



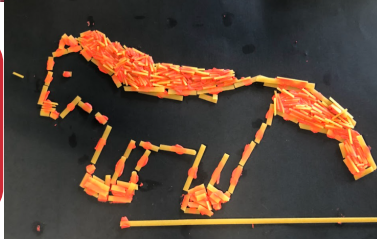
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Prepare the way of the Lord;

Make a path for our God in the desert.

Every valley shall be lifted up;

Every mountain and hill be brought low.

The crooked ways shall become straight;

The rough places shall become smooth.

The glory of the Lord will be revealed;

And all people will see it together.

This is the promise of the Lord;

And God's promise will be fulfilled.

Amen

DEAR PARENTS AND CARERS,

A message from Principal Marisa Matthys

St Mary's Feast Day

The St Mary's Italian Festa was a huge success as the students had fun dressed in Italian colours and all things Italian. Thank you to the Italian Committee and especially Gessie, Michelle and Gabee for organising the event. Thank you to Year 6B for our Italian Slideshow. Congratulations also to the staff for supporting the students. A huge thank you to Amanda for filming and to Gabee for organising the Mass and to Mel for organising the Lunch. Thank you also to all parents for supporting the day by helping your children dress up and have fun.

Farewell Year Sixes

As another year ends for St Mary's Parish School we are grateful to have had an opportunity to stop, reflect and express gratitude for the many achievements of our school community in 2021. Thank you to Michelle Polifiore, Fergal O'Reilly, Laura Cardillo and Kate Hoseason and all staff for their support and care of the Year Six children throughout this tumultuous year. Indeed, we have much to be thankful for and proud of this year especially in light of how we dealt with adversity and can still find the joy around us.

For the Year Six students, and staff, we look forward to a wonderful celebration of St Mary's in the Church and on the Piazza with our graduation class of 2021. Thank you to Mel Mayne and the Parents Association for supporting the graduation.

In Appreciation

This time of the year for us is an ending and a beginning. The school year ends, the holidays commence and for some students, parents and staff the new year will bring a new beginning at a different setting. We feel some sadness as we say goodbye to

A message from Principal Marisa Matthys, continued.

VISION STATEMENT

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

students, parents and staff who have been a part of our school community, a part of the St Mary's story. We thank them for their generous spirit and what they have contributed to our school and wish them all the best for the next stage of their lives:

Keith and Emma Bainbridge, Murat and Dilek Besnek, Gabrielle Blake, Paul and Peta Bohan, Adam and Natalie Brien, Danielle Bristow, Dominic and Giulia Calleja, John and Aliscia Carbis, Frank and Grace Cartisano, Adrian and Paula Colarusso, Adrian and Jane Compton-Cook, Nicholas and Kathryn Cook, David and Suzi Crispino, Nabil and Nisreen Farah, Duangjai and Alfonso Feroletto, David and Louise Fisher, Shane and Nataalka Frost, Danny and Kerry Georgiev, Damian and Kylie Hannam, Leon and Kylie Harvey, Steve Hodgson, Annette Barker, Andrew and Janelle Humphrey, Jai and Lisa Kerr, Cameron and Janet Laing, Frank and Maree Lapenta, John and Tracey Lock, Peter and Amanda McKenna, Gregory and Michelle Molloy, Natalia Alnajjar, Bernard and Anita Nemet, Minh and Hanh Nguyen, Brady and Amie Oakey, Adrian and Kylie Ormerod, Bernard and Kim Plunkett, Peter and Gill Probst, Shane and Narelle Quinn, Lisa Rocca, Joe Rocca, Simon and Nikola Shearer, Bryce and Kathryn Stimpson, Robin Sutherland, Marco and Kim-Marie Visser, Wayne and Monica Volwes, Harro and Jacinta Wennrich, Karl and Kate Wilhelmsson, Brendan and Yvette Wilson, Peter and Nancy Wilson, George and Kristy Zavitsanos, Peter and Jenny Zuzic.

Leaving Students

Evan B, Toprak B, Maggie B, Aisha B, Shae B, Kayla B, Tyler C, Ella C, Vincent C, Adam C, Ben C, Molly C, Mia C, Michael F, Tony F, Eleanor F, Archie F, Owen G, Marcus H, Saoirse and Zoe H, Ethan H, James H, Chloe K, Emily L, Jack L, Sarah L, Erin M, Charlotte M, David and Elias N, Oliver N, Ethan N, Jacob O, Bailey O, Ruby P, Angus P, Patrick Q, Lee R, Samuel S, Sienna S, Connor S, Alannah V, Juliet V, Mia W, Daniel W, Archer W, Sian W, Lucy W, Harry Z, Eva Z.

Congratulations to all of our students on the achievements of 2021.

End of Year Graduation Mass

Next Tuesday 14th the St Mary's staff and Year 6 students will come together to celebrate and give thanks for all that has been achieved in 2021. We are truly grateful to God and we wanted to give thanks for St Mary's Parish School and everyone involved. Thank you to our families who have supported us throughout this difficult Covid Year. The Mass will be streamed.

Orientation Day Cancelled

We were fortunate to have last week's orientation day albeit outside. Today's orientation was cancelled due to inclement weather as all mixed students must be outside to curb the spread of Covid.

Compass

Thank you to the parents who attended last week's Compass info evening. If you were unable to attend please ensure you have watched the video sent by Amanda

Congratulations to Student Leaders

Throughout the last few weeks students from Years 4 to 6 have been listening to the speeches of our students who have applied for a position on the Community Action Teams for 2022. I wish to applaud all students who applied and congratulate every child for their maturity in success and disappointment.

The Positive Behaviour and Wellbeing CAT members are: Eoin B, Ruth J, Alannah F, Mia H, Ollie F, and Owen P.

Digital CAT: Leo C, Ava C, Anabelle J, Arlo C, Nikolas B, and Daniel L.

Sustainability CAT: Lucas A, Scarlett M, Darcy N, Eva M, Leo C, Eloise D.

Languages CAT: Milla R, Emmerson T, Aiden L, Lydia P, Will H

Liturgical CAT: Kalia O, Eva K, Elsa H, Gloria A, Ana-Lucia M, Abbey L

Health and PE CAT: Archer P, Thomas T, Lucas P, Lucy F, Christos P, Ruby P

I explained to all Year 6 2022 students, you do not need a badge to be a leader. All leaders will sign a contract agreeing to a standard of behaviour and the expectations of St Mary's Catholic School.

School Leaders

Last week Gabee Leone and I interviewed students for the positions of School Captain and Deputy School Captain. These students will be announced in their classrooms next week, as we are unable to have an assembly. Good luck to all applicants. In 2022 our first assembly in Week 1 will be presenting the badges to our School Leaders. Hopefully by then parents will be able to attend.

A message from Principal Marisa Matthys, continued.

Staffing 2022

I am pleased to be able to share our updated 2022 Staffing with you.

Prep: Michelah Fabiyanic, Sally Kerr, Carolyn Smith

Year 1: Vesna Bosnjak, Angie Varvaris, Tania Micomonaco.6/Louise Zannino.4,

Year 2: Kirin Geale, Emma Maerz, Kate Hoseason .6/ Cris Brewer .4

Year 3: Grace Gibbons, Cassie Lia, Nichole Sorockyj

Year 4: Annie Bell, Jessica Moore, Taylor Leslie

Year 5: Robyn Vorster, Briar Wagner, Rob Williams

Year 6: Aaron Harris, Jeanette Merlo, Michelle Polifiore.6/Fiona Maclsaac.4

Specialists

Phys Ed Fergal O'Reilly

Performing Arts Kurt Geyer

Science/Digital Technology Rochelle Lopez

Visual Arts Jan Tivisini

Italian: Michelle Polifiore.2 /Gessie Burgio

Library: Fiona Maclsaac.6

Literacy Coach/Tutoring: Beck Mellerick

Intervention: Karen Watson.6

Chaplain: Jude Caspersz

Learning Support

Bernie Benson, Maggie Bradley, Bernadette Degiorgio, Linda Doherty, Daniela Feltrin, Fiona Henderson, Chloe Holmes, Renee Indovino, Vesna Karaula, Daniel Marasco, Nancy Marino, Libby Salerno, Sam Sankey, Peter Shuttlewood, Holly Spicer, Lisa Trinh and Karen Weaver.

Administration Team

Finance Manager: Rochelle Mietus

Admin Manager: Jennifer Baker

Admin Assistant: Sharyn Ryan

Maintenance

Gary Collings, Michael Falzon. Faris Georgy

Leadership Executive Team

Principal: Marisa Matthys

Deputy Principal/RE: Laurina van der EL

Learning Culture: Laurina van der EL

Learning Diversity/Student Wellbeing: Marguerite Jones & Rachel Perissinotto (Term 2 onwards)

Literacy: Laura Cardillo

Numeracy: Alison Hall

Numeracy and ICT: Belinda Cheong

Staff return to St Mary's on 28th January. Camp Australia will continue to run a school holiday program on the 28th and 31st of January and on our testing days for parents who may need to book in their child.

Thank You

I wish to take this opportunity to thank Fr Steve, staff, students and parents for your support in 2021. I have thoroughly enjoyed 2021 even through the pandemic. It has been another year we will never forget and I am deeply appreciative that I was present in this supportive community through such a difficult time. I commend all of our community leaders and members i.e. the SAC, Parents Association, PPC, Finance Committee, Faith Development Team, LAMP team and any other committees or groups that enhance our Parish and School.

I am deeply grateful to Gabee Leone and my Leadership team for their vision and hard work.

I wish everyone a safe, holy and peaceful Christmas and a wonderful free New Year.

God Bless,

Marisa Matthys

Principal



DEC



S M T W T F S

5 First Eucharist 8am, 10am and 5pm Confirmation 1pm & 2:30pm	6	7 Year 1-6 Orientation	8 Feast of Immaculate Conception Mass, 9:15am - 10:15am Italian Fiesta Day!	9 Carols Night, is ONLINE	10 Yr 6 Big Day Out! Years 1-5 Dance & Gym	11
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12	13	14 Early Release 1:45pm Year Six Graduation	15 Handover Day Administration Staff
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28 Staff Induction and First Aid Training	31 Staff Induction
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FESTE

S M T W T F S

		1 Assessment Day	2 Assessment Day	3 First Day of Term 1	4	5
6	7	8 Swimming Trials	9	10	11	12
13	14	15 Gen Faith Night	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24 Watsonia Swimming Carnival Prep Buddy Picnic	25	26




FEB

S M T W T F S

		1 Pancake Tuesday	2 Ash Wednesday	3	4	5
6	7	8	9 Eucharist Faith Night	10	11	12
13	14 Labor Day Holiday	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22 School Photo Day	23 School Photo Day Year 5 Camp Billabong	24 Year 5 Camp Billabong	25 Year 5 Camp Billabong	26

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School Fees



Dear Families,

Attached with this Candela is important information regarding 2022 School Fees. Please read this carefully in preparation for the next year. There is a slip attached to the letter that will need to be returned to the school by the 3rd of December to acknowledge that you have received the information.

Thank you to all families that have paid their fees this year. Outstanding 2021 Fees are now overdue. If you do not have an existing arrangement, please make your payment as soon as possible. All fee statements are sent via email at the start of each term. Please ensure that you check your SPAM folder if you have not received your statement in your inbox, or contact me to check.

Many payment plans need to be assessed to ensure that the amount will cover you for 2022. Please check the new fees information and assess your amounts. Any adjustments to existing plans can be emailed to accounts@smgreensborough.catholic.edu.au.

Please note that existing payment plans may have an end date if you did not nominate for it to be ongoing. Please check with me if you are unsure. Payment plans that have an end date will require a new form.

If you would like to start a payment plan please fill in one of the attached forms and return to the email as above, or drop it in to the office. These forms can also be located on the school website under Enrolments, School Fees.

Thank you and kind regards,
Rochelle Mietus
Finance Manager



Student of the Week

Prep S

Congratulations to all the students in Prep S
For an outstanding year of learning. You have supported each other, encouraged each other and shown kindness to each other everyday. Remember to always just keep swimming and see every new challenge as an adventure. It has been my privilege to be your teacher this year and I wish you all the best in Year One next year.

Prep D

Congratulations to all of the wonderful students in Prep D
You have amazed me with your hard work, resilience, growth mindset and kindness. You have all achieved so much which makes me super proud. I have loved seeing your beautiful smiling faces each day. You are my superstars. May you continue to shine. Good luck in Year One.

Prep KB

Congratulations to all of Prep KB
This year you have all grown into respectful, responsible and resilient friends and learners. We are so proud of you all! Continue to work hard, spread kindness and be the best that you can be! All the best for 2022 as you begin your Year One journey together. Mrs Kerr, Mrs Brewer and Nancy.

1MZ

Congratulations to all of One MZ students
For being amazing students in 2021. You have all shown resilience, responsibility and respect as a learner in Year One. We wish you all a very happy Christmas and look forward to seeing you all as wonderful Year Two learners in 2022. Enjoy your holidays.

1V

To all students in One V. Thank you for your hard work and resilience over the year. I have loved watching you all grow and can't wait to see you shine in Year 2.

1W

All of One W
Congratulations on a wonderful year of learning together! You have displayed resilience and worked extremely hard. I hope you all have a wonderful Christmas break and have a great time in Year Two!

2P

Everyone in 2P
Congratulations on an incredible year to everyone in 2P. I am so proud of each and every one of you for the hard work, resilience, kindness and excellent attitude that you bring to school everyday. You have all done an incredible job and gone on this rollercoaster of a year with such grace. I am so blessed to have had the opportunity to be your teacher over this semester. You are all ready for your next adventure in Year 3 and I wish you all the best. Well done 2P!

2M

Congratulations Two Magnificent!
What an amazing year for each of you! I am so proud of your achievements and ability to find joy in every challenge and new experience!

2S

All students in 2S
Are student of the week for the final week of the school year! I have been so blessed to share the year with this beautiful bunch of little people. You have shown such determination, curiosity, resilience and kindness throughout a very unusual year of onsite/offsite remote learning. I am so proud of each and everyone of you and you will always have a special place in my heart. Miss Sharpe :-)

3G

Congratulations to all 3G Students. You have shown resilience and kindness throughout the year. You have faced and learnt to cope with so many challenges. I am proud to be your teacher. I wish you all the best as you move into Year 4! Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. - Miss Gibbons

3S

Everyone in Three S
Congratulations to everything that you have achieved during 2021! You have all demonstrated strength, courage, determination and teamwork. You have been faced with so many challenges and have used all of the strategies that you have learnt to cope in a positive way demonstrating resilience and perseverance. I couldn't be more proud of you all for the way you have continued to encourage and support each other through all of the ups and downs we have experienced this year! I wish you all the best for Year 4!

3L

Everyone in Three L
Congratulations to everyone for an amazing 2021! You have persevered through a number of challenges and have used positive coping strategies and communication to cope with everything this year has thrown your way. I am so proud of each and every one of you and am so grateful to have had you in 3L. I am sad to see you go to year 4 but know you are going to have another amazing year. Well done 3L!

4HW

Lucy D
For being a wonderful friend to students across the Year Four cohort. You demonstrate care, compassion and immense support for everyone. Keep it up!

Mia C

For demonstrating resilience and maturity when met with challenges. Your positive attitude and growth mindset inspires us all! Well done Mia.

Student of the Week

4L

Congratulations to all students in 4L!! You have faced many challenges with resilience, positivity and determination! Thank you all for a wonderful year, I am so proud of you all and have such a wonderful time being your teacher! Good luck in year 5!!

4M

Congratulations to all the students in Year 4M! I have been the luckiest teacher in the school teaching such a wonderful bunch of students that work so hard and love learning each and every day. Thank you for being so kind and welcoming in my first year at St. Mary's. You have amazed me with your dedication, perseverance and persistence to do your best each day with a growth mindset. We have shared such funny and happy times and I know that you will be incredible Year 5s and leaders of the school next year. I will miss you and you will always be so special to me! Good luck as Year 5s in 2022!!!

5SI

Everyone in 5SI! Congratulations to everything that you have achieved during 2021! You have all demonstrated strength, courage, determination and teamwork. You have been faced with so many challenges and have used all of the strategies that you have learnt to cope in a positive way demonstrating resilience and perseverance. WE couldn't be more proud of you all for the way you have continued to encourage and support each other through all of the ups and downs we have experienced this year. WE wish you all the best for Year 6!

5V

Everyone in 5V

Congratulations on all you have achieved this year! You faced every challenge and came out stronger on the other side. Thank you for the wonderful year and many happy memories we have shared together. I wish you all the best for Year 6!

5W

All in 5W!

Congratulations on all you have achieved this year! You faced every challenge with determination and resilience and worked so well. Thank you all for a great year. I am very proud of you. I wish you all the best for Year 6!

6O

All in 6-O!!!

Congratulations on reaching the summit of your Primary School Years. Best of luck as you venture forward into High School. The world is your oyster!! Grab it with both hands!!!

6B

All in 6B!!!

Congratulations on reaching the summit of your Primary School Years. Best of luck as you venture forward into High School. The world is your oyster!! Grab it with both hands!!!

6C

All in 6C!!!

Congratulations on reaching the summit of your Primary School Years. Best of luck as you venture forward into High School. The world is your oyster!! Grab it with both hands!!!

Art

Congratulations to all students for your creative contributions to our Art Show. You demonstrated resilience and flexibility throughout Remote learning. The Art show proved to be both an inspiration and celebration. Keep creating in the holidays and I look forward to a wonderful 2022 in the Art Room.

Science & Digi Tech

To all students at St Mary's

For contributing to a wonderful year of questioning, exploring and discovery. I hope that you have enjoyed your year learning Science and Digital Technology and I can't wait to see you all in 2022 to continue our learning journey. Bravissimi!!

Sport

Jess. D (6C)

Congratulations on finishing your final year in P.E At St Marys in a fantastic way, You have demonstrated great resilience and a willingness to improve when faced with a challenge.

Oh What a Wonderful World!



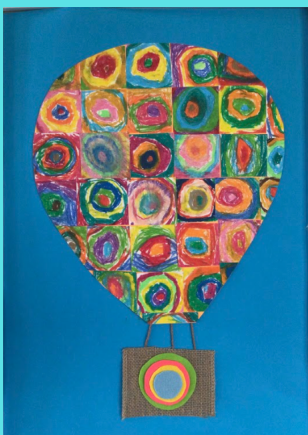
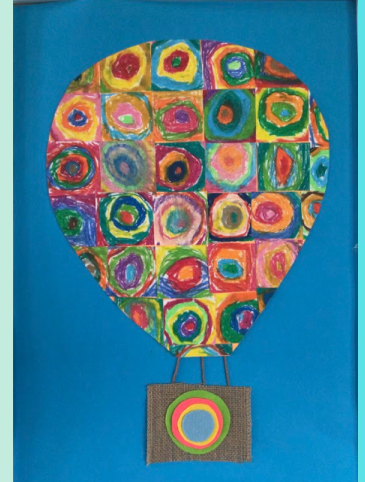
Congratulations to all our Artists at St Mary's. Our Art Gallery walk on Thursday 25th November showcased the amazing creativity and talent in our school. Students were very proud to see their work exhibited and enjoyed viewing the art pieces from other students in the school. This was a lovely celebration of accomplishment and provided motivation for our young artists.

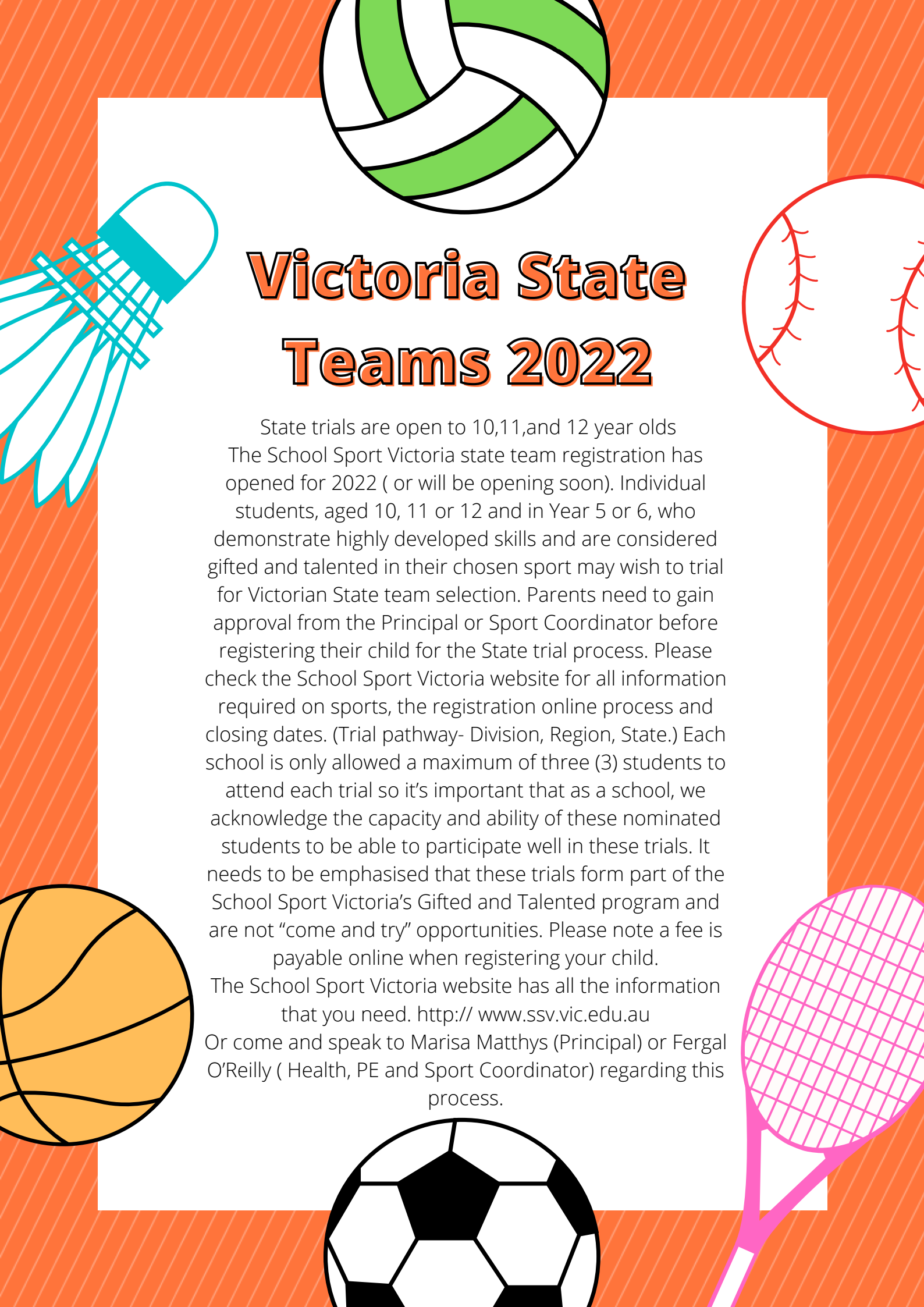
In 2021, St Mary's students have created their own Art Movement ... "The Invincibles" because not even a pandemic or lockdown was going to stop our Art Exhibition. This is the link to our digital presentation which provides a snapshot of our talented students.

<https://stmgreen.wixsite.com/st-marys-artshow>
PW: stmgreen

I have thoroughly enjoyed my first year as Visual Arts Specialist at St Mary's and the many hours which have been dedicated to this exhibition have been rewarding and fulfilling. I believe that Art is something that makes you breathe with a different kind of happiness, so take a deep breath, exhale slowly and embrace "Our Wonderful World."

Grazie,
Janette Tivisini
Visual Arts Specialist





Victoria State Teams 2022

State trials are open to 10,11,and 12 year olds
The School Sport Victoria state team registration has opened for 2022 (or will be opening soon). Individual students, aged 10, 11 or 12 and in Year 5 or 6, who demonstrate highly developed skills and are considered gifted and talented in their chosen sport may wish to trial for Victorian State team selection. Parents need to gain approval from the Principal or Sport Coordinator before registering their child for the State trial process. Please check the School Sport Victoria website for all information required on sports, the registration online process and closing dates. (Trial pathway- Division, Region, State.) Each school is only allowed a maximum of three (3) students to attend each trial so it's important that as a school, we acknowledge the capacity and ability of these nominated students to be able to participate well in these trials. It needs to be emphasised that these trials form part of the School Sport Victoria's Gifted and Talented program and are not "come and try" opportunities. Please note a fee is payable online when registering your child. The School Sport Victoria website has all the information that you need. [http:// www.ssv.vic.edu.au](http://www.ssv.vic.edu.au) Or come and speak to Marisa Matthys (Principal) or Fergal O'Reilly (Health, PE and Sport Coordinator) regarding this process.

Swimming

Dear Parents and Caregivers of students in Years 3-6 2022,

**ST MARY'S 2022 SWIMMING TRIALS - TUESDAY 8th FEBRUARY
2022**

**Each year St. Mary's sends a team to participate in the
Watsonia District Swimming Carnival. In 2022, the District
Carnival will be held at Watermarc, Greensborough (Thursday,
24th February) and TRIALS for this event will be held on
Tuesday 8th February 2022 at Watermarc Greensborough from
10am- 1pm.**

**Children aged 9 (turning 9 in 2022), 10, 11, 12 & 13 are
eligible to participate in 50m freestyle, backstroke,
breaststroke and butterfly; freestyle/ medley relays.**

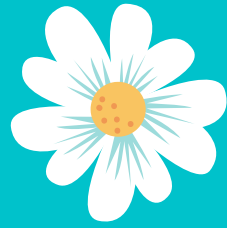
**Children need to be CONFIDENT swimmers using the correct
stroke technique. Backstroke is the only event where
swimmers start in the water, otherwise they start with a dive
entry at the deep end of the pool.**

**Thus, due to two interrupted Covid Years, swimming
competencies of some students may not be where they would
like them to be. Therefore, over the summer holidays, I
encourage all students to swim as often as they can and try
out for the School Swim Team in February 2022.**

**Kind regards,
Fergal O'Reilly
Health & PE, Sports Coordinator 2022**



Wellbeing



Congratulations to all our students.

We are so proud of each of you for being *resilient*, **responsible** and *respectful* learners and friends this year.



#selfcare these school holidays.

Just as we look after our physical health, it's important to look after our mental health. Self-care is all about what you can do to help yourself feel better or to keep yourself feeling good. It's a way that we can look after our own mental health and wellbeing. It can help your body and mind to relax, drift away, or be more energised. There are lots of different ways you can try self-care: dancing, spending time with friends, playing sports, laughing, drawing, spending time with pets - anything that makes you feel good!

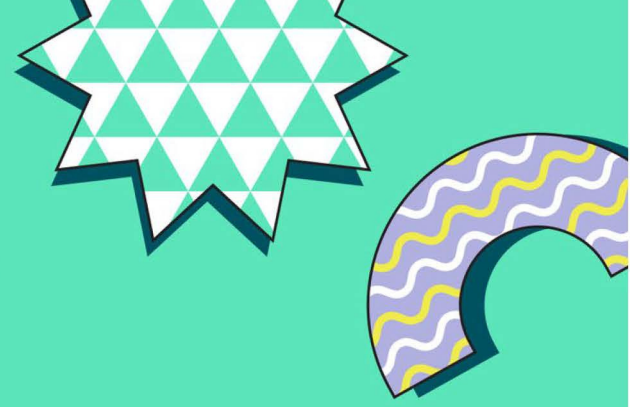
A few suggestions to help your child rest, relax and enjoy the holidays are:

- ★ Give - give your time, give your words, give your presence, spread kindness.
- ★ Connect - talk and listen, be there for people, feel connected, listen carefully
- ★ Be active - 'move your mood', find active things that you enjoy.
- ★ Keep learning - embrace new experiences, seek new opportunities, find out new information.
- ★ Take notice - remember the simple things that make you smile, pay attention to the present moment.

Kind regards, Sally Kerr
Student Wellbeing Leader



Newsletter



BOOKINGS NOW OPEN FOR MISSION IV

www.campastralia.com.au/rocketeers



A message from your Coordinator, Zoe

Happy almost-end of term!! What a year, thankfully we are all able to be back at school. We want to say a BIG THANK YOU to all our families and children for their kindness and patience while we transitioned a new Coordinator and lots of educators into OSHC at St Mary's this term. We're getting right into the festive spirit with lots of fun Christmas crafts all week long. Rocketeers kicks off next week, are you booked in? We launch our VIP VIBES theme and can't wait to show off our Rockstar skills, plus adventure out on some excursions too. 2022 bookings are open now, make sure you jump online and get your place for next year! We hope everyone has a very happy holidays, and we will see you NEXT YEAR!!

Activities coming up

- Homemade Christmas Cards
- Christmas Crafts
- Rocketeers VIP Vibes Launch!

On the Menu

- Mini Pizza
- Christmas Pancakes
- Fresh Fruit Platters
- Pita Chips

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.



Visit our blog

New articles are added each week for parents and cover various topics to help families

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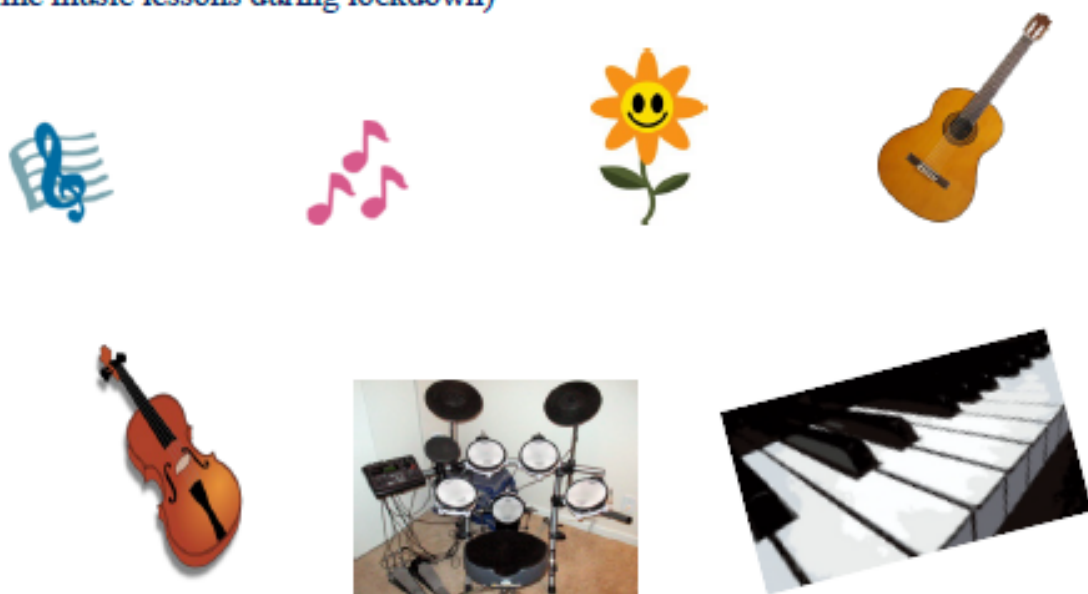


'HANDS ON MUSIC' Program 2022

During school here at St Mary's Primary School



We offer a variety of instrumental music lessons in **PIANO, VIOLIN, GUITAR, DRUMS, EUKELE, FLUTE, BASS GUITAR** and **SINGING** and more, during the school day in a nurturing and positive environment. Phone mobile: 0402 910330
(we swap to on-line music lessons during lockdown)



Special Offer: FREE DRUM lesson, OR, 1 FREE FLUTE lesson

If thinking of drum lessons for your child, they may try a free trial drum lesson during term 1, 2022. (taught on electronic drum kit) simply send text to 0402 910330 to redeem a free drum lesson during term 1. For free flute lesson we can also send home a flute for one week.



- hiring instruments,
 - purchase of books
 - and preparation for AMEB exams (if requested). Please direct any queries (or text interest in the free lesson drum or violin offer) to mob: 0402 910 330.
 - performance piece preparation
 - twice yearly concerts/on line concerts in lockdowns.
- or for more information email: handsonmusic.j@gmail.com(note .j) web-site: www.handsonmusic.com.au



