

# School Newsletter

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Week 3 Term 1

## Important Dates

Monday 17th February  
ACM Meeting - 6pm

Monday 17th February  
Y2 - Water Fun Day

Wednesday 19th February  
Y3 - Water Fun Day

Thursday 20th February  
Y1 - Water Fun Day

### LITURGICAL CALENDAR

Friday 14 February, Beginning  
School Mass, 9:30am,  
St Mary's Church - Year 2 to 6

Friday 21 February, Year 6S  
Reconciliation, 11:30am,  
School Chapel

St Mary's  
Primary School  
Kalgoorlie



# FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Welcome back to school everyone and a special welcome to our new families and staff who have joined our school community. We hope your time with us will be filled with wonderful memories.

Thank you to all our parents for endeavouring to have their children to school promptly, ready to start work at 8.30am and collecting them at 2.50pm. Any children not collected by 3.05 will be supervised at the school office.

Our beginning school Mass, celebrated by Fr Errol, will be held at St Mary's Church commencing at 9.30am. Thank you to Mrs Coyle, Mrs Brown and Mrs McFall for preparing this important Mass. On Friday, our new Staff, Student Leaders, Faction Captains, Head Girl (Theresa Peterson) and Head Boy (Lachlan Reilly) will be blessed and commissioned to their duties at the Mass. I am sure they will all make us proud this year.

Thank you to the parents who have attended the Parent Information Sessions so far this week, A huge thank you to the Staff who have attended school in the evenings to inform you about curriculum content, classroom rules and routines, homework expectations etc. We look forward to seeing parents from Pre-Primary and Kindy on Thursday.

Digital Citizenship agreements went home this week for all children, Kindy through to Year Six. Please take the time to sit with your child and go through the points of the agreement that is to be signed by both you and your child. In this 'connected' world we live in children's safety and the responsible use of technology is of the utmost importance and should be regarded very seriously by all parties. These need to be returned to school as soon as possible. All students from Years Three to Six use leased i-Pads which remain at school. Children in the Junior classes have access to banks of i-Pads which are kept in their classrooms.

Other important notes which are going home this week are the 2025 Excursion Permission Slip and the update of school enrolment details. The signed permission slip gives your child permission to attend all curriculum-based excursions. You will still receive Information about each excursion or activity, but you won't need to fill out a slip each time. It is important to keep the school information updated so we are able to contact you easily in an emergency.

Also coming home is the uniform agreement note which contains an easy reference for you to be able to check what is/isn't part of the school uniform.

The children in Years One, Two and Three will be participating in Water Fun afternoons next week. Thank you to Mrs Ash Pyke for co-ordinating these wonderful fun afternoons. If you can assist on the day, we would be most grateful. Please make sure all information sheets regarding your child's confidence in water have been returned to your class teacher by tomorrow.

The Annual Community Meeting will be held on Monday 17th February. It is a great opportunity for parents to support St Mary's Primary School, the P&F and the School Advisory Council. We will be gathering in the Undercover area and there will be some light refreshments and drinks.

Parking continues to be an issue, if there is no room in the back carpark, please try and find a spot on Outridge Tce by the railway line or alternatively St Mary's Church is happy for us to use their carpark. Please don't park in residents' driveways or the Kiss and Go lanes. The Ranger will fine people parking incorrectly.

Enjoy this milder weather.

God Bless  
Elizabeth Browner

# Reading

Today's reading is one of the most famous in the Gospels. It's Jesus' teaching about those who are blessed by God. Jesus says that it's a blessing to be poor, hungry, sad, and oppressed. These blessings are called the Beatitudes. The list in Matthew's Gospel is better known, but Luke's is very similar.

At first sight what Jesus says is very strange. It takes time to understand how those who are poor or hungry or hated can be called blessed. This reading has been a favourite of Christians in every age even though it is such a mystery.

## Gospel

**Listen to the words of the Holy Gospel  
according to Luke 6:17-23**

**Jesus and his apostles went down from the mountain and came to some flat, level ground. Many other disciples were there to meet him. These people had come to listen to Jesus and be healed of their diseases.**

**Jesus looked at his disciples and said:  
'God will bless you people who are poor:  
His kingdom belongs to you!**

**God will bless you, hungry people.**

**You will have plenty to eat!**

**God will bless you people who are crying.  
You will laugh!**

**God will bless you when others hate you  
and won't have anything to do with you.**

**God will bless you when people insult you  
and say cruel things about you,  
all because you are a follower  
of the Son of Man.**

**When this happens to you, be happy and  
jump for joy!**

**You will have a great reward in Heaven.**

**The Gospel of the Lord.**

## Prayer

**A Student's Prayer for a New School Year**

**Lord Jesus, I ask for Your help as I begin this  
new school year.**

**Allow me to experience**

**Your presence in the many blessings You  
put before me.**

**Open my eyes to the new challenges and  
exciting opportunities that this new school  
year brings.**

**Open my heart and mind to new friends and  
new teachers.**

**Give me a generous spirit to be enthusiastic  
with my studies and courage to accept new  
opportunities.**

**Help me to be attentive to my teachers and  
let me experience Your presence in my new  
friends. Jesus, inspire me to do my best this  
year!**

**Amen**



# Financial Matters

*School Fees have now been issued and  
payment in full is  
due by 14th March.*

*If you need a payment plan, please return the completed  
instalment option form to Linda in the office by 28th  
February.*

*If you have a current CONCESSION CARD please present  
card to the office  
applicable discounts can be applied.*

## Uniform shop

### OPENING HOURS

**Monday 2.30pm - 3.00pm**  
**Friday 8.15am - 8.45pm**

**You can also order online through  
QuickCliq, scan the QR code to  
register.**



## Secondhand uniform shop outlet

**Thursday 8.30am - 9.00am**

**All items are \$5 - NO EFTPOS**

**ALL CLEAN DONATION WELCOME TO RECEPTION**

# St Mary's P&F

On behalf of the P&F I would like to extend a warm welcome to Parents and Families of St Mary's Primary School.

All parents are automatic members of the P&F and you all have a valuable contribution to make. Everyone is different, and we all lead busy lives. Some of you may be able to become actively involved, whilst others will support us by attending our events throughout the year. We cannot exist without the contributions of both groups of parents.

The P&F holds at least one meeting per term and meetings take place in the Boardroom, located in the School Office. We also offer a Teams meeting option for those who can't come along in person. Everyone is welcome.

The P&F runs the Second-Hand Uniform Shop - providing an economic and sustainable option for our uniforms. Annually, we hold our Easter Raffle, Mother's and Father's Day Stall and our much-loved Sunset Night. We'd like to add another event into our calendar and are always after inspiration.

We would really love to introduce Year Group Representatives to ensure all years are heard and involved in the P&F. If you are interested in supporting your year group please reach out to me to chat.

How can you be involved?

- Come along to the ACM on the 17th of February
- Attend P&F meetings when you are available - or via Teams
- Volunteer for P&F events and the second-hand uniform shop
- Become a Year Group representative and / or nominate for an executive position.

We are currently updating the best ways to stay in contact with us and will let you know shortly. For now, if you would like any further information please reach out via email to [admin@stmkaalg.wa.edu.au](mailto:admin@stmkaalg.wa.edu.au)

I hope you have had a wonderful start to the new school year.

Chantelle Pryer  
St Mary's P&F President

# PARISH NEWS

## **GOLDFIELDS CATHOLIC COMMUNITY ST VALENTINE'S DAY THEMED CAKE STALL**

**We are holding a cake stall after the 8.00am Sunday Mass in the Courtyard of All Hallows' Church, Boulder on Sunday 16th February 2025. Please bring extra cash to support this stall. We are sure the children would love their mums to buy some yummy treats for them!**

**We are also seeking donations of baked cakes, biscuits and slices to sell at the stall. Donations of baked goods can be left on the trestle table in the courtyard before the commencement of Mass.**

**All funds raised from the stall will go towards our Christian Outreach Program which provides emergency non perishable food and toiletry hampers to needy individuals and families in the Goldfields.**



# SCHOOL NOTICE BOARD

MUSIC PROGRAM 2024



## GUITAR, UKULELE and KEYBOARD INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC 2024

ST MARY'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

Hi there! My name is Lindsay Ginn and I've been presenting music classes for Guitar, Ukulele and Keyboard for the last five years at St Mary's. It has been proven scientifically that learning to play a musical instrument has huge benefits to students. In fact, when someone plays, studies have shown that every area of the brain is working. It's as though fireworks are going off inside your head! I began learning to play at the age of seven when my parents decided to take a chance on me. They scrounged up enough money to buy an electronic organ and pay for some lessons, hoping that I might do well at it. I'm so glad they did take that chance because I have never stopped playing since that day. I know personally that music does make a major difference in someones life because it did so in mine.

If you would like your son or daughter to begin I'd be honoured to start them on that journey. The cost of each lesson is \$25, which I invoice during the term. I only charge for eight lessons each term, due to other activities that may pop up from time to time.

I'm more than happy to assist you and make recommendations if you don't have an instrument as yet and need guidance - Just let me know. Could you please email or text through the following information to me if you would like to start lessons this year. My contact details are:

email: [ginn1@icloud.com](mailto:ginn1@icloud.com)  
mobile phone: 0437541280

*Lindsay.*

1. Your Name
2. Your email or contact number
3. Your child's name
4. Year Level and Class Number
5. The instrument they would like to learn: GUITAR, UKULELE or KEYBOARD
6. If they have previous experience, please let me know approximately how much

# St Mary's P&F

Let's label our uniforms!

Scan the QR code to get started



Please support our fundraising effort!  
5% discount for parents and  
15% towards our fundraising.



[www.mynamelabel.com.au](http://www.mynamelabel.com.au)  
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# Summer Uniform

## Girls

Blue Checked Tunic (Knee Length).

School Hat

Black or Blue Sandals (with buckle)

or

Black School Shoes Lace Up or Velcro fastening for younger students.

White ankle socks.

## Boys

Blue shirt with school crest.

Grey Shorts.

School Hat.

Black or Blue Sandals (with buckle)

or

Black School Shoes Lace Up or Velcro fastening for younger students.

Grey ankle socks.



FORMAL SHOE



SPORT SHOE



SUMMER BUCKLE SANDALS

# ST MARY'S P&F

## SEMESTER 1 2025

### TERM 1

March 5th - P&F Meeting

April 2nd - P&F Meeting

April 8th - Easter Raffle Draw

### TERM 2

May 7th - Mothers Day Stall - Kindy

May 9th - Mothers Days Stall - ALL

May 14th - P&F Meeting

June 18th - P&F Meeting

Tentative Dates are noted above.



# Community

## CBC Hockey Club



**WE WANT YOU!**

CBC HOCKEY CLUB ARE NOW TAKING REGISTRATIONS FOR OUR 2025 SEASON. WE ARE SEEKING PLAYERS FROM AGES 7 - 17 FOR OUR JUNIOR COMPETITION. NEW PLAYERS ARE VERY MUCH ENCOURAGED TO REGISTER AS WE HAVE A GREAT COACHING PANEL ACROSS ALL GRADES. FOR ANY QUERIES PLEASE CALL THE BELOW CLUB MEMBERS OR FIND US ON FACEBOOK:

Courtney Armstrong: 0428 137 014

Kane Robinson: 0431279657

### TRAINING INFO

U13s Boys & Girls: Thursdays 4pm - 5pm

U17s Boys & Girls: Thursdays 5pm - 6pm

\*times may vary but will definitely be Thursday arvo



## 2025 AFL Football Season

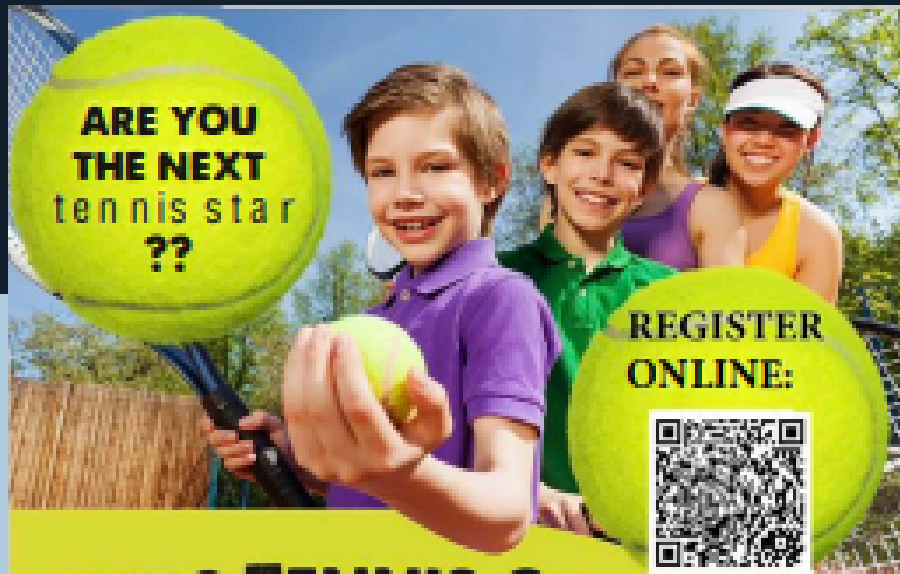
### YEAR 3's and 4's

The upcoming Football Season is around the corner.

All Boys and Girls in Years 3 and 4 please email [juniors@minesrovers.com.au](mailto:juniors@minesrovers.com.au) to register your interest for the upcoming season.

Years 5,6,7,8,9,10 registrations will start around February.

MINES ROVERS JUNIOR FOOTBALL CLUB



## KIDS TENNIS COACHING

... FOR AGES 5 AND OVER

Dates: 16,23 February and 9, 16, 23 & 30 March 2025

Time: 8.30am to 9.30am

Venue: Goldfields Tennis Club, Marshall Street, Kalgoorlie

**Just \$50 for the 6 week program**

To register visit [playtennis.com.au/goldfieldstennisclub](http://playtennis.com.au/goldfieldstennisclub)

OR scan the-QR code above.

Shane Power  
0409 452 545

Heather Lavery  
0408 935 726



All equipment supplied. Please wear a hat & sunscreen and bring a drink bottle.

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### Tiny Tots 1<sup>st</sup> Aid

For parents & caregivers of babies and toddlers

Protect your toddler or infant with this concise short course that teaches you the skills to perform CPR and how to respond to febrile convulsions, anaphylaxis, asthma, bleeds and a range of other childhood related illnesses and injuries

These FREE workshops are capped at 10 parents for each session. Only newborns in strollers are welcome to join with the parent. No creche available.

Bookings Essential.

Book online:

21 Mar: [PCWA First Aid Kalgoorlie 1](#)

9 May: [PCWA First Aid Kalgoorlie 2](#)

T: 9068 1821 | M: 0438 219 334

[GoldfieldsExperience.PCWA@anglicarewa.org.au](mailto:GoldfieldsExperience.PCWA@anglicarewa.org.au)

When: Friday 9am - 12:30pm

21 March or 9 May 2025

Where: St John Ambulance

Hannan Street, Kalgoorlie

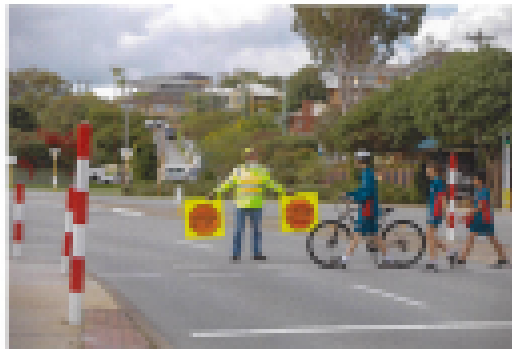
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## WA POLICE FORCE NEED YOU !



There are currently multiple school crossings across the state in need of a Traffic Warden.

If you or anyone you know is interested in applying to become a Traffic Warden please contact the Children's Crossings Unit on 08 6274 8731 or email [childrenscrossingsunit@mail@police.wa.gov.au](mailto:childrenscrossingsunit@mail@police.wa.gov.au)

Alternatively you can go to the WA Police website to obtain more details and download an application form.

<https://www.wa.gov.au/service/security/law-enforcement/traffic-wardens>



### TICKET REQUEST FOR THE WORLD FESTIVAL OF MAGIC SHOW

Hosted by **KALGOORLIE PCYC**  
Sponsored by THE LOCAL BUSINESS COMMUNITY

LOCATION: **KALGOORLIE TOWN HALL, 316 HANNAN STREET, KALGOORLIE 6430**

SHOW TIME: **FRIDAY 7<sup>TH</sup> MARCH 2025 @ 4.30PM & 6.30PM**

ON THE RECEIPT OF THIS EMAIL, THE TICKETS WILL BE POSTED TO YOU. PLEASE ENSURE YOU INCLUDE YOUR POSTAL ADDRESS.

Any queries, contact PROJECT ADMINISTRATOR **DIANA IVIC** 0432 633 582. TICKET ORDERS TO: [dianaivic@gmail.com](mailto:dianaivic@gmail.com)

**Affiliated Organisation/Family/School:**

<b>Ticket Holder Details:</b>	
<b>Main Contact's name:</b>	
<b>Mobile Number:</b>	
<b>Email Address:</b>	
<b>Postal Address:</b>	
<b>Session Time: (Please Quote)</b>	
<b>Number of Tickets Required:</b>	
<b>GET YOUR ORDERS IN EARLY TO ALLOW FOR DELIVERY TIME. PLEASE HELP US DISTRIBUTE AS MANY TICKETS AS POSSIBLE.</b>	

**NOTE: THIS IS NOT A TICKET. TICKETS WILL BE SENT AFTER ORDERS HAVE BEEN PROCESSED**



Tickets are not for sale. Given **FREE** of charge.

# Community



*Dive into the fun!*  
**SWIM FOR FRUIT**

**Kalgoorlie Goldfields Oasis**  
Thursdays, 4pm - 5pm  
13 Feb - 10 April



## How to Work Positively with Your Child's School *to achieve the best outcome*

This FREE webinar is designed to empower parents and carers with the knowledge and strategies to build positive, collaborative relationships with schools. By fostering understanding, effective communication, and partnership, families can help create inclusive and supportive learning environments where their children can thrive.

This session will focus on the key success factors to create optimal learning opportunities, including supports available and best practice resources.

*For parents / carers of autistic and other neurodivergent children in childcare and primary school (ages 2 - 12).*

**When & Where**  
Thursday, 13 March 2025  
7pm - 8:30pm (including Q&A)  
Online via Zoom

**Book Online**  
<https://bit.ly/autisminclusiveschool>


**About the Presenter**  
Tasha Alach is the Director and Founder of Autism Inclusive. As a registered Occupational Therapist with a Master's degree in Learning and Coordination Disabilities, Tasha brings over 20 years of experience supporting autistic children and their families.

She has previously led large multidisciplinary teams of therapists and educators, delivering best-practice interventions across schools and childcares, to support neurodivergent learners to thrive.

Neurodivergence can include Autism, ADHD, Dyslexia, Dyspraxia

More information at:  
[www.autisminclusive.com.au](http://www.autisminclusive.com.au)

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*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.**