Term 1

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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.

<u>Calendar Term 1</u>

Parent Information Nights (See inside for times and dates)

Water Fun Days
Week 3

Monday 2 March—Pupil
Free Day (Public
Holiday Labour Day)

Liturgical Calendar

Friday 14 February, Year
5E Reconciliation,
11:20am
School Chapel
Thursday 20 February,
Sacramental Enrolment
Night,
7:00pm School Hall

From the Principal's desk

Dear Parents & Guardians

Welcome to week 2 at St Mary's Primary School. A big congratulations to our Year 6 students who were selected as Sports Captains for Semester One. They were chosen for the Leadership qualities they have shown over their years at school and I know they will represent their factions with pride. Their first duties will be to assist Mrs Pankhurst with the Junior water fun days next week. Mrs Pankhurst is still in need of some more parents who are able to assist her at the pool. Without parent assistance these special days cannot go ahead so please contact your class teacher or Mrs Pankhurst if you are able to give a few hours of your time.

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. Tonight, we have Year 6 and Pre-Primary and on Thursday Year 3 and Year 4.

This week we began the Testing program in the Junior School with the Year 2 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 1's will have a similar release time focussing on Numeracy skills.

The first Parents and Friend's meeting will take place in the Boardroom located in the School Office at 6.00pm on Wednesday 19th February. The P&F is very important to our school and provides a great service for the children. They organise Mother's and Father's Day Stalls, raise funds for playground equipment and organise social events for our families. Please come along and join this hardworking group.

We received some sad news over the last week Fr Hyginus' mother (Caroline Ekufuechi) passed away on 24th January. He was home in Nigeria with her at the time. Father Hyginus contacted the Parish office recently to ask for prayers. Her funeral will be taking place this weekend. As a School Community let us all remember Father Hyginus and his family in our prayers at this sad time.

Lastly, I would like to congratulate Father Jeffey, who continues as the Parish Priest attached to our school, on his recently becoming an Australian Citizen. A very proud and emotional moment for him on Australia Day.



Kind regards, Mrs Elizabeth Browner (Short Term Principal)

MANDATE LETTER - FINANCIAL ADMINISTRATION

Foster leadership in financial administration so that decisions taken apply principles of justice, effectiveness, co-responsibility and preferential option for the poor in all financial decision making processes. The Commission will:

- ♦ Act as the official agency to receive, distribute and account for funds received on behalf of Catholic schools from Australian and state governments and other agencies
- ♦ Make decisions on resource sharing, after proper consultation and in accord with the principle of co-responsibility
- Ensure that financial resources are distributed with maximum benefit to school.

On Friday we remember Saint Valentine. He was a bishop who bravely died for his faith. His name means 'valiant' and 'brave'. This day is connected with love because of a legend that birds pick their mates on February 14. Secret notes of love and friendship sent on this day are called Saint Valentine's notes or valentines. Let us be sure to show that we appreciate those people whose love is so much part of our lives.

Today's reading from the Sunday gospel has two simple messages that aren't easy to put into practice. Firstly, Jesus reminds us that before our prayer can be pleasing to God, we must start by making peace with one another. Secondly, he teaches us to always keep our word.

GOSPEL

Listen to the words of the Holy Gospel according to Matthew 5:23-24, 33-34, 37

Jesus said to his disciples:

"If you are about to place your gift on the altar and remember that someone is angry with you, leave your gift there in front of the altar. Make peace with that person, then come back and offer your gift to God."

"You know our ancestors were told, 'Don't use the Lord's name to make a promise unless you are going to keep it.' But I tell you not to swear by anything when you make a promise!

When you make a promise, say only 'Yes' or 'No'."

The Gospel of the Lord

PRAYER

I said a Valentine prayer for you and asked the Lord above to fill your heart and bless your soul With the precious gift of love.

I asked Him for sincere love
The kind that's meant to stay
Just like the generous love
You give to those you touch each day.

I prayed for love from family And from every cherished friend Then I asked the Lord to give you His love that knows no end.

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

SHOW RESPECT

Beginning Dehool Mas



Last Friday the whole school celebrated the beginning of the new school year with a Mass. Despite the hot weather, the children participated reverently and listened attentively to Father Jeffey. It was a wonderful way to ask for God's blessing for the start of the year and to welcome the new staff. The Year Six students received their Ministry and Faction Captain badges after they were blessed by Father Jeffey. Sophie Barton and David Wibberley also received their Head Girl and Head Boy badge.

Mrs Sue Coyle (Assistant Principal Religious Education)

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 other in a relaxed environment.



Time: 9:30am to 11:30am 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 90920900



PARISH YOUTH GROUP

RESUMING FRIDAY 14TH FEBRUARY 6.30PM

Our Parish Youth Group will start up meeting again on Friday evenings on the 14th February in the Parish Hall at St Mary's, Kalgoorlie, at 6.30pm with a special Reunion focus for those who went to Australian Catholic Youth Festival. It will be an evening of sharing faith and fun.





HOUSE FOR RENT

A 3 bedroom house in Kalgoorlie with a large shed close to St Mary's Primary School has become available for rent for \$230—250 per week (negotiable). If you or someone you know would like more information, please contact the Parish Office on 9021 2100.



2020 Kalgoorlie Saints Netball AGM

AGM for Sub-Junior netball All positions required

When: Thursday 13th February 2020

Time: 3:40pm

Where: St Mary's Primary Under Cover Area

Club Contact: kalgoorliesaints@outlook.com or Facebook

PARENT INFORMATION NIGHT 2020

6.00pm to 6.30pm

6.45pm to 7.15pm

Wednesday 12th February

Thursday 13th February

Year 6

Year 3

Pre-Primary

Year 4

UNIFORM FOCUS

This week our focus for our uniform standards is



HAIR PRESENTATION

- ♦ Shoulder length hair need to be tied back—boys and girls
- ♦ Long fringes need to be clipped back out of the students eyes—boys and girls
- ♦ Navy blue or royal blue ribbons, scrunchies and clips can be worn as per uniform policy
- ♦ If no accessories are worn, then black or brown elastics are acceptable
- ♦ Hair is not to be coloured or styled in an unnatural way, i.e excessive use of hair products or razor cuts.

After one warning a uniform note will be sent home to inform the parents that steps need to be taken to conform to the uniform policy.



INTRODUCTION TO TENNIS

... FOR AGES 5 AND OVER

Sundays 16th and 23rd February & 8th, 15th, 22nd and 29th March.
9:00am to 9:45am

at the Goldfields Tennis Club, Marshall St Kalgoorlie

Just \$30 for the 6 week program

Contact Merle Gaby 0428 597 961 or Heather Lavery 0408 935 726 to register or for more information



All equipment supplied. Please wear a hat and sunscreen and bring a drink bottle LOCATION TIME DATE

MARSHALL ST, 9:00AM - SUNDAY 8TH MARCH 2020 6430

B M X A U S T R A L I A . C O M . A U

GET YOUR

Mines Hockey Club is looking for players for the upcoming 2020 season. Whether you are a seasoned player or want to give Hockey a crack - contact us and find your spot at Mines HC.

We have shift worker concessions available and we are the only club offering FREE fees for all juniors in the 2020 season.

CONTACT US NOW







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YM HOCKEY

Is looking for new players for all grades for the 2020 season and beyond! Is this you?

COME DOWN FOR SOME PRE-SEASON TRAINING
DURING FEB - SUNDAY'S 5.30PM-7PM

CLUB TRAINING ON WEDNESDAY'S

START MARCH, DATE TBC

4.30-5.30PM J3-8 5.30PM-6.30PM J9-12

SENIORS WOMEN 6.30-7.30PM MEN 7.30-8.30PM

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT

Trevor Steinhauser – YMHC President on email <u>president@ymhc.com.au</u> Michelle Hahn – YMHC Secretary on email <u>admin@ymhc.com.au</u> Warwick McKenzie – YMHC Junior Co-ordinator on email <u>junior@ymhc.com.au</u>



YM Hockey Club Kalgoorlie Boulder