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Creator God, God of all, who gave the Dreaming, you have journeyed with your people through the ages. You have spoken to us through the land, through story, through culture, through people, and have made your love clear to us through the person of Jesus.

Confirm our resolve to honour the dignity of all people who are one in God's Spirit, especially our Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander sisters and brothers.

Amen



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A MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

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



Dear Families,

National Reconciliation Week

Our FIRE carrier team has been extremely busy attending National Reconciliation Week events. They attended the Victorian Aboriginal Remembrance Service and St Mary's will be participating in the Long Walk next week along with St Damian's and Loyola. We are extremely proud of our FIRE carriers and the way they represent St Mary's. I am also grateful to Rochelle Lopez (Science Teacher) who is passionate about bringing awareness and healing for our Indigenous brothers and sisters and leads the team.

New and Sibling Enrolments for 2022

Just a reminder to any siblings who may be enrolling for Prep for 2023, enrolment forms were due on the 20th of May 2022. The enrolment form is still 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 as soon as possible.

National Bicycle Day

Tomorrow is National Bicycle Day. Thank you to Kristy Morris who has organised this event for St Mary's. All students who ride to school will have the opportunity to go in a draw for some fantastic prizes.

Class Liaisons

The Class Liaison initiative is starting to gain traction thanks to the support of Christine Di Pasquale the coordinator and the wonderful parents who have agreed to be the class liaisons. Many classes have two liaisons and some activities have been organised. We are hopeful that this initiative will build on the existing community spirit.

Parents Association

The Parents Association held their first meeting and at this stage have no allocated roles. They are working together as a team. The parents are happy to support the school and one another to build community and fundraising events. Their next meeting is Monday 6th June at 8.30am in the Uniform shop.

A MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL CONT.

Marisa Matthys



Collaborative Assessment of Student Work

The teachers are currently writing reports. Our professional Learning team meetings are focused upon moderation of work in Literacy and Numeracy. This is called Collaborative Assessment of Student Work. (CASW). We all work together to establish where each child is at in terms of levels of understanding and application, based on benchmarks, utilising their assessment and knowing what the students will require next, to progress them in their learning.

Child Safe Standards: Ministerial Order 1359

The Child Safe standards are increasing to 11 and commence on the 1st of July. The previous standards no longer apply. We will now be following Ministerial Order 1359. Our Child Safety Team of Rachel, Laurina, Marguerite and I have approximately 18 policies to update by then. We will share the policies with the community to keep everyone abreast of our responsibilities.

Wellbeing Hub

We have created a wonderful Hub for our students to feel calm and happy. This is in the Anderson Discovery Centre. Each day students are able to attend the Hub, play board games, construct things, do mindful drawing or participate in Calm Club. It is a quiet space that many students seek out at break time.

National Women in Leadership Summit

On Friday I will be presenting at the National Women in Leadership Summit. The panel discussion will be Where to from Here? Learning from challenge, complexity and uncertainty. I am looking forward to hearing and learning from other key leaders in education and also sharing our journey.

A MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL CONT.

Marisa Matthys

Winter Uniform

Just a reminder that all students should now have transitioned to their Winter uniform. 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 and the correct colored tights are grey. Girls also have the option to wear trousers. Please consider volunteering for the uniform shop as without support it is difficult for it to remain open.



Walk Safely to School Day

'Walk safely to school day' was a great success. We felt really fortunate to have the support of our local police. The Greensborough police greeted the students as they arrived at school and handed out some tattoos. This 'Active Kids are Smarter Kids' promotion supports our school's philosophy about safety and the importance of health and wellbeing.

Swearing at St Mary's

Please speak with your child/ren about the language they use when communicating with one another. Staff and parents have informed me of the inappropriate language and gestures some children are using when out in the yard. Please model and encourage your child/ren to always speak with kindness and consideration which is what we expect at St Mary's.

Early Arrivals

If you are dropping your child at St Mary's before 8.30am they must attend before school care. There is no-one available to supervise your child and it is unsafe to leave them. We are privileged to have this service available to our community.

A MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL CONT.

Marisa Matthys

Kiss and Drop

When attending the Kiss and Drop Zones it is imperative you remain in your car and drive on if your child is not prompt to arrive. The Kiss and Drop Zones are not car parks. They are designed for quick pick-up and drop-off.

Bonaccorso Family

We send our condolences to the Bonaccorso family. Alfi's father, Jose, grandfather to James and Imelda, passed away last week. Our prayers and thoughts are with you at this sad time.

**Kind Regards,
Marisa Matthys**





School Closure Days

13 June: Public Holiday

12 August: Professional Learning

31 October: Professional Learning

1 November: Public Holiday

25 November: Professional Learning

15 & 16 December: Professional Learning



Early Release Days

21 June: Students finish at 12pm

24 June: Students finish at 1:45pm

16 September: Students finish at 1:45pm

14 December: Students finish at 1:45pm



Term Dates

Term 2: Tuesday, 26 Apr - Friday, 24 Jun

Term 3: Monday, 11 Jul - Friday, 16 Sep

Term 4: Monday, 3 Oct - Wednesday, 14 Dec



Student of the Week

Prep S	Olivia B For being a respectful member of Prep S. You listen carefully and always follow instructions. Keep up the great learning!	Alessandro C For being a model of empathy to others by sharing your kindness with everyone you meet.
Prep F	Alexandra C For being a respectful member of our class. You consistently look out for your peers and include them both inside and outside the classroom. Well done, Alex.	Ruben K For trying your best in your learning. Your contributions to our class discussions are wonderful and insightful. Great work, Ruben.
Prep K	Rylan deG For being a reliable and responsible worker. Well done on listening carefully to instructions and completing your work independently. Wonderful effort Rylan.	Willow G For the enthusiasm you bring to our class learning time. You are always willing to share your thinking and often help your classmates with your good ideas. Keep it up!
1MZ	Bridie A For working so hard at school and at home, especially in the area of mathematics. We are so proud of you!	Aengus M For being such a hard worker and always trying your best. We are very proud of your efforts!
1B	Darcy L For being responsible in class and always trying your best. You are a very good helper to your peers. Well done!	Rebecca F For trying your best and working well in a team with your peers. Thank you for being kind and showing empathy to your peers.
1V	Indiana P For the wonderful enthusiasm you show towards reading. We love listening to your beautiful expression during our fluency sessions. Keep up the great work Indi!	Mia N For being a respectful member of our class. Thank you for working so hard to follow instructions and show whole body listening. Keep up the wonderful work Mia!
2G	Mila V For always participating with positivity and open-mindedness. Also, for your confident participation in leading the morning meditation. Keep up the amazing work Mila!	Isaac E For demonstrating a growth mindset and developing your ability to approach tasks independently. Also for your flexibility in working with your peers. Well done Isaac.
2HB	Jimmy T For demonstrating a growth mindset and contributing to class discussions. Keep it up Jimmy!	Hudson B For demonstrating leadership in the way you make responsible choices inside and out of the classroom.
2M	Logan T For continually contributing to classroom discussions and showing your understanding of our Turtle Syllables. Keep up the brilliant work Logan!!	Scarlett N For showing wonderful perseverance in your work within the classroom. You should be extremely proud of yourself. Keep up the wonderful work Scarlett!!
3S	Cienna B For sharing your ideas in class and taking on feedback positively. Your energy and enthusiasm for learning is contagious. Great work Cienna!	Xavier L For demonstrating a growth mindset when completing learning tasks and for contributing to class discussions. Keep up the great work!
3G	Leo C For working hard during learning time to produce work that reflects the best of your ability, and for setting an example of listening and following instructions.	Aaria M For consistently demonstrating the 3Rs in the classroom and on the playground, and showing resilience in the classroom when you have been unwell. Keep up the great work.
3L	Abigail M For showing a growth mindset and for sharing your learning with others in our class this week. Well done Abigail!	Lucas A For the resilience and perseverance you have shown throughout the term in all of your learning. Well done Lucas!
4B	Soham B For demonstrating enthusiasm towards all learning tasks. You consistently use a growth mindset and apply yourself to all activities, discussions and challenges. Keep it up Soham!	Cooper A For demonstrating our term value of 'empathy' in the way you provide support and encouragement to your peers both in the classroom and on the yard. Keep it up Cooper!

Student of the Week

4L	Marie-Chantal W For contributing ideas to our class discussions and working hard to complete all of your learning tasks. Great work!	Maddy K For your confidence to get up and sing in front of the whole school. You have shown such passion and dedication to having a positive attitude. Keep it up Maddy!
4M	Lily G For initiating tasks, independently working and trying your best to complete all your school work. We love your determination in class, Keep it up!	Tyson L For being a resilient classmate, contributing to class discussions and always putting in your best effort, Well done Tyson, keep up the hard work!
5B	Zoe D For working hard during class time and always giving your best. Well done!	Jedda W For demonstrating respectful classroom behaviour and working hard to complete all learning tasks. Great work!
5W	Olivia P Demonstrating determination and resilience in improving in all areas of your schooling. Keep up the great effort Olivia!	Spencer L-C For always trying your best and contributing to class discussions. Keep up the great effort, Spencer!
5V	Mia C For demonstrating determination in all aspects of school life and always showing respect towards your peers. Keep up the great effort Mia!	Christian E For always displaying a growth mindset. It's wonderful to have your happy smile and positive attitude in our classroom. Keep up the great effort, Christian!
6C	Krystjan K For being an amazing team player and going out of your way to help others. You are a great role model to others. Keep it up Krystjan!	Elouise DP For illustrating empathy by always being there for others and being by their side. You are a fantastic role model for others in the school.
6H	Lucas A For positively contributing to whole class discussions and working collaboratively with your peers. Keep it up Lucas!	Sophia P For your positive attitude towards learning and willingness to contribute positively to classroom discussions. Keep it up Sophia!
6PM	Ruth J For your willingness to share your thoughts and contribute to the wellbeing and positive atmosphere within 6PM	Aiden L For your mature self-reflection and willingness to share your thoughts and contribute positively to our 6PM classroom environment.
Science & Digi Tech	Sacha D, 5W For continuously sharing your exceptional knowledge of animal adaptation with confidence and enthusiasm. You are an amazing Biologist! Keep sharing your knowledge and ideas Sacha!	Lilly K, 2M For presenting your wonderful work on natural resources and sharing the amazing items that can be found in 'Natures Shopping Centre'. Keep up the great work Lilly!
Visual Arts	Levi Prep K For displaying great enthusiasm during our Art activity. Your ink blowing technique was very creative	Chelsea M 2HB For wonderful insights and contributions during our Art discussions. You shared very honest and thoughtful ideas about emotions in portraits. Well done.
Health & Physical Education	Christos P 6M For your 'give it a go', enthusiastic attitude and mindset towards a new sport, Netball. You are playing the sport in a very responsible, inclusive and respectful manner. Keep up the great work!	Chloe L 2G For your wonderful, positive attitude and mindset that you always bring to the Health & PE classroom. Chloe, you listen respectfully and attempt each skill-new and old-with an enthusiasm that is a delight to see.

E-SMART AND ONLINE SAFETY

Belinda Cheong, ICT Leader

Dear Parents/Caregivers,

Web browsers and search engines are used constantly to help find key information to help us navigate our world. However, it is important to consider how we are safe using such platforms.

Tips for safe searching:

- Encourage younger children to always ask an adult before clicking on an 'Accept' or 'OK' button on a website as sites may display other messages or disclaimers that require a response.
- Set up bookmarks in your child's browser for sites you would like them to use to minimise the risk of your child coming across unsuitable sites.
- Consider child-friendly search engines which aim to exclude inappropriate sites and materials from search results. Kiddle is a visual search engine for kids powered by Google, offering safe kids web, image, and video search. Results are vetted by editors too.
- Activate 'SafeSearch' to filter search results so to avoid inappropriate or explicit material. Google, Bing and Yahoo7 are main search engines that have this tool.

Your Family on Google

- Google offers the ability to create a family group with up to six family members to manage various Google products and features.
- Google Family Safety Centre contains general advice and information for families and direct links to tools and resources
- Google's Digital Wellbeing provides tools and information aimed at helping all users improve their digital wellbeing. It includes tips for parents on how to help their child form a balanced relationship with all things digital.
- The YouTube Safety Centre provides safety tips, including advice on keeping personal videos private, cyberbullying, spam and phishing; as well as information about how to protect identity and appropriately manage interactions with other users, tips on how to be a responsible digital citizen and how to use the community flagging system.

If ever needing further clarification or information about eSafety and St. Mary's commitment to being an eSmart school, please feel free to contact the school.

References:

<https://www.esafety.gov.au/parents/skills-advice/taming-technology>



Gaming | a positive experience

75% of young people would like more online safety information

eSafety.gov.au



Microsoft Teams Meeting

You are invited to join us for a special virtual event, 'Gaming | a positive experience', hosted by a digital technology expert. Connect via the Microsoft Teams app or a web browser for this 30 minute conversation on how to support your child to make gaming a beneficial hobby and to turn the tussle over gaming time on its head

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7th June 7:00pm - Parents wishing to attend need to pre-register for the session via esmart.page.link/7June

LIBRARY BOOKS

Fiona Maclsaac, Librarian

Congratulations to all our avid St Mary's students for developing your love of reading!

Please remember to return your Library books regularly and take care of our school property by storing your books in your Library bag and transporting your books carefully.

There are still many outstanding books so please continue to check at home for books belonging to our school.



FIRE CARRIERS

Stephanie, Scarlett, Tanya, Sophia, Clara and Harminder

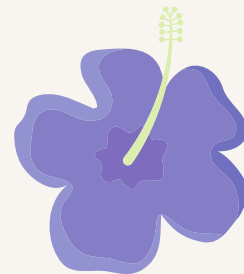
Last Thursday, the Year 5 FIRE Carriers had an excursion to the Whittlesea council for Sorry Day. When we arrived we were given a purple flower called a hibiscus, or desert rose, to wear. This flower is a symbol of strength and resilience because it is strong and adaptable to harsh climatic conditions. The colour purple also symbolises healing.



At this event, we listened to stories about the Stolen Generations from many Aboriginal elders such as Aunty Di Kerr, Aunty Laura Campbell and Aunty Donna Wright. It made us realise the importance of our role as young people to raise awareness of the atrocities faced by the Stolen Generation and to take action within our community by keeping indigenous culture alive.



We also met Uncle Herb Pattern. He showed us that we can make music with a single gum leaf. Maybe you can give this a go! Everyone was very amazed by his talent! He told us his story and then led us on a Sorry Day walk.



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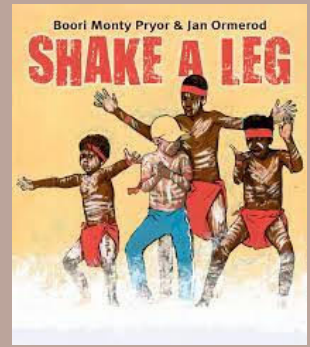


“ On the 31st of May 2022, the Grade 5 FIRE Carriers attended the 2022 Victorian Aboriginal Remembrance Day Service at the Shrine of Remembrance. We were welcomed on Country by the Bunurong Elder Uncle Nick Edward and the Wurundjeri Woi Wurrung Elder Uncle Andrew Gardiner through a traditional Welcome to Country and Smoking Ceremony. We heard stories of the strength and bravery of past and present Indigenous soldiers from Andrew McIntosh from the Indigenous Naval Service. One story that really impacted us was the story of Thomas Bungalene who was the first known Aboriginal naval seaman from Gippsland in Victoria. Bungalene was only 14 years old when he served in the Navy and was regarded bright young man. Unfortunately he died at the early age of 18. On behalf of the St Mary's Primary school community, the FIRE Carriers laid a wreath that they had made to honour and recognise the service of all indigenous men and women both past and present for their service and sacrifice.



Indigenous IncurSION

Whale Story with Year 2 & Prep



Mala Neal and his Mob are from far north QLD. The Gunggandji People of YARRABAH are the largest Aboriginal community in Australia.

The students engaged in two traditional stories and dances; the sacred Dance of the Whale and the Crocodile. Which taught them to care for & respect the Land and animals.



We learned that the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Island people tell stories that present their culture. They taught us how to do their dances even though we are not from there.

They taught us some of their language when we were learning their dance. I think we were counting in their language.

- Pippa T and Ella M 2G



On Friday we went to an IncurSION. We saw an Aboriginal Elder and Dancers. My favourite part was when they did the Whale Dance and the Crocodile Dance. I enjoyed how they taught us an Aboriginal dance at the end.

- Lily K 2M



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