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In the beauty of the world that surrounds us...
 Reveal yourself to us, O Lord.
 In the faces of all those who seek justice and compassion...
 Reveal yourself to us, O Lord.
 In the quiet stillness of our hearts...
 Reveal yourself to us, O Lord.

Amen



A MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

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



Due to Covid we did not have an opportunity to come together as a community therefore this prayer time and ritual will be vitally important. Parents are welcome to attend.

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.

Dear Families,

Father's and Special Men's Breakfast

Our deep appreciation goes to Mel Mayne and the PA for organising our Father's Day and Special Men's breakfast for tomorrow morning. The students are excited to be inviting their Dads and Special Men to breakfast and we are delighted to be able to celebrate together as a community.

Commemorative Prayer Service

A prayer service will be held on the Piazza (weather permitting) on the 13th September to commemorate the anniversary of the passing of our beloved Jordan Deir. A plaque will be laid at the memorial gum tree and the students will be given time to pay respect and to grieve.

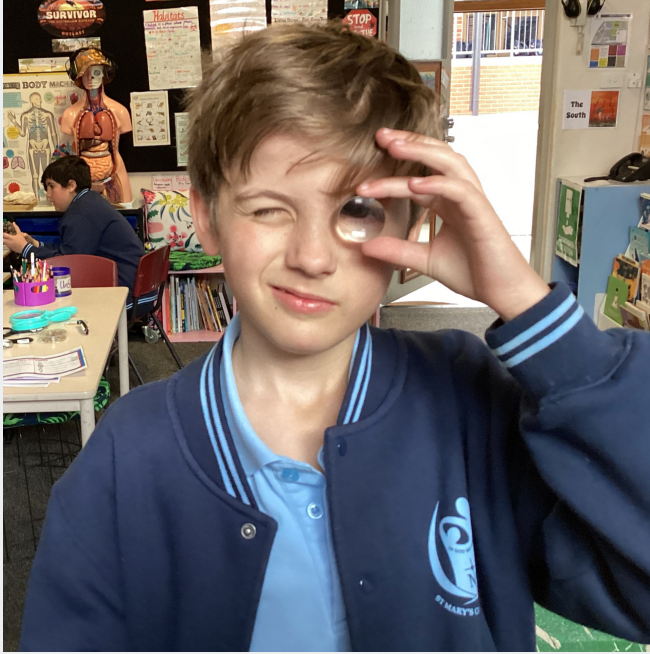
School Policies

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**](#) 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 harmonious learning environment for all. All teachers have already signed their staff Code of Conduct.



A MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL CONT.

Marisa Matthys



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.

Assembly Change of Day

Next week our Assembly day will be Friday 9th Sept at 9.15am. We look forward to being able to thank Jacinta Bright for her amazing work

throughout the years. We were also hoping to celebrate and thank Gabee Leone for her wonderful work but unfortunately Gabee is now unable to attend this assembly therefore we will reschedule Gabee's farewell.

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 now completed the 2023 Prep interviews. I feel so blessed to be welcoming these wonderful people to St Mary's. 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

Congratulations to the students who qualified for the Banyule & Inner North Moreland Division Carnival. I am certain you will do a fine job representing St Mary's. Thank you to Mr. O and families for supporting this event.

A MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL CONT.

Marisa Matthys



Science Week

Congratulations to Ms. Lopez our Science and Digi Tech Teacher for organising the Science Week activities, it was a blast! Thank you to all staff and families for promoting this important event.

Fundraiser for Violet Hall

Representing your school, family and yourself in any discipline is a massive achievement. Having the opportunity to do this in the sport that you love is one that needs to be grasped with both hands. Our first recipient of the sporting fund will be Violet H in Year 5. She has been offered the opportunity to represent the State of Victoria in her chosen sport-Soccer-in Term 4. Violet, during Semester 1 this year, attended many trials for the

Girls u12 State Soccer team. In early July, Violet and her family were notified that Violet was chosen as the youngest member of the trialists to represent herself, her family, her school and you, her St. Mary's Parish Community at the upcoming National Soccer Championships in Perth in October.

Supporting Violet, her family and her sporting endeavours is something that we, as a school and parish community, would like to do for her. Thus, we need your help!! St.Mary's School has decided to support Violet in offsetting some of the personal cost associated with representing the State of Victoria.

Please see further in the Candela for more details.

Footy Fun Day

On Thursday 15th September students are invited to wear their favourite team colours as we celebrate Footy Fun day. We will gather in the hall at 2.45pm for a Footy Parade and raffle. Parents are welcome to attend.

I wish I could say Go Blues!!

Happy Father's Day to all of our dads and grandads.

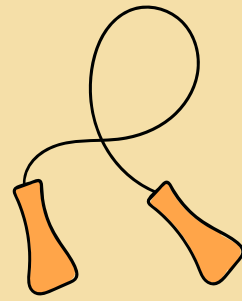
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Principal





Sporting Fundraiser



WE NEED YOU!!!

Can you please take the time to support our sporting fundraiser and buy a raffle ticket or two or 5 or even 10 and support building up a benevolent sporting fund so that now and into the future we can support budding sports women and men from St Mary's to realise their dreams.

Tickets can be purchased for your child, your parents, grandparents, neighbours, relatives, friends-anyone at all!

Numerous raffle prizes have been donated and the donations are amazing. For \$5 a raffle ticket, you have the opportunity to win one of the following prizes:

- An authentic RICHMOND FC guernsey signed by the men's playing squad of 2022 with a certificate of authenticity. (Kindly donated by Marwan El-Houli of Richmond FC and Tiger PAW Program)
- An authentic MELBOURNE VICTORY FC soccer ball, signed by the women's A League squad of 2021/2022 with a certificate of authenticity. (Kindly donated by Melbourne Victory FC)
- An authentic MELBOURNE DEMONS AFLW guernsey signed by the womens playing squad of 2022 with a certificate of authenticity. (Kindly donated by the MELBOURNE DEMONS FC club).
- 2 x \$50 Vouchers for tennis coaching. (Kindly donated by Craig Haslam-The Tennis Guru and St. Mary's Tennis Club Coach)
- A limited-edition 2022 GEELONG AFL team print with foil print signatures. (Kindly donated by the GEELONG CATS FC).

Raffle tickets can be purchased starting in Week 9, Monday September 5th, from the front office. The draw for the raffle prizes will be made on Thursday afternoon, September 15th at the Footy Parade Assembly.

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Hoping you can support this Sporting fundraiser and Violet's sporting achievements and win great prizes at the same time.



Assistance for St Mary's Family

I just wanted to reach out to the community for assistance to help a Grade 3 family.

Yesterday at one of the local parks our kids and others were at the park having an after school play.

Unfortunately, there was a major accident that occurred on one of the playing equipment.

Rafa Rodriguez was hit in the face by a rocking/spinning swing that came back at full force and broke his jaw. Rafa's mum immediately rushed him to hospital.

I, along with some of the parents from the school, were there to assist.

Poor Rafa has had to undergo emergency surgery today (with a plate & pins in his face) and this is going to be now a very long process of recovery.

Rafa's mum and dad are in a lot of shock and are with Rafa in hospital comforting him.

I wanted to reach out to find out if there would be some parents who may be willing just to do a small meal that they can freeze? (Family of 3 currently - as Rafa will be in hospital)

I can collect from the school tomorrow, Friday afternoon at home time at the classroom of 3L and take this to the family home. If so, can you just put your name on the meal, so Veronica knows who has helped out.

I know that Cassandra Lia (3L teacher) is organising a little message from the class for Rafa, but if there are any other loving messages that the kids from other classes may want to send in a card or letter can be given to Cassandra to pass on.

Thanks

Renae (Sam Brown-Hovelt - mum)





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

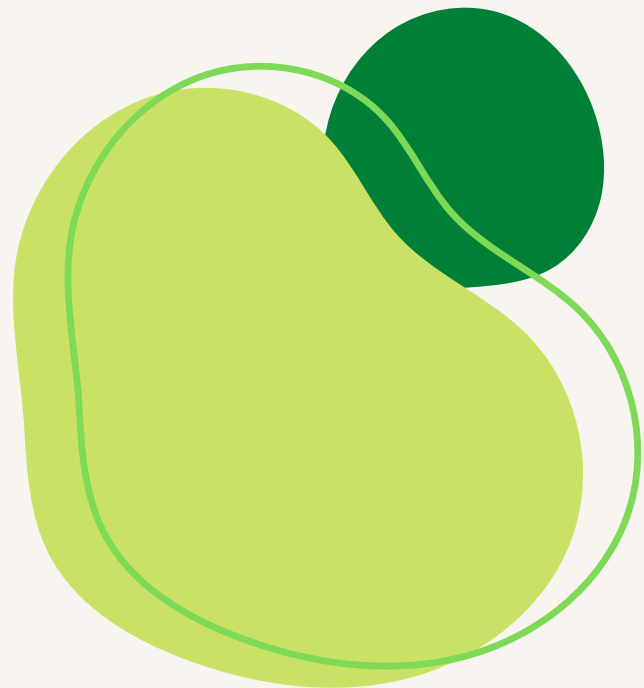
14 December: Students finish at 1:45pm



Term Dates

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

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





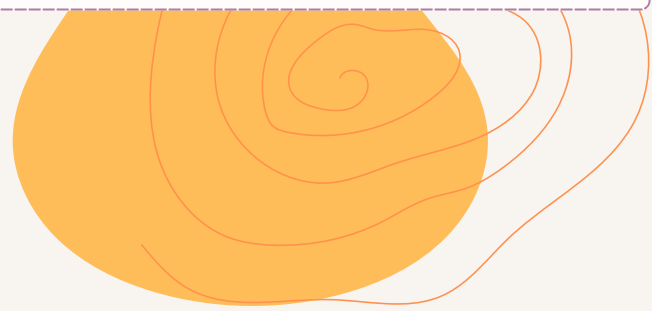
Parents Association

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>Dylan G For being responsible for being ready to learn and trying to consistently show that you are on task when listening on the floor. Bravo Dylan.</p>	<p>Layla S For always leading by example. Your positivity and drive within our classroom is to be admired. Fantastico Layla.</p>
Prep F	<p>Imogen F For consistently having a go during learning lessons even when things get tricky. You are an example to others within our class. Well done, Imogen</p>	<p>Bella J For working so diligently in your maths. Your problem solving and persistence is to be admired. Well done, Bella.</p>
Prep K	<p>Bella S You consistently display behaviour to show you are ready to learn. Keep up the wonderful reading you are demonstrating in reading groups. You recognise so many heart words and are reading with great expression.</p>	<p>Sophie M You consistently display behaviour to show you are ready to learn. Well done on completing some wonderful writing over the last few weeks - recalling so many heart words and using them in your writing.</p>
1MZ	<p>Isaac B For always modelling exceptional behaviour both inside and outside of the classroom. You are an absolute superstar! Well done!</p>	<p>Finn R For always striving to achieve your best. Your thirst for learning is contagious. Well done, you are an absolute superstar!</p>
1B	<p>Evangeline F For being kind to your classmates and trying your best to write with neat handwriting and proper sentences. Well done!</p>	<p>Lennox A For showing compassion towards your classmates and working hard in writing your stories. Keep up the good work!</p>
1V	<p>Mark J For the enthusiasm and engagement you display towards learning. You consistently demonstrate the 3R's and are a wonderful role model for others.</p>	<p>Telar M For the kindness and compassion that you continue to demonstrate towards others. Thank you for always looking out for your classmates!</p>
2G	<p>Isaac E For being a reliable and focussed student who has grown in confidence to work more independently on challenging tasks. Also, for demonstrating excellent focus and tremendous progress solving multiplication and division problems this term! Well done Isaac!!</p>	<p>Ryan C For your strong motivation to strive to do your best in all that you attempt. Also, for the way you interact respectfully and kindly towards all your classmates on a daily basis. You are a brilliant role model for your peers. Wonderful effort Ryan!</p>
2HB	<p>Maximus D For demonstrating perseverance and growth mindset when completing challenging tasks. Keep up the wonderful work Maximus. Bravi!</p>	<p>Chelsea M For consistently demonstrating the value of Respect through interactions with your peers and teachers. We are so proud of you Chelsea. Bravi!</p>
2M	<p>John S For showing wonderful listening skills and input in classroom discussions. Keep up the amazing work John!!</p>	<p>Scarlett S For showing compassion and empathy towards each of your classmates and helping them when needed. Keep up the wonderful work Scarlett!!</p>
3S	<p>Joshua F For demonstrating a growth mindset when completing challenging tasks. You are always on task and trying your best. Well-done for always having a go and sharing during whole class discussions.</p>	<p>Stella T For consistently participating in rich classroom discussions. You always have a growth mindset when taking on new and challenging tasks.</p>
3G	<p>Naveen J For being a leader in our classroom with regard to the 3Rs and consistently giving your best effort to your learning tasks. Keep up the good work!</p>	<p>Liam D For giving an increasing effort to demonstrate the 3Rs in the classroom, and for taking on feedback well in the classroom. Keep it up, Liam!</p>
3L	<p>Zoe K For showing respect and responsibility to everyone in 3L. Your positivity and willingness to help other people is shining through. Well done Zoe!</p>	<p>Lucas A 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 Lucas!</p>
4B	<p>Tyson L For seamlessly settling into our class. You continually demonstrate the 3R's and show great enthusiasm for your learning. Keep it up Tyson!</p>	<p>Chloe F For demonstrating a growth mindset and participating in classroom discussions. In doing so, you have demonstrated that you are able to accept feedback and act on it. Well done Chloe.</p>
4L	<p>Celina Z For always watching, listening and following instructions. You complete every task with great enthusiasm and are always eager to learn. Keep it up!</p>	<p>Hudson A For the wonderful enthusiasm you continue to demonstrate towards our classroom discussions, especially in InquiRE. Fantastic work Hudson!</p>

Student of the Week

4S	<p>Chloe W For your wonderful listening skills and having a positive growth mindset. You have shown amazing resilience and respect in and outside the classroom. Keep it up Chloe!</p>	<p>Isabel G For your fantastic group work and your determination to complete all set tasks. You have demonstrated resilience and respect in and outside the classroom. Keep it up Isabel!</p>
5B	<p>Mary S For settling into our St Mary's and showing resilience and respect in all that you do. We are so excited to have you in our class! Well done, Mary!</p>	<p>Livia F For showing resilience when completing challenging tasks. You approach all challenges with a growth mindset. Well done, Livia!</p>
5W	<p>Addison R For always displaying a positive growth mindset and trying your very best with all tasks. Keep up the great effort, Addi!</p>	<p>Angelina T For contributing to our whole class discussions and approaching all your learning tasks with a growth mindset. Well done Angelina!</p>
5V	<p>Lucy D For demonstrating the 3Rs in the classroom and working hard on your learning. Keep up the great effort Lucy!</p>	<p>Sarah D For showing resilience and persistence with your writing and publishing a great article on Book Week. Well done Sarah!</p>
6C	<p>Emily T For the incredible resilience you have been showing in classwork. You always put in your best effort. Well done Emily. Keep it up!</p>	<p>Mason T What a great start Mason has had at St Mary's. Mason you have demonstrated the St Mary's 3R's since you joined our community. You strive to challenge yourself in all tasks. You treat everyone with the utmost respect. Keep up the great work Mason!</p>
6H	<p>Lydia P For consistently demonstrating fantastic listening skills and treating others in our classroom with respect. Keep it up Lydia</p>	<p>Jack E For demonstrating great resilience when completing classwork, It has been great to see your improvements. Keep it up Jack.</p>
6PM	<p>William D For consistently using your manners and treating others with respect.</p>	<p>Gloria A For striving to share your thoughts in a respectful and mature manner. Keep up this excellent effort!</p>
Science & Digi Tech	<p>All St Mary's Students For being such enthusiastic learners during Science week and demonstrating an astounding curiosity while experimenting, investigating and discovering glass in a new light. You are all amazing Scientists and I am SUPER proud of you all!</p>	
Visual Arts	<p>Milla B 1B 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 Milla!</p>	<p>Jackson W 4B For providing a detailed and honest reflection about your artwork "Iceberg collage" . Thank you for sharing your insights so willingly. Well done, Jackson.</p>
Health & Physical Education	<p>Samir S 1MZ For your brilliant sharing of ideas and observations as we recognised situations and opportunities to promote our own health, safety and wellbeing during our Health and PE lesson.</p>	<p>Harvey B PS For your brilliant participation in our coach delivered, "Rookie Rollers Bowls" program. Listening to what was required in order to release the bowl is crucial and you performed the skill wonderfully. Well done Harvey.</p>
Performing Arts	<p>Year 5s For being so passionate, open and focused learners as we prepare for the School Performance</p>	<p>Sebastian T 4L For always trying your very best in Performing Arts</p>