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*Spirit of God, who lead
Jesus into the desert to
fast and pray.*

*Lead us as we enter this
time of Lent.*

*Give us courage to think
with our hearts and act
with honesty;*

*Give us strength to deal
with what we find;*

*Give us love to forgive
ourselves and each other.*

*So that, in peace and joy,
we may celebrate at Easter*

*The death and resurrection
of Jesus
And all that it means for
us.*

*We make this prayer
through Christ our Lord.*

Amen

DEAR FAMILIES,

A Message from Principal Marisa Matthys

Ash Wednesday

Next Wednesday 2nd February we celebrate Ash Wednesday. Lent begins on Ash Wednesday whereby we receive a sign of the Cross made from the burnt ashes of the previous years' Palm Sunday palms. For the first time in two years we are able to attend Mass as a school to celebrate Ash Wednesday. We then journey through Lent together for 40 days.

Blessing of Totem Poles and FIRE Carrier commissioning

On Wednesday 2nd February at 12.30pm, students and staff will be commissioned as FIRE Carriers for 2022 (Friends Igniting Reconciliation through Education). The Totem Poles that stand in our Reflection Garden will be blessed by Fr Steve and Sherry Balcombe, manager of Aboriginal Catholic Ministry. There is a Totem Pole for each Level, one for the teachers and one for our community. Each year these are painted to reflect our story for the year. Parents are welcome to attend this important St Mary's celebration.

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.

Pancake Tuesday

Next Tuesday 1st February is Shrove Tuesday. Thank you to Mel Mayne and the team of parents who are shopping, cooking, serving and cleaning on Pancake Tuesday. Your support for this event is greatly appreciated. A flier was sent on Compass asking all students to bring a \$2 coin donation. Each child will be able to have two pancakes to celebrate this special day.

Swimming Captains

Congratulations to Cooper Walshe and Scarlett Mikac who were voted by their peers to be the Swimming captains for 2022. We wish all swimmers who qualified good luck at today's WDSSA Swimming Carnival.

Prep Yr. 6 Buddy Picnic

Just a reminder that the Prep Yr. 6 Buddy Picnic is tonight at 5pm on the oval. I look forward to gathering together and enjoying each other's company. These events are a wonderful way to build relationships and to relax and have fun as a school community. The Parents' Association has provided zooper doopers and the MAD team will be providing a sausage sizzle.

Latecomers

Just a reminder that any student who arrives after 8:50am must sign in at the school office. It is essential that these protocols are followed to ensure all students are accounted for and safe. Please assist your child to be punctual thus providing time for them to settle in and socialize.

Smart Watches

It has come to my attention that some students are wearing smart watches at school and using these to phone parents and friends during the day and also taking photos.

The wearing of Smart Watches is disallowed as it distracts the students' learning and is breaching other students' privacy. I ask that parents support us in not allowing your children to wear these types of watches to school.

Assemblies

We are excited that this term our assemblies are able to take place albeit outside. We look forward to coming together as one school community. Parents are welcome to attend. Our first assembly as posted on Compass is Monday 28th February at 9am on the Piazza. If it is raining the assembly will be postponed.

Working Bee

Congratulations to Violet White and the White family who won the working bee voucher. A special thank you to Mike Azel and the MaD team and all parent and student volunteers who worked so hard at the Year 4 working bee to make St Mary's look wonderful. The next working bee has been rescheduled to Saturday March 26th and is the Prep Year 6 working bee.

Marisa Matthys

Principal



A Message from the Parish

The Retreat in Daily Life

Can be a life changing experience.

What is your image of God? Does this image engage you in an intimate and loving relationship with God, or does God seem distant or even irrelevant to your life? Do you feel grounded in your life, or confused and wonder if your faith and spirituality can make a difference? Do you desire to deepen your relationship with God? Or, are you perhaps just curious? The Ignatian Spiritual Exercises are a life changing retreat and offer rich prayer material, different methods of discernment and the opportunity to discover the ways in which God is calling you at this particular time of your life.

The retreat will run from the 8th of March until early October, with retreatants having material with which to pray, at home, each day and time to gather as a group for sharing each week and regular one to one time with a spiritual director.

The venue for the information and enquiry afternoon which is on March 8th at 1.00pm, as well as the future group sessions, is the Gathering Space of the church. The Ignatian spiritual directors leading this retreat are Terry Fanning and Jacinta Bright.

Cost – by donation.

For enquiries prior to the introduction and enquiry afternoon, please contact Jacinta at the parish office, 9435 1543 or Jacinta.bright@cam.org.au

Kindest Regards,
Jacinta Bright



Student of the Week

Prep S

Harvey F

For being a respectful class member and showing whole body listening. Great job Harvey, keep it up!

Annabelle W

For being a respectful class member who listens carefully to follow instructions. What an amazing start to Prep!!!

Prep F

Kai L

For being a respectful member of Prep F and demonstrating whole body listening.

Charlotte T

For being a respectful member of Prep F and demonstrating whole body listening.

Prep K

Riley C

For setting a great example when you were one of our classroom helpers. You have shown many examples of following the 3 R's, by being a respectful, responsible and resilient learner and friend.

Sophie M

For your enthusiasm and curiosity towards your learning each day and for your fantastic use of our Italian words and phrases in the classroom. Molto Bene Sophie!

1MZ

Nicholas P

For always applying yourself in any classroom task or activity. You are an amazing role model to your peers. Well done!

Lana S

For working so hard on each and every task and always with a smile on your face. You are an absolute superstar!

1B

Angus S

For focusing on your work in reading, and writing excellent sentences in your activity. Keep it up!

Sienna W

For always contributing ideas to our class discussions and working hard in all of your tasks. Great work!

1V

Telar M

For always being respectful by demonstrating whole body listening. Thank you for also leading our class in our afternoon prayer. Keep up the wonderful work!

Grace S

For your excellent contributions to our class discussions. It is fantastic to see you always having a go. Keep up the amazing work!

2G

Claire T

For demonstrating respectful listening and working cooperatively with all class members.

Arlo M

For showing persistence to approach drawing and writing tasks and demonstrating improvement in both areas.

2HB

Cohen S

For consistently demonstrating responsible behaviour inside and outside the classroom and listening so respectfully.

Chelsea M

For the amazing effort you put into your descriptive writing in your Holiday Snapshot.

2M

Harvey W

For consistently showing your amazing attitude within the classroom and giving eye contact to the speaker at all times. Keep up the amazing work!

Beatrice N

For always coming into the classroom with a positive attitude and for consistently demonstrating the 3Rs and giving eye contact to the speaker in and outside the classroom. Keep up the wonderful work!

3S

Nico D

For respectfully listening to others and demonstrating an enthusiastic attitude towards learning.

Brenea S

For taking risks in new situations and demonstrating a growth mindset. Great work!

3G

Max

For beginning the year with a positive mindset and participating in the classroom with enthusiasm. Keep up the good work, Max!

Alora

For consistently making valuable contributions to our classroom learning environment. You demonstrate leadership in our classroom through your thoughtful contributions and respectful behaviour.

3L

Max C

For beginning the year so strongly. You display the 3R's in everything you do. Great work Max!

Tahli dG

For always displaying respectful and responsible behaviour in and out of the classroom. You are a positive role model for year 3!

4B

Addison M

For showing resilience by displaying a growth mindset in the area of Mathematics. Well done Addison!

Madison M

For consistently demonstrating respectful behaviour in our classroom, including using eye contact, asking and responding positively to questions and doing what has been asked. Thank you for being an excellent role model!

Student of the Week

4L	<p>Jack D For showing resilience by displaying a growth mindset in the area of Mathematics. Great work Jack!</p>	<p>Dante C For always contributing ideas to our class discussions and working hard in all of your tasks. Great work!</p>
4M	<p>Levi J For coming into Year 4 with a great attitude and always being ready to learn something new! Good work Levi!</p>	<p>Isla T For always positively participating in our class discussions and being resilient with your learning!</p>
5B	<p>Luke S For showing enthusiasm and dedication during maths - it is wonderful to hear your thinking! Well done!</p>	<p>Sofia N For participating in Italian with enthusiasm and leadership. I love learning new words from you! Great work!</p>
5W	<p>Georgia T For always being a responsible and respectful member of our class and always giving your best in all tasks. Great effort Georgia!</p>	<p>Charlie G For demonstrating a positive growth mindset and always trying your best in all learning tasks. Super effort Charlie!!</p>
5V	<p>Clarissa P For being a responsible and respectful member of our classroom and for always showing kindness to everyone around you. Well done Clarissa!</p>	<p>Sebastian K For always demonstrating a positive growth mindset and giving your best effort to all learning tasks. Keep up the fantastic effort Sebastian!</p>
6M	<p>Leo Co For encouraging and supporting others, showing improvement in your ability to focus and for being a curious and motivated learner. Well done Leo!</p>	<p>Isabel Co For your positive approach towards learning and for being prepared to contribute your knowledge and ideas in class discussions. Keep it up Isabel!</p>
6H	<p>Ethan D For being a responsible and respectful member of 6H. For listening to others and contributing in a positive way. Well Done Ethan.</p>	<p>Arlo C For being a responsible and respectful member of 6H. Demonstrating a Growth Mindset and contributing to the class in a positive way. Well Done Arlo.</p>
6PM	<p>Marcus P For commencing the year with such enthusiasm and willingness to demonstrate positive behaviours in 6PM.</p>	<p>Alex S For your gentle and sensitive responses during 6PM class discussions.</p>
P.E.	<p>Blake A (6M), Krystjan K (6M) & Flynn A (5B) For their willingness to put themselves forward to try out at the District Tennis competition. Well done to all three who represented their school, families and themselves admirably.</p>	
Visual Arts	<p>Archer 4L For displaying creativity and attention to detail with your amazing name card design. Thank you for your patience and focus. Well Done!</p>	<p>Jye 5B For displaying respectable behaviours in the artroom with full body listening and following directions carefully. Thank you for making correct and safe choices Jye.</p>
Performing Arts	<p>All of 3L For being totally focused in class and making the best choices to make sure we had a great lesson.</p>	<p>Badih Prep K For being a joyful and happy participant in Performing Arts classes.</p>
Science	<p>Scarlett Mi 6PM For sharing your knowledge and understanding of sudden geological changes and for displaying the 3R's consistently during Science and Digital technology classes. Keep up the great work Scarlett!</p>	<p>Lucas Te Prep K For confidently identifying living and non-living things and staying focussed and on task during Science and Digital Technology. Keep up the great work Lucas!!</p>