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DEAR PARENTS AND CARERS,

A message from Principal Marisa Matthys

School Advisory Board Information and Nominations

We congratulate and welcome Georgie Marinucci to the St Mary's School Advisory Council and thank her for her nomination. Georgie will be invited to attend the School Advisory Council AGM next week online on Thursday 3rd June. After the AGM, when all positions are filled on the Council, the SAC members will be introduced to our community through our website.

Languages Professional Learning Demonstration

Yesterday, Joe Favrin the Principal of Loyola Secondary College and his staff and Jim O'Sullivan and Staff of Sacred Heart Diamond Creek, visited St Mary's to learn about the co-learner functional language model of our Italian language learning. I was so proud of our students and their amazing use of language. Every day I learn so much from them and our staff. They were amazing!

**DEAR GOD,
Give us the courage
to accept the
realities of our
history so that we
may build a better
future for our
nation.**

**Teach us to respect
all cultures.**

**Teach us to care for
our land and
waters.**

**Help us to share
justly the resources
of this land.**

**Help us to bring
about spiritual and
social change to
improve the quality
of life for all groups
in our communities,
especially the
disadvantaged.**

AMEN

A message from Principal Marisa Matthys, continued.

OUR VISION

**St. Mary's is a dynamic
Catholic community of
empowered learners
engaging justly in the
world.**

COVID 19 Lockdown

Please ensure you read the important letter further in the Candela regarding this week's lockdown.

Long Service Leave

On July 12th I will hopefully be taking leave to travel by car and caravan up to Cape York Peninsula with my family. I will return on September 6th. This is a long-awaited holiday that I hope, finally to enjoy. Gabee Leone and Laurina Van Der El will be in charge in my absence. I look forward to sharing my adventures with you upon my return.

Letters of Offer 2022

Next week Letters of Offer will be sent to the families of our 2022 Preps. I look forward to welcoming the new families and current families to St Mary's.

Camp Rumbug

Congratulations to our Year 6 students and staff for their resilience and stamina on Camp. The weather wasn't overly kind to us on the last two days, however our students and staff persevered. They braved the cold wet and windy weather and had a wonderful time at Camp Rumbug.

First Eucharist Celebrations

Our prayers and thoughts are with Harper W, Lyra W, Charlie W, Sarah D, Harminder C, Peter S, Mikaila S, Elizabeth S, Charlie J, Dante C, Mia C, Sophia B, Stephanie S, Adele U, Aurelia S, Aleksander B, Archie D, Violet H, Austin P Marco S, Teagen T, Serena C, Scarlett S, Jackson W, Alexia D, Eden D, Mikayla P, Ava B, who celebrated their First Eucharist this term. Thank you to Fr Steve, Fr Dixon and Ana, the Year 3 and 4 teachers and to you, their parents who have prepared the children so well.



A message from Principal Marisa Matthys, continued.

Reconciliation Week

On Monday 31st May, the FIRE carriers, Rochelle L, myself and members of the St Thomas' Community would have been traveling to the Shrine of Remembrance to remember and acknowledge the indigenous men and women who fought in the wars. The students were going to lay a wreath and learn about these brave people. The Long Walk has been postponed. The theme this year is 'Reconciliation is more than a work. Take action.'

Congratulations

Congratulations to the Amore family on the birth of their beautiful baby girl, Alexa. Her brother, Lennox, is smitten. Mum and Dad are both overjoyed.

Marisa Matthys

Principal



Remote Learning



27th May 2021

Dear Parents and Carers,

As you would all be aware Victoria is going into a statewide lockdown from 11.59pm tonight until Thursday 3rd June 11.59pm

St Mary's is well prepared for this announcement as we once again provide remote learning from Monday 31st of May for our students. We have learnt so much from the previous lockdowns. Tomorrow, 28th of May is a Student Free Day.

Today your child will bring home a device, a charger, a Seesaw code, their pencil case and a writing book. Please remind your child that the code is a password and should remain secure and not be shared with other students.

If both you and your partner/carer are verified essential workers and will be working away from the home or if your child is deemed a vulnerable child please send me an email requesting their attendance.

Your child must be registered so that we know how many staff to call in as our staff will also be in lockdown. St Mary's is fully aware of who these children are, from the previous lockdowns however, you will still need verification from the Principal as per previous lockdowns.

The registration for vulnerable and essential worker students will be shared with you once you have emailed me.

Please also remember to sign the device waiver on Operoo. It is essential that you have done so in order for your child to access one of our devices for their learning.

If for some reason you need to attend Admin at St Mary's, please remember to wear a mask and remain physically distanced.

We will once again get through this short yet difficult time by supporting one another and adhering to the important restrictions to stop Covid 19.

Thank you for supporting the safety measures for all in our community.

Kind regards,
Marisa Matthys
Principal

COVID-19 Resources

COVID-19 vaccination – Easy Read resources and extended testing Covid-19 Clinic hours

Please always refer to credible sources for your Covid-19 information. Here is a list of easy read information for you to refer to and/or pass on as part of the ongoing conversation we are having out there in the community. Banyule Community Health Drive-thru Covid-19 testing Clinics is experiencing longer waiting times than usual at the moment. To help speed up the process we are encouraging community members to pre-register using the COVID-19 Testing registration Form <https://testtracker.covid19.dhhs.vic.gov.au/citizen-prefill>

The clinic has extended hours of 8am to 6pm. For information on other testing clinics, please visit <https://www.coronavirus.vic.gov.au/where-get-tested-covid-19> for updates.

Here is a series of fact sheets about COVID-19 vaccines in Easy Read format.

[COVID-19 vaccination – What is it? Is it safe? – Easy Read](#)

[COVID-19 vaccination – Who will get the vaccine? – Easy Read](#)

[COVID-19 vaccination – Where can you get the vaccine? – Easy Read](#)

[COVID-19 vaccination – The Pfizer vaccine – Easy Read](#)

[COVID-19 vaccination – Getting ready for the vaccination – Easy Read](#)

[COVID-19 vaccination – What to expect when you have your vaccination – Easy Read](#)

[COVID-19 vaccination – Giving your consent – Easy Read](#)

[COVID-19 vaccination – After your vaccination – Easy Read](#)

[COVID-19 vaccination – Other information – Easy Read](#)

Important Dates

MAY 2021

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
23	24	25 Sorry Day Mass location Hall 12:00 PM	26 Parish Finance Committee Meeting St. Mary's 7:30 PM	27	28 Student Free Day Disco and Assembly have been postponed	29

JUNE 2021

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 POSTPONED Long Walk 9:30 AM FIRE Carriers Yr 6 Students	2 POSTPONED Italian Day Celebration St. Mary's All Day	3 SAC AGM 7:00 PM TBC if online	4 2022 Prep Enrolment Letters of Offer sent	5
6	7 Yr 6 Interschool Sport Home Game vs. Greensborough	8	9	10	11 Feast of the Sacred Heart Mass St. Mary's 9:15 - 10:15am	12
13	14 Queens Birthday Public Holiday	15	16 Parents Association Meeting 7:00 PM Reports Available	17	18	19
20	21 P/T/C Conversations 12:00pm dismissal	22	23	24	25 Last day of Term 2 1:45pm dismissal	26

JULY 2021

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
11	12 School Closure Day Languages Italian / English	13 Students Return for Term 3!	14	15	16 Yr 1, 3 & 5 Footsteps Dance Program 1-2pm	17
18	19	20	21 Parents Association Meeting 7:00 PM	22	23 Yr 1, 3 & 5 Footsteps Dance Program 1-2pm	24 Working Bee Year 1
25	26	27 Grandparents Day Mass St Mary's Church 9:15 - 10:15am	28	29	30 Yr 1, 3 & 5 Footsteps Dance Program 1-2pm	31

Student of the Week

Term 2 Week 6	Student's Name	Student's Name
Prep S	Hugo C For demonstrating resilience as a learner when reading and answering questions about the book he is reading. Well done!	William K For always demonstrating a positive growth mindset and trying new things with a big smile. Keep up the great learning William!
Prep D	Emily J For the positivity, enthusiasm and kindness she brings to our classroom. You are always willing to help others and bring a smile to their face.	Angus S For making a significant effort to make responsible choices in the classroom, in particular, focussing on learning tasks at his table.
Prep KB	April E For the respectful way that you listen and participate in our learning on the mat. April we are also so proud of the effort that you are putting into your reading, keep up the wonderful work!	Elisha P For the wonderful expression you use when reading out loud and for working hard on settling into class in the mornings. Keep up the great work Elisha.
1MZ	Luca B For demonstrating respect and resilience at all times. You set a wonderful example for others to follow. Well done Luca.	Claire T For being such a kind friend to your peers and a respectful and responsible student. We are grateful you are a part of our class. Well done!
1V	Jimmy T For the wonderful thinking you share during our Maths Talks. Your knowledge is fantastic Jimmy!	Orla MK For putting your best effort into every learning task. Thank you for working so hard. Keep up the amazing work Orla!
1W	Max C For approaching all tasks with positivity and a growth mindset. You consistently show resilience and responsibility through your work. Well done!	Poppy S For showing kindness towards others both in the classroom and on the playground. Great job!

Student of the Week

2M	Gemma H For consistently approaching your school tasks with confidence and a willingness to share your thinking.	Jack S For working so effectively on sounding out your words.
2P	Tyler D For the determination and enthusiasm you show when working in teacher focus groups. This positive attitude is helping you to achieve your learning goals.	Max C For using a positive problem solving strategy to deal with a challenging situation. Well done on confidently speaking up for yourself!
2S	Regan F For listening intently, putting your hand up and for the excellent effort you put into every learning task. You're a star Regan!	James B For sharing your passion, enthusiasm and talent for Mathematics with the class. You blew me away this week with your abilities James!
3S	Lily G For demonstrating a growth mindset and for persevering through challenges.	Archie D For demonstrating a willingness to share your ideas and thoughts in class discussions.
3L	Isabel G For displaying the 3R's in all areas of St Mary's. You set a positive example in your kindness and willingness to include everyone.	Oliver M For demonstrating persistence and resilience when experiencing challenge. You have shown great independence and responsibility in all your learning tasks over the past few weeks. Keep up the hard work!
3G	Indie N For your interest and enthusiasm throughout our inquiry unit this term. You are a keen geographer, keep up the good work!	Lyra W For demonstrating the 3Rs in all that you do in the classroom and at school. Your responsibility and resilience are an example for your peers. Keep it up!

Student of the Week

4HW	Jedda W For demonstrating a growth mindset and responsibility for your reading. Jedda has consistently brought your diary to class each week this term which showcases a steady improvement in how often you read and the types of books you are selecting. Well done Jedda!	Paige P For demonstrating and explaining a range of mathematical strategies. Well done Paige!
4M	Georgia T For demonstrating excellence in your written pieces. You consistently produce high standard pieces that include varied sentences, amazing vocabulary, visual imagery and you always engage the reader. Well done Georgia!	Sebastian K For being actively engaged in all your learning. You have an inquiring mind and you are a highly critical thinker. You ask excellent questions that help clarify your thinking and understanding. Keep up the amazing work Sebastian!
4L	Peyton D For always sharing your ideas throughout class discussions, you have great thoughts!	Xavier K For sharing your strategies during our Math talks. Well done Xavier!
5W	Christos P For always displaying a growth mindset and improving all the time. Keep up the great work, Christos!	Charli W For settling in well at St.Mary's with a positive attitude. Well done Charli!
5V	Lucy F For always displaying a growth mindset. It's wonderful to have your happy smile and positive attitude in our classroom. Keep up the great effort, Lucy!	Isabel C For always demonstrating a positive growth mindset and being a wonderful example of our 3R's. Keep up the fantastic effort Isabel!
5G	Maya S For always persisting with every learning task as well as including others in your games.	Lucas AND For having a positive attitude towards learning this week. Keep it up!

Student of the Week

6C	Jessica DP For displaying initiative and gratitude by assuming the responsibility to publicly acknowledge the Year 6 Camp leader and staff at Camp Rumbug.	Jack L For displaying bravery and courage whilst on school camp as you went above and beyond to help and support your peers during all camp activities.
6O	Netanya DC For displaying bravery and courage whilst on school camp as you went above and beyond to help and support your peers during all camp activities.	Hayden P For displaying bravery, courage and humour whilst on school camp as you went above and beyond to help and support your peers during all camp activities.
6B	Liam LP For displaying bravery and courage whilst on school camp as you went above and beyond to help and support his peers during all camp activities.	Grace H For displaying bravery and courage whilst on school camp as you went above and beyond to help and support your peers during all camp activities.
ITALIAN	Cohen Straubinger 1MZ Great work using gestures and language. Isla Gray 1MZ Great work using gestures and language. Lewis Ventura 2S Great work in Italian Gilbert Siu 2S Great work in Italian	
SPORT	Cohan S, 1MZ For always listening well and having a go at all activities with enthusiasm. Well done Cohan Maddison M, 3S For always working well on your own, with partners and in group activities. Congratulations Maddison. Keep up your great work. Krystjan K 5W For great listening and participating in all activities with enthusiasm. Super job Krystjan. Keep it going.	

Student of the Week

M&D	Austin P, 4HW For being an enthusiastic role model for all students in Performing Arts	Kate, PKB For showing such passion and excitement for the Prep choir.
ART	William SI, 2M For demonstrating creativity in your detailed life drawing of a bird. Thank you for sharing your talent with us. Caleb H, 2M For displaying great focus and attention to detail in your drawing of a bird in flight. Thank you for sharing your talent with us.	Alexander A, Prep D Thank you for sharing your thoughts about the painting "Starry Night" . We enjoyed hearing your knowledge about Vincent Van Gogh and your enthusiasm toward this artwork.
SCIENCE	Carmina G, 3L For your willingness to challenge yourself and others by sharing your Science understanding and extending your learning of Science outside the classroom. Keep up the great work Carmina!	Henry L, 5V For showing amazing teamwork and resilience during our Science survivor challenges. Keep up the great work Henry!



Cross Country

WATSONIA DISTRICT CROSS COUNTRY 2021

Monday May 17 at Banyule Flats.

Congratulations to all students who competed at our Annual Watsonia District recently. All students performed extremely well and took out the Overall Points award. Students who finished in the top 10 now go on to represent St Mary's at the Banyule Division Carnival. We wish them all the best again.

St Mary results

Event	Name	Finishing Position
9/10YR B	Archer L	2
	Will R	18
	Paxton S	12
	Luca K	3
	Spencer L C	6
	Austin P	5
	Jack D	8
	Leo N	65
	Charle W	4
	Oliver G	21
	9/10YR G	Violet H
Callista D		8
Scarlett S		SICK
Stephanie S		12
Olivia P		DNF
Harper W		11
Lyra W		16
Eloise DP		21
Tilly P		23
Paige P		
11YR B	Arccher P	1
	Ethan D	2
	Lucas A	4
	Cooper W	8
	Lucas P	15
	Ben W	20
	Thomas T	40
	Charlie OI	42
Ethan W	41	



Cross Country

11YR G	Kayla B	2
	Sienna S	3
	Mia W	41
	Juliet V	10
	Scarlett M	6
	Sarah k	42
	Lucy F	8
	Ruby P	27
	Maddison P	11
	Seorshaire H	25
12/13 Yr Boys	Oliver N	1
	Thomas S	7
	Noah H	6
	Ben CC	16
	Vincent C	42
	Hayden P	10
	Harry Z	11
	Evan B	26
	Michael F	24
	Jack L	34
12/13 Year G	Zara S	1
	Eleanor F	4
	Chloe McK	5
	Lily B	21
	Isabella B	14
	Violet W	17
	Ruby VL	20
	Isabelle D	28
	Allannah V	25
	Elsa H	35

Sports

"Hi, I am Ruby V-L and On May 26, I went and participated in the Victorian State Footy tryouts. 42 people had gone to try out from the North to the South of Melbourne at Gladinar Park, Glen Iris. The West to the East will also try out and country Victoria. I have successfully made it in with 25 other girls. I will go to the next Stage for the Victorian tryouts on the 3th/4th of June to see if I can make it into the team. I put in good effort into this and I am proud that I have got to this stage and hopefully I get even further. Overall that means 138 girls had gone to try out from each district and out of 138 girls with 78 going to the next stage, I have made it in."



"Hi I am Taya H.D. Yesterday I participated in the School Sports Victoria Basketball tryouts which took place in Knox. There were around 60 girls there. Unfortunately I wasn't successful. I was proud of my efforts but I was very upset. I know that I shouldn't give up and be resilient with my basketball future ahead of me. "

"Hi my name is Chloe M and I made it to the second state selection for basketball. There were about 60 Kids all full of basketball talent. It was also so far away. It was in Knox. When I saw how many people there were I got so nervous. Once we got our numbers on our legs we got into eight teams of about six to seven. My team was team six and had really good players. When we got into the games we found out that they were eight minute games. We played seven games. On the seventh game halfway through my hand got caught in between two people going different ways bending my hand back. After that incident happened was the selections. I got incredibly nervous. They did it in numerical order and my number was #34. I got so nervous when they called out number #30 because if went to number thirty #35 I would mean I did not make the selection. But he called out #34. My Number! Now I am attending a two day camp. This camp will take place on the first and second days of the June school holidays. "



Sports

"Hi my name is Kayla B, On Wednesday the 26th of May, I was invited to participate in the School Sport Victoria Basketball Tryouts (SSV). This was a very big accomplishment for me as this was my first time ever doing this and I have now made it to State Team Trials. The competition was extremely hard as there were over 60 people trying Out for state and only 14 people got in. I was one of those 14 and I was really proud of myself. For a whole 2 hours we were doing a round robin which is where you get put in a team and for a whole day you have to compete against other teams that are also trying out. Our next and last competition is on the 28th and 29th of June. On the 27th of June we are doing a camp and are learning a lot of techniques and mainly some footwork skills, but for the try out days we are doing it for 2 hours on both days. If I don't get into the team it's fine because I have already made it this far!"



"On the 17th of May at Banyule Flats the Watsonia District Cross Country took place. There were eight schools that competed, and a maximum of ten representatives from each school ran. The 9/10 year olds ran 2km and the 11/12 year old age groups ran 3km. Each race was very close. Everyone was sprinting in the last 100 metres to try and get a better position. Anyone who placed top three got medals and if you placed top ten you made it through to the next stage. All schools ran really well and fortunately St.Mary's won the overall. Our representatives for St Mary's were Vice Captains Thomas S and Ruby V L, and our Captains were Hayden P and Sienna S. All the schools were very encouraging and were cheering everyone on at the end and it was a great environment to be in. Everyone enjoyed the District competition and everyone who made it to Division Level, are very excited for the next stage."



It's Disco Time

Friday 28th May

Junior Disco

Senior Disco

Prep – Year 2

Year 3 – Year 6

5:45 – 7:30pm

7:45 – 9:30pm

Cost \$4 strictly St Mary's students only. Tickets are off at the hall main entrance and collect from the year hall, x111b

No children are permitted to leave the hall until the end of the session

- Dance prizes, Glow sticks, Tattoos, Novelties available for purchase throughout the session \$1-\$5

Parents who have expressed interest in volunteering on the Parent Involvement form will be contacted shortly, any other enquiries or interest in volunteering to Jess 0402 768 672 or Yvonne 0439 305 369

In case we need to contact a Child's Guardian, please complete the below form & PRESENT UPON ARRIVAL.
\$4 to be paid upon arrival.

SURNAME NAME: _____

CHILD'S NAME: _____

CLASS: _____

PARENT/GUARDIAN: _____

CONTACT NUMBERS: (H): _____ (M): _____



Festa della Repubblica

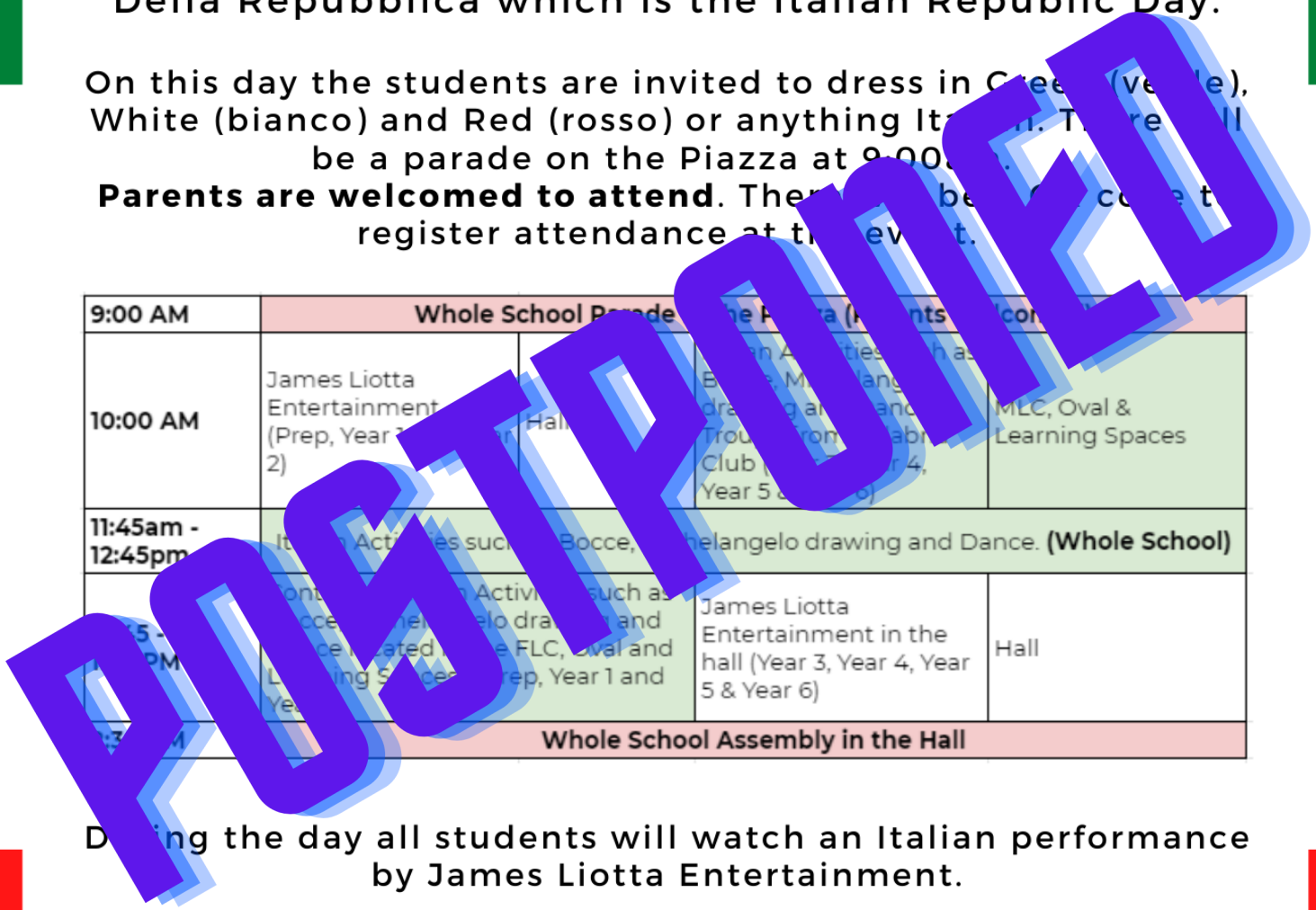


WEDNESDAY, 02 JUNE 2021

St. Mary's is celebrating all things Italian on the Festa Della Repubblica which is the Italian Republic Day.

On this day the students are invited to dress in Green (verde), White (bianco) and Red (rosso) or anything Italian. There will be a parade on the Piazza at 9:00am.

Parents are welcomed to attend. There will be a parade at 9:00am. Parents are invited to register attendance at the event.

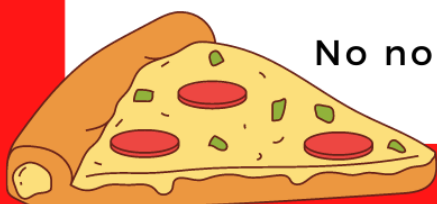


9:00 AM	Whole School Parade on the Piazza (Parents welcome)		
10:00 AM	James Liotta Entertainment (Prep, Year 2)	Hall	Italian Activities such as Bocce, Michelangelo drawing and Dance. (Whole School)
11:45am - 12:45pm	Italian Activities such as Bocce, Michelangelo drawing and Dance. (Whole School)		
1:15 - 1:45 PM	Italian Activities such as Bocce, Michelangelo drawing and Dance. (Whole School)	James Liotta Entertainment in the hall (Year 3, Year 4, Year 5 & Year 6)	Hall
3:00 PM	Whole School Assembly in the Hall		

During the day all students will watch an Italian performance by James Liotta Entertainment.

Special Italian Lunch can be ordered via Flexi-Schools app and will include pizza and gelati. This will be served at approximately 10:45am for Prep, Year 1 and Year 2 and approximately 1:45pm for Year 3 to Year 6.

If you can assist with this event please contact Mel Mayne
tuckshop@smgreensborough.catholic.edu.au
0400 973 033



No normal Tuck Shop purchases on that day.



THE FR. HURTADO SJ INDIGENOUS SCHOLARSHIP LOYOLA COLLEGE

Creating opportunities for Indigenous children
to learn, dream, achieve and succeed

Scholarships are available for Indigenous and Torres Strait Islander students who satisfy Loyola College's generic selection criteria. These scholarships are targeted at families who wish to provide their child with a Catholic education.

The scholarship inclusions are as follows:

- Minimum 50% reduction in school fees
(further negotiation available)
- Surface Pro Laptop
- Building Levy

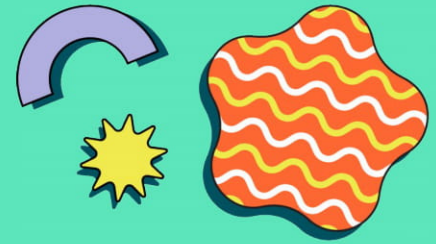
Applicants must meet the eligibility criteria below:

- Be of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander background
- Require financial assistance
- Have a strong commitment to Catholic Education and proven application to their studies
- Preparedness to share their culture
- Potential to flourish in and contribute to the Loyola school community

**APPLICATIONS FOR YEAR 7, 2023 SCHOLARSHIPS
ARE NOW OPEN**

For further information, please contact the Intercultural Perspectives Coordinator
Ms Vanda Tolli via email: tolliv@loyola.vic.edu.au

Newsletter



EXTRAORDINARY HOLIDAY ADVENTURES

Bookings now open for Mission II

www.campastralia.com.au/rocketeers

Join Mission II and receive your free mission patch and booklet.



IMPORTANT DATES

- Monday 14th June 2021 Public Holiday (No OSHC)
- Monday 21st June 2021 Parent Teacher Conferences (OSHC open from 12pm for ASC)
- Friday 25th June 2021 End of Term 2 (OSHC open from 1:45pm for ASC)
- Monday 28th June to Monday 12th July 2021 Rocketeers Holiday Care
- Tuesday 13th July 2021 Start of Term 3 (OSHC open for regular BSC and ASC)

A message from your Coordinator

Last week the children had a lot of fun engaging in activities that had them exploring different animal habitats. The children enjoyed completing a variety of themed puzzles, playing imaginatively with the Asian rainforest animals and bamboo blocks, making habitat scenes for craft, and playing with the animal memory game and zoo dominoes. This week our program has allowed the children to learn about Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander culture as part of NRW. Children created a bush scene for our native Australian animal figurines, decorated boomerangs, used story stones, made some bush tucker and played instruments around a faux camp fire. Next week we are looking forward to celebrating Italian Week.

Activities coming up

- Italian Week
- Chess Challenge
- Sculpture with Rainbow Dough

National Reconciliation Week

27 May - 3 June, 2021

Join in the activities during NRW and learn all about Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander histories, cultures and achievements.



What's on the menu

- Pita Bread Pizza
- Banana Ice Cream
- Apple Scones

It's free to register

To attend our program, you must register your child. You can register an account with us at pp.campastralia.com.au or by downloading our Camp Australia smartphone app from the Apple App Store or on Google Play. Once registered, it's easy to make bookings and manage your account.



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