



MARANATHA

Let the day come, Lord,
when our hearts will find your mercy.

Maranatha! Come Lord Jesus!

Let the day come, Lord,
when our poverty will find your riches.

Maranatha! Come Lord Jesus!

Let the day come, Lord,
when our path will find the way to you.

Maranatha! Come Lord Jesus!

Let the day come, Lord,
when our tears will find your smile.

Maranatha! Come Lord Jesus!

Let the day come, Lord,
when our joy will find your heaven.

Maranatha! Come Lord Jesus!

Let the day come, Lord,
when our Church will find your Kingdom.

Maranatha! Come Lord Jesus!

May you be praised, O God, for that day, when our eyes will find your face! Throughout our lives you have not ceased to go before us in your Son, Jesus Christ, our Saviour and our brother.

Amen

A MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

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



Dear Families,

Commemorative Prayer Service

We lovingly remember Jordan Deir this week, on the anniversary of his passing. Fr Steve blessed the plaque designed by the students and laid at the memorial gum tree. Thank you to all involved in the reflective prayer service, especially the friends of Jordan. Students, staff and families were given time to pay respect and to grieve. Jordan will forever remain in our hearts.



Father's and Special Men's Breakfast

Our deepest congratulations and appreciation goes to Mel Mayne and the PA for organising the wonderful Father's Day and Special Men's breakfast. Thank you to all the Dads, Grandpas and special men who attended. The students were very excited. A huge thank you to the many parents and staff who gave of their time to cook, clean, serve and organise this wonderful event.

Prep Welcome Evening

On Thursday October 20th we will be hosting the Prep 2023 Welcome Evening in the MLC at St Mary's. We are looking forward to meeting all of our new and current families for 2023. That evening we will provide further information about St Mary's. Our families will be able to meet and greet with one another and with Fr Steve, the school leaders, the Prep teachers, the PA Presidents, the School Advisory Council Presidents and the MAD Team president. The night will be a social event just for parents.

Footy Fun Day

Today we celebrated our Footy Fun day. It is good fun to show support for others and admire sporting skills. We congratulate the following winners of our Sports Raffle:

- 1st Place - Cormac B, 1V
- 2nd Place - Santiago B, 2HB
- 3rd Place - Jack M, 3G
- 4th Place - Leo C, 6C
- 5th Place - Hannah S, 4S
- 6th Place - Addi R, 5W



A MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL CONT.

Marisa Matthys



Planning for 2023

It is that time of year when I begin to plan for class groupings and staffing for the following year. If, for some reason, your child will not be returning to St Mary's in 2023 (apart from our Year 6 students) please send me an email or phone me. It is important that I am aware for future planning.

School Performance

The students and Mr Geyer have been working very hard on the School performance. 'The Dreaming Emu' will be performed at St Mary's Hall on Wednesday the 26th of October and Thursday 27th October. We will need the support of our parents to assist with costuming.

Notices of what will be required will be forthcoming. I thank you for supporting this amazing learning opportunity for our students. We look forward to seeing all that they have been learning and our budding performers, up on the stage.

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 - Student.docx with your child/children and explain the expectations and reiterate your support of the school's expectations. The teachers will also be going through the [Code of Conduct - Student](#), as well. In the next few weeks a hard copy will be sent home with every student. Every child in the school will be asked to sign the Code of Conduct and you are asked to sign it as well. St Mary's is determined to provide a safe and harmonious learning environment for all. All teachers have already signed their staff Code of Conduct.

Tuckshop Protocols on Wetday Program Days

It has come to my attention that on Wetday program days (no external play at playtime) some children are still expecting to purchase items at the tuckshop. There are no over the counter sales on Wet day program days. The only students able to access over the counter sales are those with vouchers as the vouchers expire. Parents, please be mindful not to send your child with money to buy lunch. Lunches are only ordered through Flexischools.

A MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL CONT.

Marisa Matthys



Farewell to Fiona Henderson

It is with sadness that we farewell Fiona. Fiona has supported our students for 6 years. She has decided to accept a position at St Martin's. We wish her well in all her future endeavours and thank her for her hard work and dedication to our students.

Working Bee

Thank you to the families who attended the Working Bee last Saturday. Your efforts and hard work is greatly appreciated.

Repeated Notices in Candela

It has come to our attention that many families are not reading the Candela on a regular basis.

Therefore I will, on occasion, repeat important information in my Principal news. Sorry for the repetitiveness for those parents who are consistently reading the Candela each fortnight.

Term 3 Ends

Thank you to all of our families and the many groups of St Mary's who support our school and make it the vibrant place that it is. Thank you to Fr. Steve, our students, staff and parents. I hope everyone enjoys the break and returns vitalized for an exciting Term 4.

Thoughts and Prayers

We send our condolences to the Williams Family on the loss of Patrick Williams, Ned's beloved Uncle. We send our thoughts and prayers during this difficult time.

Kind Regards,
Marisa Matthys
Principal





School Closure Days

31 October: Report Writing Day

1 November: Public Holiday

25 November: Professional Learning

15 & 16 December: Professional Learning





Early Release Days

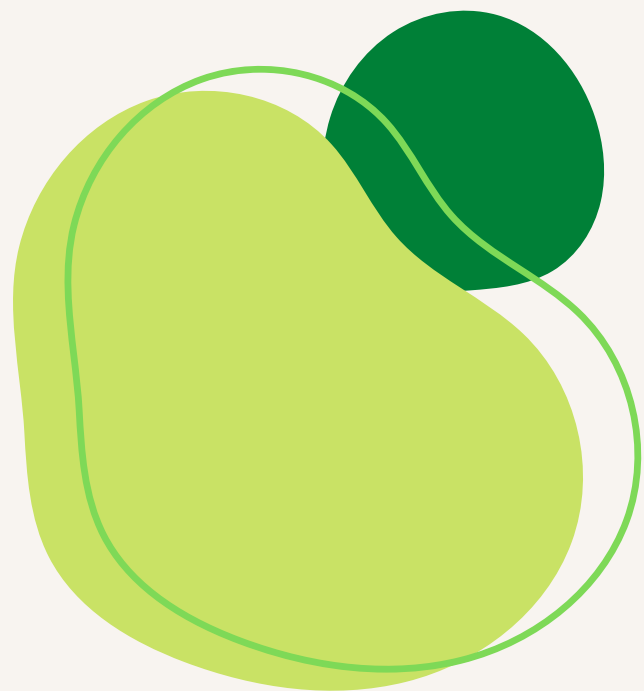
16 September: Students finish at 1:45pm

14 December: Students finish at 1:45pm



Term Dates

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





Parents Association

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>Letty C For being respectful to all members of Prep S and offering to help others when they are in need. You include everyone in your learning groups and listen to others ideas. Molto bene Letty.</p>	<p>Harvey B For being a model of Being Ready to Learn and engaging in all learning activities with a positive attitude. Fantastico Harvey.</p>
Prep F	<p>Sophie TB For demonstrating the 3R's in all areas of your learning. You are responsible when completing independent tasks, resilient when challenged and respectful during class discussions. Well done, Sophie.</p>	<p>Olivia P For your dedication and determination throughout the term. You have a positive attitude to your learning and are an example to your peers. Well done, Olivia.</p>
Prep K	<p>James K For always having a positive attitude to your learning and for your great recount writing skills. Keep up the amazing work James!</p>	<p>Alessandro T For always showing that you are ready to learn in the classroom. Well done for always working hard in Maths and giving things a go! Bravo!</p>
1MZ	<p>Nicholas P For being such a superstar learner and applying yourself in all subject areas! Well done!</p>	<p>Asa M For your dedication and enthusiasm towards your learning. You are an absolute star!</p>
1B	<p>Ezra K For demonstrating resilience in your work and always trying your best. Keep up the amazing work!</p>	<p>Elisha P For being dedicated to complete your work to the best standard and for always participating in class discussions. Well done!</p>
1V	<p>Leo V For your willingness to always share and have your best go during our class discussions. You show great resilience. Keep up the wonderful work Leo!</p>	<p>Alexander A For the wonderful dedication you show towards your learning. Thank you for always being willing to share your fantastic knowledge with others. Well done Alexander!</p>
2G	<p>William A For showing determination to grow as a learner across all learning areas. Thank you for your positive mindset each and every day. Well done William!</p>	<p>Mila V For showing care and consideration towards your peers on a daily basis without being prompted. Also for your brilliant progress in the area of reading! Keep up the brilliant work Mila!</p>
2HB	<p>Sophia D For sharing your thinking and contributing wonderful ideas to class discussions. Keep it up Sophia!</p>	<p>Cohen M For demonstrating focus and persistence with all areas of your learning. You always try your best! Well done!</p>
2M	<p>Luca W For sharing your amazing opinions and ideas and focusing on your learning tasks. Keep up the wonderful work Luca!</p>	<p>Beatrice N For your wonderful detail and writing on Lions in your Information Report. Keep up the great work Beatrice!</p>
3S	<p>Lewis V For consistently following the 3R's in all settings. Your enthusiasm to learning is inspiring to all. Well done!</p>	<p>Gemma H For demonstrating leadership qualities in all learning areas. You are reliable and dependable and have a strong sense of how to be a change maker.</p>
3G	<p>Indigo A For showing wonderful growth towards your learning goals. Your hard work in the classroom is paying off! Keep up the great work, Indi!</p>	<p>Jackson S For consistently demonstrating leadership in the classroom by embodying our values of responsibility, respect and resilience. Great work, Jackson!</p>
3L	<p>William SL For showing resilience in your learning this week and giving everything a go. Well done Will!</p>	<p>Regan F For showing responsibility and embodying our term value of Mission when working on your actions for the Sustainable Development Goals. Well done Regan!</p>
4B	<p>Elizabeth S For your persistence and growth mindset while completing PAT over the past two weeks. Your strength and determination shines. Keep it up Beth!</p>	<p>Cooper A For demonstrating strength, leadership and dedication when it comes to your learning and behaviour in the classroom and on the yard. You are an excellent role model Cooper! Keep it up!</p>
4L	<p>Isabella Z For always Watching, Listening and Following instructions in the classroom. You are a wonderful role model to others around you! Keep it up.</p>	<p>Sebastian T For always having a growth mindset, especially in the area of Mathematics. You always try to do your best! Well done Sebastian.</p>

Student of the Week

4S

Darcey T

For always contributing your wonderful ideas during class discussions! Keep it up Darcey!

Hannah S

For demonstrating the 3R's and always helping your classmates in and outside the classroom.. Keep it up Hannah!!

5B

Alexia D

For approaching all learning with a positive attitude and a growth mindset. Well done!

Liam O

For approaching your learning with determination and resilience. Great work!

5W

Myah S

For displaying a positive growth mindset and trying your very best with all tasks. Keep up the great effort, Myah!

Zak M

For approaching learning tasks with a growth mindset and trying to do your very best. Well done Zak!

5V

Penelope W

For the fantastic effort you make to find our vocab words in your reading every week. Keep up the great work Penelope!

Jessica L

For always demonstrating a positive growth mindset and giving your best effort to all learning tasks. Keep up the fantastic effort Jessica!

6C

Tayla A

For being an absolute superstar during PAT testing. For illustrating incredible resilience having completed 5 tests after scoring so well and having to go up 3 levels. Well done Tayla!

Daniel L

For the impressive scores you received during PAT testing. Well done Daniel

6H

Eoin B

For engaging in your learning with a positive attitude and for putting your best effort into everything you do. Keep it up Eoin!

Maya S

For having a determined approach to your learning tasks allowing yourself to grow in your learning and mindset.

6PM

Marcus P

For approaching your learning with positivity and an upbeat approach when interacting with others.

Charlotte C

For approaching your learning with a conscientious and determined attitude that has enabled you to reap the rewards!

Visual Arts

Maximus D 2HB

For demonstrating great focus and attention to detail with your yarn weaving. The colour pattern you have created looks amazing. Well done!

Aria PS

For creating a beautiful Spring tree full of blossoms. Your combination of finger painting and tissue scrunching is very effective. Great work!

Health & Physical Education

Oliver McK 4B, Mia H 6H, Luke S 5B, Violet H 5W, Thomas T 6PM, Alana C 6H, Elina Del P 6H, Ana-Lucia MacD 6H, Elouise Di P 6C

For your wonderful performance at Division Athletics ensuring that you have qualified for the next stage of Track and Field Championships-Region. Congratulations and best of luck on October 12th!!!