

St Mary's School

Faith - Respect - Challenge - Teamwork

From Mr Love...

Dear Parents and Community Members,

Welcome Back

A very warm welcome to the 2024 school year at St Mary's School. For those I haven't ran into yet, I look forward to catching up for a chat and hearing about your holiday adventures. I travelled to Japan over the break and had an incredible holiday in the snow. If the 200-million-dollar Powerball comes my way I can assure you I will buying the Villa I stayed in and bidding farewell to this atrocious heat. Mind you, I think I will miss the kids too much!

A very warm welcome to any new families, staff, and particularly, our new students. This week, we had ten students commence their education adventure in Kindy: *Remi, Elina, Lola, Otis, Willow, Grace, Noah, Garrylene, Mack and Aubrey*. The students have settled very well and there were no tears from our parents and carers. Good job parents!

Swimming Lessons

School swimming lessons are underway for our PP-6 students. Although the timing of these lessons are less than ideal, I can't be more proud of how the students have adjusted and prepared themselves for this vitally important component of their curriculum. During swimming lessons, many items of clothing are misplaced, we strongly encourage that parents and carers label all their children's belonging such as towels, bathers, undergarments, googles and school uniform. Please refer to previous communication on Swimming Lessons or ring the Office if you require further clarification.

Parent/Teacher Information Night and ACM

Please mark **Wednesday 7 February**, the St Mary's School Annual Community Meetings and Parent Information Evening. All parents/carers are invited to join the staff of St Mary's School for this very important event in the school calendar. The School Advisory Council and Parent and Friends Committee will conduct their ACMs, I will present an Annual Report and classroom teachers will address the parenting bodies of each class. Please see below:

UPCOMING EVENTS

Week 2

Mon 5 Feb	Whole School Morning Prayer 8:50am <i>SWIMMING LESSONS</i>
Wed 7 Feb	<i>SWIMMING LESSONS</i> Parent/Teacher Information Meetings School/P&F ACM 5:45 K/PP 5:55 Year 1.2 6:10 ACMs 6:50 Year 3.4 7:00 Year 5.6

Fri 9 Feb

SWIMMING LESSONS

Week 3

Mon 12 Feb	Nagle Principal Visit Yr 5.6
Tues 13 Feb	Shrove Tuesday
Wed 14 Feb	Ash Wednesday Mass
Fri 16 Feb	<i>CENSUS DAY</i> Year 5.6 Leadership Day <i>NEWSLETTER</i>

Week 4

Mon 20 Feb	Whole School Morning Prayer 8:50am
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REMINDER

Online LUNCH ORDERS need to be in by 10AM please.

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From Mr Love cont...

- 5.45pm-5.55pm- K/PP
- 5.55pm-6.05pm- Year 1/2
- 6.10pm ACM
- 6.50pm-7.00pm- Year 3/4
- 7.00pm-7.10pm- Year 5/6

After the official proceedings, a light meal and refreshments will be provided to the school community in the Undercover Area. We hope to see you all there.

Census Friday

16 February is Census Day for the State Government Data Collection. It is vitally important that all students from Pre-Primary to Year Six are present on Friday 16. If your son/daughter is absent, a written note of explanation must be provided to meet guidelines. This Census has many purposes, one of which relates to funding so please ensure your child is at school on Friday 16 February.

Whole School Mass

Today, the St Mary's School community gathered to celebrate the beginning of the school year with a whole school Liturgy. Thank you to Miss Miotti for leading this celebration and all the staff who took on various roles. Please refer to the Term Calendar for future liturgical celebrations as all families are welcome to attend.

Character Strengths

This year, staff at St Mary's School will be explicitly looking at cultivating positive self-awareness amongst the students and each other. Every child and adult have a unique profile of character strengths - some strengths come more naturally than others and help to contribute to an improved learning culture. When children know their personal strengths, they are more confident, resilient and better prepared to handle life challenges. The staff will be trying to instil positive psychology in their day-to-day practice by highlighting these character strengths among the students and each other. Look out for how your child/ren's character strengths are really making a difference to the growth of St Mary's School.

The Character Strengths model is a key component in the development of our Behaviour Engagement Review and developing optimum conditions for learning.

Medical Updates and Health Considerations

It is extremely important that the school is aware of any medical conditions or other health considerations that your child/ren may have. If you are new to the school or aware of any new medical conditions or other health considerations that may have developed over the holidays, then please come and collect the appropriate forms from the Office as soon as possible. For students with existing medical plans, updated medical forms will be sent home in the coming weeks for your child's medical plans to be updated. These forms need to be completed on a yearly basis and, where necessary, signed by your doctor. Thank you for your assistance in this matter.

Good News Story – Baby News

Our first snippet of good news is extended to the Jiby family on the healthy birth of Luke Jiby and to the Rivers family on the healthy birth of Arlo Rivers. What wonderful news to hear upon returning to school.

Take care,
Brett

Term Dates 2024

Term 1

Wed 31 Jan Commences

Thurs 28 Mar Finishes

Term 2

Tues 16 April Commences

Fri 28 June Finishes

Term 3

Tues 16 July Commences

Thurs 19 Sep Finishes - Students

Term 4

Tues 08 Oct Commences

Fri 06 Dec Finishes – Students

Public Holidays 2024

Mon	Mar 4	Labour Day
Fri	Mar 29	Good Friday
Mon	April 1	Easter Monday
Thurs	April 25	ANZAC Day
Mon	June 3	WA Day
Mon	Sept 23	King's Birthday
Wed	Dec 25	Christmas Day
Thurs	Dec 26	Boxing Day

BIRTHDAYS

15 Jan	Grace R
12 Jan	Max
13 Feb	Cole
05 Jan	Evie
05 Jan	Bailey
20 Jan	Harvey
04 Feb	Scarlett
15 Feb	Chayse
04 Jan	Isla W
14 Jan	Harry W (Yr4)
20 Jan	Jemima
01 Feb	Zavier
05 Feb	Asha
11 Feb	Hudson
14 Feb	Harry C
17 Jan	Clancy
22 Jan	Mrs Smith
28 Jan	Mrs Box
11 Feb	Mr Scaddan

Pupil Free Days 2024

Monday 15 April Staff PD Day

Tuesday June 4 Catholic Day

Monday July 15 Staff PD Day

Friday Sep 20 Staff PD Day

Monday Nov 4 Staff PD Day

DID YOU KNOW?

**Half of the world's
wetlands have been
lost since 1900**

DID YOU KNOW?

**Every year, about a
million sea creatures
die because of the
plastics disposed into
the ocean**

Eat a RAINBOW of vegetables everyday!

Different coloured vegetables provide different nutrients for growing bodies. Supplying kids with lots of different coloured vegies and fruits each day is the best kick-start we can give them for health, growth, and concentration in the classroom.

RED

Cherry tomato, radish, red capsicum, red apple, cherries, strawberries

ORANGE & YELLOW

Corn, yellow capsicum, apricots, mandarin, carrots, rockmelon

WHITE & BROWN

Cauliflower, nashi pears, mushrooms, white nectarine, banana

GREEN

Sugar snap peas, green apple, pear, cucumber, broccoli, grapes, frozen peas

PURPLE

Purple grapes, purple carrots, blueberries, plums, blackberries

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2024 SCHOOL FEES AND UNIFORM ACCOUNTS

2024 School Fees will be issued by Week 3. Attached there will be a form to complete if you wish to pay your school fees via a Payment Plan. Existing Payment Plans can continue.

2024 TERM ONE PLANNER

Please find the 2024 Term One Planner attached for your reference.

2024 STUDENT DETAIL AND MEDICAL RECORD

Each family will receive a copy of their Full Student Details Report/s and Medical Records on Monday along with the Collection of Student Images, Movie Permission and IT Usage Agreement forms. Please check and if necessary, update the details on these forms and sign and return to the school office by **Friday 9 February 2023**.

If you need to advise the school of new medicals details, please request a form from the school office.

PARISH NEWS

Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time – Year B

We sometimes come to Mass poor, sick, and troubled, much like the people who crowd around the door of Jesus in today's Gospel. Today let us express our needs to Jesus. Let us ask him to take us by the hand and help us as he helped Simon's mother-in-law. Then, with our spirits uplifted, we leave with a renewed desire to share God's love with others.

Project Compassion: Next Sunday will see the commencement of Project Compassion for 2024. Each year Project Compassion brings together thousands of Australians to stand in solidarity with the world's most vulnerable communities, to help end poverty, promote justice and uphold dignity. The theme of Project Compassion is *For All Future Generations*. It reminds us that what we do today can have an impact on all future generations. Donation Envelopes will be available next Sunday.

Our Aged and Sick; Pray for Fr. Brian Ahearn, Win & Ray Bowman, Nell Cripps, Col Constantine, Paul Leeson, Betty Thompson and all the residents of Brookview

Bishop's Communio Appeal: Thank you to everyone who contributed so generously to the Christmas Communio Appeal. The Appeal remains open until June 30th, 2024. Information on the ways you can donate towards the Christmas Communio Appeal can be found under the tab *Outreach* on the Geraldton website www.geraldtoncathedral.org "*Together we can make a difference*"

Peace Prayer

O Lord, you love justice and you establish peace on earth.

We bring before you the disunity of today's world;

the violence, and the many wars,

which are breaking the courage of the peoples of the world;

human greed and injustice,

which breed hatred and strife.

Send your spirit and renew the face of the earth;

teach us to be compassionate towards the whole human family;

strengthen the will of all those who fight for justice and for peace, and give us that peace which the world cannot give. Amen

NORTHAMPTON PLAYGROUP

At Edna Bandy Centre

COME AND JOIN US!

MONDAYS DURING SCHOOL TERMS

9AM - 11AM

GOLD COIN DONATION

BYO SNACKS

FRIENDSHIP & COMMUNITY
CREATIVE ACTIVITIES

TERM 1 2024

- 05/02 - Welcome Back to Playgroup (Biscuit Decorating)
- 12/02 - Water Play (Kids should wear bathers)
- 19/02 - Story Time & Fruit Platter (Bring a piece of fruit to share)
- 26/02 - Playdough Day
- 04/03 - Public Holiday - No Playgroup
- 11/03 - Ice Cube Sensory Play
- 18/03 - Visit to Brookview Nursing Home
- 25/03 - Easter Basket Craft/Easter Egg Hunt

CONTACT KAT ON 0455564447
OR VISIT THE NORTHAMPTON
PLAYGROUP FACEBOOK PAGE



WEEKLY HELPERS

- help pack away toys & activities
- Wipe tables/benches/high chairs etc
- Sweep/vacuum



WHAT TO BRING...

- Hat
- Water bottle
- Snack Box
- Clothes that can get dirty



- ICPA -

Isolated Children's Parents' Association



- ICPA advocates for access to an equitable education for all rural and remote students.
- As a member of ICPA you are a member of your Branch, your State ICPA and ICPA Australia.
- If you do not have a Branch near you or your State/Territory does not have an ICPA State Council you can join as a Lone Member.



ICPA BRANCHES

- 101 Branches across Australia.
- Advocate for local educational issues and are represented by delegates at State and Federal Conferences.
- Fundraise to send delegates and observers to Conference and to support rural and remote families at a local level.



ICPA IN YOUR STATE OR TERRITORY

- 5 State Councils - NSW, NT, QLD, SA and WA.
- Advocates to the State or Territory Government and stakeholders for students from rural town schools, distance education, early childhood or boarding as well as state allowances, local bus runs, communications, tertiary, trade, training and more.
- Holds an annual Conference where Branch delegates put forward State/Territory based motions.



ICPA AUSTRALIA

- Advocates to the Federal Government and stakeholders on Federal education issues. This includes the Assistance for Isolated Children, Youth Allowance, In Home Care, early childhood through to tertiary education and access to adequate telecommunications.
- Holds an annual Conference where Branch delegates put forward Federal based motions.



Become a member at icpa.com.au/au/membership

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Term 1 2024 Coaching Schedule

Northampton Tennis Club

5 week Program

Friday 16th February - Friday 22nd March

No Tennis March Long weekend

Bookings are Essential



Hotshots Red Ball 3-5yrs

3:30-4:00pm \$68.75



Hotshots Orange Ball 5-7yrs

4:00-5:00pm \$96.25



Hotshots Green Ball 8-12yrs

5:00-6:00pm \$96.25



Teens & Adults Yellow Ball 13yrs+ Yellow Ball

6:00-7:00pm \$96.25



Pickleball 8yrs+

(may be split into separate Juniors & Adults Group if needed)

7:00-8:00pm \$96.25

*Program subject to booking numbers *Sessions may be combined or cancelled

*Rackets available to borrow

For all bookings & enquiries:

Subject: Northampton Tennis Coaching
tennis@suncitytennisacademy.com.au

When Booking in Please Provide:

Contact Details:

- Jarron (Director): 0409 485 117

- Maranda (Accounts): 0448 772 464

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- Participants Name & Age

- Preferred Session type

- Guardians Name, email & mobile number

- Any Medical information we may need

- YES or NO Photo/Video Consent

Memberships & Court Hire:

<https://www.facebook.com/NorthamptonCommunityCentre>

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2024

\$50

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**WE WELCOME PREVIOUS PLAYERS, NEW MEMBERS
& TRANSFERS, CLICK ON THE LINK ABOVE**

***FRIDAY NIGHT TRAINING BUS FROM KALBARRI**

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heathwatkins@gmail.com

**PLEASE CONTACT NADINE SMITH /CHAD SMITH
OR MESSAGE THIS PAGE FOR MORE
INFORMATION**



Mum's Group

Have you just had a baby and are looking to connect with other mum's to share your parenting journey?

Our Mum's Group is free and focuses on supporting mothers health mentally, physically and emotionally after birth

Facilitated by our Women's Health Program Community Initiatives Officer and Women's Health Nurse, this group meets weekly in a relaxed environment with parenting education, activities and morning tea provided. There is no age limit on babies to attend this group.

Term 1 Dates: Wednesday mornings, starting February 7th
Venue: Desert Blue Connect Studio, 28 Durlacher St
Time: 9am -11am
Cost: FREE

To register for the group please scan the QR code or call us on 9964 2742 or email us at ci@desertblueconnect.org.au



Mum's Group

Term 1 Timetable

- Week 1. February 7th: Rhyme time with Joanne from the library
- Week 2. February 14th: Infant First Aid with St John's Ambulance First Aid Trainer
- Week 3. February 21st: Baby Massage with Cath from Mindful Body
- Week 4. February 28th: Pelvic Floor Health with Physiotherapist Bella from WACHS
- Week 5. March 6th: Geraldton Toy Library visit
- Week 6. March 13th: Meet Desert Blue's Early Childhood/Women's health nurse, Mel.
- Week 7. March 20th: Choosing if childcare is right for you with Courtney from Kidz Retreat
- Week 8. March 27th: Mums and Bubs Yoga with Cath from Mindful Body

Term 4 Dates: Wednesday mornings, starting 7th of February, 2024
Venue: Desert Blue Connect Studio, 28 Durlacher St
Time: 9am -11am
Cost: FREE

To register for the group please scan the QR code or call us on 9964 2742 or email us at ci@desertblueconnect.org.au



6 Week Women's Wellness Program

Do you want to improve your health and wellbeing, but don't know where to start?

Join in our 6-week group program and learn from our Women's Health Counsellor, Louanne Hardy, about topics that are vital for your holistic wellbeing. You will also connect with other women who share your journey and empower each other to live your best life. This program is for women who need foundational support and guidance to achieve their wellness goals.

Program Outline:

- Session 1 (20th February): Welcome, Introduction & Habits
- Session 2 (27th February): Nutrition, Wellbeing & Guest Speaker
- Session 3 (5th March): Physical Health, Wellbeing & Guest Speaker
- Session 4 (12th March): Mental Wellbeing — Thoughts, Feelings & Action
- Session 5 (19th March): Body, Soul & Guest Speaker
- Session 6 (26th March): Reflection: Now & Beyond

Date: Tuesday evenings from 20th February to 26th March, 2023

Time: 6pm-7:30pm

Venue: Desert Blue Connect Studio, 28 Durlacher Street, Geraldton

Cost: \$62 for all 6 sessions, with light refreshments provided

To register for the group please scan the QR code or call us on 9964 2742 or email us at ci@desertblueconnect.org.au



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TERM PLANNER TERM ONE 2024

WEEK	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY / SUNDAY
JAN	22	23	24	25	26-Jan	27
WEEK 0					Australia Day	28
JAN						
JAN						
JAN						
JAN	29	30	31	1	2	3
WEEK 1	ALL STAFF COMMENCE	Staff Commissioning Mass 8.30am SCHOOL OFFICE CLOSED UNTIL 12PM	STUDENTS COMMENCE		BEGINNING OF THE YEAR MASS 9.00am NEWSLETTER	4
FEB				SWIM LESSONS		
FEB						
FEB						
FEB	5	6	7	8	9	10
WEEK 2	WHOLE SCHOOL MORNING PRAYER 8.50am		PARENT/TEACHER INFORM SCHOOL ACM 5:45: K/PP 5:55: Yr 1/2 6:10: ACM 6:50: Yr 3/4 7:00 Yr 5/6			11
FEB						
FEB	SWIMMING LESSONS		SWIMMING LESSONS		SWIMMING LESSONS	
FEB	12	13	14	15	16	17
WEEK 3	Nagle Principal Visit Yr 5,6	SHROVE TUESDAY	LENT ASH WEDNESDAY MASS Yr 5,6		CENSUS DAY	
FEB					YEAR 5,6 STUDENT LEADERSHIP DAY	1st SUNDAY OF LENT
FEB					NEWSLETTER	
FEB						
FEB	19	20	21	22	23	24
WEEK 4	WHOLE SCHOOL MORNING PRAYER 8.50am					2nd SUNDAY OF LENT
FEB						26
FEB						
FEB						
FEB	26	27	28	29	1	2
WEEK 5						
MAR					NEWSLETTER	3rd SUNDAY OF LENT
MAR						3
MAR						
MAR	4	5	6	7	8	9
WEEK 6	LABOUR DAY PUBLIC HOLIDAY	LENT	SAC MEETING 6.00pm		ASSEMBLY MERIT CERTIFICATES	4th SUNDAY OF LENT
MAR						10
MAR						
MAR						
MAR	11	12	13	14	15	16
WEEK 7			NAPLAN TESTING		FACTION SWIMMING CARNIVAL	5th SUNDAY OF LENT
MAR						17
MAR			MASS OF OILS		NEWSLETTER	ST PATRICK'S DAY
MAR						
MAR	18	19	20	21	22	23
WEEK 8	LENT NAPLAN TESTING WHOLE SCHOOL MORNING PRAYER 8.50am				NCVISA SWIMMING CARNIVAL	Palm Sunday
MAR						24
MAR	HARMONY DAY	SACRAMENT OF FIRST RECONCILIATION 9.00am	RECONCILIATION Yr 4,5,6			
MAR						
MAR	25	26	27	28	29	30
WEEK 9	NAPLAN TESTING			STAFF/STUDENTS FINISH		31
MAR				ASSEMBLY MERIT CERTIFICATES NEWSLETTER		
MAR	Holy Week Class Liturgies Palm Sunday Yr K,PP	Washing of Feet Yr 1,2	Last Supper Yr 3,4	Stations of the Cross Yr 5,6	Good Friday	Easter Sunday
APRIL	1	2	3	4	5	6
WEEK 10						
APRIL	Easter Monday					
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