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*God of the present, give us the courage to be our true selves.*

*Help us to celebrate the gift of the present time - to delight in it and embrace it in all its mystery.*

*We thank you for sustaining us and for bringing us to this moment upon our journey.*

*Amen*

## DEAR FAMILIES,

### **A Message from Principal Marisa Matthys**

#### **School Leaders 2022**

Congratulations to Scarlett Mikac and Lucas Angelini who are the 2022 School Captains and to Eoin Braid and Elsa Holly who have been voted the 2022 Deputy School Captains. All the leaders were presented with their badges at our whole school assembly last week. They lead our school assembly so well and we look forward to working with them throughout the year. The four school leaders will be attending the GRIP Leadership Summit on the 24th March with Mr Harris.

# 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.



### Congratulations to our Swimmers

Congratulations to our swim squad who competed in the WDSSC. They all gave their best. 17 students reached the Banyule and INM Division Swimming Championships on Monday.

Congratulations to them on their amazing performance. We are so proud to announce that 9 of our students; Jasmine, Charlie, Zoe, Elina, Scarlett M, Teagan, Scarlett S, Auriana & Ana-Lucia will be competing in the Regional Championships. We wish them all good luck.

### Explicit Teaching of Expected Behaviours

Throughout 2022 we are embedding the behaviours we wish to see our students demonstrate. This week's explicitly taught expected behaviour is I am respectful when I follow instructions and do what I am asked to do. Please talk with your child/ren about the weekly behaviour foci.

### Parent Teacher Child Conversations and Goal Setting

On Monday 28th March the students will be dismissed at 12pm to allow time for P/T/C conversations to take place. You will be provided with an opportunity to discuss the testing that took place at the beginning of the term and it is a wonderful opportunity to hear from your child about their successes and areas to work on in their learning. Online booking details will be shared soon through Compass. Parents have the option to choose online or face to face. If attending face to face we ask that you are fully vaccinated. Camp Australia will be open from 12pm. To ensure all families have a meeting time, P/T/C Conversations also have a time slot on Tuesday 29h March from 3.45 until 4.45pm with the same face to face or online options.

### Parents Association AGM

The Parents Association AGM is on Wednesday 16th March at 7pm. This is an important event as we thank the outgoing President Carley White and Vice President, Emma Hall. Carley has been President of the PA for 5 years and was also VP for one year. She has achieved so much for St Mary's. We congratulate her and thank her for her dedication and commitment and Emma has been Vice President for three years however she has been on the PA as a general member since 2012. What an amazing achievement and I applaud Emma for her years of service and hard work for the benefit of our St Mary's children and families. The time has come to create a new committee for 2022 and beyond. Please consider this important role in the school. I hope to see many of you attending the meeting

### Bunnings Sausage Sizzle

Don't forget to come along and support the St Mary's Parents' Association by buying a sausage from their stand at Bunnings Eltham on Saturday 12th March. I thank all the parents/carers who are willing to help out throughout the day and I thank Emma for co-ordinating this event. This will be such a great fundraiser for our school.

### Open Day Thursday 17th March

We are very excited to have our first Open Day in 2022. The student leaders and members of the leadership team will take tours at 9.30am, 12pm and from 4.30pm. I will provide a short presentation and look forward to meeting prospective parents and students to St Mary's. Please let your family and friends know that we will be showcasing our amazing school again on Thursday 5th May. Enrolments need to be submitted by May 20th 2022.

# A Message from Principal Marisa Matthys, continued

## **Class Liaisons**

Thank you to the parents who have volunteered to be a class liaison. We still need more of you. Please contact Christine via [classlc@smgreensborough.catholic.edu.au](mailto:classlc@smgreensborough.catholic.edu.au) if you are interested.

## **Working bee- Prep/Year 6 Saturday 26th March**

Our next working bee at St Mary's is Saturday 26th March. Families from Year 6 and Prep are invited to attend to help make St Mary's look beautiful. Please meet up at the shed near Father Steve's house at 8.30am. Many hands make light work.

## **MaD Team AGM**

On Tuesday 22nd March the Maintenance and Development Team (MaD) will meet to hold their AGM at 7pm at Tom's Shed and to plan for their next Working Bee. Anyone interested in joining the team is also welcome to attend.

## **Blessing of Totem Poles**

Last week, the students, staff and parents gathered for the FIRE carrier commissioning and totem pole blessing. We were so grateful that Sherry Balcombe (Aboriginal Catholic Ministry) and Fr Steve were able to join us. 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. It was wonderful being able to invite parents to this important event. Thank you to Rochelle Lopez for organising this event.

## **Parent Literacy Workshops**

I would like to extend my thanks to the parents who attended the Literacy Helpers Course. It was wonderful to see so many parents in attendance. We look forward to welcoming you into the classrooms to support our love and support of Literacy for the students. Congratulations to Laura C and Rebecca M for presenting to the parents.

## **First Eucharist**

We wish every blessing to the children who will be receiving their First Eucharist on the weekend of the 18th and 19th of March. Our prayers are with them and their families.

Enjoy the long weekend.

*Marisa Matthys*

Principal

# Fees are due

Thank you to all families that have made a payment on their 2022 school fees. If you have chosen to pay in three installments, the first installment due date is the 15th of March.

Please ensure that any outstanding fees from the previous year have been settled.

A reminder to Year 5 families that payment of \$380 must be made for Camp if your child is attending.

This charge is included on your fees statement. Please ensure that this amount has been paid off your fees for the year to ensure your child's attendance.

If you are unsure please email [accounts@smgreensborough.catholic.edu.au](mailto:accounts@smgreensborough.catholic.edu.au)



# Student of the Week

Prep S

**Joseph B**

For demonstrating whole body listening and showing respect towards your peers and teachers.

**Letty C**

For engaging in all learning tasks with enthusiasm and positivity. Keep up the great work Letty.

Prep F

**Mackenzie S**

For displaying our 3 R's particularly, 'I am Respectful', always using your manners and being a role model to your peers. Well done, Mackenzie.

**Joshua T**

For always showing respect by using your manners when inside the classroom and out on the yard. Keep up the amazing work, Josh!

Prep K

**Liam G**

For the wonderful way that you use your manners in the classroom. Keep up the great effort with recognising your sounds and pointing to the words when we read in class.

**Zoe K**

You have worked so hard on settling into class in the morning and are displaying a positive attitude. Well done Zoe, what a great start to Prep, keep up the terrific effort!

1MZ

**Asa M**

For being such a respectful and enthusiastic member of 1MZ. You demonstrate excellent whole body listening and you are always trying your best to follow instructions and complete work to the very best of your ability. Keep up the excellent work!!

**Alec R**

For being such a respectful and enthusiastic member of 1MZ. You demonstrate excellent whole body listening and reflect well on your learning. You complete work to the very best of your ability and with great effort. Keep up the excellent work!!

1B

**Jimmy R**

For always demonstrating the 5 L's and showing respect to your classmates. Well done!

**Tori P**

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

1V

**Chloe D**

For the wonderful enthusiasm you continue to demonstrate towards your learning. What a great start to Year 1! Keep up the amazing work Chloe.

**Uma MK**

For the creative ideas that you share during our writing sessions. Your descriptive sentences have been wonderful! Well done Uma.

2G

**Luca B**

For always being respectful by demonstrating whole body listening and always trying your best to follow instructions. Keep up the amazing work Luca!

**Poppy S**

For demonstrating kindness and respect towards peers and teachers to ensure everyone in our classroom feels welcome. Fantastic work Poppy!

2HB

**Sofia T**

For demonstrating the 3Rs both in the classroom and on the yard. You are a great role model to others.

**Cohen M**

For demonstrating respectful behaviour consistently with your attentive listening and beautiful manners.

2M

**Luca W**

For taking initiative outside of the classroom and setting a wonderful example for your classmates. Keep up the great work Luca!

**Annie A**

For always trying your best and consistently being involved in our class discussions. Your incorporation of similes in your speaking and writing has been amazing. Keep up the wonderful work Annie!

3S

**Maddie K**

For always striving to reach your full potential. Your contributions to class discussions are extremely valuable. Keep up the fantastic work!

**Jack S**

For consistently demonstrating the 3R's inside and outside the classroom. You always show respect for others, what a great way to kick off the school year!

3G

**Audrey J**

For consistently giving your best effort in all that we do in 3G. You will be sure to achieve all your learning goals if you keep up the effort you demonstrate every day.

**Lucas B**

For always demonstrating the 3Rs in the classroom and consistently making valuable contributions to classroom discussions. You are a valued member of 3G, Lucas!

3L

**Kiara D**

For always showing respect and following the 3R's inside and outside the classroom. You always try your hardest in everything you do. Keep it up Kiara!

**William Si**

For being a hard working and caring member of our classroom. You follow the 3R's in everything you do and are an upstanding member of our classroom.

4B

**Ivy K**

For making great contributions and demonstrating attentiveness during the Maths Group with Mrs Hall. Well done Ivy!

**Isaac F**

For your brilliant work with Italian. You use a growth mindset and always strive to expand your sentences. Keep it up Isaac!

# Student of the Week

4L

**Charlie J**

For displaying respectful behaviours in the classroom with full body listening and following directions carefully. Thank you for making correct and safe choices Charlie.

**Alexis D**

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 Alexis!

4M

**Ava Y**

For showing respectful whole body listening by putting your hand up to ask questions, following instructions and starting on your tasks, Well done Ava, keep up the good work!

**Molli O**

For consistently demonstrating kindness to your friends and peers and always positivity participating in classroom discussions, Thank you Molli for your bright personality.

5B

**Scarlett H**

For demonstrating a growth mindset and approaching all elements of your learning with positivity. Well done, Scarlett!

**Tyson Q**

For bringing joy and positivity into our classroom each day. Well done, Tyson!

5W

**Emily H**

For always trying your best and being a wonderful example to our class. Superstar effort!

**Xavier K**

For bringing joy and positive classroom connections to the class each day. Well done Xavier!

5V

**Archer L**

For being a respectful and active participant in our classroom discussions and always going out of your way to help others. Keep up the great work Archer!

**Jilay B**

For always demonstrating a positive growth mindset and being a wonderful example of our 3R's. Keep up the fantastic effort Jilay!

6M

**Eva K**

For consistently demonstrating kindness through your respectful interactions with others and maturity in your responsible approach towards all learning tasks. Keep up the inspiring and positive attitude Eva!

**Archer P**

For being consistently motivated and actively engaged in all learning tasks. You are a role model to others by always participating in a respectful manner and being aware of how your actions and behaviour impacts on those around you.

6H

**Dylan G**

For showing great resilience and having a go at a difficult mathematics challenge. Well Done Dylan!

**Liam S**

For always demonstrating the 3R's and making valuable contributions to classroom discussions. Well Done Liam!

6PM

**Owen P**

For beginning 2022 with maturity, sensitivity and a willingness to share your thoughts with others. An excellent start to the year!!

**Thomas S**

For approaching tasks with developing confidence and awareness of your personal strengths. Keep this up Thomas!

P.E.

**DIVISION SWIMMING TEAM**

For the 17 students who attended the Division Swimming Carnival and performed excellently. They represented themselves, their family and their school with pride and distinction and all swimmers completed their swim magnificently. Well done Aaria, Lyra, Harper, Zoe, Jedda, Jasmine, Scarlett S, Teagan, Austin, Charlie, Elina, Cooper, Auriana, Ana-Lucia, Scarlett M & Nikolas. Congrats to the 9 swimmers who now go forward to the Region Championships!!

Visual Arts

**Madison M 4B**

For drawing an amazing self portrait displaying great tone, shading and attention to detail. I love your eyes!

**Layla S Prep S**

For displaying great focus and enthusiasm during Art Lessons. Thank you for sharing your knowledge and ideas. Well done Layla!

Performing Arts

**Ollie F 6PM**

For always demonstrating such a passion for learning and modelling the best behaviour for your peers.

**6M - Whole class**

For staying focused on task and a strong commitment to curating music for the School performance

Science

**Annabelle J 6M**

For sharing her knowledge and understanding of digital technology with the class and coming up with unique and creative ways that she can share her learning with others. Keep up the great work Annabelle!

**Xavier W 3S**

For actively participating in whole class scientific discussions without hesitation. You have shown great resilience and I appreciate the have-a-go attitude that you bring when you enter the Science classroom.

Italian

**Selina B 4M**

Trying so hard in Italian and always being helpful in class

**Owen MK 1V**

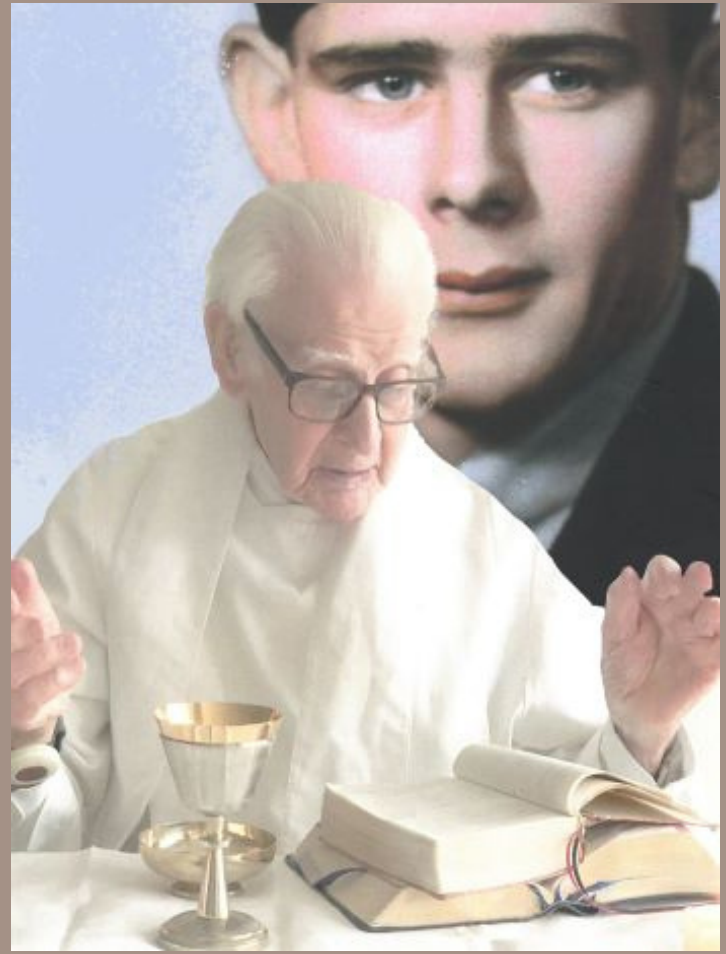
Great use of Italian gestures.

# Rest in Peace



## *Vale Father Owen Doyle*

Fr. Owen Doyle has been a resident at St. Thomas' Retirement Village next to St. Thomas parish site since he retired from priestly ministry in the Diocese of Sandhurst in September 2013 at the age of 89. In these last almost 8 years he has celebrated or concelebrated Mass with one of the priests most weekdays and one of the weekend Masses. He has been a wonderful inspiration to us as priests in our Deanery and parishioners for the continued vitality of his mind, his prayerfulness, great sense of humour and generosity of heart. After a few months struggling with a broken neck in 2020 and in 2021, hip, he died peacefully surrounded by his loving family on Monday 7th of March at the age of 97 at Justin Villa, the priests' retirement home where he went after his hospitalisation.



Fr. Owen lived a remarkably full life. He grew up on the family farm in Quambatook; studied to be a teacher and enlisted into the RAAF during World War II. After the War he continued his studies for teaching and then married Margot in 1949. During their married life they had 9 children. They moved to Watsonia in 1958 and became actively involved in many aspects of St. Mary's parish life, and during this time Owen continued teaching in Government High Schools. Sadly, Margot died in 1982 after a long battle with cancer. It was later, as Deputy Principal at Heidelberg High that as a 58 year old widower with just two years before his retirement that he seriously contemplated how he would spend the rest of his life with his children leaving home and setting up their own lives and families. So, in 1985 he entered the seminary to train for the priesthood. He was ordained at St. Mary's, Greensborough in 1988 for the Bendigo (Sandhurst) Diocese. He served in Beechworth, Numurkah, St. Kilian's Bendigo and finally as parish priest of Rushworth where he ministered till his retirement from active ministry. He has celebrated the weddings and baptisms of numerous grandchildren and great grandchildren, the latest only a few weeks ago.

Certainly Owen's was a very full, active and generous life. I will miss him as one who has become my friend.

His Funeral is scheduled for Thursday March 17th in the parish where he spent much of his life as a husband and father and where he was ordained a priest – St. Mary's Greensborough. May he rest in peace, united to his beloved wife, Margot, and the numerous people he has loved and have gone before him.

*Fr. Steven Rigo*

