

# CANDELA



The wind blows where it pleases (Jn 3:8).  
The creative Spirit is not enclosed within boundaries which we construct, but is at work in artists, writers, engineers, teachers ...  
in all of us who are alive with the Spirit, sharing in the creative life of God.



# A MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

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



Dear Families,

## **Confirmation**

Congratulations to all the candidates who received the Sacrament of Confirmation on Sunday 24th July. Fr Steve and Bishop Terry were most impressed with the students' knowledge and reverence at the Mass. I especially applaud Laurina van der EL who organized the Liturgy and the Year 6 teachers who prepared the students so well. A huge thank you to Fr Steve for concelebrating with Bishop Terry. Our prayers are with all families and the students who received the Sacrament of Confirmation. Thank you also to all staff who attended to support our families and each other.

## **Working Bee**

Congratulations to the MaD team and all of the Year 1 families who attended the working Bee on Saturday 23rd July. The school really looked fresh and clean when we returned the following week. A huge thank you to Michael Azel president of the MaD team for all the work he is doing behind the scenes in ensuring the Child Safe Standards are being met at the Working Bees. We are truly grateful.

## **Grant Application**

I am currently writing a grant application through the NE Community Fund Big Build Project. I am hopeful to access a grant to improve the St Mary's hall and to enable a safe pedestrian pathway to William St. I will keep you informed whether successful or unsuccessful.

## **Staff Absence**

I thank all parents and carers for your support throughout this term in light of our many staff absences. On one particular occasion we had 15 staff away, only three had Covid. Our CRTs have succumbed to Covid which makes it incredibly difficult to place a teacher in the classroom. I thank our leaders and specialists who have at times stepped into the classrooms to support the students and the learning. Sometimes it has and will continue to be necessary to split the classes. Naturally this is our last resort.



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Marisa Matthys

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## **St Mary's Major Event**

On August 20th St Mary's will be heading back to the 90's for a fun evening. Please support our Parents Association as they work hard to bring the parents together for the first time in three years. All money raised will go towards building a new outdoor basketball court for your children, to replace the current concrete one. I encourage everyone to come together and enjoy a night of laughter and good times and help improve our beautiful school.

## **Child Safe Standards Ministerial Order 1359**

All policies and practices have been updated to reflect the new Ministerial order. The

related policies are available on the school website. Each Candela I will be sharing a link to one of the new or updated policies for your reference.

This week I have made available the updated [Anti-Bullying Policy \(including Cyberbullying\)](#).

## **Prep Interviews**

Throughout the next few weeks I am conducting the 2023 Prep interviews. I feel so blessed to be able to meet these wonderful people face to face. The children are very excited about commencing their educational journey at St Mary's and I look forward to getting to know them and their parents and siblings over the next seven years.

## **Athletics Trials**

Thank you to Fergal for organising such a wonderful day and to staff and parents for supporting this event. Congratulations to our Year 3 to 6 students for your participation and for being good sports.

## **Early Arrivals and Late Pick-ups**

If you are dropping your child at St Mary's before 8.30am they must attend before school care. If you are picking up your child after 3.45pm they must attend after 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.

Kind Regards,  
Marisa Matthys



# School Closure Days

12 August: Professional Learning

31 October: Professional Learning

1 November: Public Holiday

25 November: Professional Learning

15 & 16 December: Professional Learning



# Early Release Days

16 September: Students finish at 1:45pm

14 December: Students finish at 1:45pm

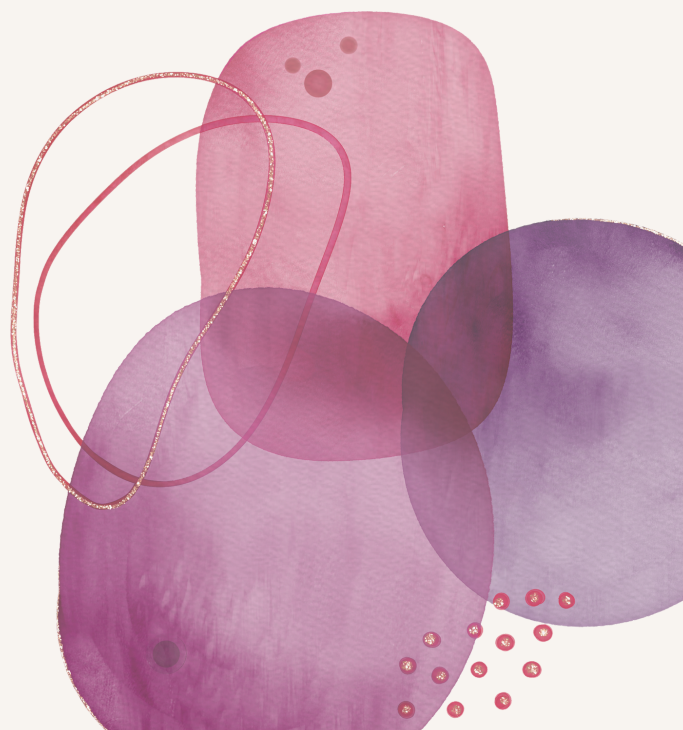




# Term Dates

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

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



# Student of the Week

<b>Prep S</b>	<p><b>Jack D</b> For having a positive attitude to your learning and always giving every task your best efforts. Keep up the amazing learning Jack.</p>	<p><b>Abigail Z</b> For always demonstrating the 3R's and including others in your games. You are a wonderful class member and we are lucky to have you in Prep S.</p>
<b>Prep F</b>	<p><b>Eliana Z</b> For being a respectful member of our class and including others in your games outside in the playground. Well done, Eliana.</p>	<p><b>Zoe P</b> For your wonderful contributions to our class discussions. You are always willing to share your ideas and wonderings in class. Well done, Zoe.</p>
<b>Prep K</b>	<p><b>Lucas T</b> For the effort you have put into your handwriting this term. It is wonderful seeing you display resilience during writing sessions. Keep it up Lucas!</p>	<p><b>Harry F</b> Being a kind friend in the playground and for the great effort you make with recognising sounds and pointing to the words when we read in class. Keep it up Harry!</p>
<b>1MZ</b>	<p><b>Banjo T</b> For focusing so well during whole class learning and being an active participant during our discussions. Well done!</p>	<p><b>Nithyan R</b> For making some positive behaviour choices and focusing during whole class learning. Well done!</p>
<b>1B</b>	<p><b>Aiobhinn O</b> For always contributing ideas to our class discussions and working hard in all of your tasks. Great work!</p>	<p><b>Jeremy M</b> For always trying your best in all of your tasks and being confident in sharing your ideas. Keep up the good work!</p>
<b>1V</b>	<p><b>Cormac B</b> For your excellent focus during our reading sessions. Your improvement has been outstanding! Keep up the wonderful work.</p>	<p><b>David H</b> For your wonderful contributions to our class discussions. You are always willing to give things a go! Well done David.</p>
<b>2G</b>	<p><b>Maxwell N</b> For always including others and for showing patience towards your classmates. Also for being a team player by helping others without being asked.</p>	<p><b>Orla M</b> For your kindness towards your classmates. Also for improvement with working independently in the classroom. Well done Orla.</p>
<b>2HB</b>	<p><b>Santiago B</b> For challenging yourself and sharing your learning with others.</p>	<p><b>Greta M</b> For contributing to our class discussions and always giving effort to challenging tasks.</p>
<b>2M</b>	<p><b>Aston P</b> For contributing to our class discussions and putting an amazing amount of effort into your work. Keep up the brilliant work Aston!</p>	<p><b>Ariana B</b> For always giving your best effort in all of your work. You should be proud of yourself. Keep up the great work Ariana!</p>
<b>3S</b>	<p><b>Eve S</b> For demonstrating the 3Rs in our classroom consistently. Your ability to include others is also something you should be proud of. Keep up the great work!</p>	<p><b>Xavier W</b> For participating in whole class discussions regularly and using effective communication in group work. Well done!</p>
<b>3G</b>	<p><b>Jack M</b> For consistently giving your best effort to learning tasks and working hard to achieve your learning goals. Keep up the good work!</p>	<p><b>Jack WT</b> For being a curious learner and consistently working hard towards your learning goals. You're a valued member of our class, Jack!</p>
<b>3L</b>	<p><b>Alessia M</b> For demonstrating the 3Rs in our classroom by being a fantastic listener and trying your hardest in all of your learning tasks. Well done Alessia!</p>	<p><b>Hendrix H</b> For showing respect and responsibility this term by helping others and completing all of your learning to the best of your ability. Well done Hendrix!</p>
<b>4B</b>	<p><b>Aurora B</b> For your incredible writing throughout our Information Report unit. Your ability to create immensely engaging, non-fiction texts is something to be very proud of! Well done Aurora!</p>	<p><b>Madison M</b> For making profound connections throughout our InquiRE unit. Your ability to articulate your original thinking is outstanding. Keep it up Madison!</p>
<b>4L</b>	<p><b>Aylah S</b> For the wonderful enthusiasm you continue to demonstrate towards your learning and completing your tasks. Keep it up Aylah!</p>	<p><b>Celina Z</b> For consistently displaying our 3R's in the classroom and always being kind and considerate of others.. Keep up the wonderful work Celina!</p>

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<b>5B</b>	<p><b>Ellie P</b> For demonstrating the 3Rs in the classroom and working hard on your learning. Well done, Ellie!</p>	<p><b>Jedda W</b> For working hard to answer comprehension questions in depth and with detail. Great work, Jedda!</p>
<b>5W</b>	<p><b>Austin P</b> For the positive attitude you demonstrate towards your learning and completing all set work. Well done Austin!</p>	<p><b>Peyton D</b> For being a positive and happy member of the class and always trying your best in all your work. Well done Peyton!</p>
<b>5V</b>	<p><b>Remy D</b> For always displaying a positive growth mindset and embracing all tasks with enthusiasm. Keep up the great effort, Remy!</p>	<p><b>Calista D</b> For always demonstrating the 3 R's and engaging in your learning with a positive attitude. Keep up the great work Calista!</p>
<b>6C</b>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>To All of 6C</b> For displaying our 3 R's and for engaging in learning during our Excursion to the Museum. Keep up the great work!</p>	
<b>6H</b>	<p><b>Darcy N</b> For demonstrating a positive mindset towards being at school and for demonstrating fantastic active listening skills during instruction time.</p>	<p><b>Emerson B</b> For demonstrating a positive mindset towards learning and building good collaborative working skills.</p>
<b>6PM</b>	<p><b>Ethan W</b> For consistently acting with maturity and demonstrating discipline and attention to detail in your tasks. Well done Ethan.</p>	<p><b>Charlotte C</b> For your exceptionally high standards and attention to detail in your written tasks. Keep up this conscientious attitude.</p>
<b>Science &amp; Digi Tech</b>	<p><b>Gabriel L 1B</b> For demonstrating confidence when responding to Science inquiry questions and always having a go. Keep up the amazing work Gabriel!</p>	<p><b>All of 6H</b> For collaboratively undertaking a scientific investigation looking at the evaporation point of water. Together you successfully made predictions, experimented and discussed your results like true scientists. Keep shooting for the stars 6H!</p>
<b>Visual Arts</b>	<p><b>Charlotte J 3G</b> For creating a colourful and creative collage and detailed portrait replicating the style of Artist Frida Kahlo. This is a beautiful piece of art.</p>	<p><b>Jobe S 5V</b> For creating an intricate and detailed Aboriginal Bark painting design. Thank you for demonstrating improved focus and in your words "Getting the job done!"</p>
<b>Health &amp; Physical Education</b>	<p><b>Keira G 3G</b> For your wonderful participation in the Richmond FC Tiger PAW clinic and asking such really deep and thought provoking questions of the AFLW players. They had to really think hard before responding to Keira's questions. Well done Keira.</p>	<p><b>Rylan DG PK</b> For your wonderful, positive attitude that Rylan always brings to Health &amp; PE class. Rylan's smiling disposition and willingness to "give it a go" attitude is an example to all your peers. Well done Rylan. Keep up the great work.</p>
<b>Italian</b>	<p><b>Charlotte J 3G, Jack M 3G and Eadie L 3G</b> - For excellence in Italian workshops. <b>Kiera G 3G</b> - For working so well and trying hard during Italian workshops.</p>	





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