLAN tests held last year when the My School website is updated. To coincide with the update,

ACARA has identified "high-performing" primary and sec-ondary schools in each State which are punching above their weight. The list — which excludes selective schools -- is based on each school's performance in the past three years relative to their level of socio-

educational advantage. WA's list includes 14 public schools, five independent of which four are schools Islamic colleges - and just one Catholic school.

ACARA also released a list of the top-three performing schools by area which highlight stellar performances by schools in city and country regions.

include Narembeen They District High School in the Wheatbelt, Broome North Pri-mary School in "outback wheatoer, broome North Pri-mary School in "outback north", Geraldton's Nagle Catholic College in "outback south" and Christmas Island



#### BUNBURY

- Bunbury Senior High School Newton Moore Senior High School
- St Mary's Catholic Primary School
- MANDURAH
- Greenfields Primary School
- Frederick Irwin Anglican School
- South Halls Head Primary School
- PERTH (INNER)
- Mt Lawley Senior High School
- Presbyterian Ladies' College

St Peter's Primary School

District High School. About 1.2 million students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9 were tested on their reading, numeracy, writing, spelling and grammar and punctuation in May last year, with parents receiving their children's individual reports in September.

The My School website colour codes each school's average NAPLAN results depending on how they performed when com-pared with students from similar backgrounds.

Green cells show that students at that school performed significantly above all other students across the nation with a similar level of socio-educational advantage.

Every school in Australia has a government-assigned index of community socio-educational advantage — or ICSEA score — determined by parents' determined by parents' occupations, levels of education and the school's geographical location.

The top-20 list was based on the percentage of green cells highlighted for each school from 2019 to 2022.

ACARA chief executive David de Carvalho said the information on the My School website helped parents, schools and governments to understand schools' performance.

"It also provides teachers with important insights into school performance, support-ing and driving improvements across the nation," he said.

Ted Nastasi. principal of Caladenia which the Education

Department named primary school of the year in 2019, said its teachers expected all students to achieve to the best of their abilities.

'Great results are the product of years of building a strong and nurturing school culture,' he said.

About 77 per cent of the school's 900 students come from a non-English speaking background, with more than 60 languages spoken bv its families.

The school has a strong music program and runs a "multiage academic class" where students with extended learning capacities can work together.

"Our success is built on encouraging 'best practice' teaching and learning in all

classes by modifying and adapting explicit teaching principles," Mr Nastasi said.

Source: Australian Curriculum, Assessment and Reporting Authority

"In 2023, 18 students from our Year 6 cohort were accepted into (academically selective) Modern special programs, which is a phenomenal result.

Abdullah Khan, executive principal of Australian Islamic College which has campuses in Thornlie, Dianella and Kew-dale, said he was "excited" to learn they had all made the list. "It will increase the staff morale and students' commit-

ment," he said. Mr Khan said NAPLAN results had improved signifisince the schools focusing on explicit cantly began instruction.

WHEATBELT

Katanning Senior High School

John Calvin School (Albany)

**OUTBACK NORTH** 

OUTBACK SOUTH

Nagle Catholic College

**EXTERNAL TERRITORIES** 

Narembeen District High School

Baynton West Primary School

Broome North Primary School

Tom Price Senior High School

Champion Bay Senior High School

St Mary's Primary School (Kalgoorlie)

Christmas Island District High School

Perth

This is a portion of an article in the West Australian published Wednesday 22/2/2023.

It outlines the top three schools by area which have been identified by the Australian Curriculum Assessment and Reporting Authority as the top performing schools in NAPLAN.

I am very happy to announce that St Mary's Primary School Kalgoorlie was named one of the top performing schools in the Outback South region.

This is a huge region and the other two identified schools in our area are secondary schools in Geraldton. We are very proud to be the only Primary School in our region recognised for our results.

Well done to all the Staff and students at St Mary's Primary School. Your continuing hard work and dedication are reaping wonderful rewards. The acknowledgement is fabulous, but the real reward is knowing that we are doing everything we can to assist our children in reaching their full potential.

Elizabeth Browner Principal



During Week 3, the Year One and Two students participated in Water Fun Afternoons at the Oasis.

The students began the afternoon with some very exciting swimming races. Each student gave it their best shot and raced their little heart out! Afterwards, the students rotated through a number of water activity stations, learning new games and playing with different pool toys. The students had a wonderful time, and it was fantastic to see them demonstrate outstanding behaviour and a great enthusiasm for swimming!

A huge thankyou to the Year One and Two Staff, the Year Six Sport Ministry and Faction Captains, as well as all the parent helpers. The days could not have run so smoothly without you all!

Mrs Caris McElroy Physical Education Teacher



# AUTHOR VISIT





Last week, we were privileged enough to have Australian author/illustrator, Brenton McKenna, visit our school. Brenton visited students from Pre-Primary to Year 6 and showed them the process he follows when creating his illustrations for books and his comic strip in the West Australian newspaper. With the older students, he also shared the inspiration for his book series, Ubby's Underdogs. All students thoroughly enjoyed this experience and we can't wait to get Brenton's new book which will be released in April.

Sam Jones Extension and Enrichment Support Teacher



# 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 Brenssell

# **MERIT AWARDS** Term 1 Week 3 Award Winners

Class	Principal's Award	Teacher's Award
	'Starting the year well'	'Religion'
РРТ	Tara Sajush	Mathew Robilliard
РРК	Harrison Griffin	Arlieya Pascoe
1C	Anaya Shahid	Eliza-Ann Fanetti
1T	Quade Smith	Otis Walley
2D	Elizabeth Ekins	Ryan Lee
2W	Isabella Richard	Coen Tait
3G	Joseph McNamara	Ricky Jin
3F	Raymond Takabwebwe	Mia Waetford
4P	Fravin Majige	Marco Cocciolone
4A	Nate Smith	Jeswin Jis
5N	Imogen Lovelle	Brody Baldomero
5B	Eric Ekins	Ruby Tait
6S	Jacob Franklyn, Finn Bryce-Greber	Grace Thomson
6M	Caleb Hobba	Agozeim Ugwu

## ACCEPTANCE



**PPP** is a more structured approach to behaviour management and goes over some strategies to use in the moment as well as planning ahead and boundary setting. It focuses more on dealing with the behaviours.

COSP is an attachment based program that focuses more on responding (not reacting!) to our children's needs in a firm but very kind and gentle way. It encourages us as parents to explore why we may feel uncomfortable with some of our children's

behaviours or emotions and how we can catch ourselves to then respond in a different way.

#### **Circle of Security:**

Term One: Wednesday 15th Feb 9-11am. This runs for 7 weeks.

Term Two: Wednesday 3rd May 9-11am. This runs for 8 weeks.

Term Three: Wednesday 26th July 9-11am. This runs for 8 weeks.

Term Four: Wednesday 18th October 9-11am. This runs for 8 weeks.

#### **Triple P:**

Term One: Wednesday 22nd Feb 6:30-8:30pm. Runs for 3 weeks.

Term Two: Wednesday 3rd May 12-2pm. Runs for 3 weeks

Term Three: Wednesday 26th July 6:30-8:30pm. Runs for 3 weeks.

Term Four: Wednesday 18th October 12-2pm. Runs for 3 weeks.

All groups, regardless of time, will be held at the Burt Street Child Health Clinic.

All groups are free.

Bookings can be made through Veronica at Population Health on 9080 8200.

# EASTER EGGRAFFLE



## It's that time of year! St Mary's Easter Egg Raffle!

### Drawn: Wednesday 5th of April 2023

Raffle tickets and further information will be sent home with your child next week. Could your child please donate an Easter Egg / Easter craft item or basket for the raffle by Friday the 24<sup>th</sup> of March. This can be given to the class teacher for collection.

Thank you for your continued support,

St Mary's P&F



## RESPONSIBLE



Saints Junior Football Club Kalgoorile

Hi Everyone Footy is Back for 2023!

Saints Junior Football Club is taking registrations for the 2023 Season

We offer 4 age groups: Year 3/4, Year 5/6, Year 7/8 & Year 9/10

Parents please join our Facebook page to keep up to date with information.

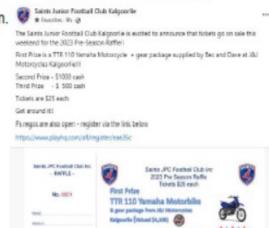
Further information regarding pre-season will be posted shortly

Saints Junior Football Club Kalgoorile

Registrations Can be done online via Player HQ https://www.playhq.com/afl/register/eae26c

Any queries or questions pls call / text our President Adrian Lally - 0419868578





Second Prize

Third Prize

\$ 1,000 Cash

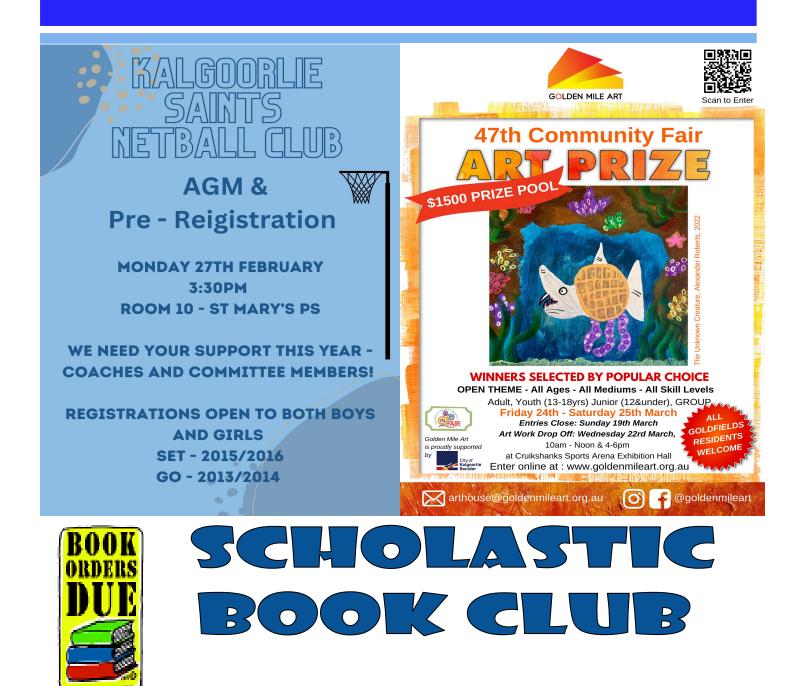
\$ 500 Cash

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**YM HOCKEY CLUB** 

HOMES





## WE NEED YOUR HELP

A Huge thank you to Marlene Fry for coordinating the Scholastic Book Club over the last few years. Its now time to train someone new. We are looking for a volunteer to take over the coordination

of the book club twice a term so the children can continue to develop their love of books and reading. Please contact the school office if you are interested.

## ACCEPTANCE

## Toilet Training with Q & A session (Goldfields Online)

TUE 28 FEBRUARY @ 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM AWST

FREE single session parenting workshops with 360 FamilyHealth

Facilitator: Stephanie Rea – 360 FamilyHealth

Bookings Essential.

T: 90 681 821 | E: GoldfieldsEsperance.PCWA@anglicarewa.org.au

## Single session booking GOLDFIELD ESPERANCE



https://parentingconnectionwa.com.au/event/baby-dev-playgroup-kalgoorlie/2023-03-07/

## Baby Developmental Playgroup (Kalgoorlie)

TUE 7 MARCH @ 9:30 AM - 10:15 AM AWST RECURRING EVENT (SEE ALL)

Do you want to learn more about your baby's development?

The Baby Developmental Playgroup is a safe place to :

- Seek support from a local Occupational Therapist
- Socialise with other parents and share your joys in your baby's milestones
- Converse in topics covering skills and developmental areas or concerns including sensory development, rolling, sitting, crawling, and tummy time
- PLEASE NOTE: The playgroup will run for 6 weeks and is capped at 12 babies

Facilitator: Hayley Willis – Bright Minds Therapy Crèche available for siblings. Bookings essential.

T: 90 681 821

E: GoldfieldsEsperance.PCWA@anglicarewa.org.au



The sessions will be facilitated by Occupational Therapist Hayley Willis from Bright Minds Therapy.

The sessions start on the 7<sup>th</sup> of March at the YMCA Tuesdays and will run for 6 weeks.

Babies' playgroup 9.30-10.15 am

https://parentingconnectionwa.com.au/event/tod-dev-playgroup-kalgoorlie/2023-03-07/



#### 1-2-3 Magic and Emotional Coaching A FREE 3 session parenting program for parents and carers of young children

Would you like to learn how to:

- Resolve difficult behaviour in children?
- Discipline without arguing, yelling or smacking?
- Handle challenging and testing behaviours?
- Choose appropriate strategies the 3 choices model
- Use emotional coaching to encourage positive behaviour

#### Facilitator: Hayley Willis - Bright Minds Therapy

E: GoldfieldsEsperance.PCWA@anglicarewa.org.au

Crèche available. Bookings essential.

#### For bookings: W: PCWA Emotional Coaching Kal 2023-03-08 T: 90 681 821

When: 6.30 - 8.30pm Weds 8, 15 & 22 March 2023 Where: YMCA, 1 YMCA Way Kalgoorlie

# Supported by



Presented by: Population Health Kalgoorlie

Location: Burt Street Child Health Clinic

Dates: Various.

Times: 9-11am

Cost: Free

Who should attend: All parents!

How to register: Contact Population Health on 9 080 8200

At times all parents feel lost or without a clue about what our child might need from us. Imagine what it might feel like if you were able to make sense of what your child was really asking from you. The Circle of Security<sup>®</sup> Parenting<sup>™</sup> program is based on decades of research about how secure parent-child relationships can be supported and strengthened.

Circle of Security<sup>®</sup>

#### Learning Objectives of the Training:

- Understand your child's emotional world by learning to read the emotional needs
- Support your child's ability to successfully manage emotions
- Enhance the development of your child's self esteem
- Honor your innate wisdom and desire for your child to be secure



TUE 7 MARCH @ 10:30 AM - 11:30 AM AWST RECURRING EVENT (SEE ALL)

A 6-week playgroup for parents with toddlers that have developmental delays or concerns about development

A safe place to :

- Seek support from a local Occupational Therapist
- Socialise with other parents and talk about your journey and share the joy in milestones your toddler has reached
- Participate in a range of activities to explore new skills with your child
- Converse on concerns like postural strength, sensory sensitivities, body awareness, vestibular development and fine and gross motor skills

#### Facilitator: Hayley Willis - Bright Minds Therapy

T: 90 681 821

E: GoldfieldsEsperance.PCWA@anglicarewa.org.au

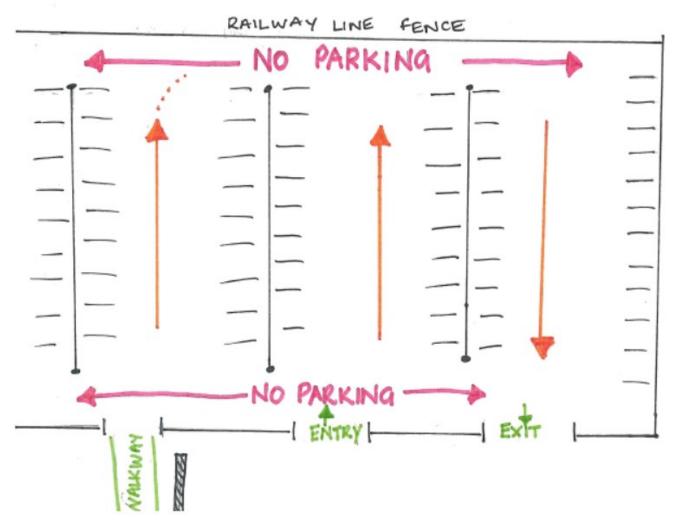


The sessions start on the 7<sup>th</sup> of March at the YMCA Tuesdays and will run for 6 weeks.

Toddlers' playgroup 10.30-11.30 am

## ACCEPTANCE





In order to keep our children as safe as possible and ease the parking congestion, can all parents please follow these parking guidelines.

# School Pick up lanes

## Front Lane

- Queue at the front of the school through the gates to the kiss and go lane.
- Do not queue into Maritana St. Go around the block and try again.
- You cannot pick your children up at the front of the school. They must wait for you at the pick-up lane.
- Keep the line moving. Your children will be directed to your car.
- Do not park and leave your car in the pick-up lane.

## Back Lane

- First three children will be directed to your car and then everyone will move up.
- Remind children to go straight to the pick-up lane so as not to hold up the process.
- Do not park and leave your car in the pick-up lane

## Mud map of Carpark.

- Please note the No Parking along the front and back of the carpark to allow movement of cars.
- Note the entry and the one-way direction to travel to your parking space and then to travel to the exit.
- Use the walkway and gate near the sports shed. Keep children near you when walking to and from your car.
- Be patient, everyone will get used to using the carpark.