

Term 4

# The Link

23 November 2022

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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

**Wednesday**

**23 November—**

P&F & Board AGM

7.00pm in the School

Hall

**23-24 November**

Bookfair in the Library

**Friday 25 November**

Christmas Free Dress

\$2.00 gold coin donation

**Friday 25 November**

Sunset Night

5.30pm to 8.00pm

Liturgical Calendar

**Thursday 24 November**

Year 3 Thanksgiving

Liturgy 11.30am

St Mary's Church

### *From the Principal's desk*

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Today has been a very busy day at School. The new Kindy children for 2023 had their Orientation Day where they were able to meet the teachers, play in the classroom and generally get a little taste of what Kindy will be like next year. There were lots of smiling faces as the children enjoyed their session at school.

There will be an information session after school today for the Kindy parents from 5.30pm – 6.00pm. During this time, there will be the opportunity for parents to ask questions and hear important information to assist families as their children begin their learning journey at our school.

We also have the Annual Community Meeting tonight, 23 November, at 7.00pm in the School Hall for both the School Advisory Council and the P&F. 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. Executive positions for the P&F will be declared open and nominations taken.

The St Mary's Sunset Night will be held on Friday the 25 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.

Christmas Free Dress Day is also on Friday 25 November. We are asking all children to please bring a \$2.00 donation so the Pastoral Care Ministry can purchase lots of food to make hampers for the needy in the Community. We have set ourselves a goal to raise \$1000 towards this worthwhile cause. The Hampers are presented to the Community groups on the day following the Senior Concert.

Bookfair is on this week and may be a good time to purchase some Christmas presents for family members as well as support the school. Open times are before school at 8.20am, lunchtimes and after school until about 3.30pm. Parents are welcome to come along and visit Mrs Crowley and Mrs McFall in the Library.

In the Link today you will see an Advertisement for a Canteen Assistant. Mrs Maureen McKay has decided it is time to move to the next exciting chapter which is retirement. We thank her most sincerely for her twenty-five years working in the school canteen. Mrs Marcelle Caputo will take the role of Canteen Manager.

God Bless, Elizabeth Browner Principal



## **MANDATE LETTER - INITIATORY CATECHESIS**

In the Gospels, we see that those who wanted to relate more closely with Jesus could do so only by joining others who were following him already because they wanted to the same thing. No one could come to know or to relate with Jesus as closely on their own as they could in the community of followers that he was establishing.

In the same way, those seeking a deeper personal relationship with Jesus today need to join in community with everyone else who is seeking the same, his Church. It is within this community that they will find the means Jesus left for anyone who wants a closer personal relationship with him to do so.

On Sunday we begin the important and happy season of Advent. During these weeks we turn our thoughts to the coming of Jesus. Who is the saviour of the world. Jesus is the Son of God, present among the people God loves.. That is good news, and it makes us happy to remember that Jesus will come again in glory. During Advent we think about the many ways God comes to be with us. We try to make ourselves more ready to receive God in our day-to-day lives.

### **READING**

*Romans 13:11-12*

Listen to the words of the apostle Paul:

You know what sort of times we live in, and so you should live properly. It is time to wake up. You know that the day when we will be saved is nearer now than when we first put our faith in the Lord. Night is almost over and day will soon appear. We must stop behaving as people do in the dark and be ready to live in the light.

The Word of the Lord

### **PRAYER**

Heavenly Father,

Heal my heart during this  
season of Advent.

Help me to love more fully.

To forgive more generously.

To wait more patiently for Christmas,  
embracing each day and hour  
knowing the joy that awaits.

In Your name I pray.

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

ACCEPTANCE

# YEAR 6 FUTURE STARS



# RESPECT



On Friday the 18<sup>th</sup> of November marked a significant occasion in the lives of the Year 6s. It was their last and final assembly item they presented in Primary School. Each and every student is congratulated on their performance and their selected costumes. We must say very apt for their chosen ambitions! We hope that you pursue these skills and talents throughout the remainder of your schooling and into the future. As we mentioned, it's been three years that Mrs Sullivan has been associated with these students and it has been a beautiful adventure and we wouldn't change it for anything.

Our best wishes are with you always!! we couldn't be more proud of you!! You all were just "PERFECT!"

*Mrs. C Sullivan & Ms. Byrd (Year 6 Teachers)*

# FASCINATING OR FEARSOME...



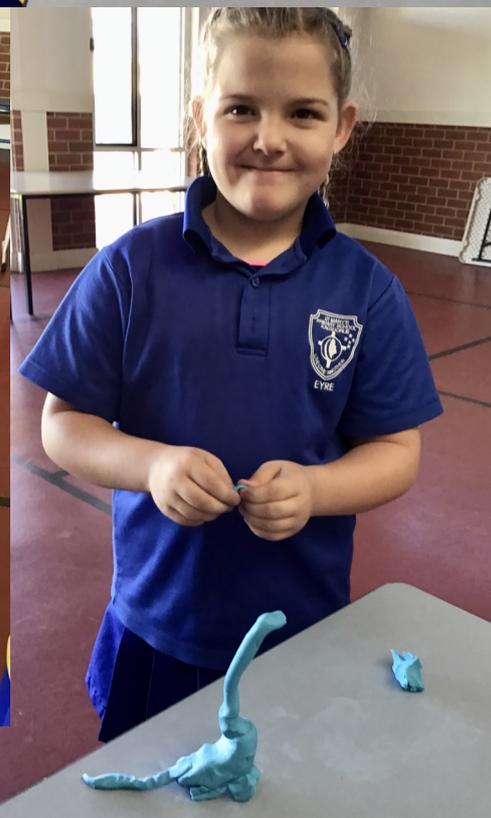
*This term the Year 1 classes have stepped back in time, learning about Dinosaurs and other Prehistoric Animals. We have looked at their diet, mobility and protective features.*

***Did you know that a T-rex had 60 serrated teeth that were about 20cm long?***

*Now that's a big mouth, which means they would have been able to eat an entire Year 1 class in one mouthful!*

***Mrs De Altus (Specialist Science Teacher)***

# ACCEPTANCE



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ST MARY'S PLAYGROUP  
'It's beginning to feel a lot like Christmas'

Hot Chocolate Stand

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# St Mary's SUNSET NIGHT

Friday the 25<sup>th</sup> of November  
From 5:30pm - 8:00pm

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

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Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Class: \_\_\_\_\_

How many tickets

Kindy and Up \$10

Pre-Kindy and under FREE

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 to Year 6)  
PRE-KINDY & UNDER FREE

RESPONSIBLE

# CHRISTMAS FREE DRESS

Friday

25th

November



\$2.00 Gold Coin



## Donation

(Proceeds to go towards  
the Christmas  
Hampers)



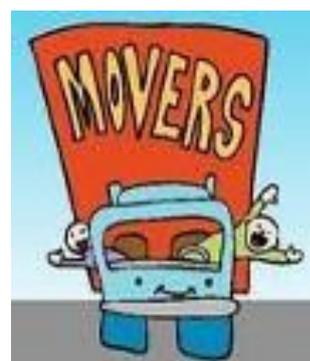
# MERIT AWARDS

## Term 4 Week 6 Award Winners

Class	Principal's Award 'Friendly and Helpful'	Teacher's Award 'Art'
PPT	Aubrey Frayne	Chloe Cullen
PPK	Hugo Norrish	Olivia Topham
1P	Ashur Nicholas	Lucy Barnicott
1T	Vansh Bhatt	Nancy Ndozero
2L	Raymond Takabwe	Zawadi Ngugi
2W	Nash Argus	Isla Winner
3B	N/A	Mrs Smith was away. Senior Art awards will be announced at the Week 8 Assembly.
3F	Payton Gleeson	
4G	Harper Watson, Arnold Musengi	
4A	Tage Watson, Maddison Cullen, Eric Ekins	
5M	Tulsi English	
5B	Riley Gleeson	
6S	Todd Zylstra, Sophie Christie, Hayley Griffiths	
6B	Shyanne Soloman	

## 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.**



## 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.

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### 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.

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## 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: \_\_\_\_\_

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# BOOK FAIR

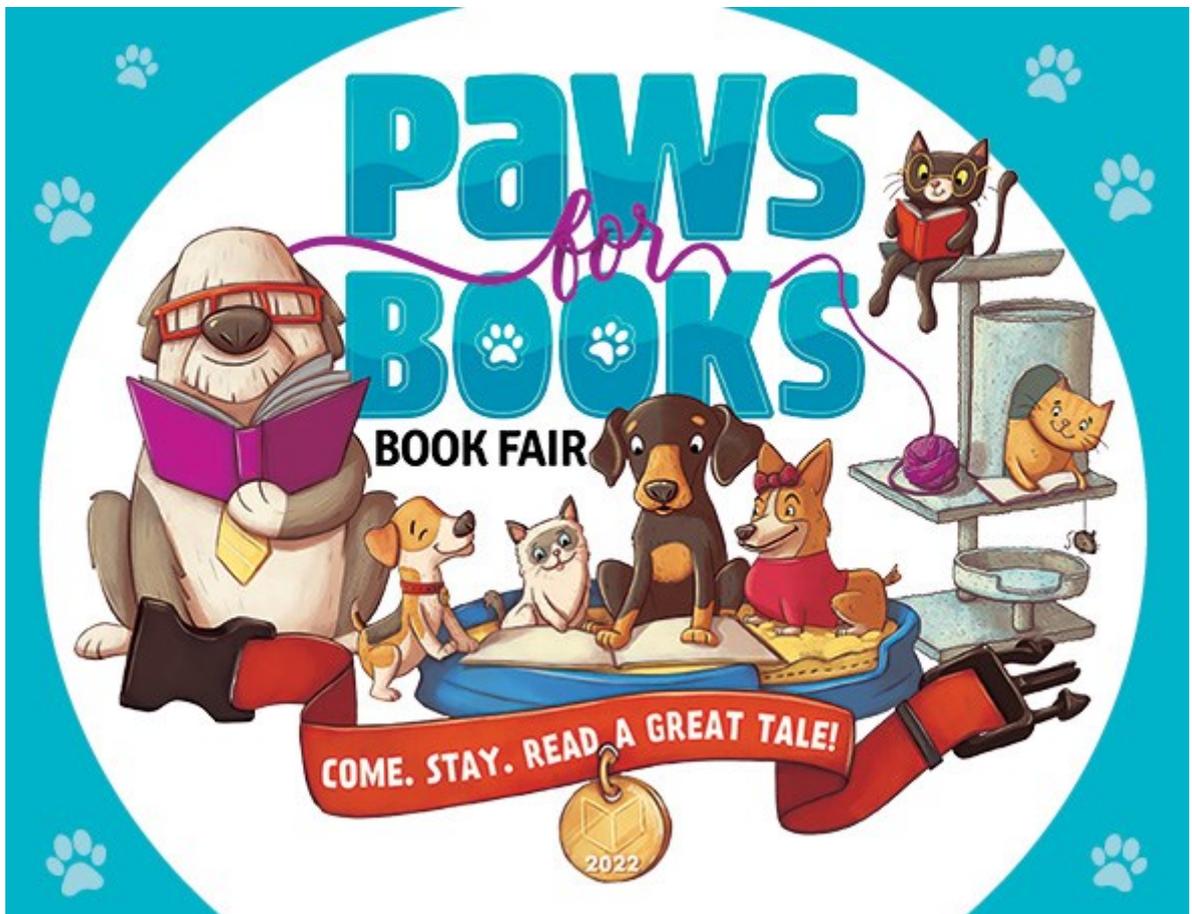
23rd & 24th November

St Mary's School Library

*8.20am to 9.00am*

*1.10pm to 1.30pm*

*3.15pm to 4.00pm*



# POSITION VACANT CANTEEN

## PART TIME

### WEDNESDAYS & FRIDAYS

Min 11 hours per week  
only during school hours  
and school term

