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*Dear Lord,
As Easter
people and people
of prayer may
this be a time for
each of us to
grow in our
relationship with
the Risen
Christ.
May we know
and recognise the
light of Christ in
one another.
Amen*

DEAR FAMILIES,

A Message from Principal Marisa Matthys

Term Two Begins

We warmly welcome you back for Term Two, 2022. We are noticing the changeable weather this week as it seems to suggest we are in the thick of Autumn. We hope some of you were able to enjoy the break. All Staff have returned to Term Two energised. We also noticed the students are well rested and eager to be back. We anticipate that it will be a productive and enjoyable term for them all.

As the calendar indicates this will be an eventful short term and this is particularly so with, the whole school Cross Country, the Mother's Day stall, Mothers & Women's Mass and luncheon, Yr 6 Camp, NAPLAN testing, and our major focus on Expression. Our value for Term 2 is Empathy.

Women's/Mother's Mass and Luncheon

Just a reminder tomorrow is the Women and Mothers' Mass at 12pm. Thank you to the staff team who have organised the St Mary's Women's and Mother's Mass and luncheon by either setting up or serving food, tea or coffee. Thank you to Laurina van der EL, Fr Steve and Jacinta for organising the Mass. Even though this is the inaugural event for our Women and Mother's, we hope to continue this tradition each year and hope it grows. It is such a beautiful tribute to celebrate all of the women in our Parish and School Community whether past or present and to acknowledge their important role. So please come along and enjoy Mass together and some refreshments after Mass in the gathering space.

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.

New and Sibling Enrolments for 2022

Just a reminder to any siblings who may be enrolling for Prep for 2023, enrolment forms are due by the 20th of May 2022. The enrolment form is now available at the office and on the School Website www.smgreensborough.catholic.edu.au . To avoid disappointment and to assist with Staff planning, all Prep 2022 enrolment forms need to be received by the due date.

Camp Rumbug

Our Year 6 students and staff enjoyed their time at Camp Rumbug in the rolling hills of Foster, Nth East Gippsland this week. The students were very excited to attend and we enjoyed being able to share this wonderful experience with them. I congratulate the students for their behaviour and the way they entered into the experience so positively and I thank the staff for their care and for leaving their families to ensure our children might participate in this learning experience.

Working Bee

I extend my appreciation to the families who have nominated for the 14th of May working bee. I look forward to working with the Year 5 parents and students to make St Mary's beautiful. Thank you for generously giving your time. The MaD team will be meeting to plan for the working bee in the Conference room in the school on Tuesday 10th May at 7pm.

Winter Uniform

Please ensure all students are in Winter uniform by Week 6, 30th May unless otherwise discussed with me. As members of St Mary's we take pride in wearing our uniform correctly and neatly. Thank you to Nadine A and Leah B for their continued hard work and organisation of the uniform shop. We are truly grateful.

Prep 2023 Information Evening

Thank you to the Parents who attended the Prep 2023 Information Evening last Thursday. If you know of anyone who was unable to attend and would like further information about our school please contact Sharyn in the Office, email me directly or direct them to our website www.smgreensborough.catholic.edu.au.

School Closure Days

Our next school closure day will be Monday 23rd May when the entire Staff will work on Instructional Practice - Design of Teaching and Learning Principles. We look forward to sharing our learning and putting the learning into practice. Camp Australia will be open to accommodate those who need their child cared for on the day..

NAPLAN

On Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday of next week the Year 3 and 5 students will participate in the National Assessment Program Literacy and Numeracy online for the first time. These tests provide the school with important information regarding your child's application of learning in the areas of Reading, Writing, Language Conventions and Numeracy. We value these tests as another piece of evidence. Once analysed, NAPLAN reports inform the teachers regarding areas of learning they might focus on for individual students and for their own teaching. All assessment should be seen as a snapshot in time and triangulated with other pieces of evidence to be able to make a valid judgement of progress.

A Message from Principal Marisa Matthys, continued

Easter Prayer Service

Easter is that wonderful time of hope. It is a time to acknowledge all the signs and symbols of hope that we experience in our world which is so needed. All the events of Easter are central to our faith. Easter is a time when we are able to reflect on the meaning of our Christian faith and our Catholic Church through Christ's death and resurrection.

Thank you to the Prep teachers and students for organising the inspiring dramatisation of the Gospel about the Risen Christ. It was an absolute joy to be part of such a moving prayer service. Thank you also to the many parents/grandparents who attended.

St Mary's Open Days

The next Open day is on Thursday May 5th at 9:30am and 12pm. Please tell your neighbours and friends.

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 responsible when I play safe and appropriate games with others. Please talk with your child/ren about this weekly behaviour foci.

Online Safety

Victoria Police' Senior Constable Libby West, a youth resource officer worked with our Year 6 students today to educate them about online safety. We are trying to be preventative and give them the skills needed to protect themselves online.

COVIDSafe Measures

Melbourne Archdiocese Catholic Schools (MACS) released important changes to the COVIDSafe measures. Please refer to the following information that we will be following in Term Two.

Face Masks

From 11:59 pm Friday 22 April, face masks, while recommended, are not required in any school setting. This means students in Years 3 to 6, staff and visitors in primary schools are no longer required to wear face masks. Any student or staff member who wishes to wear a mask may do so, including those who are medically at-risk.

Rapid antigen test screening requirements

Students who have tested positive for COVID-19, and have completed their 7-day isolation period, now do not need to undertake rapid antigen test (RAT) screening for 12 weeks after their release from isolation. This was previously 8 weeks.

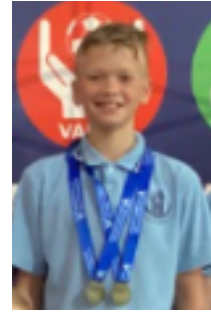
Household Contacts

Students who are household contacts of a COVID-19 case are not required to quarantine. They may return to school as long as they undertake rapid antigen tests (RAT) 5 times during their 7-day period. They are required to notify the school that they are a household contact. Students aged 8 years and above who are household contacts are required to wear face masks when indoors at school unless they have a valid exemption. If a student household contact returns a positive RAT result, they must isolate for 7 days.

A Message from Principal Marisa Matthys, continued

Congratulations to Charlie W from Year 5

On behalf of the entire St. Mary's community, we want to say congratulations and well done to Charlie W in class 5W. On Friday, April 29th, Charlie and his family made their way to MSAC in South Melbourne, for the Primary School State Swimming Championships. Charlie qualified for the state finals in both breaststroke and freestyle. Considering that the state of Victoria covers areas from Warrnambool to Echuca, Wilsons Prom to Bairnsdale and beyond, to even qualify in the top 8 swimmers of his age group (11 year old boys) is a major achievement itself. Charlie's first event was his breaststroke and he swam magnificently to finish 4th in the state of Victoria. In this event Charlie managed to record a PB (personal best) time. In his second swim, the freestyle, Charlie finished 7th.



Charlie, to say that we are extremely proud of you and what you have achieved is an understatement. You are a credit to yourself, your family and your school and we look forward to hearing about your future swimming accomplishments and endeavours. Keep up the great work Charlie!

Mother's Day Stall

Thank you to Katie F and all the parents who assisted with the Mother's Day Stall by either wrapping or being there on the day to sell the lovely items as a surprise for our special Mum's.

RAT screening program reminder

RATs will continue to be supplied for the first 4 weeks of Term 2 to support the early detection of COVID-19 in our school. The testing recommendations will remain the same this term for students and staff with mainstream schools – recommended to test at home twice a week.

Prayers and Condolences

To the Spirovski family we send our deepest condolences and prayers for the loss of Maya's cherished grandfather Kiro Spirovski.

To the Schembri family we send our deepest condolences and prayers for the loss of Thomas's beloved Uncle, Paul Marchitto.

We send our love and prayers to both families in this difficult time.

Congratulations to the Tessari Family

Big brother Alessandro is thrilled to announce the safe arrival of Emiliano born on the 5th April.

We are all doing well and excited to have another little boy join our family.

Kind Regards,

Marisa Matthys

Principal



Student of the Week

Prep S

Sebastian C

For being a respectful class member who plays safe games and includes everyone in their games.

Aria G

For being a respectful member of Prep S. You listen carefully and always follow instructions. Keep up the great learning!

Prep F

Bhadra R

For remaining on task and showing resilience when things get tough. Well done, Bhadra.

Atticus B

For being a respectful and friendly member of our class. Thank you for following instructions and being an example to your peers. Well done!

Prep K

James L

For being a responsible learner by following instructions during learning tasks and for working hard on recognising heart words in the books we are reading. Well done James!

Olivia M

For always displaying responsible behaviour in the classroom and for the excellent effort you are putting into your handwriting and writing during literacy sessions. Keep it up Olivia!

1MZ

Reece Y

For working so hard during whole class learning and always trying your best! Amazing work Reece!

April E

For always trying your best and working especially hard to improve your writing. Amazing work April!

1B

Milla B

For always working hard in class and being confident in reading the learning intention to the class. Well done Milla!

Harlow B

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

1V

Allison T

For always working hard and showing great focus during our writing sessions. Keep up the wonderful work Allison!

Andrew S

For being a respectful and friendly member of our class. Thank you for always following instructions and trying your best. Keep up the great work!

2G

Chloe L

For being respectful towards others and including everybody. Well done Chloe

Dejan J

For improvement with listening to class instructions and working independently. Fantastic effort Dejan!

2HB

Max N

For displaying perseverance when writing your holiday recount letter. Keep up the great work Max!

Jackson C

For making responsible choices during Meditation and whole class learning. Great work Jackson!

2M

Oliver T

For having a go and showing resilience during Cross Country. Keep up the amazing work Oliver!

Zoe G

For showing initiative and following the set instructions both inside and outside of the classroom. You are such a wonderful example for our class. Well Done Zoe!

3S

Flynn B

For being a focused and organised learner by completing work in the set time frame. Well-done!

Juliano

For eagerly participating in classroom discussions and taking risks in your learning. Keep up the great work.

3G

Koby L

For returning to St Mary's in Term 2 with positivity and a growth mindset. You have made a great start to the term, Koby!

Oliver P

For beginning the term with positivity and open-mindedness. We love seeing more of your personality and sense of humour in the classroom, Oliver!

3L

Caleb H

For starting Term 2 with a positive attitude and showing responsibility in completing all of your learning tasks. Well done Caleb!

Olive M

For demonstrating the 3R's in every part of your learning. Your smile and positive attitude are a great influence on our class. Well done Olive!

4B

Aurora B

For your acts of kindness and generosity towards all members of our class. Thank you for being selfless and spreading positivity in 4B!

Blake S

For displaying leadership skills when undertaking your important role in Cross Country. Thank you for contributing to a successful day!

Student of the Week

4L

Michael C

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

Carmina G

For being an enthusiastic and friendly member of our class. You always show respect to your peers, great work!

4M

Chloe A-W

For demonstrating respectful behaviour during whole class learning. Chloe has come into the new term with an attentive attitude towards your learning.

William D

For coming into the new term with a positive attitude, William you have been resilient with your work and wonderful examples of what working in a team looks like! Keep it up!!

5B

Sophia B

For showing resilience and determination when completing challenging tasks. Well done, Sophia!

Paxton S

For showing strength and determination during our school Cross Country. Great work, Paxton!

5W

Arabella B

For showing great determination in the Cross Country with a wonderful positive attitude. Keep up the great work Arabella!

Sacha D

For showing great determination and respect in the classroom. Keep up the great work Sacha!

5V

Oliver G

For being a respectful and active participant in our classroom discussions and always going out of your way to help others. Keep it up, Ollie!

Samuel P

For showing great determination in your learning and having a growth mindset. Keep up the great work Samuel!

6M

All Year 6M

For demonstrating strength in leadership, teamwork and cooperative skills throughout their camo experience.

6H

Nikolas B

For continuing to approach your learning with persistence and having a positive attitude Keep it up Nikolas!

Giada F

For being a respectful and responsible member of our classroom. As well as being there to support one of your friends on the Year 6 Camp. Keep it up Giada!

6PM

Sienna N

For approaching each of your school tasks with enthusiasm and a positive attitude towards your learning.

Alessio S

For interacting with your peers and teachers in a positive manner.

Performing Arts

All Year 5

For being so focused and committed on return from holidays.

The Junior Choir

For demonstrating their passion and enthusiasm for music week after week.

Visual Arts

Pippa T 3C

For displaying enthusiasm for all art projects and producing original creations. Thank you for willingly assisting others and for always offering to pack up and keep the art room tidy.

Imelda 5V

For the unique poppy you created for our ANZAC wall of peace. You always think outside the box and amaze me with your creations. Well done Imelda!

Physical Education

WHOLE SCHOOL: PREP-YEAR 6

Thank you everyone for your fantastic effort at our Whole School Cross Country event. From our youngest competitors-our Preps-, to our oldest in Year 6, we thank you and salute you for the positive mindset that you brought to the event. Everyone was willing to give it a 'go' and, most of all, had fun!!!

Science

Jasper S 3L

For continuously sharing your exceptional space knowledge with such excitement and enthusiasm. You are an amazing Astronomer! Keep sharing your knowledge and ideas!

Darcey T 4M

For your in-depth analysis of micro-plastic pollution in our oceans and its effect on humans. You have shown great qualities of a marine biologist/environmental activist in the making! Keep exploring ways to save our planet and sharing your knowledge and ideas with others!