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O Lord, I will always sing of your constant love,  
I will proclaim your faithfulness forever.  
I know that your love will last for all time,  
that your faithfulness is as permanent as the sky.  
Your Kingdom is founded on righteousness and justice.  
Love and faithfulness are shown in all you do.

Amen

# A MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

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



Dear Families,  
**School Performance**

Congratulations to Kurt Geyer who dreamt of the indigenous theme and then encouraged the students to produce the title, write the script, choreograph the dance moves and teach all of us about the History of the Dreaming Emu.

Congratulations to the Performance team of Cassie Lia, Jan Tivisini, Briar Wagner, Karyn Weaver, Angie Varvaris and Laurina van der EL

Thank you to all staff for the hours of practice, the many meetings, the support of Kurt and the ability to help the children succeed. I thank you!

Congratulations to Tian who provided his expertise of videoing to help us tell this amazing story and to Claudia Mietus for assisting with the performance.

Thank you to Katie Field and Lauren Nathan who lead a team of creative parents to provide our wonderful costumes. We are forever in your debt and to all of the parent helpers, you know who you are, we thank you from the bottom of our hearts.

To all of our parents thank you, We cannot provide such amazing learning such as a performance, without your support.

Lastly to all of the students for their amazing performance. This is what learning is all about. You learnt lines, wrote scripts, created props and choreographed dances, you are the stars! You are always our inspiration. We hope you enjoyed and never forget this experience.

If we have forgotten anyone we apologise as it takes a village to put on a Performance.



# Thanks and Credits for contributors to *The Dreaming Emu.*

<b>Person / Organisation's Name</b>	<b>Reason for thanks</b>
Leif Van Den Dungen	Rehearsal Sound System
Kathryne Campara	Costume
Katie Fields	Program Publishing & Costume Coordination
Savers Greensborough	Costume loans
Natalie Brien	Costume
Lauren Nathan	Costume - Costume Coordination
The MAD Team	Door repairs on the Hall and general assistance
Marcel Pamio	Scaffolding
Jacinta & Lucas Anderson	Camp Stretcher
Penny Connelly & Julie Macdonald	Clothes rack
Loyola Students (Ex St Mary's Students) Brodie Nathan Ella Nathan Jack Brien Mackenzie Thomas	Supervising Year 5's Sound and Lighting
David Hovelt Brown	Transportation and logistics
Louise and Joe O'Riordan	Transportation and logistics
Jennifer Capon	Hands on Music
Shaun Connelly	Transportation and logistics
The McLindon Family	Rain shelters
Martine Camen	Helping at rehearsals
Candice Han and all who contributed	Make up

# A MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL CONT.

Marisa Matthys

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## **Reconciliation**

Congratulations to the Year 2 students who participated in the sacrament of Reconciliation on Tuesday evening and their families. Thank you to Frs Steve, Tao, Terry and Trac who celebrated the Sacrament with the students. I would also like to acknowledge the work of Ana Amorim our RE Leader who organised the ceremony and the Year 2 teachers and leaders who supported the students. I believe our children will remember this beautiful reflective sacrament throughout their lives.

## **Prep Welcome Evening**

Last Thursday evening St Mary's hosted the Prep 2023 Welcome Evening in the MLC. Finally our families were able to meet and greet one another

and with Fr Steve, the school leaders, the Prep teachers, the PA President, the School Advisory Council President and the MAD Team president. The night was certainly the social event we hoped it would be.

## **Staffing Changes**

During the holidays Marguerite Jones , Rachel Perissinotto and I interviewed for Learning Support Officers for St Mary's. We are happy to introduce Macarena (Maca) Franco, Sharyn Trenou and Julia Di Cosmo to our school community. We look forward to working with them and for them to be working with our children who require adjustments.

## **Farewell to Mr Harris**

Mr Harris will be leaving St Mary's as classroom teacher of 6H on 2nd November as he has applied to complete his Masters in IT at La Trobe University. We thank him for the support he has provided to the students, especially 6H and to the St Mary's Community and wish him well with his studies. Aaron is hopeful to be able to do some casual work around his studies so we may still see him at St Mary's. Rachel Perissinotto will replace Aaron in 6H for the remainder of 2022.

## **School Nurse**

I am in the process of advertising for a school nurse for St Mary's. Throughout the day many students require medication and first aid and we decided that a school nurse will benefit the whole community. The qualified nurse will work from 11am until 3pm five days per week. I will inform everyone when I have appointed the lucky candidate.

## **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 Anti Bullying Policy. Please read [Anti-Bullying Policy \(including Cyberbullying\)](#).



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## House Sports Day

On Friday 4th November St Mary's will be conducting the House Sports during the day on St Mary's oval. We found the sports day most successful in the previous two years and decided to continue with the same routine. Hooray! Parents are welcome to attend. Further information will be shared by Fergal as we get closer to the event. Congratulations to Archer P and Ana-Lucia MD (Loyola), Leo C and Ruby T (Mercy), Ethan W and Alana C (Bosco) and Blake A and Scarlett M (McAuley) who have been voted as the 2022 House Captains.

## Combined Parish Raffle

Just a reminder that 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. SO GET IN QUICK! The draw is on the 3rd of December. Please support this raffle.

## Grant Application

I am thrilled to announce that my submission to the NE Community Grant for \$100,000 to improve the St Mary's Hall was successful. I look forward to fresh new amenities and an updated space for the community.

## Congratulations

To Zak McL in 5W who participated in the State Karate Championships on the weekend of October 22nd 2022. Zak competed in the Boys 10/11 Year old category in the continuous sparring section. Following a successful number of qualifying rounds, he made it through to the "last dance." Zak emerged with the Silver medal and the title of second place in the State Karate Championships. Well done Zak. All of the St. Mary's community, like your own family, are super proud of your achievement and proud to be able to sponsor you with a \$500 grant as you have successfully achieved State Level.

To the McSorley Family on the arrival of their new addition, Rohan! A brother for Hanora and Oisín, and a new cousin for Aoibhinn and Clodagh.



Marisa Matthys  
Principal



# School Closure Days

**31 October: Report Writing Day**

**1 November: Public Holiday**

25 November: Professional Learning

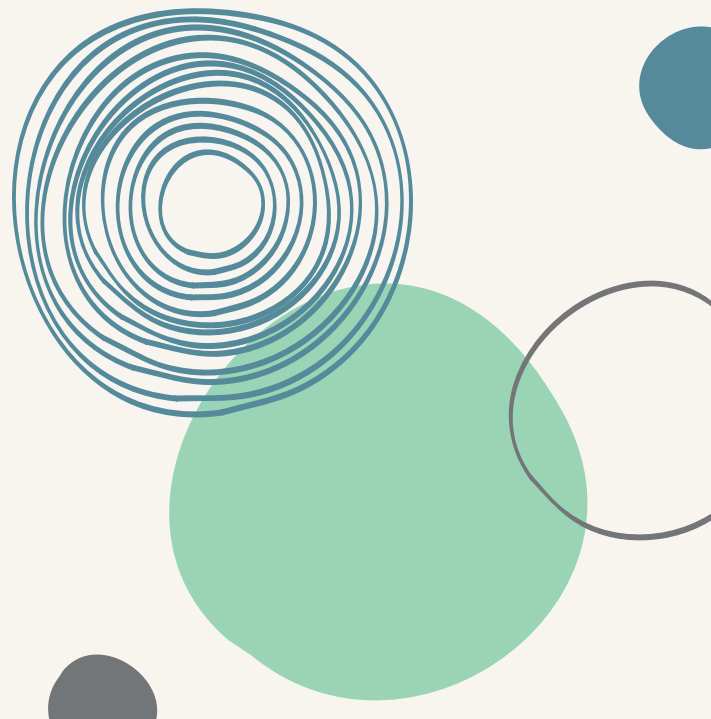
15 & 16 December: Professional Learning





*Early Release  
Days*

14 December: Students finish at 1:45pm







# *Parents Association*

Wednesday, 2 November at 7:30pm

Monday, 5 December at 8:30am



# Student of the Week

<b>Prep S</b>	<b>To All Prep S Students</b> For their amazing performance in the "Dreaming Emu" performance. You are amazing!	
<b>Prep F</b>	<b>Alex T</b> For showing a positive attitude in your learning. You are resilient and seek help when you need it. Keep up the fantastic work, Alex.	<b>Amelia T</b> For always trying to do your best work in all areas of learning. You are a positive member of our class and are an example to your classmates. Well done, Millie.
<b>Prep K</b>	<b>Adele S</b> For being a responsible worker. Well done on listening carefully to instructions to complete your work. It has been great to see you working hard on having a go at writing independently. Keep it up Adele!	<b>Leo F</b> For the great mathematical thinking you have been showing in our Maths warm ups. You are able to recall number facts quickly and accurately. Keep up the wonderful enthusiasm for your learning Leo.
<b>1MZ</b>	<b>Kate W</b> For your enthusiastic attitude during performance practice! You inspire your classmates to enjoy the experience. Well done!	<b>Finley S</b> For working so hard on your reading and making excellent gains this term! We are very proud of you!
<b>1B</b>	<b>Archie C</b> For being a leader and role model in class by assisting others with their work. You are resilient and always show respect. Keep up the great work!	<b>Skylah O-K</b> For the wonderful enthusiasm you continue to demonstrate towards your learning. You are an amazing role model to your classmates. Keep up the amazing work!
<b>1V</b>	<b>Grace S</b> For your wonderful enthusiasm and contributions to our dance for the school performance. Well done Grace!	<b>Allison T</b> For always working hard to demonstrate respectful whole-body listening and follow instructions. You are a star Allison!
<b>2G</b>	<b>Poppy S</b> For including others and showing respect towards your peers and teachers. Also for always participating with enthusiasm in all curriculum areas.	<b>Thomas H</b> For being a team player by thinking of others and showing encouragement towards your peers. Also for being helpful and respectful towards your peers and teachers.
<b>2HB</b>	<b>Jacob L</b> For smashing your daily learning goals! We are so proud of you!	<b>Jimmy T</b> For your 'can do' attitude toward completing your daily learning tasks. Keep it up!
<b>2M</b>	<b>Beatrice N</b> For setting a wonderful example for those around you during our whole class and independent learning time. Keep up the wonderful work Beatrice.	<b>Zoe G</b> For showing wonderful resilience when participating in Performance and Reconciliation. You should be very proud of yourself Zoe!
<b>3S</b>	<b>Xavier L</b> For always displaying a positive attitude in all learning areas. Your energy and kindness towards others is contagious. Keep up the brilliant work!	<b>Sophie V</b> For always striving to do your best work. You are a positive class member who works well with your peers. Great work contributing to class discussions Sophie!
<b>3G</b>	<b>Lachlan H</b> For demonstrating enthusiasm and curiosity towards our Inquiry focus of innovation. Keep pursuing the things that interest you!	<b>Alora P</b> For demonstrating care for our environment and engaging with our Inquiry concept of innovation to brainstorm solutions to environmental damage. You're a changemaker, Alora!
<b>3L</b>	<b>James B</b> For showing resilience in your learning by giving everything a go and overcoming challenges. Keep it up James!	<b>Tahli d</b> For your hard work and enthusiasm during Inquiry learning to be a changemaker in our community. Keep it up Tahli!
<b>4B</b>	<b>Soham B</b> For displaying enthusiasm, motivation and drive when it comes to perfecting your part in the school performance. Well done Soham!	<b>Aurelia S</b> For consistently remaining driven and motivated in your school work during this eventful time of year. You demonstrate so much diligence Aurelia, well done!
<b>4L</b>	<b>Caitlin N</b> For displaying a positive and enthusiastic attitude throughout the school performance. Keep it up Caitlin!	<b>Archer R</b> For showing great leadership in the classroom within group discussions. You lead by example, by listening to others respectfully and being inclusive of all in group work. Fantastic work Archer!

# Student of the Week

<b>4S</b>	<p><b>Molli O</b> For demonstrating the 3 R's daily and for always striving to do your best work. Keep it up!</p>	<p><b>Isla T</b> For your wonderful contributions to class discussions and for displaying a positive attitude to your learning.</p>
<b>5B</b>	<p><b>All 5B students</b> For approaching the school production with an open mind, enthusiasm and resilience. You should be incredibly proud of your efforts both on and off stage. Well done!</p>	
<b>5W</b>	<p><b>All 5W Students</b> For all your patience and enthusiasm when creating our Year 5 Performance. You all were amazing. Keep up the great work!</p>	
<b>5V</b>	<p><b>Maya S</b> For your efforts in preparing for the school performance, it was fantastic to see you perform on the stage!</p>	<p><b>Liam S</b> For your positive attitude that you brought to our school performance. It was fantastic to see you perform on the stage!</p>
<b>6C</b>	<p><b>Eva</b> For taking time out of your day to help Mr Geyer with performance. You are appreciated by all involved in the performance and school community for your hard work. Well done Eva! Superstar!</p>	<p>Abbey, Emmerson, Eva, Kalia and Milla For using your breaks to come up with a dance for the class. You all did an incredible job! This is an excellent demonstration of our term value strength. Well done!</p>
<b>6H</b>	<p><b>Maya S</b> For your efforts in preparing for the school performance, it was fantastic to see you perform on the stage!</p>	<p><b>Liam S</b> For your positive attitude that you brought to our school performance. It was fantastic to see you perform on the stage!</p>
<b>6PM</b>	<p><b>Ollie F</b> For your upbeat approach to others and willingness to communicate openly and sensitively.</p>	<p><b>Anita N</b> For your friendly disposition &amp; supportive nature, that adds such a positive element to our class.</p>
<b>Visual Arts</b>	<p><b>Penny 5V</b> For your positive and creative approach to all Art tasks. You always demonstrate the 3 Rs in the Art Room. Thank you for your willingness to help others and for packing up materials.</p>	<p><b>Summer 5W</b> For creating a stunning background for your Boab Tree Artpiece. The vivid shades of blue you have chosen add a colourful contrast to your designs on the tree. Well Done!</p>
<b>Health &amp; Physical Education</b>	<p><b>Maxwell N 2G</b> For your wonderful positivity and encouragement of all students in your house, Bosco, as you engaged in preparation for our House Sports Day.</p>	<p><b>Ivy K 4B</b> For your wonderful positivity and encouragement of all students in your house, McAuley, as you engaged in preparation for our House Sports Day.</p>
<b>Performing Arts</b>	<p>All students of St Mary's for being so passionate, focused and full of energy. You are totally awesome.</p>	
<b>Science and Digi Tech</b>	<p>The amazing Sound, Lighting and Backstage crew For demonstrating the 3Rs during the performance and staying on task. I was so impressed by how you were able to work under pressure during quick scene change overs. You are all STARS!!</p>	