

CANDELA

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*Blessed be
God, the Breath
of All
the Wisdom
behind the
Dreaming
and the
Way of
Reconciliation
and Healing
Go, walk gently
on country to
love and serve
our God
Amen*

DEAR FAMILIES,

A Message from Principal Marisa Matthys

Women's/Mother's Mass and Luncheon

Thank you to the staff team who 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. A very special thank you to Jacinta for her inspiring and heartfelt homily. It was such a beautiful tribute to celebrate all of the women in our Parish and School Community whether present or not and to acknowledge their important role. It was a joy to socialise with our Mums and Grandmothers after Mass in the gathering space.

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.

Working Bee

I extend my appreciation to the MaD Team and the families who attended the working bee on Saturday. Although for much of the time the weather was inclement, it was wonderful working with the Year 5 parents and students to make St Mary's beautiful. Thank you for generously giving your time. With my blessing the MaD team have extended our raffle reward to three \$5 awards. Congratulations to Liam O, Penelope W and Spencer S for winning the raffle.

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.

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. Just a reminder that the correct colour school shoes are black. Runners of different colors may be worn only for PE/ sport.

The Uniform Shop (located near the tuck shop is open on

Monday 3:00pm - 4:00pm & Friday 8:30am - 9:30am.

Girls' and Boys' Uniform	
Summer	Winter
Blue & white checked school dress	Blue skirt or <u>Grey</u> Slacks.
<u>Grey</u> Shorts or <u>Grey</u> Pants	Navy tights or <u>grey</u> socks.
Plain short or long white socks with dress	Light blue polo shirt (long or short sleeved) with St. Mary's emblem.
Plain short or long <u>grey</u> socks with shorts or pants	
Light blue polo shirt with St. Mary's emblem.	
Black leather shoes.	Black leather shoes.
St. Mary's navy bomber jacket.	St. Mary's navy bomber jacket.
St. Mary's Emblem School hat or flap cap.	

School Closure Day

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 Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday of this week some Year 3 and 5 students participated in catch up tests for the National Assessment Program Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) online for the first time. This is the first year that NAPLAN has been accessible over two weeks.

Class Liaisons

Thank you to the parents who nominated to be the Class Liaisons. We are excited that our first activity has been advertised in this week's Candela. Class Liaison's are a wonderful way to ensure everyone is included in social activities and families can get to know one another even more. Please contact Christine via classlc@smgreensborough.catholic.edu.au if you would like further information.

A Message from Principal Marisa Matthys, continued

Walk Safely to School Day Friday 20th May

We are happy to promote 'walk safely to school day' this Friday 20th May. The Greensborough police and staff will be greeting our children as they get to the crossing and we will hand out some tattoos. This Active Kids are Smarter Kids promotion, supports our school's philosophy about safety and the importance of health and wellbeing. We look forward to seeing everyone safely walking into school on Friday.



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 can make a positive difference by following instructions when in the classroom or on the playground. Please talk with your child/ren about this weekly behaviour foci.

Student Attendance

Please read the following important information from MACS.

Student attendance

We are concerned about reports that there are a small number of students who may not have returned to onsite schooling this year. All students are expected to attend on site unless they are formally registered as being homeschooled.

Parents can be reassured that COVIDSafe measures are in place and that it is safe for students to attend school. Schools must ensure students with medical needs have an up-to-date health plan and accompanying condition-specific health management plan, based on individualised medical advice from the student's medical or health practitioner, and consultation with the student and parents and carers. Please note that parental preference or fear of COVID-19 is not an approved reason for students to be absent.

Cross Country

Congratulations to the students who participated in the WDSSA Cross Country on Monday. Once again St Mary's showed the great perseverance and stamina of our students. Thank you to Fergal for his excellent organisational skills and support and to the staff who also assisted. Please read more about the Cross Country further in the Candela.

Covid Update

Currently we have 15 students who are absent due to being Covid positive. Thank you to the parents who informed us and we hope all students and any parents with Covid recover quickly. Here is the new information relating to the provision of Rapid Antigen Tests (RATs) in our school for the remainder of Term 2.

RATs will continue to be distributed to you as they have been throughout this school year for the remainder of this term.

However, from Monday 23 May 2022, we do not recommend that your child complete a RAT twice a week as previously advised.

RATs will continue to be required by students who are household contacts to attend school (five negative tests over a seven-day period) or who have symptoms.

The ongoing supply of RATs to families in our school will ensure that parents and carers have tests should they need them if their child is a household contact or has symptoms.

Families must continue to notify the Department of Health and the school if their child returns a positive RAT result. Additionally, you should inform us if any of your children are household contacts.

A Message from Principal Marisa Matthys, continued

Disabled Parking

It is vitally important that only parents/carers who have an authorised 'disability sign' park in our disabled parking spots. We have parents/carers who are disabled and they have had no where to park. Please respect and care for another by following the rules.

Kind Regards,

Marisa Matthys

Principal



Student of the Week

Prep S

Grace S

For displaying the true value of empathy but always considering the thoughts and feelings of others. You are a valued member of our Prep S classroom

Jackson B

For showing determination and persistence when working on reading activities. You should be very proud of your achievements this term.

Prep F

Celia W.

For being a positive role model to your peers by being a respectful member of our class. Well done, Celia.

Nate K

For being a responsible student by trying your best during lessons and contributing to class discussions. Well done, Nate.

Prep K

Eden A

For working very hard on having a go at using heart words in your writing and for the excellent effort you are putting into your handwriting. Keep it up Eden.

Adele S

For the wonderful amount of Italian words and phrases you can recall. Well done for being such an enthusiastic class member when we are practising our Italian. Molto Bene Adele.

1MZ

Finley

For amazing work in all areas of the curriculum. Finley you have been so productive and focused! We are so proud of you.

Millie

For trying really hard in all areas of your learning. We love that you are growing in confidence. Keep up the good work.

1B

Finn F

For your hard work in all of our lessons and always willing to assist others. You are a great leader. Well done!

Skylah O

For having confidence in reading the slides and contributing your ideas to our class discussions. Well done!

1V

Ella R

For your wonderful contributions to our class discussions, particularly during our reading vocabulary sessions. Keep up the fantastic work Ella!

Owen MK

For working hard to demonstrate whole body listening on the mat. Your contributions to our class discussions are always fantastic. Keep it up Owen!

2G

Willow M

For always demonstrating fantastic listening and following instructions carefully. Also, for giving 100% to applying yourself to try with every task.

Daniel P

For getting along with your peers and playing fairly at break. Also for following classroom routines sensibly and quickly.

2HB

Jacob L

For demonstrating leadership by encouraging your classmates. Keep it up Jacob!

Ashleigh M

For the amazing effort you consistently put into your writing. You take pride in your work and it shows!

2M

Isaac P

For making the most of every learning opportunity by being organised, following instructions and beginning work promptly.

Zara B

For your wonderful effort and always participating in class discussions. Keep up the brilliant work Zara!

3S

Harry C

For trying to be a focused and organised learner by completing work in the set time frame. Well done!

Sophie V

For working cooperatively in group tasks by sharing your ideas and listening to the ideas of others. Great work Sophie!

3G

Indigo A

For your amazing work in our multiplication unit so far. You are working hard and making great connections. Keep up the good work!

Audrey J

For consistently giving your best effort during learning time, and for demonstrating a growth mindset when faced with challenges.

3L

Elsie W

For being a respectful member of our classroom by showing empathy to others. Your kind words and understanding of other people make you a great friend to others. Well done Elsie!

Nate L

For being such a positive and helpful member of our classroom. You show respect to all members of our class by trying to help us whenever you can. Well done Nate!

4B

Jackson W

For using a growth mindset and higher order thinking skills when completing InquiRE tasks. You ensure that your work is detailed and is a true reflection of your critical thinking. Well done Jackson.

Nate M

For demonstrating enthusiasm and persistence in learning Italian. You consistently demonstrate a willingness to take risks in your learning by striving to 'bump up' your sentences. Well done Nate.

Student of the Week

4L

Finn L

For the wonderful enthusiasm you continue to demonstrate towards your learning especially in our Italian practice. Keep it up Finn!

Alice Z

For consistently displaying the 3R's in the classroom and always being kind and considerate of others. Keep up the wonderful work Alice!

4M

Indie N

For your attitude when it comes to starting a task and your determination in cross country! Keep up the positive attitude Indie, Well done!

Noah T

For being able to initiate your tasks and ask for help when you need it! We are very impressed by your willingness to be yourself in class with your awesome sense of humour! Well done Noah, keep it up!

5B

Paige P

For showing initiative in the classroom by helping others and helping to create a calm and happy classroom. Well done, Paige!

Aleksandar B

For consistently working hard to complete all learning tasks to a high standard. Great work, Aleksandar!

5W

Addison R

For always displaying responsible behaviour in the classroom and for always doing your best in all that you do. Well done Addi!

Teagan T

For being a respectful and responsible member of 5W. You are always working to the best of your ability. Well done Teagan!

5V

Jobe S

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

Victoria P

For always contributing ideas to our class discussions and working hard in all of your tasks. Keep up the great work Victoria!

6C

Archer P

For always being respectful, resilient and responsible. You are a fantastic role model and leader of St Mary's.

Chloe S

You are consistently illustrating respectful communication and behaviour. Well done Chloe!

6H

Sebastian C

For being a respectful and resilient member of 6H. You always apply yourself to learning tasks even when they are challenging. Keep up the good work Sebastian!

Lydia P

For being a respectful and responsible member of 6H. You always have something thoughtful to share with the class. Keep up the good work Lydia!

6PM

Oliver T

For striving to work conscientiously on tasks and contribute to the positive environment in 6 PM

Lucy F

For working consistently on tasks and participating enthusiastically in all tasks associated with her leadership position.

Performing Arts

Blake S from 4B

For taking part and leading us with such enthusiasm in our Performing Arts percussion session

Xavier W from 3S

For your pride and persistence in creating your contribution to the Year 3 song, Bunjil the Eagle

Visual Arts

Mila V 2G

For displaying responsible and respectful behaviours in the Art Room. Thank you for your positive contributions and for willingly assisting others when required.

Victoria 5V

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.

Physical Education

Jack D 4L

For your responsible, respectful, brilliant work ethic and positive mindset throughout all our Health & PE sessions in Term 2.

Alora P 3G

For your responsible, respectful, brilliant work ethic and positive mindset throughout all our Health & PE sessions in Term 2.