

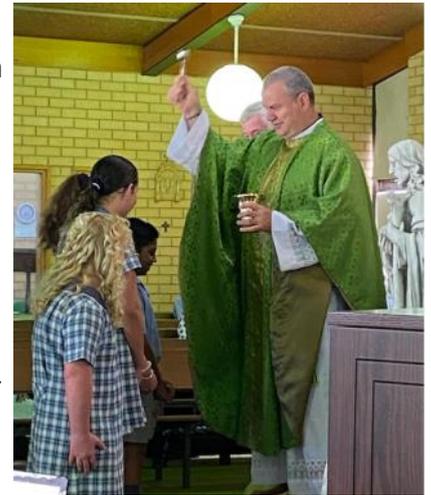


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St Mary's Weekly Newsletter

Dear Parents and Friends of St Mary's

Warm greetings to you all as we settle into the first term of the school year. It was terrific to see so many of you present at our Family Mass celebration on Saturday and wonderful to see such great participation from our children during the mass. Fr Paul has a lovely way of engaging with the children and presents such a refreshing and positive message about both the Catholic Church and the message of Jesus and how we can make this a meaningful part of our own lives. He has the capacity to do this with great humour also which is a real gift. During the mass Fr Paul blessed the student leadership badges and, along with the children's parents, I assisted him in presenting the badges to our Year 6 leaders for 2022, Emma, Katie, Hannah, Sophie, Ava, Prince and Uzair. Accompanying this newsletter is a special 'RE News' bulletin from Fr Paul which I commend to you all.



During my messages to the children in the first few weeks of the school year I have been re-emphasising a number of the key character strengths we explored last year including gratitude, kindness, teamwork and more. This messaging will be ongoing for a little while before we start introducing new character strengths along with our continuing emphasis on the ones we have already been exploring. I always try link in these character strengths with the life and messages of Jesus who was a great exemplar of all these strengths in his own lifetime.

I have a few favourite strengths I am keen to emphasise over and over again and one of these is the strength of Kindness. Imagine my joy then when I noticed our new Kindergarten teacher, Miss Gray, sporting a Tee Shirt with the message 'Be Kind' at our morning assembly. What a great visual aid to help me spread my message of kindness once again to the children. If we are not careful the message of kindness can be a little fluffy and wishy washy. This was certainly not the case with Jesus who challenged us all to follow what is now called the 'Golden Rule.' This Golden Rule tells us to 'love our enemies' and not just our mates. I don't know about you but I find the 'Golden Rule' pretty difficult to follow - it's not so easy to show kindness to those who sometimes put you down and make life difficult for you. Nonetheless that is what Jesus expects us to do because really it's no big deal just to be kind to those people you like. One of the biggest moments of the last week for me was when I asked the Kindergarten children what they thought about the 'Golden Rule' and one little girl, Krishi, told the whole school about it and how we needed to be kind to everyone and not just towards our friends. What a great message from one of our youngest students, a 5 year old, to spread, I thought. We can all learn from that, no matter what age or stage we are at in our lives.

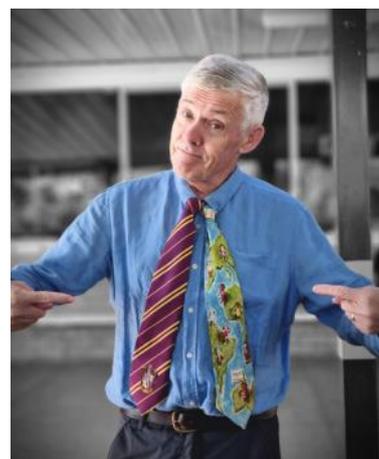


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Now, talking of character strengths, Miss Gray, Miss Smith and Mrs Nelson all demonstrated great creativity as well as humour, playfulness, zest and teamwork as they organised a special 'Twosday' celebration yesterday to mark the 2/2/2022. Casting aside my initial 'What's this nonsense. Why can't the kids just be getting on with schoolwork' thoughts, I reminded myself that school exists for the children and that we should always be looking to have fun whenever possible. I enjoyed getting into the act by donning two of my favourite ties, my 'Save The Children' one and my 'Harry Potter' one.

Wishing everyone a great week and thanking you for your support for St Mary's.

Vince



**FRIDAY LUNCH
DEAL
PIZZA SINGLES
\$2.50**



R. E. NEWS



Dear friends, what a blessing it was to share our first Family Mass for 2022. It was wonderful to see such fantastic participation in so many ways by the children from our school. A very special thank you to those who read, served, helped with the computer, the offertory and the collections. And a particular word of thanks to those who joined in the singing and music making so enthusiastically. I received so many comments of appreciation from

children to develop their skills and participate in the future at our weekend Mass. Chat with them about how they (and the whole family) can get involved. Please let the school know (or me directly) when you can make it and what way you'd like to get involved and we'll make sure everyone is prepared and ready. Consider these really important service rolls that can enrich every Mass:



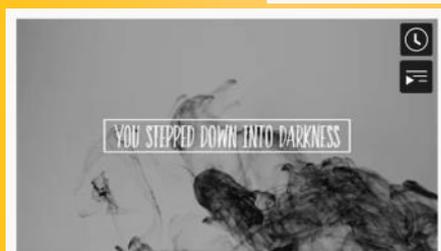
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- Reading Serving Welcoming Music
- Collections Singing Computer
- Offertory Zooper Dooper Boss!!!

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I really want our Parish to be proudly family focussed and family friendly with maximum participation by the children of all ages. I'll be in touch to see what might suit you and your children.



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Pastoral Care & Family Support

young and old for this beautiful celebration with our whole parish family.

A central part of my role as your priest is to offer pastor care and support to everyone and ever family. Please know that I am hear for you all to provide personal, relationship and family support in a confidential and respectful way. For many, many years now I have provided pastoral support in those times when we find ourselves vulnerable and overwhelmed. Over the years I've had particular

Check out the Youtubes above that are directly linked to the songs we used during the Mass. Play them with and for your children at all sorts of times. You'll be amazed how they pick up the melody and the words so easily. It's a great effortless way to nurture their faith and keep them interested.

Parents, we'd love to continue to encourage the



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Sport Report



Good luck to Emma Curtis, Giselle Gill, Samarth Patel and Prince Patel who will be representing Wilcannia-Forbes at the Polding Tennis trials to be held in Tamworth on Friday 25th February 2022. We know you will give it your best and most of all we hope you have fun and enjoy the experience.

*We also have 5 students attending the Diocesan Swimming Carnival on Monday 28th February in Condobolin. Emma, Giselle, Leah, Hannah and Ava were successful at the Southern Cluster Swimming carnival and will be representing our school. Good luck. We will have a full report of these events in next weeks newsletter. **THE DIO SWIMMING HAS BEEN POSTPONED UNTIL MONDAY 7TH MARCH***

Class Awards

Congratulations to the following students who received class awards at our assembly

***Haya Flanagan:** for being a kind and generous classmate. It is awesome to see your personality shine through.*

***Krishi Patel:** for working hard and listening carefully at all times. Keep up the great effort*

***Isabella Martin:** for her focus, determination and kindness in all areas of school*

***Clara Nelson:** for trying really hard in all areas of Year 2, You've stepped up and we are proud.*

***Giselle Gill:** showing great enthusiasm in literacy and engaging thoroughly in our new novel*

***Samarth Patel:** Working hard in maths to improve his Think Mental results*



2022 School Fee Schedule

Please see our annual school fee schedule below. We understand that not everyone is in the position to pay the school fees in one lump sum and we are more than happy to offer weekly, fortnightly, monthly or Term payment plans. If you are having any difficulty in paying your school fees please feel free to contact the office and make an appointment with Vince Campbell to discuss your options.

Fee Schedule 2022						
Details	One Child	Sibling Discount	Two Children	Sibling Discount 10%	Three Children	Four Children
Tuition	\$980.00	\$49.00	\$1,911.00	\$98.00	\$2,842.00	\$2,842.00
Resource, Technology & Copyright	\$190.00		\$380.00		\$570.00	\$760.00
Building Levy	\$300.00		\$300.00		\$300.00	\$300.00
Activities/performances	\$30.00		\$60.00		\$90.00	\$120.00
Chromebook Levy	\$173.00		\$346.00		\$519.00	\$519.00
	\$1,673.00		\$2,997.00		\$4,321.00	\$4,541.00
Discount if fees are paid in full by end of March	\$49.00		\$95.55		\$142.10	\$142.10
Total After discount	\$1,624.00		\$2,901.45		\$4,178.90	\$4,398.90
Weekly Costs (4 March with final payment 16 Dec) 42 weekly payments	\$39.83		\$71.36		\$102.88	\$108.12
Costs per Term	\$418.25		\$749.25		\$1,080.25	\$1,135.25

What's Coming up

	Please note all events are subject to change.
25 Feb	Polding Tennis @ Tamworth WF AFL Trials @ Hay
28 Feb	DIO Swimming Trials @ Condobolin
2 March	Ash Wednesday Mass 12.15
4 March	Assembly TBC
11 March	WF Boys Cricket Trials (Parkes)
17 March	St Patrick's Day Mass @ 10.30am
18 March	Assembly TBC
21 March	Harmony Day
31 March	Big Vegetable Crunch 10.00am
1 April	Assembly TBC
7 April	Mass 10.30am
8 April	Last day of Term 1

DELIVERY OF MEDICATION TO THE SCHOOL

Wherever possible medication should be provided to the school by parents on a daily basis. If the parent is unable to deliver the medication to the school it is advisable that a responsible person nominated by the parent to deliver it. If a student is given the responsibility of delivering the medication to the designated area, a proper assessment of the risk will be conducted. Factors to be taken into account when assessing the risk are:

- the maturity and capacity of the student
- parental consent
- any additional safety issue

Self-administration

Parents/Guardians need to inform the school regarding students taking medication at school. With the exception of the use of asthma relievers self-administration of medication by Primary aged school students is **not appropriate**.

CHILD SAFE SCHOOLS AND SUPPORTIVE ENVIRONMENTS INFORMATION FOR PARENTS

We take our responsibility to protect children seriously. All staff are expected to promote child safety by having a clear understanding of their legal child protection responsibilities and act in accordance with those responsibilities.

In particular, the school will:

- Maintain professionalism in our interactions with children at all times by exercising appropriate duty of care and maintaining professional boundaries.
- Follow an established process to address allegations of inappropriate behaviour by staff towards children.
- Ensure all people working in our school who are required to undertake a Working With Children Check have a valid clearance.

Respond appropriately when we suspect a child is at risk of significant harm due to possible abuse or neglect by a parent/carer or other adult.

RESPONDING TO RISK OF HARM

All school staff are mandatory reporters. This means that if there are reasonable grounds to suspect that a child is at risk of 'significant harm' from abuse or neglect, then a report must be made to the Department of Communities & Justice Child Protection Helpline (CP Helpline).

School staff are to inform the Principal if they are concerned that a child may be at risk. It is the role of the Principal to make the report to the CP Helpline.

In making a report the Principal will consider all of the information and seek appropriate advice from the Catholic Education Office. Any information about a child at risk is kept confidentially by the Principal.

In situations where a child is considered to be at risk, the school will work with the child and family to assist them as much as possible.

If you have any concerns about a child who you consider may be at risk, please discuss your concerns with the Principal as soon as possible and maintain confidentiality.



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