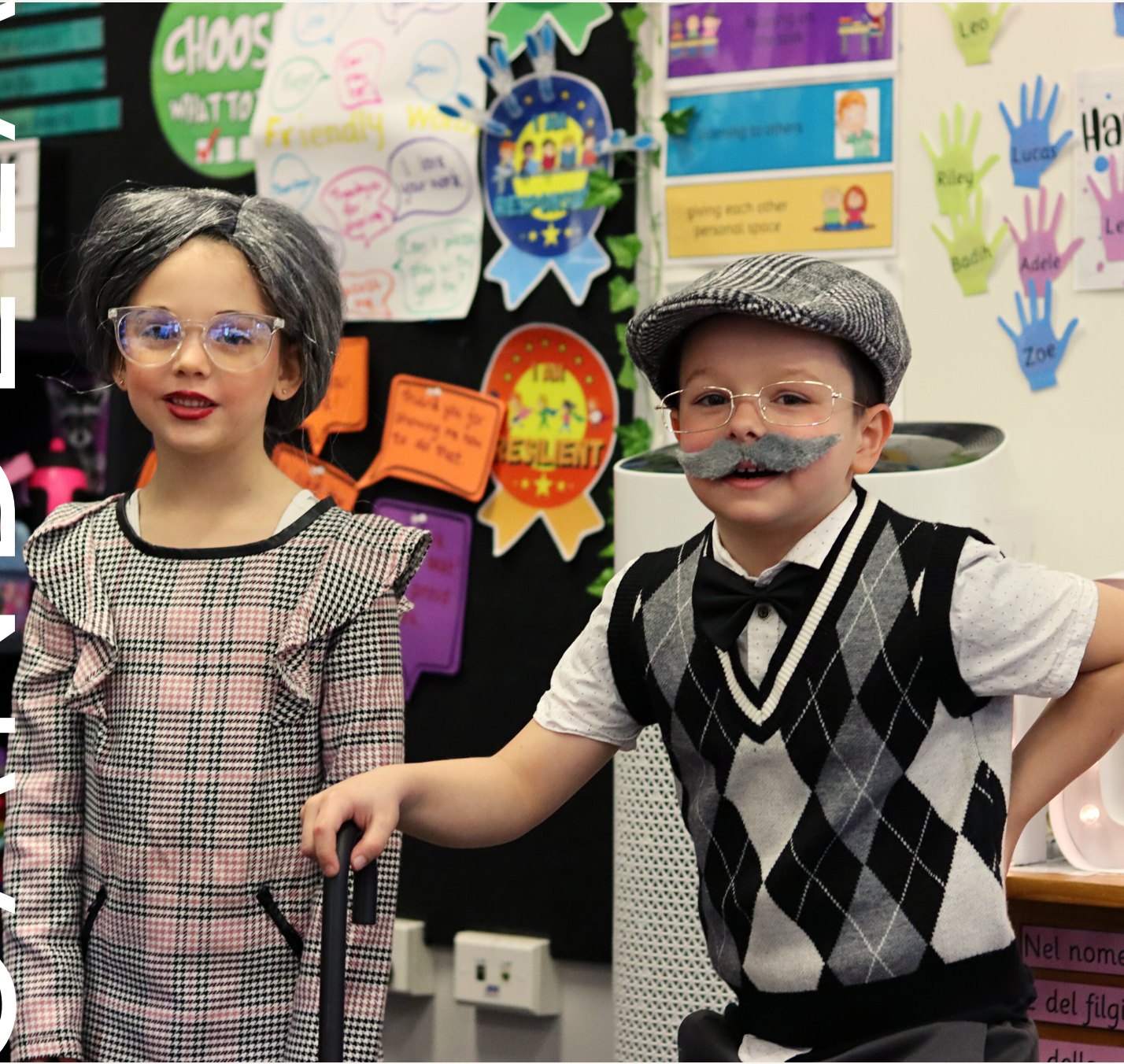


CANNONELLA



We give thanks for the blessing of winter:
Season to cherish the heart.
To make warmth and quiet for the heart.
To make soups and broths for the heart.
To cook for the heart and read for the heart.
To curl up softly and nestle with the heart.
To sleep deeply and gently at one with the heart.
To dream with the heart.
To spend time with the heart.
We give thanks for the blessing of winter:
Season to cherish the heart.
Amen.



A MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

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



Dear Families,

Book Week

Thank you to Fiona Maclsaac and the Book Week Committee for all the work they have put into organising the Book Week events; the Fair, Parade, activities for classes and an author. I hope everyone enjoyed our wonderful parade on Monday. It was such fun to see everyone dress up and support this annual event. I would also like to thank our parents for so heartily supporting the Book Fair and thus demonstrating to our students the joy of books. Miss Trunchbull really loved being the headmistress of St Mary's for a day!!

Positive Behaviour in Learning

Last Friday the staff were engaged in professional learning about Positive Behaviour at St Mary's. Thank you to the Wellbeing Team for presenting the deep learning on Friday. Everything we do is about building consistent practices across the school. It is crucially important that you, our parents, work with us to support the positive climate we are trying to achieve.

Mass of the Assumption

The whole school attended Mass on Tuesday to celebrate the Assumption of Mary. It is always lovely to be able to come together as a school to acknowledge and pray to the blessed Mother of Jesus, our school's patron saint. The students were reverent and parishioners approached me after Mass to congratulate the students on their exemplary behaviour.

Congratulations Preps 100 Days

Congratulations to our amazing Prep students for achieving their 100 days at St Mary's. They are a wonderful group of enthusiastic learners and we look forward to being part of their educational journey for many more years to come. For once, Mrs Matthys felt quite young on that day. Thank you to our Prep parents for embracing this important milestone.



A MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL CONT.

Marisa Matthys



Parents Association Event Cancelled

Unfortunately the 90's event has been cancelled due to a lack of ticket sales. I would like to thank the PA for the many hours they put in to try and bring this event to life, to build funds for an outdoor basketball court for the students. We are disappointed but not deterred. Please watch this space for other events to support, which will help build community and improve our school.

School Policies

One of the Child Safety Team's initiatives is to provide you with updated policies especially regarding the Child Safe Standards. Please read [Child Safety Code of Conduct - Staff and Contractors.](#)

Director of Strategy and Planning at MACS Visiting St Mary's

The Director of Strategy and Planning at MACS, Dr Edward Simons visited St Mary's today. He enjoyed touring the classrooms. I was more than happy to show him the great work our staff and students are all doing. I look forward to sharing the MACS Strategic Plan with our community.

Child Safe Standards Ministerial Order 1359

Ministerial Order 1359 requires all registered schools and schools seeking registration in Victoria to comply with various requirements to keep children safe. All policies and practices are being updated to reflect the new Ministerial order which we will methodically go through overtime.

What are the new Child Safe Standards?

Schools previously had to comply with 7 child safe standards, now schools must comply with 11 new standards:

1. Culturally Safe Environments
2. Child Safety and Wellbeing is Embedded in Leadership, Governance and Culture
3. Child and Student Empowerment
4. Family Engagement
5. Diversity and Equity
6. Suitable Staff and Volunteers
7. Complaints Processes
8. Child Safety Knowledge, Skills and Awareness
9. Child Safety in Physical and Online Environments
10. Review of Child Safety Practices
11. Implementation of Child Safety Practices

The policies have been updated and are on our website.

A MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL CONT.

Marisa Matthys



Working Bee

The next Working Bee is Saturday the 10th of September. We look forward to our Year 2 families spending time with the MaD team and me in beautifying our school. There will be a raffle, morning tea and a sausage sizzle. I look forward to working with you all. Please ensure you have completed the induction module and have a current Working With Children Check.

Prep Interviews

I have almost completed 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.

District Athletics

Good luck to the students who will be participating in the District Athletics next Wednesday. I am certain you will do a fine job representing St Mary's. Congratulations to Archer P, Christos P, Mia H and Lucy F, who have been selected by their peers to be Athletics Captains for the Watsonia District Athletics Carnival. Thank you to Mr. O and families for supporting this event.

Marisa Matthys
Principal





School Closure Days

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

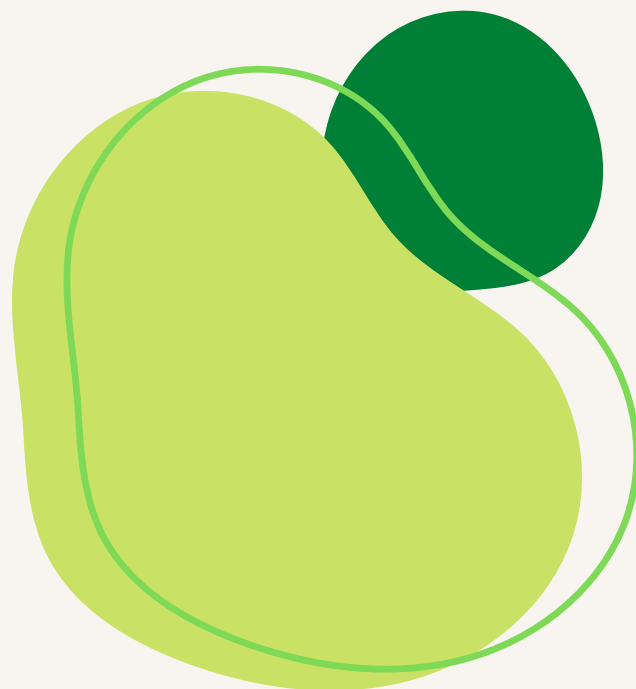
14 December: Students finish at 1:45pm



Term Dates

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

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





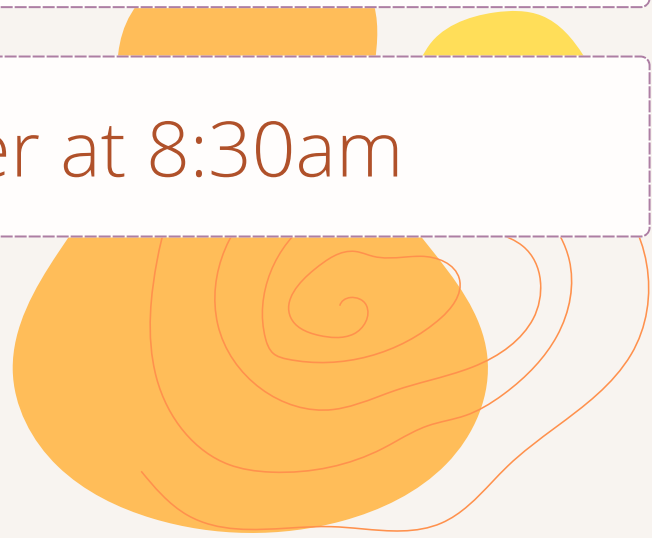
Parents Association

Wednesday, 7 September at 7:30pm

Monday, 3 October at 8:30am

Wednesday, 2 November at 7:30pm

Monday, 5 December at 8:30am



Student of the Week

Prep S	<p>Ethan V For demonstrating responsible and respectful behaviour in the classroom, and for giving your best effort to all your learning tasks. Bravo Ethan</p>	<p>Indigo O For always giving your best effort in all of your work. You should be proud of yourself. Keep up the great work Indigo.</p>
Prep F	<p>Joshua T For being a respectful member of our class. You always show compassion towards your classmates and include others in your games outside. Well done, Josh.</p>	<p>Alex T For working hard during our writing lessons. You are an example to others on how to be resilient. Well done, Alex!</p>
Prep K	<p>Anastasia V For consistently displaying whole body listening when you are sitting on the mat. What a great role model you are for showing that you are ready to learn. Keep it up Anastasia!</p>	<p>Badih A For working hard on your listening skills. You can sit and look at the person who is talking for longer periods of time. Wonderful effort Badih!</p>
1MZ	<p>Samir S For your growing enthusiasm during learning time. You shine particularly in our writing sessions and inspire those around you. Well done!</p>	<p>Samarth J For always demonstrating role model behaviour to others and being an enthusiastic student who consistently challenges yourself in all learning areas.</p>
1B	<p>Ella K For following instructions in the classroom and showing respect to your classmates. Keep up the great work!</p>	<p>Nivithan R For trying your best in writing your sentences and being confident in reading the learning intention on the board. Great work!</p>
1V	<p>Evie J For the enthusiasm and joy you bring to our classroom. You have continued to display a positive attitude towards your learning and are always willing to give things your best go!</p>	<p>Ethan P For your wonderful effort and focus during our writing sessions. You show such creativity and are always eager to share with your classmates. Well done Ethan!</p>
2G	<p>Luca B For being a team player within the classroom by listening sensibly to instructions and helping others without being asked. Also for encouraging others students at your table by demonstrating a positive attitude and mindset. Well done Luca!</p>	<p>Pippa T For demonstrating respect towards the classroom environment by offering to assist on a daily basis without being asked. Also for your dedication to your work and improved growth mindset. Keep working hard Pippa!</p>
2HB	<p>Chiara P For always leading by example by consistently being an attentive listener and focused learner.</p>	<p>Harry T For being so responsible during learning time. You watch, listen and follow instructions. Keep it up Harry!</p>
2M	<p>Michael S For showing amazing effort and contributing to class discussions. Keep up the wonderful job Michael!</p>	<p>Audrey B For following instructions and participating within the classroom. Keep up the brilliant work Audrey!</p>
3S	<p>Joshua M For showing how to be responsible during learning time and staying on task. Your contributions to class discussions have been extremely valuable. Keep up the fantastic work.</p>	<p>Maddie K For always leading by example. Your positivity and drive within the learning space is something you should be proud of. Keep up the amazing work.</p>
3G	<p>Eadie LC For demonstrating responsible and respectful behaviour in the classroom, and for giving your best effort to all your learning tasks. Great work, Eadie!</p>	<p>Lachlan H For being a curious and conscientious learner who always pursues your passions and interests. Keep up the great work, Lachlan!</p>
3L	<p>Isabella S For using a growth mindset and showing resilience in your learning throughout Term 3. Your hard work is paying off in everything you do. Well done Isabella!</p>	<p>Henrik K For showing respect and responsibility to everyone in 3L. Your positive attitude never fails to bring a smile to the faces of others. Well done Henrik!</p>
4B	<p>Isabella Y For demonstrating a positive attitude and enthusiasm towards your learning. You continually strive to complete all tasks on time and to the best of your ability. Well done Isabella!</p>	<p>Jack H For demonstrating immense dedication to your learning. You should be incredibly proud of the growth you continue to make throughout all areas of learning, in particular Maths. Keep it up Jack!</p>
4L	<p>Oliver T For the wonderful enthusiasm you are showing towards your learning and completing your tasks. Keep it up Oliver!</p>	<p>Luca LK For your positive attitude towards your learning. You ask great clarifying questions and are always willing to have a go. Well done Luca!</p>

Student of the Week

4S	Lucia D For regularly contributing to our whole class discussions and always displaying a growth mindset, when learning new tasks. Fantastic work Lucia!	Chelsea C For always leading by example, by consistently being an attentive listener and focused learner. You have shown respect and responsibility to everyone in 4S. Amazing work Chelsea!
5B	Clara S For showing dedication to your learning and always going above and beyond! Well done, Clara!	Mikaila S For being responsible during learning time and always trying your best. Great work, Mikaila!
5W	Mithra R For always working hard and assisting others. Well done Mithra!	Xavier K For always displaying a growth mindset when learning new tasks. Well done Xavier!
5V	Jake A For making a fantastic effort with your school work, particularly in Writing. Keep up the great work, Jake!	Serena C For regularly contributing to our whole class discussions and approaching all your learning tasks with a positive attitude. Keep up the great effort, Serena!
6C	Annabelle J For being a respectful member of 6C. You are a wonderful and supportive member of our whole school community. Keep up the good work Annabelle.	Kalia O For being a respectful and resilient member of 6C. You always apply yourself to learning tasks even when they are challenging. Keep up the good work Kalia!
6H	Eoin B For consistently demonstrating respectful behaviour towards others and acting in a responsible manner. Keep it up Eoin!	Ana-Lucia M For consistently demonstrating respectful behaviour towards others and for approaching your learning tasks with a positive attitude. Keep it up Ana!
6PM	Eva M For consistently acting in a mature and responsible manner. Congratulations!	Lucas A For consistently working and interacting in your class in a positive and responsible manner.
Science & Digi Tech	Oliver G and Harminder C 5V For making a creative and informative application to share their knowledge about the planets and dwarf planets in our solar system. Keep up the amazing work!! Can't wait to see the finished product!	Ryan C and Ryan G 2G For eagerly designing and constructing a range of tools by combining different materials together. Keep shooting for the stars!!
Visual Arts	Asa 1MZ For creating colourful paper flowers inspired by the book "Amira's Suitcase" You have chosen a variety of designs and cut each one with care.. Great work Asa.	Aurelia 4B For your creative and detailed collage inspired by the images in the book "Iceberg". Your selection of materials and layering technique is very effective. Well done Aurelia!
Health & Physical Education	Archer P 6C, Scarlett M 6PM & Ethan D 6H - Congratulations and Well Done on your wonderful performance at the school Athletics event for the Mithen Mile and Garrard Gift. Determination, grit, resilience and a passionate attitude to do well, certainly assisted you as you powered to victory.	
Performing Arts	Year 4S For being amazing leaders of dance for your year level and being so focused in Performing Arts	Blake S, 4B For being so focused, creative and joyful by participating fully in Performing Arts.



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