

# School Newsletter

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St Mary's  
Primary School  
Kalgoorlie

Week 9 Term 4  
12/12/2025

## Important Dates

***Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> February***  
First Day of School

***Friday 20<sup>th</sup> February***  
Pupil Free Day

Term 1 Planner will be on our website late  
next week

***Liturgical Calendar***



# FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Well, it has finally arrived. This is my last Newsletter. I would like to thank everyone for the good wishes I have received this week from the School Community. I have had a wonderful career in Education particularly the last 28 years at St Mary's Primary School. While I am sad about leaving the school, I am excited about the next chapter of my life. I know the school is in a good place with excellent people at the helm in 2026.

A big thank you to all the teachers for the preparation involved in the Junior and Senior concerts this week. The items 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 and Head Boy for 2026 Penny Topham and Phiwe Dzanibe. A big thank you to our Head Girl for 2025 Theresa Peterson and the Head Boy Lachlan Reilly. These children have been wonderful leaders this year and I'm sure they will have a bright future at High School.

Yesterday morning the school presented Food Hampers to representatives from St Vincent de Paul, Missionary Sisters of Charity, the Salvation Army and the Women's Refuge. The Pastoral Care Ministry shopped last week for the food items using the money raised from the Free Dress Day in 2025. The quantity of food donated was supplemented by food generously given by our Parent Community. This has been a wonderful way for the children to learn and experience the Gospel value of generosity and 'Service to the Community'.

Today we celebrated with our Year Six students as they graduated from Primary School. Father Errol celebrated a beautiful Mass. It was lovely to see the parents and siblings of our students joining us at Mass. We are sad to say goodbye to our Year Six children, many of whom we have known since Kindy. We wish them all the best as they transition to High School.

We bid farewell to Mrs Cheryl Sullivan, Miss Liana DelRoio, Miss Lauren Osmetti, Mrs Nila Poasa, Ms Siobhan O'Rourke, Mrs Nadina Bonacci, Mrs Karis Walley, Miss Emma Collins and Miss Kaitlin Bonacci who will very sadly be leaving us this year. All these Staff Members will be greatly missed by the St Mary's community, and I know they will all take fond memories of their time at our school.

A text message informing you of your child's class for 2026 will go out on Wednesday 28th January 2026. We cannot confirm classes earlier due to the possibility of unexpected changes to student numbers and staffing over the Christmas Holidays.

I wish all our School Community a blessed Christmas as we celebrate the birth of Jesus. Have a wonderful holiday break, enjoy your time with friends and family and stay safe and well.

Our School Office will close on Thursday 18 December and reopen on Monday 12 January for 2026.

Thank you and Farewell,  
Elizabeth Browner (Principal)

# READING

During the season of Advent, we remember at that time of Jesus many people were longing for God to send the saviour. They hoped for a new world. Jesus' cousin, John the Baptist, was one of them. He spoke to the people about the Messiah, but he was arrested and thrown into prison. So, he sent some friends to go and make sure that Jesus really was the one they were waiting for. Today we hear the answer Jesus gives them.

## GOSPEL

Listen to the words of the Holy Gospel according to Matthew: 11:2-6

John sent some of his followers to ask Jesus, "Are you the one we should be looking for? Or must we wait for someone else?" Jesus answered, "Go and tell John what you have heard and seen. The blind are now able to see, and the lame can walk. People with leprosy are being healed, and the deaf can hear. The dead are raised to life, and the poor are hearing the good news. God will bless everyone who does not reject me because of what I do." The Gospel of the Lord

## PRAYER

We wish everyone a happy and holy Christmas and a wonderful holiday.

At the end of this school year, we give thanks to God:

For all the teaching and learning that has taken place

in our school, both in and out of the classroom, For the talents and gifts that have been shared and the

challenges that have been faced;

For the burdens that have been lifted and the hurts

that have been healed;

For the respect and care that has been given.

We give thanks for the friendships that have just begun

and for those that have grown.

We give thanks for the community that we are, and we ask you Lord –

Bless our families as we take our holidays, may our time

together leave us with memories to cherish.

Pour out your love on us that we may return renewed and

refreshed to continue our journey together.

We make this prayer through Christ our Lord.

Amen



# FINANCIAL MATTERS

*School Fees have been issued and are now due for payment in full.*

*If you need a payment plan, please return the completed instalment option form to Linda in the office ASAP*

*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 - 8.45am

**PRE-PRIMARY DONT  
FORGET YOU TRANSITION  
INTO SUMMER FORMAL  
UNIFORMS IN TERM 1 2026**

**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**

# UNIFORM POLICY

Wearing the full school uniform is expected for all students in Years 1–6. On enrolment, parents agree to follow the School Uniform Policy, which includes expectations for correct uniform, hairstyles, and jewellery.

A uniform note will be sent home if students are not in the correct uniform, and leadership will follow up with a phone call if the issue is not resolved.

In Kindergarten, wearing the school uniform is not compulsory. However, if parents choose to dress their child in the school uniform, it must be the full sports uniform.

Pre-Primary students are required to wear the full sports uniform each day.

## 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



## Summer Uniform — 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

## Sports Uniform — Girls

- Blue skirt or royal blue shorts
- School sports top
- White ankle socks
- School hat
- Plain black sneakers (Velcro permitted)

## Sports Uniform — Boys

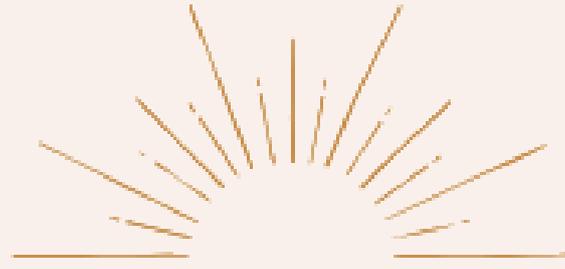
- Royal blue shorts
- School sports top
- White ankle socks
- School hat
- Plain black sneakers (Velcro permitted)

## Cosmetics/Jewellery

- Earrings must be only one pair of plain gold or silver small studs/sleepers with no gemstone. (see picture below)
- Thin, gold or silver chain with a catholic religious symbol. Please keep in mind the potential safety issue when children are playing sport.
- Rings and arm or leg bracelets are not allowed.
- Watches should be plain, silver, gold, brown, blue or black.
- Nail polish or make up is not part of the School Uniform



# SCHOOL NOTICE BOARD



ST MARY'S P&F SUNSET NIGHT

Save the date

Friday 13<sup>th</sup> February

5.30pm - 7.30pm

Face painting

Braids by Sofia

Lawn games

Ice Cream

Fairy Floss

Queen Bee Coffee

Drinks & Snow cones

Food Trucks

Live music

And more

Tickets will be available for purchase weeks 1&2 of Term 1

# LEAVING TOWN?



As we begin preparing our waiting lists for next year, please advise Jenna in the office as soon as possible if your child will not be returning to St Mary's in 2026. This helps us manage enrolments and offer places to families on our waiting list in a timely manner.



# SCHOOL NOTICE BOARD

St Mary's Primary School Kalgoorlie

# REGISTER YOUR INTEREST NOW

**PRE-KINDY 2026**

OPEN FOR CHILDREN TURNING 3  
BETWEEN 1/7/2025- 30/06/2026.

PLAY BASED LEARNING WITH A  
FOCUS ON DEVELOPING  
CONFIDENT AND CREATIVE  
INDIVIDUALS DELIVERED BY AN  
EARLY CHILDHOOD TEACHER.

REGISTER YOUR INTEREST  
USING THE QR CODE.



For More Information

**(08) 9092 0900**

<https://www.stmkalg.wa.edu.au>

# SCHOOL NOTICE BOARD

A reminder to please ensure all clothing items are labelled. Order labels by scanning the QR Code.

## Uniform Labels. Please label your uniforms



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



[www.myname-label.com.au](http://www.myname-label.com.au)  
...one of life's little helpers



# SCHOOL NOTICE BOARD

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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 someone's 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

# COMMUNITY



**READY 2 SET 4 DANCE** **DREAMWORKS GABBY'S DOLLHOUSE**

Are you ready to party like a Gabby Cat?

**YOU'RE INVITED TO OUR PAW-SOME PARTY!**

Dance along to DJ Catnip's playlist, enjoy fun craft activities and have a meow-tastic time! PLUS a take home goodie bag!

**SAT 13<sup>TH</sup> DEC 1-3pm** **SUN 14<sup>TH</sup> DEC 10am-12pm** **at KDA Studio** **\$25**

**BOOK NOW**

DreamWorks Gabby's Dollhouse © 2025 DreamWorks Animation LLC. All Rights Reserved.

**THE CITY OF KALGOORLIE-BOULDER PRESENTS**

# KIDS FEST

**SAVE THE DATE**  
**18 & 19 APRIL 2026**  
**OASIS PLAYING FIELDS**



City of Kalgoorlie Boulder

## What's on these school holidays?

**School holiday programme summer 2025-2026**  
**19 December 2025 - 2 February 2026**



**Mystery Key Trail**  
Become a motel guest and collect room keys as you journey through a fun-filled trail of clues and surprises!

**Lobby Lounge Photo Booth**  
Take your photo with some 1950s themed props in front of our motel backdrop.

**Mr Potato Head**  
Play with a classic Mr Potato Head toy, first released in 1952.

**Luggage Sorting Game**  
Sort the travel items into the correct suitcases for different kinds of trips.

**Make Your Own Paper Dolls**  
Make and decorate a paper doll based on the fashion of the 1950s.

**Hula Hoop Challenge**  
How long can you keep a hula hoop spinning? The one that spins the longest wins a prize.

**Quiet Zone**  
Take a break in our quiet zone with some books and puzzles, or visit our sensory tent.

**Make Your Own Pinch Pot**  
Pottery was huge in the 1960s. Now, you can try making your own!

**1950s Restaurant Role Play**  
Dress up as a 1950s restaurant worker, and role play cooking and serving food.

**WAM MUSEUM OF THE GOLDFIELDS**  
17 Hannan Street, Kalgoorlie  
10am-3pm daily



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[ckb.wa.gov.au/kidsfest](http://ckb.wa.gov.au/kidsfest)



## BRIGHT BEGINNINGS

28 Holmes Street Boulder

Before and After School Care and Vacation Care  
Fun, Safe & Spacious Learning Through Play!

Contact: 9026 7212  
Email: [admin@brightbeginningsel.com.au](mailto:admin@brightbeginningsel.com.au)  
Website: <https://brightbeginningsel.com.au>  
Facebook: Bright Beginnings OSHC

**We Provide:**

**During the School Term:**

- ✓ Nutritious Breakfast
- ✓ Delicious Afternoon Tea

**During Holidays:**

- ✓ Breakfast
- ✓ Morning Tea
- ✓ Lunch
- ✓ Afternoon Tea
- ✓ Fun Excursions and Incursions

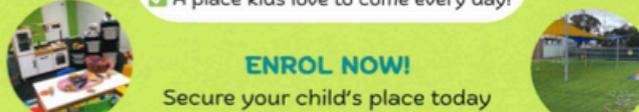
**Opening Hours**

Before School Care: 6:00 AM – 9:00 AM  
After School Care: 2:30 PM – 6:30 PM  
Vacation Care (Holidays & Pupil-Free Days): 6:00 AM – 6:30 PM

**Why Choose Us?**

- ✓ Fun-filled indoor & outdoor spaces
- ✓ Tailored for big kids to thrive and play
- ✓ Qualified, caring staff
- ✓ Flexible booking options
- ✓ A place kids love to come every day!

**ENROL NOW!**  
Secure your child's place today







Do you have a child/ren that requires to travel away from Kalgoorlie for medical treatment?  
Did you know if you need to travel away from Kalgoorlie for any medical treatment that is not available locally for your child/ren (18 and under) that the below organisations could assist you and your family.  
Please scan the below codes to access information.

PATIENT ASSISTED TRAVEL SCHEME PATS



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ROTARY CLUB OF BOULDER



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GOLDFIELDS CHILDREN CHARITY



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SCAN THE ABOVE CODES FOR HELPFUL INFORMATION AND POSSIBLE FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

Kalgoorlie PATS Office – 9080 5681  
Rotary Club of Boulder – Rob Thompson- 0419 518 142  
Goldfields Children Charity- Jess- 0437 413 911







**FREE**

Centrecare  
People making time for people

CELEBRATE CHRISTMAS

FRIDAY 19 DECEMBER  
2pm – 5pm  
168 Egan St, Kalgoorlie

Open to the community and catering to all ages as we celebrate the festive season.

- Meet and greet with Santa, take a photo
- Christmas themed activities
- Christmas cookie decorating
- Card and ornament decorating
- Free sausage sizzle & icy poles

Children must be supervised by adults.



**For more information**  
(08) 9080 0333

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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***

- 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.**