

Term 4

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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.

From the Principal's desk

Calendar Term 4

Dear Parents / Guardians

Friday 13 December

A big thank you to all the junior school staff for the time and effort that was put into the preparation for the performances on Monday night. The children did a fantastic job on the night. Tonight, we look forward to seeing our senior students in their concert.

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Last Day of 2019
school year

At this time of year, we tend to get a lot of requests from parents about student placement for next year. The staff spend a great deal of time on putting together the class lists in consultation with the admin team. These are not usually finalized until the week before school starts due to late movements and new families arriving. Please don't ask for certain teachers or students to be placed with your child as we look at the whole classes make up not just one child's needs. Notification will be sent out on the Friday before school starts as to what class your child is allocated to.

**Monday 3 February
2020**

First Day of Term 1
2020

Our school magazine is now completed, and these will be distributed with your child's report on Friday. A huge thank you to magazine team who took on the job of coordinating it. We hope you enjoy the production and that it becomes a treasured item to look back on for the children. Also included with the magazine is a copy of our new Strategic Direction that was developed early this year in consultation with the community.

Happy Holidays

Our Year 6s student who will be going to John Paul College attended their orientation last Friday. They get the chance to see what life is going to be like next year and to also meet all of the other students from other schools on the day. As usual they represented the school well and continued the tradition of exemplary behaviour on the day. They are looking forward to their graduation mass on Friday morning. It will be sad to say goodbye as they have been a wonderful group of children, leading the school with maturity and by their good example.

Liturgical Calendar

Friday 13 December

— Year 6 Graduation Mass, 10:00am
St Mary's Church

Attached to the newsletter today is a letter outlining the changes to Catholic Education that are taking place as of the 1st of January next year. This is a governance change and will not have any effect on the day to day running of the school, our staffing, or our funding into the future.

We have a number of staff leaving at the end of the year, Mrs Newton, Mrs Weston, Miss Marsic, Mr Greenham, Miss Berndt and Mrs Houston. We wish them well as they move on to the next chapter in their careers and life.

The last five years will always be special to me, being able to come back to my hometown to take on the role of Principal at the primary school I attended as a young boy has been very humbling. I have loved being part of the Goldfields community again and will look back on my time here with great joy. The St Mary's community is a family that you will always be a part of, and it is a special place for our young people to grow and develop in their time here as students.

I hope everyone has a wonderful Christmas break and enjoys the time with family and friends over the break.

Regards

Chris Dunning Principal



MANDATE LETTER - EDUCATIONAL STANDARDS

Monitor schools and assist them to maintain and enhance educational standards consistent with:

- ◆ the aims of the Catholic school
- ◆ The requirements and standards set by eternal authorities
- ◆ Best practice and innovation consistent with the aims of the school communities.

During the season of Advent, we remember that many people made ready for God to send the saviour. But getting ready for the Saviour is hard and sometimes dangerous. On Sunday we read how John the Baptist saw that his cousin Jesus was doing the work of God. Perhaps Jesus was the one they were all waiting for! But John was put into prison for suggesting this. From prison, John told his friends to go and find Jesus.

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.

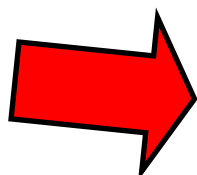
Pour out your love on us that we may return renewed and refreshed to continue our journey together.

We make this prayer through Christ our Lord.
Amen





SCHOOL FEE REMINDER



PLEASE ENSURE YOUR SCHOOL FEES

ARE FINALISED BEFORE THE END OF TERM

PLEASE CONTACT KAREN IN THE SCHOOL OFFICE
IF YOU HAVE ANY QUERIES



UNIFORM SHOP



MONDAY - 8.30am to 9.00am

WEDNESDAY - 8.30am to 9.00am

FRIDAY - 8.30am to 9.00am

CASH CHEQUE EFTPOS AVAILABLE

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.

CONTACT MARCELLE: 0438941439

Second Hand Uniforms

For second hand uniforms please contact

Ingrid Fitzgibbins 0412327113

Open Thursdays 8.30am to 9.00am All donations welcome

Christmas Concerts

TONIGHT



Yrs 4 to Yrs 6 Wednesday 11 December Gates open at 6pm



Both concerts commence at 6.30pm

CHRISTMAS HAMPER GIVING



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. The Missionary Sisters of Charity, Kat Knight from the Red Cross, Maryanne Bowler from St Vincent De Pauls and Pam Townsend from the Woman's Refuge were all very appreciative to receive the Hampers that will be distributed to the less fortunate people of Kalgoorlie. Well done to our St Mary's School Community for your on going support in helping people in need.

Mrs Sue Coyle (Assistant Principal Religious Education)

Parish News

CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES

St Mary's Primary School Oval

Tuesday 24th December

6.30pm Vigil Mass

St Mary's Church, Kalgoorlie

Tuesday 24th December

Midnight Mass preceded by 11.30pm Carols

Wednesday 25th December

10am Christmas Day Mass

All Hallows' Church, Boulder

Tuesday 24th December

9pm Christmas Vigil Mass

Wednesday 25th December

8am Mass of Christmas Day

St Mary's Church, Coolgardie

Tuesday 24th December 4pm Christmas Vigil Mass

St John Vianney Church, Kambalda

Wednesday 25th December

9am Mass of Christmas Day

St Joseph's Church, Norseman

Wednesday 25th December

12.30pm Mass of Christmas Day

Our Lady of Montserrat, Southern Cross

Tuesday 24th December 6pm Christmas Vigil Mass

Wednesday 25th December

8.30am Mass of Christmas Day

COLUMBAN CALENDARS

Beautiful 2020 Columban Calendars will be available for sale in our St Mary's Church Kalgoorlie and All Hallows' Church Boulder from this weekend at a cost of \$10.00 (cash only).





Look after yourself

This Christmas

And give the gift of kindness

Some suggestions...

Christmas can be whatever you want it to be, so make it suit your needs and don't feel pressured by the expectations of others.

Physical activity, eating well and getting enough sleep can help you cope with stress (visit [beyondblue](#) for more tips on "coping with Christmas" or [blackdoginstitute](#) for 12 ways to beat Christmas stress).

If feelings of isolation or loneliness creep in, reach out and make a meaningful connection with a friend or family member, contact a support line, find a community group, or access an online forum ([beyondblue online-forums](#) or [saneforums](#)).

Invite a neighbour or friend who will be alone this Christmas over for lunch or dinner.

Donate to a charity or service that provides food or gifts for those in need (you can deliver food items to "Our Little Pantry", located outside 48 Brookman Street, Kalgoorlie) or volunteer your time (contact the Volunteer Centre for ideas 08 9093 2146).

Get involved in local celebrations, such as Christmas in the Park 11am-2pm Wednesday 25th December, Centennial Park, Kalgoorlie.

Notice when people around you could use a helping hand. A kind word, a smile, opening a door, or helping to carry a heavy load can all be acts of kindness. A sense of community is created when people are kind to those who need help.

For more ideas to boost your wellbeing over the festive season: [actbelongcommit](#)

If stress, sadness or loneliness is getting too much for you or someone you care about, you can talk things through with:

[Lifeline](#)
13 11 14

[Beyond Blue](#)
1300 224 636

[Suicide Call Back](#)
1300 659 467

[Rural Link](#)
1800 552 002

[Kids Helpline](#)
1800 551 800

[Mensline](#)
1300 789 978

[Griefline](#)
1300 845 745

[Crisis Care](#)
1800 199 008

[Alcohol & Drug Support Line](#)
1800 198 024

If life is in danger or for emergencies, call 000

For local service and medical centre hours during the holidays, please see following...

Kalgoorlie-Boulder Support Services

Open public holidays

Bega Sobering Up Shelter (closed Sat & Sun only)	9022 5500
Crossroads West Youth Hostel 24/7	9091 1016
Goldfields Rehabilitation Service 24/7	9021 4732
Goldfields Women's Refuge 24/7	9021 2836
Sexual Assault Services 24/7 Phone Support	1800 688 922
Trilby Cooder Hostel 24/7 (bookings 9am-4pm only)	6109 2060

Closed public holidays (only)

24 December, 25 December, 1 January	
Centrecare	9080 0333
Goldfields Community Legal Centre	9021 1888
Goldfields Community Mental Health	9088 6200
Headspace Kalgoorlie	9021 5599
Hope Community Services (GCADS, ITC)	9021 3069
Redcross PHAMS	9026 1605

Closed

360 Health + Community 23 Dec - 1 Jan	9080 0400
Aboriginal Family Law Service 1pm 24 Dec - 1 Jan	9021 0244
Anglicare 25 Dec - 1 Jan	9068 1845
Bega Social Support Services 25 Dec - 1 Jan	9022 5500
Food Bank 25 Dec - 1 Jan	9093 0284
Goldfields Women's Health 23 Dec - 12 Jan	9021 8266
Kalgoorlie-Boulder Volunteer Centre 21 Dec - 5 Jan	9093 2146
Population Health 21 Dec - 1 Jan	9080 8200
Salvos Emergency Relief 12pm 23 Dec - 5 Jan	9021 2255

Kalgoorlie-Boulder Medical Centres

Closed public holidays (only)

Alpha Medical Centre	9092 6800
Boulder Medical (Open Boxing Day 26 Dec)	9093 1044
Collins Street Surgery	9091 3958
Tower Medical Centre	9021 2751
Trinity Medical Centre	9091 8707

Emergency Services 24/7

Emergency (Police, Fire, Ambulance)	000
Kalgoorlie Police Station	9021 9777
Emergency Department, Kalgoorlie Hospital	9080 5888

Christmas wishes from all of us to all of you

On behalf of the Kalgoorlie-Boulder Support Services, we wish you many reasons for happiness and a peaceful holiday, filled with friends, family and memories that you'll always treasure.

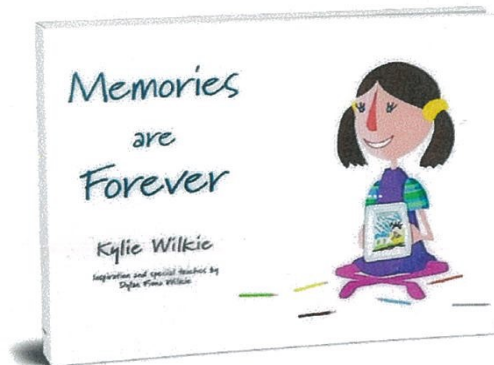
Merry Christmas and best wishes for a healthy New Year!





Memories are Forever

BOOK LAUNCH



Thursday, 19 December

5.30pm - 7.30pm

William Grundt Memorial Library

In commemoration of the late Dave Wilkie

www.booksbykyliewilkie.com.au | hello@booksbykyliewilkie.com.au





City of
Kalgoorlie
Boulder

CHRISTMAS *IN THE CITY*

FREE STREET ENTERTAINMENT

7, 8, 15, 16, 21, 22 DECEMBER

11AM - 1PM

KAL CITY CENTRE HANNAN & CASSIDY ST

BOULDER BEATS ON BURT ST

SANTA'S GROTTO AT MARKET ARCADE

MEET SANTA SAT 7, 14 AND 21 | 10AM-12PM

CHRISTMAS TRADING HOURS

Mon, Tues, Wed Fri 7am – 7pm

Thurs 7am – 9pm

Sat 7am – 6pm

Sun 9am – 2pm

BOXING
DAY!

9AM - 2PM



MUSIC LESSONS



Hi there Parents!

It has been an amazing year working with my Keyboard and Guitar students. They have all been a delight to teach and have made excellent progress in the lessons. Learning a musical instrument has many benefits that will last a lifetime. My parents 'took a chance' on me when I was seven years old. I will be forever grateful for the opportunity given to me.

The lessons will continue next year. However, I am also *adding* in the following options for instruments to learn:

Ukulele: The Ukulele is a wonderful instrument and can be purchased for around \$30 upwards.

Guitalele: This is *half guitar* and *half ukulele* and so much fun to play. It's smaller than a guitar but bigger than the uke! These cost \$119.

Recorder: These have been popular in school for many, many years and still are! I learnt the recorder in primary school and still enjoy playing it to this day. They are priced around \$10 upwards.

Melodica: The Melodica is not very common but is a wonderful instrument to play. Think of a recorder with a keyboard instead of finger holes. It has mouth piece and a keyboard. Melodicas are priced from around \$70.

Of course, **Guitar** and **Keyboard** lessons will continue.



All of these instruments are not only fun to play but teach the foundations of music such as Theory, Music Notation, Rhythm and Harmony.

If you would like more information on the instruments, lessons **OR** to reserve a place for next year please contact me using one of the following options:

Ph: 0437541280

email: ginn1@cloud.com Thank you so much and I wish you all a very blessed, happy and safe Christmas.

Lindsay



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11th December 2019

Dear Parents

Following the Bishops' decision to incorporate Catholic education in Western Australia earlier this year, I am pleased to inform you the new company is now registered as Catholic Education Western Australia Limited (CEWA Ltd). CEWA Ltd will commence operation from 1 January 2020, with the four diocesan Bishops as the owners, who in turn will appoint a Board of Commissioners to provide strategic governance of the system.

The Bishops have continuously improved the governance of Catholic education in WA, starting 50 years ago when they agreed to combine their four dioceses under the governance of the Catholic Education Commission of Western Australia (CECWA). Incorporation ensures your child and our school community continue to benefit from membership of a system of 76,000 students enrolled in 163 schools. The CECWA will cease its governance on 31 December 2019 and the Bishops will announce the full membership of the new CEWA Ltd Board of Commissioners in due course.

Our school will become part of CEWA Ltd on 1 January 2020. I ask you to join me in welcoming and supporting our move to a more contemporary governance structure. As in all the Bishops' decisions, it is made in the best interests of our students in their community of faith. The change in governance will have minimal effect on the operations of our school.

This letter serves to notify you that the rights and obligations under your enrolment agreement and other laws will transfer to CEWA Ltd from 1 January 2020.

Please contact me with any questions or concerns you may have in relation to this change.

Thank you for your continued support of our school and I wish you and your family a blessed and safe Christmas Season.

Yours sincerely

Chris Dunning
Principal

From our Family



to Yours may



you have a safe

and Blessed Christmas

