

Term 4

The Link

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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 4

Thursday 2 December -

St Barbara's Miners
Memorial

JPC Year 7 parent
Information Night 7.00pm
at the College

Friday 3 December –

JPC Year 6 Welcome Day
at the College

Monday 6 December – PP
to Yr 3 Junior Christmas
Concert 6.30pm to 8.00pm
in the undercover area

Wednesday 8 December –
Yr 4–6 Senior Christmas
Concert 6.30pm to 8.00pm
in the undercover area

Liturgical Calendar

Friday 3 December –
Year 5 Church Visit 9.30am

From the Principal's desk

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

On Monday, we started the week with the first of our Advent Reflections on Hope and lit the candle on our Christmas wreath. It was time to bring our thoughts back to the true meaning of Christmas and the birth of Jesus

We are in practise mode for our two end of year concerts next week. Please look out for a letter coming home with times and drop off/pick up arrangements. Please be mindful of parking in designated parking spaces. We do not wish to upset our neighbours by parking in driveways or on lawns. We now have the large parking area at the back of the school and St Mary's Church is always happy to let us use their carpark.

Our Head Girl, Molly Bartle and Head Boy, Harry Donaldson, with some Year Five students, will be representing our school, laying a wreath at the Miner's Memorial on Thursday evening 2/12/2022.

On Sunday the 5/12/21, children from the school, dressed in their Christmas clothes, will be walking in the Topdrill St Barbara's Parade. Please make sure that you meet the group outside of Snap Printing at 10.30am. This is a fun event for the children and it would be great to see as many as possible walking with the school group. Thank you to Mrs Terry for organising this fun event.

The Year Six students who will be enrolled in JPC in 2022 are attending a Welcome Day on Friday 3/12/21. Parents are required to transport their children to and from JPC. Year Six children who are attending other schools for Year Seven are still required to be at school on this day.

Children from St Mary's competed last week in the First Lego League which is a Robotics competition. Firstly, a huge congratulations to St Mary's Team 2 for winning the Regional Finals. They did a wonderful job competing and working as a team, as well as impressing the judges with their innovation project. They will now be competing in the State Finals on 11/12/21. Well done to the other St Mary's Teams that competed as we also won the Core Value Award for cooperation. A big thank you to Mrs Vuleta for organising the Teams.

The Year Six Pastoral Care Ministry are out food shopping. They will be packaging the food into hampers ready to give to the service organisations next week. Thank you to Mrs Coyle for organising this worthwhile project.

God bless, Elizabeth Browner *Principal*



MANDATE LETTER- SIGNS OF THE TIMES IN THE CHRISTIAN WITNESS OF THE CATHOLIC SCHOOL

A CHRISTIAN PASTORAL DIMENSION

FROM THE MOMENT THEY JOIN A Catholic school community, students should learn of their value as human persons. Every aspect of the school's life should reflect a Christian pastoral dimension.

Where this is true in a school, students realise their Christian dignity 'before even knowing its definition.'. The pastoral care and attention students receive from all within the school community should help students to realise that they exist 'for God to love' and that they will deepen in their experiences of God's love as they love God in return.

This Sunday is the second Sunday of Advent. Sunday's Gospel reminds of two great Advent figures, Isaiah and John the Baptist. They were prophets who boldly preached the word of God and spreading the message: "Turn away from your sins. Turn to God and be forgiven." We try during Advent to listen carefully to this message.

GOSPEL

The Gospel according to Luke 3: 2-6

God spoke to Zechariah's son John, who was living in the desert. So, John went along the Jordan Valley, telling the people, "Turn back to God and be baptised! Then your sins will be forgiven." Isaiah the prophet wrote about John when he said: In the desert someone is shouting, "Get the road ready for the Lord! Make a straight path for him. Fill up every valley and level every mountain and hill. Straighten the crooked paths and smooth out the rough roads. Then everyone will see the saving power of God."

The Gospel of the Lord.

PRAYER

Father in heaven,
during this second week of Advent,
help us see clearly the times
when we have sinned.
Accept our sorrow for having
pulled away from you,
and give us firm resolve
to stay close to you.
We ask this prayer through
Christ our Lord.

Amen.



Financial
Matters....



*School Fees are now OVERDUE
Please contact Karen Osmetti in the office
at your earliest convenience.*

UNIFORM SHOP



AMENDED OPENING TIMES (during term)

MONDAY – CLOSED

WEDNESDAY – 8.30am to 9.00am

FRIDAY – 8.30am to 9.00am



Second Hand Uniforms

Outgrown or Moving On? Please consider donating any of your preloved school items to the Secondhand Uniform Shop
Our collection point is the front office anytime during school hours

We Thank you and Appreciate your ongoing support

New Hours Next Week

Our Secondhand Uniform shop is open everyday next week!

8:30 am to 9:30 am Mon to Fri

Get ready for the 2022 school year and purchase your Seconhand Uniform items now !
We Would Love Your Help! If you are available to help next week please simply attend the shop on any morning next week.

There will be a range of things to do and no experience is necessary

For second hand uniforms please contact Ingrid Fitzgibbins 0412327113

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LEGO ROBOTICS



ImaginEERS

On Wednesday the 24th of November, three Robotics teams set off to Eastern Goldfields College to complete in the First Lego League Challenge Regional Competition. Up against 8 other teams, the St Mary's teams had been training hard as a team since late Term 3. Designing and programming the EV3 Robotics to complete missions was just the beginning! Students also banded together to create an innovation project with their own solutions to transportation challenges. Well done to Team 1 for winning the Core Value award, awarded for their amazing teamwork and collaboration skills. Team 3 impressed the judges and have been spotted in the Kalgoorlie Miner last week. Finally, Team 2 managed to win the overall first prize and have secured themselves a position in the District Finals held in Perth on December 11th. We wish Team 2 all the best as they compete again 48 other teams from around the state. Thank you to Sharon Greber and Kelly Hobba for joining us on Wednesday.

(Mrs Vuleta Imagineers Teacher)

BACK PACKS FOR KIDS IN NEED



Over the past few weeks the Pastoral Care Ministry have been busy putting together Back Packs filled with necessary items for children of all ages who are in need of essential items for school.

Over \$400 was spent completing the Back Packs which were delivered to the Woman's Refuge last Friday. Once again we thank the Saint Mary's School Community for always donating generously to our worthy causes. The Pastoral Care felt very proud that they could help other children who were going through difficult times. Well done to everyone involved.

(Mrs Sue Coyle Assistant Principal)

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'CLASS OF 21'



On Friday, 26th November, the Year 6 students presented their final primary school assembly item. The students took to the catwalk as they showed off their future career ambitions with the audience. From veterinarians to beauticians, to firefighters to NBA superstars, the students went all out as they dressed up in their costumes. Next, the students reminisced on some of the most memorable moments that they have had at St Mary's since Kindergarten. They recognised all past and present teachers, as well as their parents, who had contributed to their primary school education. Finally, the Year 6 students concluded with the song 'I Lived' by the Glee cast. There wasn't a dry eye in the Undercover Area, as they sang and moved to the song beautifully.

Well done Year 6's on a fabulous assembly!

(Miss Ash Ellis Year 6 Teacher)

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LIGHTING UP CHRISTMAS



This year our school had a lot of fun participating in the City of Kalgoorlie Boulder Christmas tree decorating event. Students from Kindy to Year 6 decorated baubles and glued them onto the tree.

Mr Browner made an amazing nativity scene which we put around the base. It was then displayed at the lighting of the Boulder Christmas Tree. All students were very proud of the final product.

Mrs Smith (Specialist Art Teacher)

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TOPdrill



St Barbs
FESTIVAL



Thursday 2nd December to Sunday 5th December 2021

Thursday 6.30pm

NEW LOCATION

Miners' Memorial Ceremony,
Museum of the Goldfields,
17 Hannan Street,
Kalgoorlie



Miners Memorial

The Miners Memorial Service is held to honour the men and women who have lost their lives servicing the mining industry over the past century.

SUNDAY 11.00AM

St Barbara's Parade
Hannan Street,
Kalgoorlie



St Barbara's Parade

Undoubtedly the showcase of the St Barbara's Festival, the Parade is a fun filled extravaganza for the whole family!

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GOLD FIELDS



Parent Information Night

Transitions and Change

Join us as we explore ways you can help support your child through transitions & change. Transitions indicate that there is a change in their environment, schedule, or activity the child is engaged in and can be difficult for children.

Whether they are moving from day-care to kindy, from primary school to high school or even being out at recess to moving back into the class for a lesson. Difficulties with transitions and change can be due to emotional dysregulation where children have difficulties managing fear, sadness, anger, or frustration.

This dysregulation can be displayed in several ways depending on the child and the setting. It can take the form of resistance, avoidance, distraction, negotiation, or a full-blown meltdown. Some of these reactions are the result of kids being overwhelmed by their emotions. Others are what they've learned works to successfully delay or avoid the transition.

Children aren't inherently born with these skills; they need to be shown and taught. A part of our roles as therapists, parents and teachers is to support and coach our children how to manage the many different forms of transitions they will make independently.



When: Wed 1st December

Time: 6-8pm

Where: 1 YMCA Way, South
Kalgoorlie WA 6430

**Crèche is Available,
Booking's essential.**

Tickets and Creche bookings available
via Eventbrite

(<https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/205464067557>)



Full Circle
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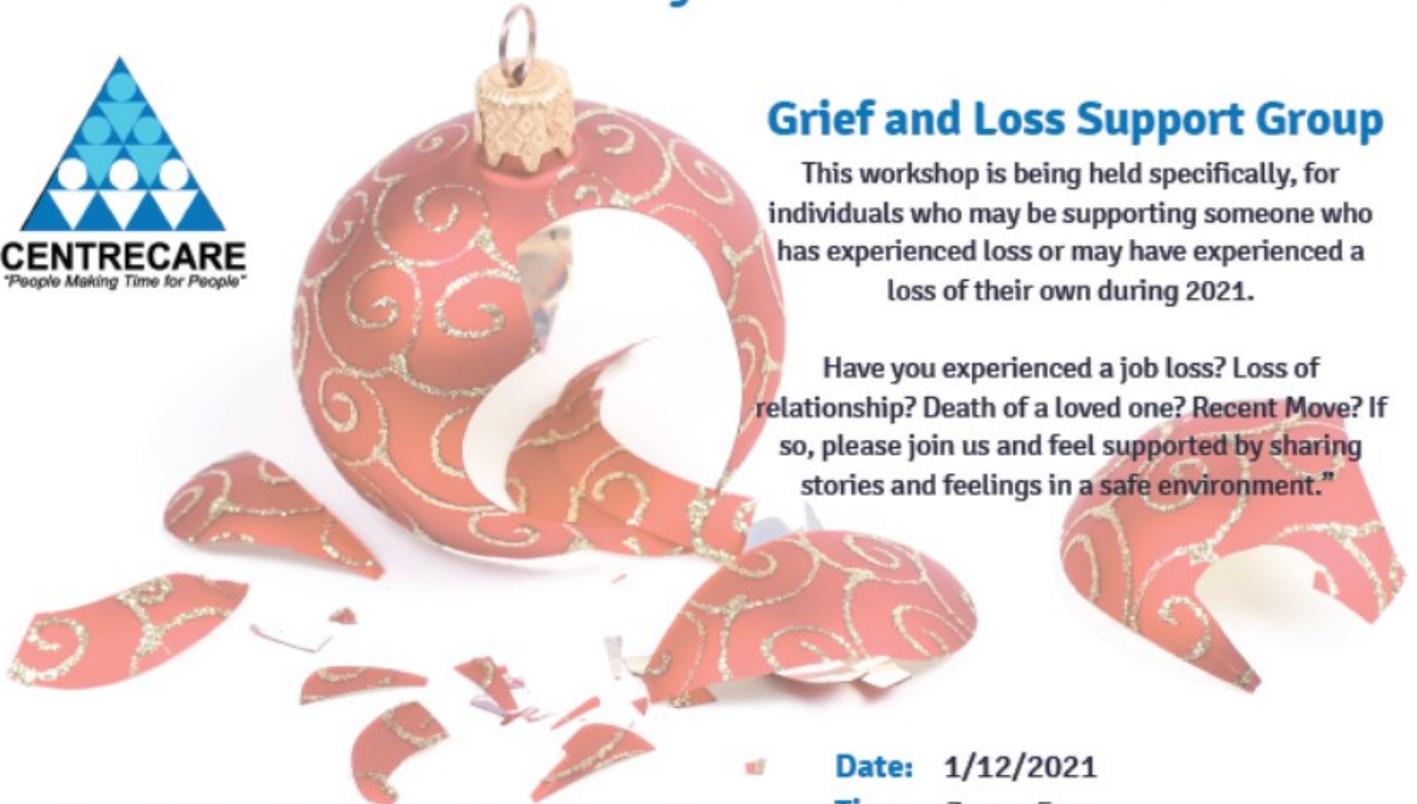
Paediatric Allied Health Services

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'Tis the Season to Be Jolly... But What if You're Not?



Grief and Loss Support Group

This workshop is being held specifically, for individuals who may be supporting someone who has experienced loss or may have experienced a loss of their own during 2021.

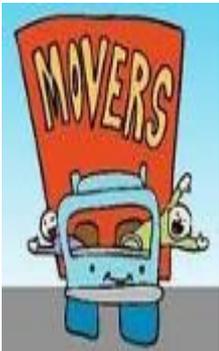
Have you experienced a job loss? Loss of relationship? Death of a loved one? Recent Move? If so, please join us and feel supported by sharing stories and feelings in a safe environment."

For any inquiries and registration, please call Tanya on 08 9080 0333 or email kalgoorlie@centrecare.com.au

Date: 1/12/2021

Time: 3pm - 5pm

Where: 168 Egan Street, Kalgoorlie



ARE YOU LEAVING TOWN ?!

**As we are preparing our waiting lists for next year
PLEASE ADVISE LEANNE IN THE OFFICE
as soon as possible if you are leaving
at the end of the year and no longer require a position
for your child at St Mary's.**

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COUNTRY FAMILIES @ NGALA

Support to families with children from birth to 8 years living in regional, rural and remote Western Australia



Ngala have partnered with WA Country Health Service (WACHS) to provide free child health parenting information and support to families living in regional, rural or remote WA.

Facebook Group

Join a community of other country families to access parenting information, resources & program updates. Search: CountryFamilies@Ngala.

Tutorials and Facebook Live Sessions

See recorded and live videos with information for parents with children aged 0 – 8 years.

Online 'Live Chat'

Chat with a Ngala Child Health Nurse via Facebook. Please check website for session times.

Individual Consultations

30 minute video or phone consults with a Ngala Child Health Nurse for child development information and parenting support.

Country Dads' SMS Service

Receive information and resources via SMS or Email.

Call: 9368 9342

Email: CountryFamilies@ngala.com.au



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To find out more visit
www.ngala.com.au/program/country-services



VOCONIQ LOCAL VOICES REWARDS PROGRAM



The November 'pulse' survey is now open.

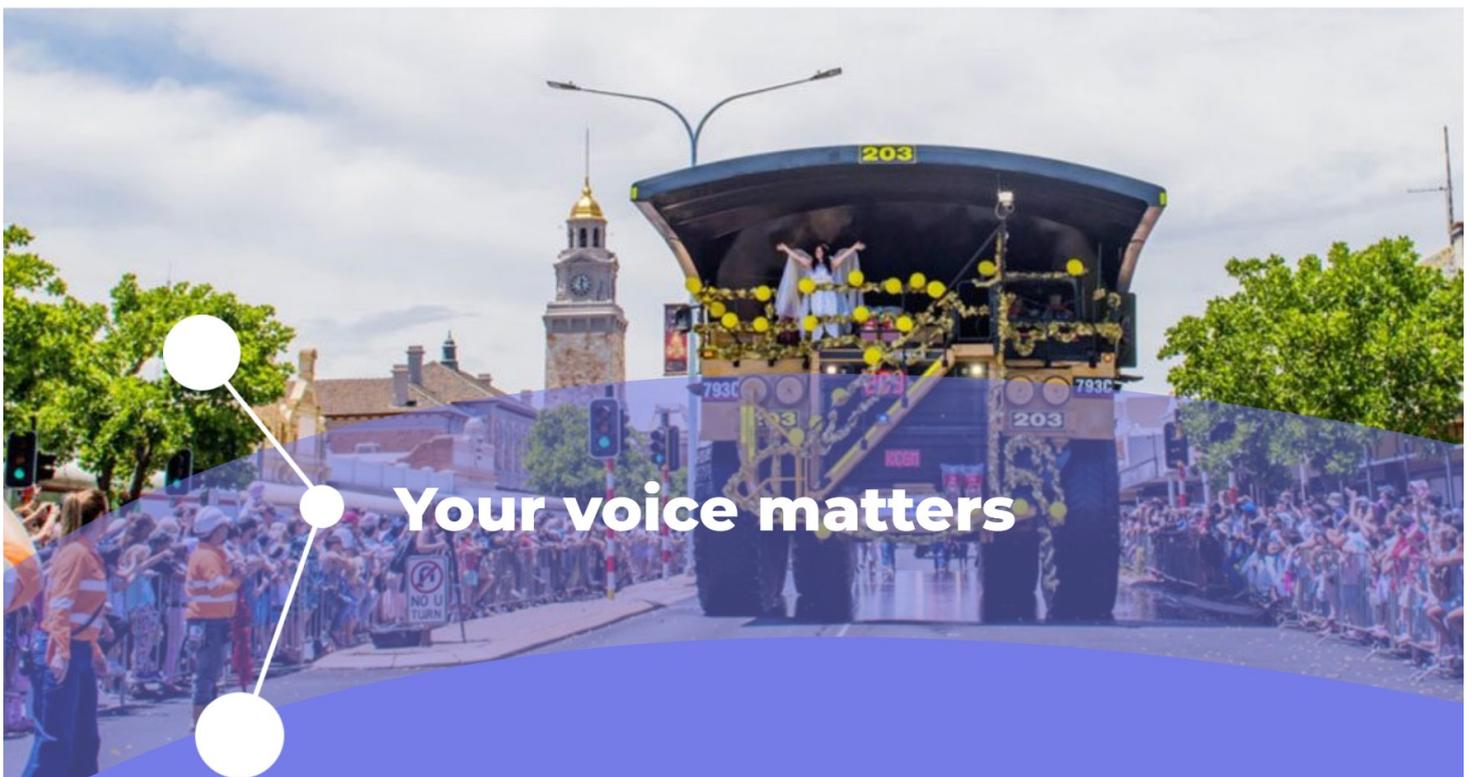
Surveys online take 5 minutes to complete and each completed survey is worth \$5 to our St Mary's Kalgoorlie-Boulder Parish and provides KCGM with valuable feedback from the Kalgoorlie-Boulder community.

Here is the link to sign up to complete a survey.

<https://voconiqlocalvoices.com/kalgoorlie-boulder/>



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Your voice matters