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ANNOUNCEMENT

I come before you, oh Lord, and drink in this moment of peace, that I may carry something of your hope, love, and joy today in my heart. Lord, grant me wisdom and courage as I go through this day. When I am tempted to give up, help me to keep going. Grant me a cheerful spirit when things don't go my way.
Amen

A MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

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



In 2018, I was informed that parents were charged \$28 per ticket. We reduced the cost to \$20 to support families by hosting it at our school. Previously St Mary's performance was held off site in at Loyola and Ringwood and other suburbs. The cost of transporting our students by bus is extremely expensive and time consuming and lacks an awareness of how our community rally together to set up for a performance. Our students have written scripts, decorated props, written songs, choreographed dances and directed performances. This is an amazing learning experience for all students in the Arts.

Dear Families,

School Performance

It is so exciting to see the students practicing and preparing for their performance. We are looking forward to a wonderful school event.

It has come to my attention of some parents' dissatisfaction in relation to the cost of the performance and that St Mary's may be trying to profit from the ticket sales.

I wish to reassure you that under no circumstances is St Mary's making a profit. We are hopeful that the ticket sales might cover the cost of setting up the performance.

The cost of the tickets is paying for

- the hiring of tiered seating
- the hiring of audio visual equipment
- hiring of a screen
- hiring of lighting
- hiring of sound equipment/microphones
- purchase of a performing arts floor
- release of the Performing Arts teacher to support our students
- videoing the event
- purchase of equipment for backdrops and curtaining
- purchase of some costuming

Please come and speak with me if you have any questions in relation to this important learning opportunity for our students.

Reconciliation Faith Night

Tonight our three Parish communities will come together for the Reconciliation Faith Night. Our facilitator will be Ingrid Green. Ingrid was previously an RE School

A MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL CONT.

Marisa Matthys



Advisor with MACS. We look forward to seeing all the Year 2 parents and carers attending as we support our students and their faith journey.

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. On 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.

Colin Brooks Visit

It was wonderful having the Honorable Colin Brooks Minister for Child Protection and Minister for Disabilities and Carers, visit St Mary's last Friday. Our students asked thought provoking questions about governance, sustainability and laws. Colin and I were most impressed with their questions and the way the students could articulate issues that matter to them.

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 Policies

Melbourne Archdiocese Catholic Schools provides schools with policies to ensure all schools are following consistent practices. One of the most recent updated policies is the Medical Management Policy. Over the next few weeks elements of this policy will be shared with the relevant families as we update our current procedures in line with the policy. Please read Medical Management Policy School Level Policy

Working Bee

This coming Saturday October 15th is the next Working Bee. We ask that the Year 3 families join the MaD team to make our school and parish grounds beautiful. Please ensure you have a current Working With Children Check as it is important that all volunteers follow our Child Safe procedures. I look forward to seeing you on Saturday as we spruce up St Mary's together.

A MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL CONT.

Marisa Matthys



NAPLAN Results

Our staff and especially our Leadership Team are so proud of the amazing gains our students have made academically. I applaud the hard work of our teachers and leaders in supporting, tracking and monitoring the growth of our students. I also thank you, our parents for nurturing and supporting their education.

In 2021, Our Year 3 Reading Naplan Data mean increased for the first time in three years by 26 and we were now just outperforming the state. In 2022 our Year 3 Reading NAPLAN data increased by a further 14 now demonstrating the highest results in 5 years. The Year 5 Reading NAPLAN data increased by 25 demonstrating the highest score in 4 years.

Year 3 Writing increased by 22 that is the highest score in 5 years. Year 5 Writing has increased by a substantial 57 which is extraordinary and once again the highest score in 5 years. Year 3 Spelling has increased by 10 which is also the highest in 5 years. Year 5 Spelling increased by 33 which is the highest in 5 years. Year 3 Maths increased by 16 which is the highest score in 4 years and Year 5 Maths increased by 4 which is the highest score in 2 years. I am so proud of the growth. St Mary's has so much to celebrate.

Combined Parish Raffle

St Mary's School is selling raffle tickets that could win a lucky person a car. The Combined Catholic Parish Raffle is offering a car as first prize and a \$5000 Coles Myer voucher as second prize. Tickets are only \$2 each. Books of 10 tickets may also be purchased. All proceeds of sale of the tickets go to St Mary's School. Tickets are available from the Admin office. The raffle closes on 2nd of November. The draw is on the 3rd of December. Please support this raffle.

Congratulations

Congratulations to Libby, Troy and Chloe on the birth of Abby. We pray she brings you great joy and happiness.



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Marisa Matthys

Prayers and Condolences

We send our heartfelt condolences to the Mikac Family on the passing of Scarlett's grandfather. Our thoughts and prayers are with you at this sad time.

St Mary's community would like to extend our thoughts and prayers to the Marinucci family. Arlo and Luca, after the recent loss of their grandfather, may God be with you and your family at this very sad time.

Marisa Matthys
Principal





School Closure Days

31 October: Report Writing Day

1 November: Public Holiday

25 November: Professional Learning

15 & 16 December: Professional Learning





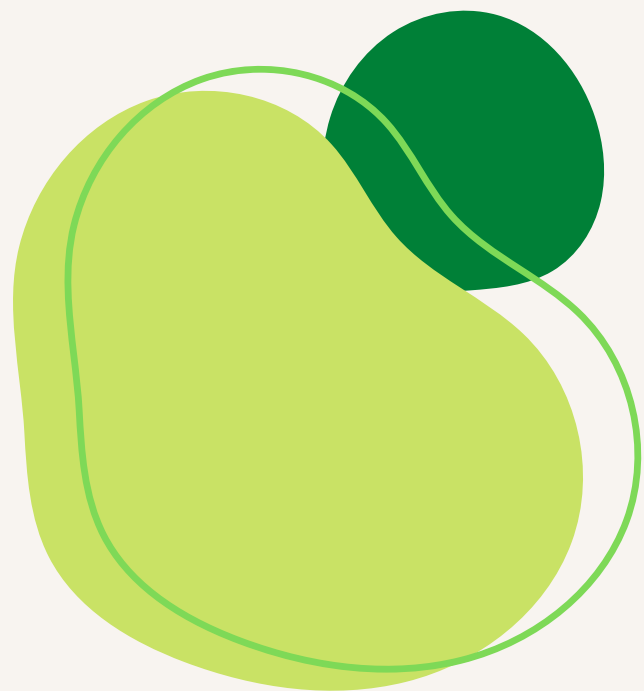
Early Release Days

14 December: Students finish at 1:45pm



Term Dates

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





Parents Association

Wednesday, 2 November at 7:30pm

Monday, 5 December at 8:30am



Student of the Week

Prep S	<p>Alexander B-H For displaying our term value of strength by trying new things and participating enthusiastically in our swimming program.</p>	<p>Niamh R For displaying our term value of strength by giving all new learning a go and working with a positive attitude to complete your learning.</p>
Prep F	<p>Matthew G For displaying resilience during our swimming lessons. Well done for having a go and having a positive attitude towards something new.</p>	<p>Charlotte T For following our schools 3Rs in all areas of your learning. You are responsible, respectful and resilient. Keep up the great work.</p>
Prep K	<p>Olivia M 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>Riley C For working very hard on having a go at using heart words in your writing and for the resilience you have shown during our swimming lessons. Keep it up Riley.</p>
1MZ	<p>Millie N For a wonderful start to Term 4. You are showing such wonderful resilience and a willingness to try your best in all areas of the curriculum. Keep up the amazing work.</p>	<p>Reece Y For a wonderful start to Term 4. We congratulate you on your continued effort to improve and do the best that you can in all areas. You are a super star Reece!</p>
1B	<p>Sienna W For a brilliant start to Term 4. You are following instructions, trying your best and showing fantastic whole body listening. Keep up the great work!</p>	<p>Darcy L For an excellent start to Term 4. You are displaying whole body listening, completing all of your work and showing respect to your classmates. Great work!</p>
1V	<p>Alex F For displaying resilience during swimming lessons. You have made an excellent start to Term 4! Your focus and whole body listening has been wonderful. Keep it up!</p>	<p>David H For a wonderful start to Term 4. You have been such a fantastic whole body listener during class discussions. Keep up the excellent work David!</p>
2G	<p>Ella M For being a great role model to all your classmates by demonstrating respect and working diligently in all subject areas.</p>	<p>Jack R For displaying our term value of Strength by showing a growth mindset to approach new learning. Keep it up Jack!</p>
2HB	<p>Natalia B For the resilience you have demonstrated in your first week back. You put so much effort into your learning.</p>	<p>Max N For using a growth mindset during performance practice. Bravo Max!</p>
2M	<p>Oliver T For a brilliant start to Term 4 and entering and completing each task. You have done a fantastic job with swimming this week. Keep up the wonderful effort Oliver!</p>	<p>John S For participating in the class games and showing great sportsmanship when playing with a partner. Keep up the wonderful work John!</p>
3S	<p>Charli Z For demonstrating the term value of Strength by persevering with all learning tasks. You have taken your learning to the next level by continually adding more detail and explaining your thinking to a deeper level. Well-done.</p>	<p>Nicholas P For starting learning tasks on time and completing tasks within the given timeframe. Your positive attitude has made a big impact on all those around you. Keep up the great work!</p>
3G	<p>Liam D For making a great start to the Term by demonstrating the 3Rs in the classroom and producing high quality work. Keep it up, Liam!</p>	<p>Audrey J For starting the term with positivity and determination. You always apply yourself to all your learning tasks and demonstrate a growth mindset in the classroom. Great job!</p>
3L	<p>Rafael R For showing resilience in your learning and bumping up your reading comprehension to the next level! Keep it up Rafael!</p>	<p>Maximiliano T For displaying our term value of Strength by showing a growth mindset when faced with new learning. Keep it up Max!</p>
4B	<p>Seraphima B For demonstrating our Gospel value of Strength in the way you have effortlessly settled into your new class. Well done Seraphima!</p>	<p>Addison M For continually demonstrating a willingness to give things a go, whether it relates to your school work or helping others. You are amazing Addison!</p>
4L	<p>Grace L For always contributing ideas to our class discussions and working hard in all of your tasks, by extending your responses.. Great work Grace!</p>	<p>Lyra W For being a respectful and responsible member of our class and consistently engaging in classroom discussions. Great work Lyra!</p>

Student of the Week

4S	<p>William D For demonstrating the term value of Strength by persevering with all learning tasks. Also, for following our schools 3Rs in and outside the classroom. Keep up the amazing work William!</p>	<p>Lily G For starting learning tasks on time and completing tasks within the given timeframe. Your contributions to our class discussions have been wonderful. Keep it up Lily!</p>
5B	<p>Scarlett H For displaying our term value of Strength by approaching all learning tasks with positivity and resilience. Well done, Scarlett!</p>	<p>Luca M For being a kind and respectful member of Five B. Well done, Luca!</p>
5W	<p>Myah S For being a responsible and respectful member of our classroom and trying hard in all your work efforts. Well done Myah!</p>	<p>Leo D For displaying our term value of strength by doing your very best in all your learning. Keep up the great work Leo!</p>
5V	<p>Diya M For being a responsible and respectful member of our classroom and for always showing kindness to everyone around you. You set an excellent example for others to follow. Well done Diya!</p>	<p>Peter S For displaying our term value of strength by giving all your learning a go and for always sharing your thoughts and ideas in a respectful way. Keep up the great work Peter!</p>
6C	<p>Henry L For upholding the St Mary's 3 R's by illustrating resilience and respect within the classroom environment and for working very hard to achieve your goals.</p>	<p>Emily T For illustrating the term value of strength by working hard to achieve your goals. Emily has started off the term with a great enthusiasm for learning and is a great role model to all those who are attempting to reach their goals.</p>
6H	<p>Liam S For demonstrating the school values of respect and responsibility within the classroom environment. You work very hard to improve your learning. Keep it up Liam!</p>	<p>Sophia P For upholding the school values of respect and resilience within the classroom. You are working very hard to improve your learning. Keep it up Sophia!</p>
6PM	<p>Ruth J For exhibiting strength as you develop your skills and awareness of your own talents</p>	<p>Alex S For exhibiting strength as you become more aware of your skills and unique qualities.</p>
Visual Arts	<p>Evangeline 1B For your wonderful participation and enthusiasm during Art lessons. Thank you for sharing your ideas and knowledge about the artist Claude Monet. Well done!</p>	<p>Henry B 6PM For demonstrating improved focus and concentration during Art lessons. Your Sport Portrait demonstrates creativity and an original design. Well done!</p>
Health & Physical Education	<p>Ethan B 3L For your wonderful participation in class in preparation for our House Sports. You demonstrated wonderfully, the skill of overarm throwing as you engaged in the Vortex Throw. Well done Ethan</p>	<p>Harvey W 2M For your wonderful participation in class in preparation for our House Sports. You demonstrated wonderfully, the skill of passing as you engaged in the Odd Ball Bounce activity station. Well done Harvey.</p>
Performing Arts	<p>For those amazing Year 6 students who have given up their own time, use their creativity and skills and come up with dances and movement pieces for the rest of their Year levels. You are awesome!</p>	<p>To all Year 1s whose joyful glee and sense of theatrical fun have made creating the Tiddalik performance such a fantastic experience. Well done!</p>
Science and Digi Tech	<p>Marco V 6PM For always trying his best to complete learning tasks to the best of his ability and staying focused. Keep up the great work Marco!</p>	<p>Grade 5 FIRE Carrier students For continuously leading by example and being exceptional role models to the other students at St Mary's. Keep striving to be the best that you can be!</p>