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Lord Jesus, You created the home as a refuge.  
There we find comfort, support, and  
understanding. It gives us a glimpse of the  
unconditional love that You have for each person.  
We pray that all members in our home may come  
to know the grace You have given us through  
Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Amen

# A MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

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Dear Families,

## **Reconciliation**

Congratulations to the Year 2 students who participated in the Sacrament of Reconciliation on Saturday morning and their families. Thank you to Frs Steve, Tao, and Martin 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.

## **House Sports**

Congratulations to Fergal O'Reilly, the House Captains and all staff for two wonderful Sports days last Friday and Tuesday. The students were so happy and in normal Fergal style, it ran like clockwork. The weather was kind to us and as predicted it was a hot day on Tuesday. Congratulations to Loyola and to Ana-Lucia M who was Loyola's House Captain and to all students in Loyola as they won the 2022 House Sports. I also congratulate Mercy and Ruby T, Leo C Mercy's House Captains and all Mercy students who won the 2022 Team Spirit award. I am very proud of the effort and support all students gave to their teammates and the sports in general. Thank you to the many parents and grandparents who came to cheer them on. Your support is greatly appreciated.

## **Prep Transition Wednesday 16th Nov 9.15am**

On Tuesday we held the second of three transitions for our Prep students at 9.15am and information sessions for our parents. We had a great turn out for the Literacy information session. Our next session on Wednesday 16th November will be facilitated by Alison Hall and Belinda Cheong (Maths Leaders) in the Wellbeing Hub. Thank you once again to our Prep teachers and LSOs for ensuring our new students feel comfortable and welcomed.



# A MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL CONT.

Marisa Matthys

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## **Student Leadership for 2023**

We are coming to the time of year when our Year 5 students will nominate for school leadership for 2023. At St Mary's we believe it is important to ask our students what leadership structures they would like to have in place that will make a difference to the school. The students have requested that we have Four School Leaders ie. 2 Captains and 2 Vice Captains, 8 House captains ie 2 for each house. Then 5 students in each of the following Community Action Teams; Languages, Sustainability, Digital, Arts, PBL & Wellbeing and Liturgical & Social Justice.

The CAT candidates are videoed presenting their speeches and then students from Year 4 to Year 6, and staff leadership, watch the videos and vote online for those they believe will best fulfill the leadership position. The successful CAT candidates may then go on to nominate to be school leaders and house captains. They apply in writing for the positions and are interviewed by the Deputy Principal and the Principal. Please read the full leadership structure further in the Candela.

## **School Nurse**

I have advertised for a school nurse for St Mary's. I look forward to appointing someone in the next few weeks. 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 Attendance Policy. Please read Procedures for monitoring school attendance (attached) and will be posted on the School Website.

## **Combined Parish Raffle**

Thank you to all families who supported the Combined Catholic Churches Raffle. The school made \$500. Good luck and I hope someone from our community wins!

## **Condolences**

We send our thoughts and prayers to Chloe, Alexia, Alexander, Adele and the entire Sismanis Family on the passing of their Great Grandmother, Dimitra. We pray for comfort during this difficult time.

Marisa Matthys  
**Principal**



# School Closure Days

25 November: Professional Learning

15 & 16 December: Professional Learning







# Early Release Days

14 December: Students finish at 1:45pm



# *Parents Association*

Monday, 5 December at 8:30am





# Student of the Week

<b>Prep S</b>	<b>Prep S</b> For being so positively engaged in our 2022 House Sports. The team work, encouragement and joy that was witnessed on both days, was wonderful for all to see. - Mr. O	
<b>Prep F</b>	<b>All of Prep F</b> Well done, Prep F for your resilience, determination and strength during this term. We have certainly started Term 4 with a bang! Keep up the amazing work.	
<b>Prep K</b>	<b>Willow G</b> For the excellent word choices you are using in your writing. Your writing is always so interesting to read. Keep up your wonderful creativity Willow!	<b>Rylan deG</b> For the great mathematical thinking you have been showing in our maths warm ups. You are so enthusiastic about your learning and do a great job of explaining your thinking. Super effort Rylan!
<b>1MZ</b>	<b>1MZ</b> For being so positively engaged in our 2022 House Sports. The team work, encouragement and joy that was witnessed on both days, was wonderful for all to see. - Mr. O	
<b>1B</b>	<b>Milla B</b> For your wonderful contributions to class discussions and for displaying a positive attitude to your learning. Keep up the great work!	<b>Gabriel L</b> For working hard to demonstrate respectful whole-body listening and following instructions. Keep up the great work!
<b>1V</b>	<b>Chloe D</b> For always going out of your way to be a helpful member of our class. Your kindness and initiative is appreciated by all in One V! Well done Chloe.	<b>Neive VDD</b> For your wonderful effort in Writing this term. You have worked hard to produce some fantastic writing pieces independently. The growth in your confidence has been amazing!
<b>2G</b>	<b>2G</b> For being so positively engaged in our 2022 House Sports. The team work, encouragement and joy that was witnessed on both days, was wonderful for all to see. - Mr. O	
<b>2HB</b>	<b>Cohen S</b> For the interesting and descriptive language you consistently use in your writing, especially in your reflective writing this Term. Great effort!	<b>Yvette S</b> For demonstrating resilience with your enthusiasm and 'can do' attitude to all learning opportunities. You always try your best. Well done!
<b>2M</b>	<b>For all of 2M</b> For showing Strength and Resilience through the beginning of Term 4 with Swimming, Performance and Reconciliation. You have all done a wonderful job!	
<b>3S</b>	<b>Josh F</b> For following the behaviour focus of listening and following directions. You are a great role model for others. Keep up the great work!	<b>Eve S</b> For having a growth mindset and pushing yourself outside of your comfort zone. Your determination is something to be proud of. Well-done!
<b>3G</b>	<b>Lucas B</b> For thoughtful contributions to our classroom discussion about gender equality. Deep thinking about big ideas is one of your strengths. Keep up the great work, Lucas!	
<b>3L</b>	<b>Alessia M</b> For showing a growth mindset when experiencing challenges and taking on feedback to continue to improve. Well done Alessia!	<b>Caleb H</b> For showing resilience and trying your best in all of your learning during term 4. Well done Caleb!
<b>4B</b>	<b>Isaac F</b> For his positive attitude towards receiving feedback and applying it to his work. You wrote an incredible Free Verse poem on a Family Photo as a result of this. Well done Isaac!	<b>Blake S</b> For actively participating and assisting with the management of the House Sports Day. Well done Blake!
<b>4L</b>	<b>Madeleine K</b> For being enthusiastic in completing your work, especially with our Poetry writing. Keep it up Maddy!	<b>Jack D</b> For always contributing ideas to our class discussions, especially through our Inquiry discussions about 'Change' in the world. Great work!

# Student of the Week

<b>4S</b>	<p><b>Chelsea C</b> For your wonderful contributions to class discussions and for enthusiastically completing all your learning tasks. Well done Chelsea!</p>	<p><b>Selina B</b> For always contributing your amazing ideas during our class maths discussions and completing all your work diligently. Keep it up Selina!</p>
<b>5B</b>	<p><b>Ava B</b> For consistently displaying the three Rs both in the classroom and on the playground. Well done, Ava!</p>	<p><b>Sofia N</b> For demonstrating a growth mindset and approaching all elements of her learning with positivity. Well done!</p>
<b>5W</b>	<p><b>5W</b> For being so positively engaged in our 2022 House Sports. The team work, encouragement and joy that was witnessed on both days, was wonderful for all to see. - Mr. O</p>	
<b>5V</b>	<p><b>Scarlett S</b> For regularly contributing to our whole class discussions and approaching all your learning tasks with a positive attitude. Keep up the great work Scarlett!</p>	<p><b>Clarissa P</b> For always demonstrating a positive growth mindset and giving her best effort to all learning tasks. Keep up the fantastic effort Clarissa!</p>
<b>6C</b>	<p><b>Milla</b> For illustrating the term value strength. For consistently illustrating St Mary's 3Rs. Always being polite and trying your best.</p>	<p><b>Leo Cr</b> For always demonstrating the 3Rs. You are always tracking the speaker, you are always striving to do better and you are always looking out for others and their belongings.</p>
<b>6H</b>	<p><b>Mia H</b> For the consistently dedicated approach you show towards your learning. You always display a growth mindset and give everything your best effort.</p>	<p><b>Jack E</b> For making responsible choices in the classroom which ensure that you are the best version of yourself.</p>
<b>6PM</b>	<p><b>All of 6PM</b> For the camaraderie and support shown by each of you during our House Sports events.</p>	<p><b>Eva M</b> For your consistent maturity and leadership qualities that add such calming, positive influence to our class 6PM.</p>
<b>Visual Arts</b>	<p><b>Matthew G Prep F</b> For displaying great focus and enthusiasm during art lessons. You have been very creative with your leaves and gum nuts on your gumtree and you are clearly proud of your work. Well done!</p>	<p><b>William 6PM</b> For being a quiet achiever and taking care and pride in your art creations. Your self portrait displays great attention to detail and is a very like image. Thank You for always demonstrating the 3 Rs in the Art room. Well done!</p>
<b>Health &amp; Physical Education</b>	<p><b>All St. Mary's Students</b> For being so positively engaged in our 2022 House Sports. The team work, encouragement and joy that was witnessed on both days, was wonderful for all to see.</p>	<p>Luke S 5B, Violet H 5W &amp; Zak McL 5B For your wonderful achievements at your different chosen sports. Being able to perform and star at State events and on State teams, is a marvellous achievement. Luke-State Bronze Medallist 80m Hurdles for 9/10 Year Olds Violet-State Girls under 12 Soccer Team Zak-State Silver Medallist at Karate Championships</p>
<b>Performing Arts</b>	<p><b>Leo Cr 6C</b> For your enthusiasm and passion in the Performing Arts and continually demonstrating a positive growth mindset. I wish you all the very best on your Performing Arts journey into High School.</p>	<p><b>Year 4S</b> For dreaming up amazing dance moves that have gone beyond the bounds of The Dreaming Emu and are now being danced on the Piazza by others from all Year Levels. 'Listen to the *yidaki, listen to it blow' * Didgeridoo</p>





# ST. MARY'S 2023 STUDENT LEADERSHIP STRUCTURES

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## Priority 2 - Student Empowerment

Goal: To embed practices that provide students with authentic empowerment over their learning and wellbeing through agency, voice and leadership.

## School Leaders and Community Action Teams

- **School Captains**- one boy and one girl from Year 6
- **Vice Captains**- one boy and one girl from Year 6
- **House Captains**- one boy and one girl from Year 6 students per house

<b>Languages</b>	<b>Sustainability</b>	<b>Digital</b>	<b>Arts</b>	<b>PBL &amp; Wellbeing</b>	<b>Liturgical &amp; Social Justice</b>
five Year 6 students	five Year 6 students	five Year 6 students	five Year 6 students	five Year 6 students	five Year 6 students



## Roles and Responsibilities

- Plan and lead school events such as assemblies, Mass, sports days, performances, art shows etc.
- Plan, research and implement actions related to their CAT

# Student Voice Committee

- Lead by the School and Vice Captains
- Each term, one student from each class elected by their classmates

## Roles and Responsibilities

- Lead fortnightly class meetings to discuss the topics for the SVC meetings
- Represent the class and share feedback at SVC meetings

# FIRE Carriers

- Five Year 5 students

## Roles and Responsibilities

- To educate students, teachers and families about Reconciliation.
- To spread the message of our shared history and culture.
- To represent the St. Mary's Community at any Fire Carrier events. e.g. The Long Walk
- Assist and lead the school in the Totem Pole Blessing ceremony.
- Prepare resources and information for significant days
- E.g. Reconciliation Week, Sorry Day and NAIDOC week.
- Participate in and contribute to Whole School Masses e.g. Sorry Day Mass

