

Term 4

The Link

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School Vision Statement

St Mary's Primary School, as part of the Goldfields community, draws on the Spirit of the past and the gifts of the present as we share our Catholic Faith. The Christian values of trust, respect and love for God and one another are nurtured within the whole person as they grow to their fullest potential. Our school endeavours to create a learning environment that will enable students to meet the challenges of the future.

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 children 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 2022 Gabriella Jelliman and the Head Boy for 2022 Tommy Altus. A big thank you to our Head Girl for 2021 Molly Bartle and the Head Boy Harry Donaldson. These children have been wonderful leaders this year and I'm sure will have a bright future at Secondary School.

This morning the school presented Food Hampers to representatives from St Vincent de Paul, 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 at the Christmas Free Dress Day. This is a wonderful way the children to learn and experience the Gospel Value of 'Service to the Community'.

Tomorrow, we look forward to celebrating with our Year Six students as they graduate from Primary School. Father Jeffrey will be leading 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 Kindergarten. We wish them all the best as they transition to Secondary School.

Our School Yearbook will be going home with the reports on Friday. A huge thank you to Miss Maeve Larkins who co-ordinated the Yearbook. We hope you will treasure it to look back fondly of your child's year at school in 2021.

As indicated in an earlier communication, 2022 will see all children from Years 3-6 have access to our 1-1 I-Pad program. They will all have a leased I-Pad for use at school, these will not go home. On your School Fees for 2022 you will see a charge of \$200 per year which is a co-contribution to the lease.

Our School Office will close at the end of the week and reopen on Monday 17th January for 2022.

A text message informing you of your child's class for 2022 will go out on the 28th January 2022. We cannot confirm classes earlier due to the possibility of unexpected changes to student numbers and staffing over the Christmas Holidays.

We bid farewell to Miss Lucy Lynch, Mrs Megan Vuleta, Miss Anisha Pretorius and Mrs Jami'lee Simpson who will sadly be leaving us this year. Last Tuesday we received the exciting news that Mrs Joanne Wright has been appointed to St Mary's School in Donnybrook as Assistant Principal. We wish her every success in her first Leadership role. All these teachers will be greatly missed by the St Mary's School Community.

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

God bless, Elizabeth Browner *Principal*

**Friday 10
December 2021—
Final Day of Term 4**

**Monday 31
January 2022
First Day of Term 1**

Liturgical Calendar

**Friday 10 December
Year 6 Graduation
Mass 9.30am St
Mary's Church**



MANDATE LETTER- SIGNS OF THE TIMES IN THE CHRISTIAN WITNESS OF THE CATHOLIC SCHOOL

The pastoral dimension of a Catholic school needs to include the mutual care and support staff demonstrate both towards each other and for their students. Some schools have full-time pastoral care staff. Others may have staff in counselling roles, contributing in a special way to the wellbeing and development of students with particular needs.

While appreciating the contribution of these people, we stress that every staff member shares responsibility for the pastoral dimension of the Catholic school. We call on all staff to develop the kinds of relationships that will help them respond proactively to their students pastoral needs.

This Sunday is the Third Sunday of Advent. Today's reading from the Sunday Gospel tells us more about the preaching of John the Baptist. John knew that people were eager for the coming of the Messiah. They wanted the joy of knowing that God was near to them and ready to help them.

GOSPEL

Listen to the Gospel according to Luke: 3:10 -16

The crowds asked John, "What should we do?" John told them, "If you have two coats, give one to someone who doesn't have any. If you have food, share it with someone else."

When tax collectors came to be baptised, they asked John, "Teacher, what should we do?" When tax collectors came to be baptised, they asked John, "Teacher, what should we do?" John told them, "Don't make people pay more than they owe!"

Some soldiers asked him, "And what about us? What do we have to do?" John told them, "Don't force people to pay money to make you leave them alone. Be satisfied with your pay."

Everyone became excited and wondered, "Could John be the Messiah?" John said, "I am just baptising with water. But someone more powerful is going to come, and I am not good enough even to untie his sandals. He will baptise you with the Holy Spirit and with fire."

The Gospel of the Lord.

PRAYER TO END THE SCHOOL YEAR

God, Father of us all.

Thank you for all we have

learned this year.

We have grown in faith, hope,

and love of you.

Thank you for the friends we

have made and the good

times we have shared.

Keep us healthy and safe over our school

holidays, returning us safely to start the

new school year.

Amen



Financial
Matters....



*School Fees are now OVERDUE
Please contact Karen Osmetti in the office
at your earliest convenience.*

UNIFORM SHOP



AMENDED OPENING TIMES (during term)

MONDAY – CLOSED

WEDNESDAY – 8.30am to 9.00am

FRIDAY – 8.30am to 9.00am



Second Hand Uniforms

Outgrown or Moving On? Please consider donating any of your preloved school items to the Secondhand Uniform Shop
Our collection point is the front office anytime during school hours

We Thank you and Appreciate your ongoing support

New Hours Next Week

Our Secondhand Uniform shop is open everyday next week!

8:30 am to 9:30 am Mon to Fri

Get ready for the 2022 school year and purchase your Seconhand Uniform items now !
We Would Love Your Help! If you are available to help next week please simply attend the shop on any morning next week.

There will be a range of things to do and no experience is necessary

For second hand uniforms please contact Ingrid Fitzgibbins 0412327113

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THE GIFT OF GIVING



COMMUNITY



The Year Six Pastoral Ministry had a busy few days buying food and preparing the Christmas Hampers for the local charities. Four local organisations were invited to our morning assembly to collect the Hampers. Representatives from the Missionary Sisters of Charity, the Red Cross, St Vincent De Pauls and the Woman's Refuge were all very appreciative to receive the Hampers that will be distributed to the less fortunate people of Kalgoorlie. They enjoyed listening to the children sing two of their favourite songs after the presentation. Well done to our St Mary's School Community for your ongoing support in helping people in need.

Mrs Sue Coyle (Assistant Principal Religious Education)

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Miners Memorial



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ST BARBARA'S PARADE



Last Sunday, a group of 50 students, staff and parents attended the St Barbara's Parade representing our school. The group walked down Hannan's Street dressed in Christmas dress holding signs to remind the community of the true meanings of Christmas - Love, Hope, Peace and Joy. We thank those children and their parents for walking on Sunday to represent our school.

Anne-Marie Terry Assistant Principal

ACCEPT ONE ANOTHER

CHRISTMAS



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CONCERTS



LIBRARY

A *huge thank you* all parents and students for purchasing books from the Scholastic Book Fair.



We sold books to a total of **\$4,290.85**.

With this we are to able purchase books to the total of **\$1287.26**.



Thank you to all the students who have returned their library books.

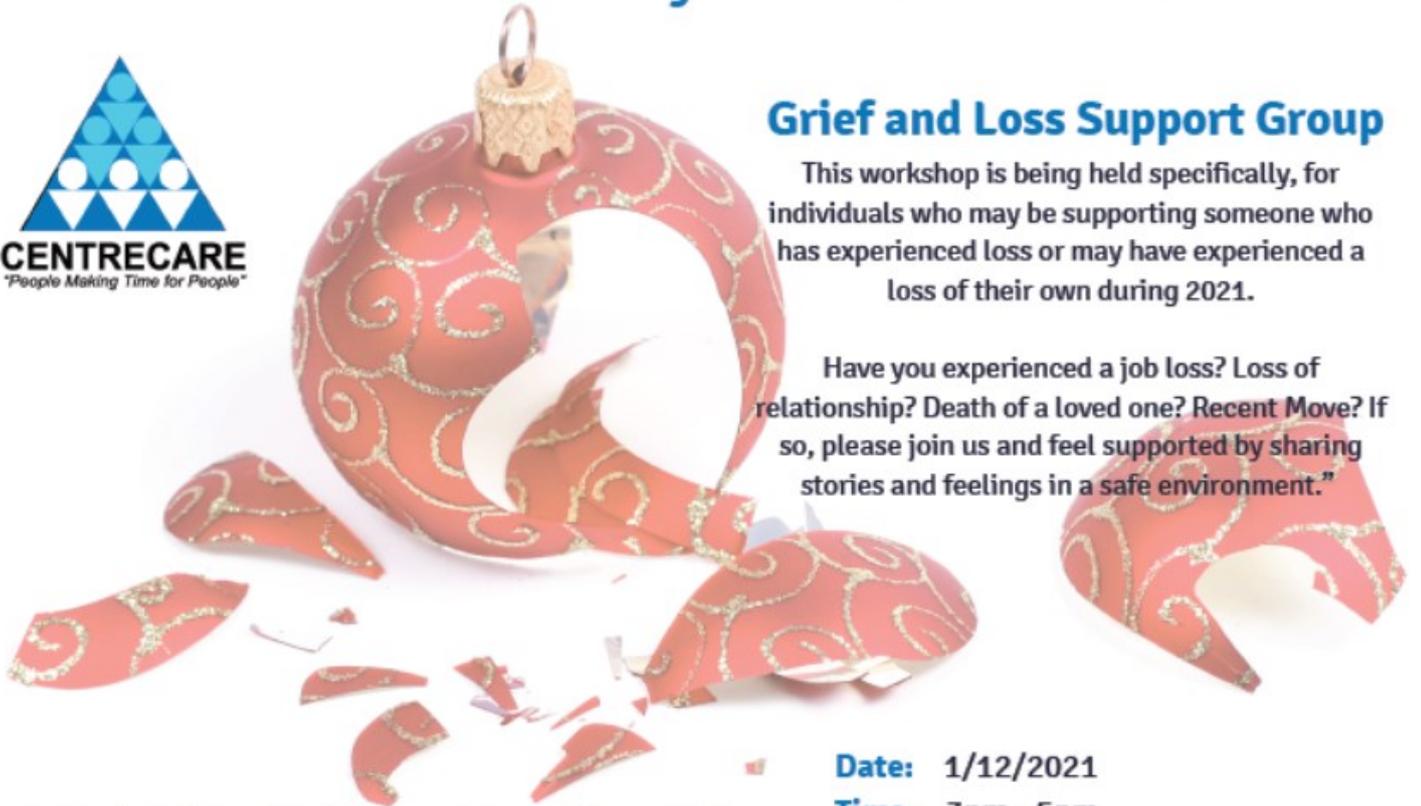
There are still library books outstanding.

PLEASE return tomorrow.

We wish all our St Mary's families a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Mrs McFall and Mrs Crowley

'Tis the Season to Be Jolly... But What if You're Not?



Grief and Loss Support Group

This workshop is being held specifically, for individuals who may be supporting someone who has experienced loss or may have experienced a loss of their own during 2021.

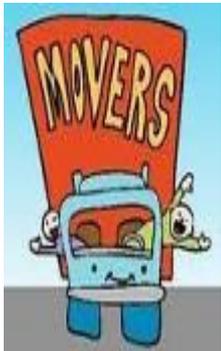
Have you experienced a job loss? Loss of relationship? Death of a loved one? Recent Move? If so, please join us and feel supported by sharing stories and feelings in a safe environment."

For any inquiries and registration, please call Tanya on 08 9080 0333 or email kalgoorlie@centrecare.com.au

Date: 1/12/2021

Time: 3pm - 5pm

Where: 168 Egan Street, Kalgoorlie



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.**

CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES 2021

St Mary's Church, Kalgoorlie

Friday 24th December

6:30pm Vigil Mass

Midnight Mass preceded by 11.30pm Carols

Saturday 25th December

10.00am Mass

All Hallows' Church, Boulder

Friday 24th December

9.00pm Christmas Vigil Mass

Saturday 25th December

8am Mass of Christmas Day

5:30pm Mass of Christmas Day



St Mary's Church, Coolgardie

Friday 24th December

4pm Christmas Vigil Mass

St John Vianney Church, Kambalda

Saturday 25th December

9.00am Mass of Christmas Day

St Joseph's Church, Norseman

Friday 25th December

12.30pm Mass of Christmas Day



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VOCONIQ LOCAL VOICES REWARDS PROGRAM



The November 'pulse' survey is now open.

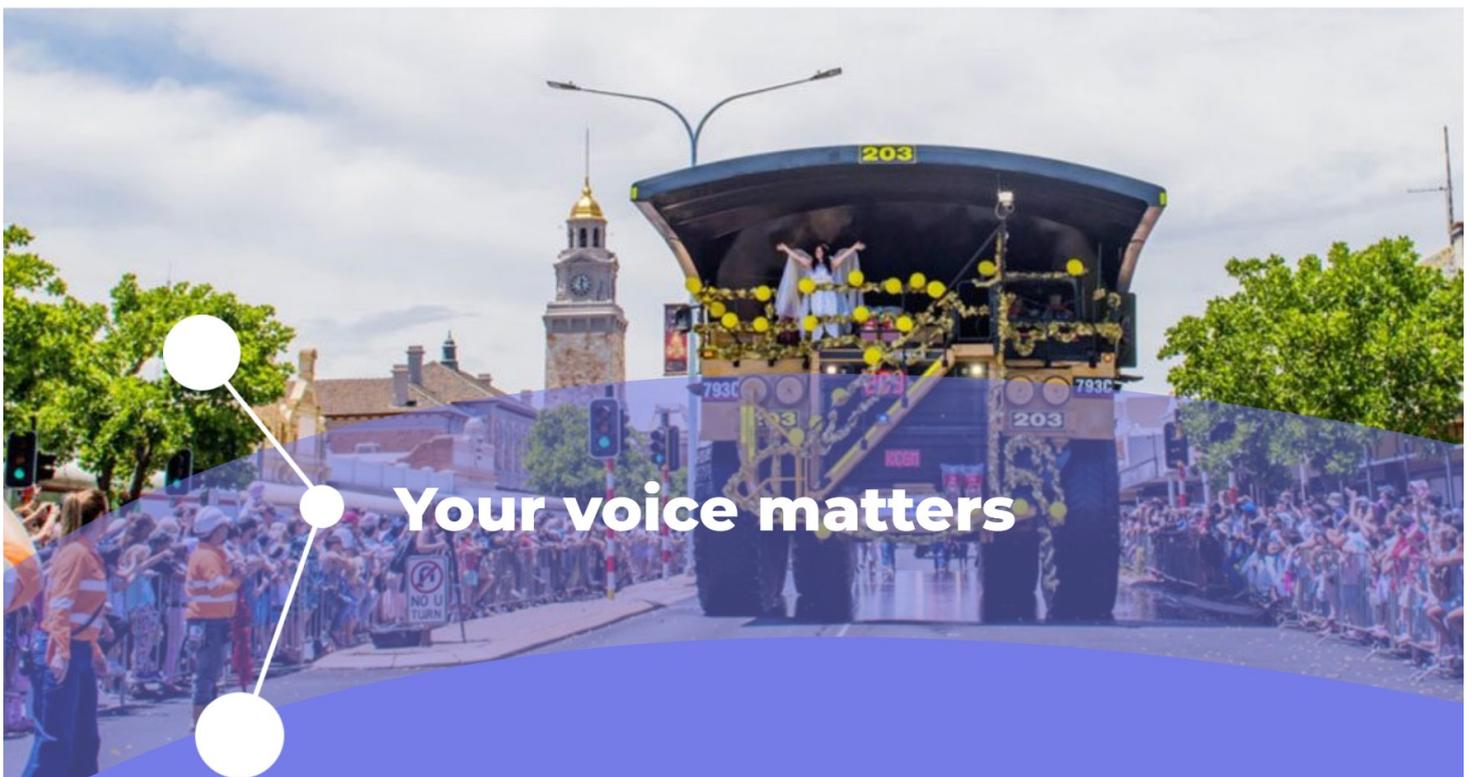
Surveys online take 5 minutes to complete and each completed survey is worth \$5 to our St Mary's Kalgoorlie-Boulder Parish and provides KCGM with valuable feedback from the Kalgoorlie-Boulder community.

Here is the link to sign up to complete a survey.

<https://voconiqlocalvoices.com/kalgoorlie-boulder/>



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Your voice matters