Term 1
10 February 2021

# The Link

## St Mary's Primary School

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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 1**

***Parent Information Nights***

From Monday 8th—Thursday 11th February

***(see details in this newsletter)***

***Monday 1st March***

***PUBLIC HOLIDAY***

***Friday 19th March***

***PUPIL FREE DAY***

**Liturgical Calendar**

***Friday 12 February*** – 6M Reconciliation 11:30am – School Chapel

***Wednesday 17th February*** – Ash Wednesday whole School Mass – 9:30am – Church

## From the Principal's desk

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

A big congratulations to our Year Six students who received their Ministry badges at the Beginning School Mass last Friday. A further congratulations to our Head Boy and Head Girl and the Faction Captains for Semester One who were also announced at the Mass. These children were chosen for the Leadership qualities they have shown over their years at St Mary's and I know they will represent their factions with pride. One of their first duties will be to assist Miss Ellis with the Junior Water Fun afternoons in Week Three. A note has gone home requesting Parent assistance at the pool. Without parent assistance these special days cannot go ahead so please return the slip indicating your availability.

It has been wonderful to see the attendance at the Information Nights so far this week. It provides an opportunity for you to meet the teachers and listen to the class expectations, curriculum outlines and the weekly routines of your child's class. Please make sure you sign the attendance sheet as you enter the classroom.

This week we began the Testing program in the Junior School with the Year Two teachers released from their classes to assess their children in Literacy in a 1-1 setting. While this is time consuming it provides teachers with a wealth of information to target their teaching directly to each child's needs. Next week the Year One's will have a similar release time focussing on Numeracy skills.

The Sacramental Enrolment Night is scheduled for the 18th February. This is for parents of Catholic children in Years Three, Four and Six who wish their child to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation, Eucharist or Confirmation. Please mark this important event in your calendar.

Ash Wednesday (17th February) is one of the most important holy days in the Liturgical Calendar. Ash Wednesday marks the beginning of Lent and takes place 46 days before Easter Sunday. As a School we will be celebrating Ash Wednesday Mass at 9.30am at St Mary's Church. It is important to remember that Lent is not about giving up something but more about changing behaviour or attitude, especially when dealing with others.

Let us remember in our prayers the people in Perth who have lost their homes in the devastating bushfires last week.

God Bless, Elizabeth Browner Principal

# MANDATE LETTER – THE INTEGRATION OF FAITH AND CULTURE: A GOSPEL VISION OF AUSTRALIAN SOCIETY

The values of the Gospel lead to genuine peace and harmony. They make easier the promotions of reconciliation, justice, compassion and mercy, as well as special commitment to the poor, the disabled and to all with special needs.

Students need to appreciate the four harmonies God originally intended for creation, including the creation of human nature. They need to learn how to recognise the 'signs of the times' in Australian society, and to develop sensitivity to the ways of God

This Sunday is the last Sunday of ordinary time before we enter the liturgical season of Lent. In Sunday's gospel we will hear of a sick man who met Jesus. When we put ourselves into the story, we discover more about the way Jesus acts toward those who call on him.

## GOSPEL

Listen to the words of the Gospel according to Mark 1:40-45

A man with leprosy came to see Jesus and knelt down. He begged, "You have the power to make me well, if only you wanted to." Jesus felt sorry for the man. So he put his hand on him and said, "I want to! Now you are well." At once the man's leprosy disappeared, and he was well.

After Jesus strictly warned the man, he sent him on his way. He said, "Don't tell anyone about this. Just go and show the priest that you are well. Then take a gift to the temple as Moses commanded, and everyone will know that you have been healed." The man talked about it so much and told so many people that Jesus could no longer go openly into a town. But people still came to him from everywhere.

The Gospel of the Lord.

## PRAYER

Loving God,
Through your son Jesus,
you bring your love and healing touch to all your suffering people.
Bless, protect, and guide them.
Make us truly grateful for your love and care for us.
We ask this through Christ our Lord.
Amen.

*School Fees will soon be issued!!*

*Please contact*

*Karen Osmetti in the office*

*with confirmation of your*

*payment plan.*

# UNIFORM SHOP

**MONDAY - 8.30am to 9.00am**

**WEDNESDAY 8.30am to 9.00am**

**FRIDAY - 8.30am to 9.00am**

## 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**

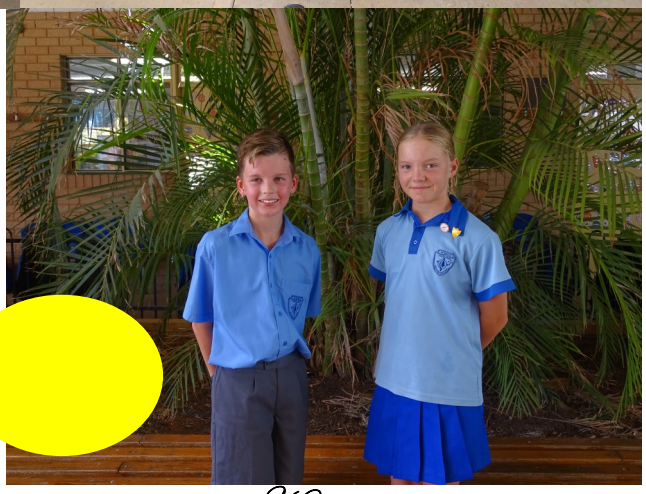
**For second hand uniforms please contact** Ingrid Fitzgibbins 0412327113

# Opening School Mass

# Faction Captains

Corcoran

Ellexus Matla & Connor Sloane



Hannans

Liam Bryce-Greber & Ella O'Brien

Eyre

Ziva Casey & Jed Watson

MacKillop

Oscar Lacey & Paris Farrell

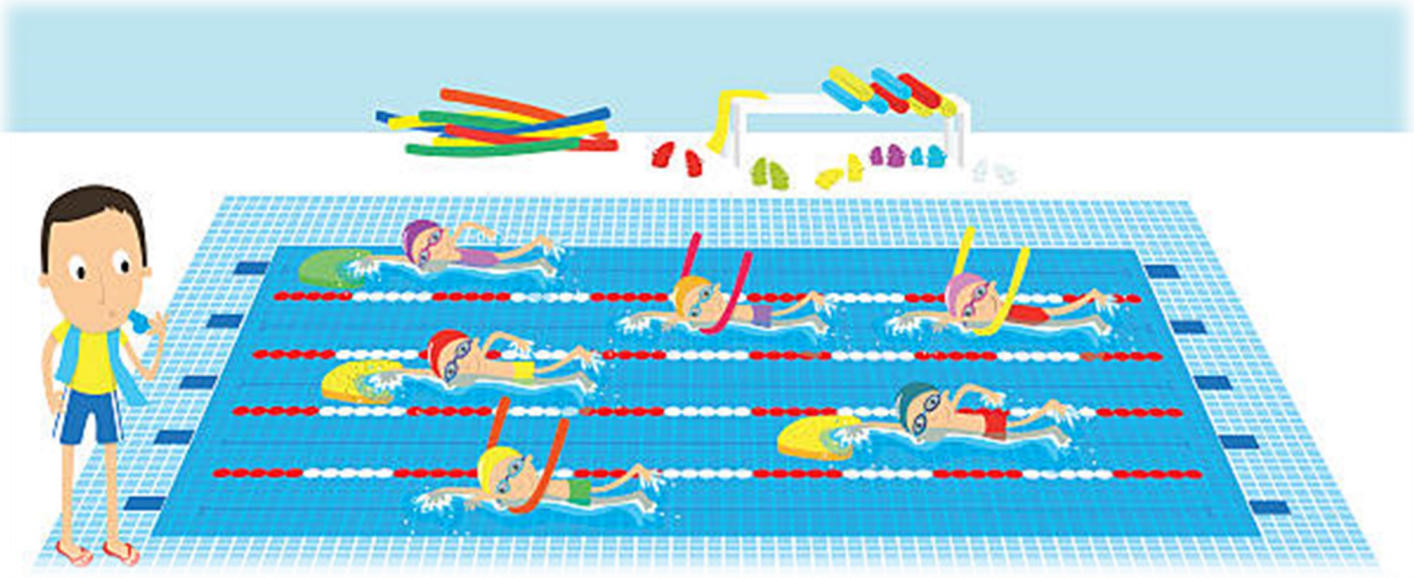
# Swimming Carnival

## SAVE THE DATE

Please add to

your calendar!!

The Senior Swimming Carnival has now been set for ***Tuesday 16th March*** at the Oasis



# PARENT INFORMATION NIGHT 2021

| TIME | 6.00pm to 6.30pm | 6.45pm to 7.15pm |
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| Monday 8th February | Year 2 | Year 3 |
| | Room 4 | Room 5 |
| Tuesday 9th February | Year 1 | Year 5 |
| | Room 1 | Room 8 |
| Wednesday 10th February | Year 4 | Pre-Primary |
| | Room 9 | PP Tuart |
| Thursday 11th February | Kindy | Year 6 |
| | Kindy | Room 14 |

# Playgroup

St Mary's runs a playgroup every *Wednesday morning* in the school hall.
Playgroup provides a great opportunity for children to learn, play and interact with each in a relaxed environment.

Time: 9:00am to 10:30am  Cost: $5.00 per family

Come along and enjoy a morning of indoor and outdoor fun. All welcome. Please bring a hat and a piece of fruit to share. For more information please contact the front office on 08 9092 0900.

# *Triple P - Positive Parenting Program*

This 2 hour seminar will leave parents feeling more confident and better able to deal positively and effectively with common child behavioural and emotional issues.

A Triple P seminar will be offered in the first semester 2021 on these dates:

Seminar: The Power of Positive Parenting: Wednesday 17 March 10am-12pm

Wednesday 16 June 10am-12pm

There is no cost to attend, however, bookings are essential.

***A crèche is available by arrangement. For more information or to register, please contact Population Health on 9080 8200***

# SCHOLASTIC BOOK CLUB

***Book Club is due Friday 12th February***

**(no late orders will be accepted)**

stage left theatre troupe

SLAY
stage left acting youth

# STAGE LEFT'S ACTING YOUTH IS NOW ON!

## School Sponsorship Programme

**Stage Left** Theatre Troupe
61b Burt Street, Boulder WA
0472619509
**www.stageleft.org.au**

## The School Sponsorship Programme

Stage Left believes in giving back to the amazing community that supports us. To do that, we would like to sponsor one student from each school in Kalgoorlie-Boulder and Kambalda to attend our SLAY acting classes for free.

The Stage Left Acting Youth (S.L.A.Y.), is an acting programme that runs on **Saturday mornings at Stage Left Theatre** on Burt St. We teach our students how to act and **perform on a real stage** and **partake in real performances** that are hosted by Stage Left Theatre Troupe. SLAY is run by Performing Arts specialist, Mitchell Walker, and teaches to the Western Australian curriculum, all while being supported by real actors.

**Auditions** will be at Stage Left on **Saturday the 6th of March** from **11:00am to 1:00pm**.

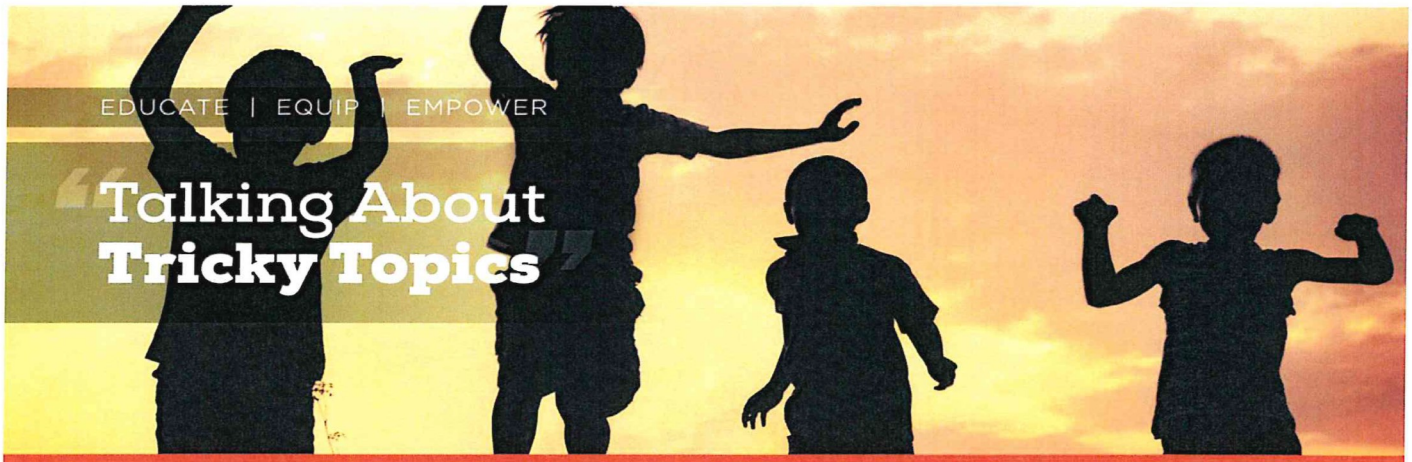
Students will be required to demonstrate why they are passionate about The Arts and why they want to learn acting to a small panel. Judges will select the most passionate student from each school. Sponsorship recipients will receive a free year of acting lessons.

From Primary Schools, we will be accepting students that are in **Years 5 and 6**.

From High Schools, we will be accepting students from **Years 7 to 12**.

We would love to see as many students as possible come down to audition for this fantastic opportunity! We look forward to meeting you all.

For any enquiries, please contact Mitchell Walker at stageleftboulder@gmail.com




# Protective Behaviours

## Body Safety & Abuse Prevention

**This comprehensive parent/carer workshop is filled with real world examples to educate, equip and empower you to talk with your child about body safety and so much more.**

**You will leave this workshop with up-to-date information, conversation starters, practical strategies and resource recommendations.**

**Talking about child abuse prevention is a sensitive topic and sometimes parents/carers don't know where to start. Thankfully there is a way to provide children with necessary life skills and strategies that is non-confronting and child friendly.**

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### WORKSHOP CONTENT

- Being safe and feeling safe
- Emotional Intelligence and Feelings
- Early Warning Signs
- Safety – Assessing Risk
- Problem Solving
- Safe and Unsafe Secrets
- Public and Private
- Body Safety Rules
- Consent
- Assertiveness
- Personal Space
- Help seeking
- Persistence
- Grooming Behaviours

**DATE:** Tuesday 16th February 2021
**TIME:** 6pm to 8.30pm
**VENUE:** YMCA, 1 YMCA Way Kalgoorlie
**REGISTRATION:** 90 681 821 or GoldfieldsEsperance.PCWA@anglicarewa.org.au

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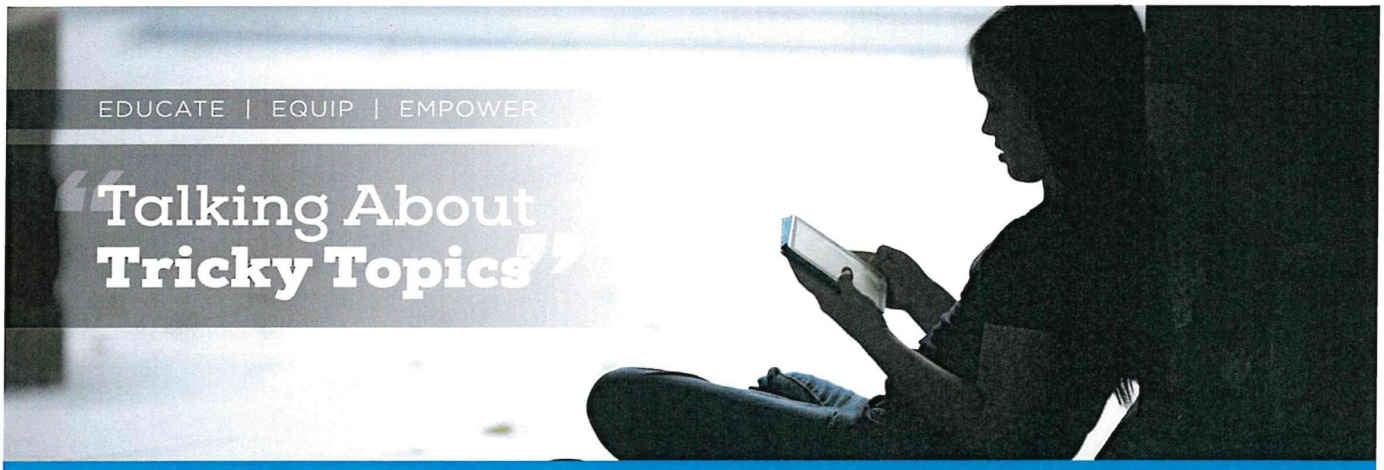


# Cyber Safety & Digital Wellness

**Parenting in the digital age can be complex and challenging. Whilst there are many benefits for our children being online, there are also risks. As the trusted adults in our children's lives we can support them to maximise the benefits and minimise the risks.**

This parent/carer workshop will educate, equip and empower you to talk with your child about cyber safety, digital wellness and so much more.

You will leave this workshop with conversation starters, practical strategies and resource recommendations to support you.

## WORKSHOP CONTENT

- Protecting developing bodies, brains and behaviour
- Screen time and healthy boundaries
- Social media and gaming
- Explicit content and pornography
- Predators and online grooming
- Youth produced sexual content and image based abuse
- Positive digital footprint and reputation
- Parental controls – safer devices and homes

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**DATE:** 15th February 2021
**TIME:** 6pm to 8.30pm
**VENUE:** YMCA 1 YMCA Way
**COST:** Free
**REGISTRATION:** 9068 1821 or email GoldfieldsEsperance.PCWA@anglicarewa.org.au

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