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*This new year, like a new born child,
is placed in our hands.
The old year has gone.
The days and weeks and months to come are pure gift;
They carry God's blessing.
Bless us, O God,
and bless the time and seasons yet to come.
Fill this New Year with your grace and
compassion so that all who come into our lives
may see a reflection of your Spirit.*

A MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

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



Dear Families,

Welcome to 2023

I warmly welcome you back for the 2023 school year. I hope that you all had an enjoyable and refreshing break, particularly as once school begins your life becomes extremely busy. We experienced true summer weather during the holidays and in our first week of school.

As is usual for Term One, the term promises to be a busy one. I hope all families feel extremely welcome and I am very excited about beginning the 2023 school year. Please contact me if I am able to assist in any way as I will always do my best to assist. It is my hope that you all have a

rewarding and happy year. I have faith that everyone will be enriched by our school community.

Congratulations Prep Students and Parents

Congratulations to our Prep students who have settled in so beautifully. It has been a joy getting to know the students and you, their parents. We welcome all new families to St Mary's and I look forward to many years learning together.

Welcome to New Staff

Over the holiday period I interviewed and appointed an IT leader; Sophie Jarman and a school nurse Jennifer Lim. Sophie works in IT at St Damian's and St Mary's and comes highly recommended. Jennifer is a registered nurse who previously worked at the Alfred Hospital in recovery. We are delighted to welcome them both to St Mary's.

Financial Assistance

All families who hold a valid means tested concession card or are a temporary foster parent, may be eligible for financial support provided by the Victorian Government. There is a special consideration category for asylum seekers and refugee families. For those eligible, a grant of \$125 per primary school student and \$225 per secondary student is payable to the school. This money is to be allocated to costs associated with sport activities, excursions and camp. If you are eligible, you are encouraged to apply.

A MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL CONT.

Marisa Matthys



Financial Assistance cont.

The \$125 will be deducted from your School Levy. Please contact Rochelle in the Office for an application form. We also offer a Concessional Fee arrangement to any family suffering true hardship. It is our mission that no family be prevented from having a Catholic Education due to financial reasons.

Meet the Teacher

Meet the Teacher has been scheduled for Monday the 13th February from 3.30pm onwards. This is a great opportunity to enter the classroom, and in a casual setting, talk with your child's teacher. We are so delighted that we can offer this opportunity in 2023.

School Closure Days 2023

School Closure dates for 2022 are Term 1 (Monday 30th January), Term 2 (Monday 24th April) & (Monday 8th May) Term 3 (Friday 18th August) Term 4 (Monday 6th November, Friday 24th Nov, Friday 15th December). Please mark these dates in your diary. Camp Australia will be open all day on these school closure days.

Working Bee

The first Working Bee for the year is on Saturday 11th February (Year 4). Hopefully the weather will be conducive to achieving a great deal around the school. I look forward to seeing many names on the involvement form survey which was sent home. Many hands make light work. There is much to be achieved.

Prep yr. 6 Buddy Picnic

Just a reminder that the Prep Yr. 6 Buddy Picnic is on Thursday the 23rd February on the school oval at 5pm. We look forward to gathering together and enjoying each other's company. These events are a wonderful way to build relationships and to relax and have fun as a school community.

FIRE Carrier Program

At our Ash Wednesday Mass on Wednesday 22nd February, students and staff will be inducted as our new FIRE Carriers. These people will lead the FIRE Carrier program in 2023. "FIRE Carriers," an acronym for "Friends Igniting Reconciliation through Education," is an initiative through the Catholic Aboriginal Ministry of Victoria. Through this program, the FIRE Carriers are commissioned to raise awareness of reconciliation for the wrongs of the past and to promote peace and justice for all, along with learning about and appreciating the rich culture of the Aboriginal peoples. Over the coming weeks, the students will be painting the Totem Poles that stand in our Reflection Garden. There is a Totem Pole for each Level, one for the teachers and one for our community.

A MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL CONT.

Marisa Matthys



Arrival Time

Supervision of the school grounds commences at 8.30am. Students therefore should not arrive prior to this time. Any student needing to be dropped off any earlier must be booked into our Before School Care Program. School begins promptly at 8.50am. If you are using the Kiss and Drop at Admin, please ensure your child/rens bags are not in the boot, but rather with them. Students exit cars on the left at the Admin Kiss and drop and they exit the car on the right at William St and Roadway. Please ensure you follow these important safety procedures.

School Camp

On Wednesday 15th February our year 5 students will be departing for Billabong Camp in Echuca.

They will be supervised by our Year 5 teachers; Grace Gibbons, Briar Wagner and Nichole Sorockyj. Teachers and LSO's also in attendance are; Vesna Bosnjak, Rochelle Lopez, Annie Bell, Cassie Lia, Maggie Bradley, Daniel Marasco and Holly Spicer. I will be visiting for the day on Wednesday and Rachel Perissinotto will be attending Thursday and Friday. We wish them great weather and a safe and exciting time on camp and look forward to hearing about their adventures.

Latecomers

Just a reminder that any student who arrives after 8:50am must sign in to Compass in the school office. It is essential that these protocols are followed to ensure all students are accounted for and safe. Please assist your child to be punctual thus providing time for them to settle in and socialize.

Communication/Compass

All communication in 2023 is via our website, and Compass. This ensures a streamlined approach which was feedback received from parents. Learning will be shared through Seesaw and Google Classrooms. It is vital that all families have logged in to Compass as you are missing vital school information if you have not done so. Having the Compass App on your phone means you are receiving real time information. If you are having difficulty logging in please contact our admin team or our IT Leader Sophie Jarman. sjarman@smgreensborough.catholic.edu.au Sophie works on Tuesdays and Thursdays.

Principal Conference

I am attending the North East Zone Principal conference in Flinders today and tomorrow. The conference is being facilitated by Louisa Rennie, General Manager Leadership Development at MACS. I look forward to sharing my learning with our staff and community. Laurina van der EL will be in charge in my absence.

A MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL CONT.

Marisa Matthys

Sacraments

The Sacramental and Liturgical Calendar for 2023 has been placed on the school Website so that you can access dates for the entire year. In Term One we begin with a general faith night. All Year 3, Year 6 and Year 2 parents are encouraged to attend. The General Faith Night is on Tuesday 14 February. The link to register for this meeting is <https://www.schoolinterviews.com.au/code/82z7h>

Meditation

Just a reminder to all parents and carers that we are meditating as a whole school at 8.55am. This means that for 5 minutes the Admin team will not be able to greet you at the front office. If you are in the Admin foyer we ask that you sit in silence, listen to our students and join us in our prayer time. It is a great way to begin our day.



Marisa Matthys
Principal



Many of our Partnered Parish Communities would know that Stonehouse Bakery in Hurstbridge (across from Lettuce Inn) – has the ABSOLUTE best cinnamon donuts in Australia!

Throughout the COVID 19 crisis this family owned business, continued their hospitality to the community for each person who came in for a coffee and free donut. You were always met with a friendly voice of welcome and knew for certain that behind the mask their smile matched yours. Always ready for a chat and a laugh, Seray Ayhan, her mother, Alev, with the men of the family doing the baking, along with Lilly and all the girls serving – we formed a strong connection of friendship and for many of us, a bond as strong as family. We celebrated with them when we hear the brother, Taylen would be married during their annual trip back home to Turkey this past January. Recently returned, we saw the photos and heard the heart warming story of a family in celebration after the last few years of being separated from each other. They call Adana, Turkiyre home – home to their family who just a short time ago gathered in celebrating a wedding – who now are ‘in tents or under rubble’. Both earthquakes struck the homes of their families and friends and they have no where to go. Seray has taken it upon herself to form a GoFundMe initiative – “Help Families after Earthquakes in Turkey (7.7)”. She is aiming to raise \$8,000.00 to go towards the families who now are left with nothing. Please go to this link: <https://gofund.me/1382c9e0> to make your donation. If you have any problems with the link – type in “GoFundMe” in your web browser, then do a search using the search icon you will see on the homepage – type in the name of the fund – it will come up and to make certain it is the correct one – Seray Ayhan’s name will be there.

*Continue to support the family in visiting the bakery as often as you can! Please pray for all people of Turkiyre and Syria that the people of the world will see the people there, homeless, traumatise, injured and separated from loved ones, not knowing who has survived, trying to cope with the magnitude of devastation – and open their hearts to the generosity of Spirit to share with however they can to aid in recovery of body, mind and spirit of the people there.

Thank you again, girls and Fr Steven for your support.

School Open Days

Open Morning Tours

Wednesday, 8-March

Thursday, 16-March

Tuesday, 28-March

9:30am and 12:00pm

Twilight Opening

Thursday, 16-March

from 4:30 pm

last tour at 5:45 pm

Information Night

Tuesday, 4-April

7:00 pm

No tours this night

*Bookings are **not** required. We will see you there!*

Term Dates for 2023

Term One

2 February - 6 April

Term Two

26 April - 23 June

Term Three

10 July - 15 September

Term Four

2 October - 15 December

Early Release Dates for 2023

School Finishes at 1:45pm

6 April

19 June (finishing at
11:45am for PTCC)

23 June

15 September

14 December

School Closure Dates for 2023

13 March

24 April

8 May

18 August

6 November

24 November

15 December

Student of the Week

Prep F	<p>Alexis For starting school with a resilient attitude. You have begun the school year as an example to your peers. Keep up the excellent work.</p>	<p>Wilkie For being an example to your peers. You have begun the year as a respectful and responsible student. Keep up the excellent work.</p>
Prep S	<p>Isabelle M For welcoming all your classmates each day with a warm smile and kind words. Brava Isabelle</p>	<p>Charlie C For having a positive attitude to school and for always being respectful to your teachers and peers. Fantastic Charlie!!!</p>
Prep K	<p>Hudson S For beginning school with a big smile, positivity and an excitement to learn. Well done on being friendly and welcoming to your classmates. Looking forward to a wonderful 2023 in Prep!</p>	<p>Arek L For beginning school with so much enthusiasm and excitement to learn. What a wonderful way to start your primary school journey. Looking forward to a wonderful 2023 in Prep!</p>
1MH	<p>Willow B For demonstrating respect to others. You set a great example of what it means to be a good friend with your kindness. Thank you Willow!</p>	<p>Alex T For trying your best to listen attentively, follow instructions and help others in a respectful way. Keep it up Alex!</p>
1ZB	<p>James L For settling in so well to Year One and always showing respect to your peers and teachers. You are a role model to others. Well done!</p>	<p>Eve O For making such a positive start to Year One! You demonstrate whole body listening during whole class learning and are a role model to others. Well done!</p>
1B	<p>Josh T For an excellent start to Year 1. You are a great role model to your classmates and are always showing kindness. Well done!</p>	<p>Niamh R For a positive start to Year 1. Thank you for always showing whole body listening and being respectful to your classmates. Keep it up!</p>
2V	<p>Alice P For a positive start at St Mary's! You have been a wonderful model of our 3R's - Respect through your excellent whole body listening. We love having you with us in 2V Alice! Well done.</p>	<p>Kate WT For being a respectful and responsible member of 2V. You have started the year with wonderful whole body listening in the classroom and in our safety line. Keep up the amazing work Kate!</p>
2M	<p>Chloe G For demonstrating our 3R's and setting a wonderful example for your classmates. Keep up the excellent work Chloe!</p>	<p>Charlie J For beginning the year at St Mary's with a positive attitude. You have shown such resilience in a new learning environment. Well Done Charlie!</p>
2B	<p>Ariya S For demonstrating our 3R's, particularly resilience as you begin at your new school. Well done Ariya!</p>	<p>Massimo R For displaying a positive mindset and enthusiasm for all learning activities. You show resilience through your willingness to challenge yourself. You are a superstar!</p>
3P	<p>Jimmy T For returning to school with a positive transition into year 3 and making a great start to the year. Well done for all the effort you are putting into your learning already! Keep it up Jimmy!</p>	<p>Lily For being a great role model in our class through consistently following our routines and demonstrating the 3R's throughout the day.</p>
3L	<p>Claire T For showing kindness and respect to all members of our school and beginning the school year with such a positive mindset.</p>	<p>Taylor S For displaying the 3R's in all of your actions and showing kindness to everyone around you.</p>
3C	<p>Natalia B For illustrating the 3R's consistently by always listening to and following instructions the first time. You are a great role model to the other students in the classroom and wider school community.</p>	<p>Evie L For demonstrating to others in the class how to show the 3R's at St Marys. You are always following instructions, trying your very best and helping others. Keep up the amazing work Evie. You are a superstar!</p>
4V	<p>Audrey D For beginning the school year with a positive attitude, Your behaviour and efforts this week have been terrific. Well done, Audrey! Keep up the fantastic work.</p>	<p>Joshua M For following instructions quickly and using class time effectively. You have done a brilliant job of demonstrating our behaviour focus this week. You should be very proud! Well done, Josh!</p>
4G	<p>Luca C For returning to school with a positive mindset and demonstrating consistent focus across all learning areas. Also, for your warm welcoming attitude towards all members of the class.</p>	<p>Billie D For your consistent positive attitude and openness to participate fully in lessons. Also, for your effort to ensure you are always welcoming and friendly to all members of the St. Mary's Community.</p>

Student of the Week

4L	<p>Abigail I For entering a new school with such a positive attitude, growth mind set and a willingness to be an active participant in 4L. Well done Abigail!</p>	<p>Alexander S For demonstrating persistence to improve your hand writing skills and being an enthusiastic member of 4L! Keep up the great work Alex!</p>
5W	<p>Indie N For displaying the 3Rs in the classroom by treating others with kindness and following instructions quickly and quietly. Keep up the great work, Indie!</p>	<p>Oliver T For beginning Year 5 with a positive attitude and for approaching all challenges with resilience. Well done, Oliver!</p>
5G	<p>Addison M For beginning the year with a positive, resilient and responsible attitude. You should be proud of your continuing independence in the classroom despite new circumstances. Great work!</p>	<p>Lily G For beginning the year with a positive and respectful attitude, and making thoughtful and challenging contributions to classroom discussion. Keep up the great work.</p>
5S	<p>Hannah S For beginning Year 5 with a positive mindset and demonstrating focus in all learning areas. Keep up the great work Hannah!</p>	<p>Noah T For returning to school with a positive attitude and communicating respectfully to your classmates and peers. Great work Noah!</p>
6W	<p>Jasmine C For beginning the year with a positive attitude and for always showing kindness and respect to everyone around you. Well done Jasmine!</p>	<p>Jilay B For returning to school with a positive mindset and always being friendly and welcoming to others. Well done, Jilay!</p>
6V	<p>Georgia T For being a responsible and respectful member of our classroom and for always showing kindness to everyone around you. Well done Georgia!</p>	<p>Jye P For demonstrating a positive growth mindset and giving your best effort to all learning tasks. Keep up the fantastic effort Jye!</p>
6L	<p>Charlie G For commencing the year with great enthusiasm. Thank you for always displaying our 3R's in the classroom. Keep up the wonderful work Charlie!</p>	<p>Elijah S For embracing the 3Rs and using them to help settle into St Marys. Fantastic job!</p>
Health & Physical Education	<p>SWIM TRIALS-STUDENTS</p> <p>For all 56 students in Years 3-6 who trialled for the St. Mary's swimming team. You all demonstrated resilience, determination and perseverance as you navigated the 50m's!! Well done everyone!!</p>	
Visual Arts	<p>Jackson S 4G For creating a detailed and colourful design on your name card. Great work Jackson.</p>	<p>Shelby 3P For demonstrating a colourful and eye-catching painting technique. Great work Shelby.</p>
Science / Digi Tech	<p>Alexander B 1ZB For contributing to class discussions and for demonstrating the 3 R's. Wonderful work Alexander!</p>	<p>Sophie T 1B For showing great enthusiasm in class discussions and displaying our 3R's in the classroom. Well done Sophie!</p>



1 February 2023

Dear Parents/Caregivers,

Each class visits the Library on a weekly basis, to borrow and return books and for quiet reading. Your child's classroom teacher will always inform you which day and time your child's class will visit the Library.

Students will be able to borrow 1 or 2 books to take home every week, with a one week loan period, renewable.

To ensure books are protected and cared for, **it is essential that each child has a school library bag** which can be purchased from the uniform shop.

If you need to order a new library bag, forms can be downloaded from the parent section, uniform page on the school website, and sent through the class basket. Alternatively you can go to the uniform shop. Please check the newsletter for opening times.

Similar to previous years, in 2023, parents will be responsible for paying the costs associated with replacing any books that are lost and not returned, so please help your child/children set up routines which ensure the books are cared for whilst at home and returned on or renewed by the due date.

If books are still unreturned after a reminder note has been issued, families will be sent an invoice to pay for the specific lost item. Hopefully this won't happen, as we all know how expensive books can be.

Could you please read the information below to familiarise yourself with the process and also read the borrowing expectations with your child/children so that we can all work together to maintain our wonderful collection and make great use of this fantastic learning space. We are looking forward to another great term in the Library.

PROCEDURE

- Normal borrowing period is 1 week, then books may be renewed up to two times, if not reserved by another student. (Total 3 weeks)
- Books not returned or brought into the Library to be renewed, (must have the books present to renew) a verbal caution will be given to the student saying that they have overdue books and they must be returned at the next library session.
- If these books are not returned at the next session an email will go home to parents.
- If the books are then not returned at the next library session a payment notice will be issued to replace the book.

\$15.00 for a novel/paperback

\$25.00 for a hardcover

Kind Regards,

Fiona Maclsaac
Library Teacher

Marisa Matthys
Principal

WORKING BEE

YEAR 4 FAMILIES
WE'LL SEE YOU THIS
SATURDAY, 11TH FOR OUR
FIRST WORKING BEE OF
2023!



Calling all Grandparents!

It takes a village to teach a child to read. Do you have a grandparent that would like to join our St Mary's village? We are looking for grandparents to help us with reading from 9-11am in the junior school. If you have a grandparent that is interested in helping out, please email Rebecca Mellerick at rmellerick@smgreensborough.catholic.edu.au Training will be provided in the coming weeks for those interested. Please note: it is mandatory that anyone volunteering has a current working with children check.

Rebecca Mellerick
Literacy Coach
St Mary's Parish Primary School



Pancake Tuesday

2023

To celebrate Shrove Tuesday, our special pancake morning will be held for the whole school.

When: Tuesday, 21st of February

Time: 9:00am - 11:30am

Cost: \$2.50 per child

Teachers will collect money from students on the day.
Each student will receive a plate, serviette, fork and 2 pancakes.

Toppings include: Butter/Margarine, Jam, Maple Syrup, Lemon and Sugar.

The ingredients in the pancake mix are wheat, milk, egg and baking powder.

If your child has any allergies and cannot have pancakes could you please supply them with something they can have to enjoy with the rest of their class while they are at the hall sharing this special treat.

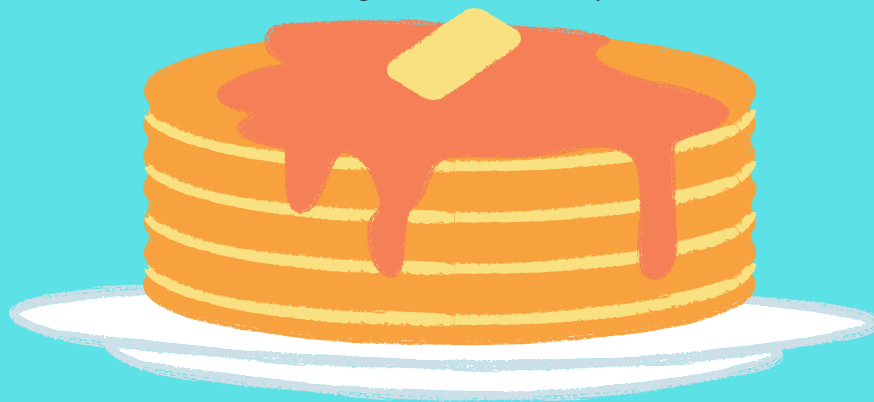
If you need further information you are welcome to speak with our Canteen Manager Mel on 0400 973 033 or tuckshop@smgreensborough.catholic.edu.au.

We will need plenty of helpers (from 8:15am onwards) on the day to cook and serve the pancakes. All volunteers will need to have valid WWCC, confirm you have completed the online induction module and will be required to check-in at the Office.

Donations of lemons would be gratefully appreciated and we request these donations by 17th of February.

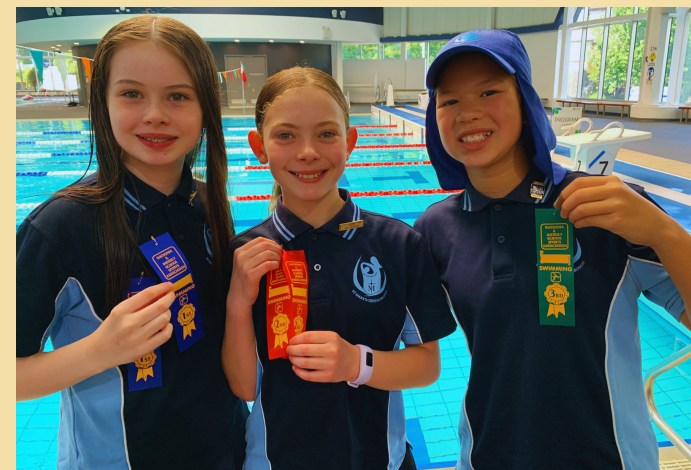
Parents who have already opted to help through the [volunteer form](#) will be contacted by Melanie Mayne. If any helpers have an electric frypan, spatula and apron that would be very helpful to bring on the day.

We look forward to sharing in this fun day with all the children.



SWIM TRIALS

On a warm February 8th morning, 51 students from Years 3-6, made their way, by foot, to Watermarc Leisure Centre in Greensborough. They were all getting ready for the school swim trials which determines who will go on to represent St. Mary's PS at the 2023 Watsonia District Swimming Carnival. Girls and boys from ages 8-13, swam 50m and had their time recorded. Collation of the times and cross referencing ages, assisted Mr. O' in being able to select the swim team for 2023. Congratulations and well done to all students who participated, showing resilience and determination to swim 50m and for putting their hands up to try out for the school swimming team. Well done to all those who have qualified for the WDSSA Swimming Carnival on February 23rd at Watermarc. Sincere thank you to Alex our official starter and all the parent volunteers and staff members who assisted with the running of this event-without whom events like this would not happen.



Uniform Shop



Dear families,

The uniform shop was inundated with uniform requests in the first week of school, leaving us depleted of many sizes of polos and bomber jackets. A delivery is on the way & we will post another update when we are fully stocked again and also fill any orders that missed out.



**We will be opening weekly on Friday Mornings
from 8.30 - 9.30am.**



If you are able to spend 30 - 60 mins with us on a regular (weekly, fortnightly or monthly) basis please be in touch with shop coordinator - Nadine Alderuccio on 0409 412 508 and ensure you have completed the Parent Induction Module.

Second hand donations of decent quality logo'd uniform items or dresses / winter skirts are gratefully accepted.

Unfortunately we don't have space to store any plain bottoms and therefore unable to accept these specific items.

Please note second-hand items cannot be ordered via email - you will need to visit the shop to peruse what's available.



Thanks, Nadine



CLASS LIAISONS

Did you know each class at St Mary's now requires 1-2 parent class representatives (liaisons)?

In 2022 we kick started this initiative and had such positive feedback and appreciation for the role and the benefits it provided for the families. A class liaison helps class families to keep connected with the on goings in the classroom and school community. Be it upcoming events, sports days, school events, social events, last minute changes etc. Many classes enjoyed catch ups for park plays, coffee mornings or parent dinners. Parents also appreciated a quick concern being addressed by the liaison or group to put their minds at ease. Having a class liaison is a great way to create friendships and a stronger sense of belonging, not only for the parents but for the children.

If being a classroom liaison (CL) is something you may be interested in please reach out. It is a very rewarding role (most CL's from last year have put their hands up to do it again this year) and you will have ongoing support.

To express your interest or if you'd like more information (full job description available), please contact

Christine Di Pasquale at: [**classlc@smgreensborough.catholic.edu.au**](mailto:classlc@smgreensborough.catholic.edu.au)

Please note there are only 2 class liaisons per class so don't miss out on the opportunity to make a difference.





*School
Photos
23rd March*

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UPCOMING EVENTS



**Feb
13th**

"MEET THE TEACHER" OPEN CLASSROOMS

AN OPPORTUNITY FOR YOU TO POP INTO THE CLASSROOM & MEET YOUR CHILD'S./ CHILDREN'S TEACHER

PREP & YEAR 6 BUDDY PICNIC (SCHOOL OVAL)

BRING YOUR PICNIC. MEET YOUR CHILD/CHILDREN'S BUDDIES & OTHER SCHOOL FAMILIES

**Feb
23rd**

**Feb
21st**

SHROVE TUESDAY / PANCAKE DAY

OPEN OVAL WELCOME

SCHOOL OVAL OPEN FOR ST MARY'S FAMILIES FROM 3.30-5PM

**MAR
3RD**

**MAR
21ST**

PARENT FUNDRAISING EVENT

**FOR MORE INFORMATION KEEP AN EYE ON
YOUR COMPASS NEWS**

LOVE TO HELP?

WE WOULD LOVE TO HEAR FROM YOU

The events and activities hosted outside of the classroom are organised and hosted by the **St Mary's Parent's Association** (often along with some help with some other amazing St Mary's Committees / Teams); a group of fabulous volunteers who are passionate about building a strong St Mary's school community and raising money that can be reinvested straight back into St Mary's for the benefit of our children.

The aim of the **Parent's Association** for the year ahead is to bring back the activities and events that were incredibly popular, but sadly, needed to be put on hold due to covid and subsequent covid restrictions.

We want to have an action-packed year that provides ample opportunity for each and every St Mary's family to make lifelong friends; to feel connected and to feel proud in their decision to send their child / children to our school.

But to achieve this, we need the support of as many St Mary's families as possible.

If you have recently joined St Mary's or have considered lending a helping hand in the past, now is the time to act- we would love to hear from you.

No act of support is too small- it may be that you would like to help with a particular event but aren't keen on making a yearlong commitment to the **Parent's Association**. Perhaps you simply want to come along to monthly meetings and contribute to ideas and brainstorming- that would be amazing too.

To express your interest in helping the **Parent's Association** in any capacity, please print this form (or collect a copy from the Front Office) and tick the relevant box below. You can then return this to the lovely ladies in the School Front Office.

Alternatively, you can send us an email using the address below.

I would love to help with a major fundraising event

I would love to help with the St Mary's Parish Fete

I would love to help with smaller community engagement activities

I am awesome- sign me up to join the Parent's Association for 2023 & i'll help where needed

Name:

Contact Ph Number:

Contact Email Address:

Year level of your oldest child at St Mary's:

EMAIL US AT:
PARENTSASSOCIATION@SMGREENSBOROUGH.
CATHOLIC.EDU.AU

FREE EDUCATIONAL CHESS SESSION FOR YOUR SCHOOL

Chess is the original and enduring "thought sport" played throughout the world and has many benefits for young people. These include improved cognitive skills as well as self confidence and resilience. With coaches who rank among the best players in the country our chess programs are tailored to suit the needs of all abilities.



Typically, a trial session is a couple of hour-long sessions where up to 60 students at a time get some instruction on chess and the chance to play.



Kids Unlimited provide all the equipment and expert coaches for the sessions.



Off the back of this we would look to launch an 8-week program where parents pay and all admin and payments are administered by Kids Unlimited



**CONTACT KIDS UNLIMITED FOR
MORE DETAILS AND BOOKINGS**

**Kids
Unlimited**

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 www.kidsunlimited.com.au

 1300 424 377



Parent and carer webinar schedule 2023

eSafety's free webinars provide parents and carers with the knowledge, skills and tools to support their children to have safe, positive online experiences.

Our live webinars for parents and carers attracted record attendance numbers in 2022. To meet the growing demand, we are expanding the program in 2023 to include more dates and topics to support school communities.

Term 1

Safer Internet Day (7 February)

eSafety 101: how eSafety can help you

Suitable for parents and carers of young people in primary and secondary school.

Setting your child up for success online

Suitable for parents and carers of young people in primary school.

Getting the most out of gaming

Suitable for parents and carers of young people in primary and early secondary school.

Navigating online friendships

Suitable for parents and carers of young people in secondary school.

Term 2

National Families Week (15 to 21 May)

eSafety 101: how eSafety can help you

Suitable for parents and carers of young people in primary and secondary school.

Getting started with social media: TikTok, YouTube, Instagram

Suitable for parents and carers of young people in primary school.

Online relationships and consent: sending nudes and sexting

Suitable for parents and carers of young people in secondary school.

Setting your child up for success online

Suitable for parents and carers of young people in primary school.

Term 3

National Day of Action Against Bullying and Violence (18 August)

National Child Protection Week (3 to 9 September)

eSafety 101: how eSafety can help you

Suitable for parents and carers of young people in primary and secondary school.

Online boundaries and consent

Suitable for parents and carers of young people in primary school.

Getting the most out of gaming

Suitable for parents and carers of young people in primary and early secondary school.

Online relationships and consent: sending nudes and sexting

Suitable for parents and carers of young people in secondary school.

Getting started with social media: TikTok, YouTube, Instagram

Suitable for parents and carers of young people in primary school.

Term 4

Mental Health Month (October)

Wellbeing and digital technologies

Suitable for parents and carers of young people in secondary school.

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Thank you from St. Vincent de Paul Society Conference, Greensborough

I write on behalf of the Greensborough Conference of St. Vincent De Paul Society, to thank the St. Mary's School Community most sincerely for providing us with 21 Christmas themed food hampers last month, which we delivered to local families a few days before Christmas.

In particular we acknowledge and appreciate the following:

Principal, Marisa Matthys for allowing St. Mary's to once again be involved.

Ana Amorim for her superb and enthusiastic co-ordination of the collection of goods via the classrooms and the collation of these into individual hamper baskets. A job very well done!

Taylor Leslie and the Social Justice Team who checked to see that all the hampers were equal in content and also provided hand- made Christmas cards for the families receiving the hampers.

The school families who contributed food items so willingly and generously despite the demands on their time and finances. You well and truly displayed the Christmas spirit.

We can assure all of you that the families we distributed the hampers to were thrilled to receive this special gift and to know that they are thought of and cared for by others in their own community. We are so grateful to you all. Your kindness has touched the lives of many, including the members of our Conference! Wishing your school community all the very best for the year ahead.



Maureen Lonsdale.

President: Greensborough Conference
St Vincent De Paul Society



Meet the team

at ST MARY'S PRIMARY SCHOOL



WENDY JACKSON

COORDINATOR

Wendy Jackson is an amazing fun loving, energetic all-round special coordinator at Camp Australia.

Wendy is an inspiring role model to the children and us educators. She loves spending time with her two beautiful granddaughters and family.

She is very creative and hands on with her amazing art pieces and artistic ideas. Wendy also enjoys cooking, outdoor adventures, catching up with friends and going to markets.

Wendy is passionate in advocating and giving all the children the same opportunity and voice in reaching their full potential and goals in life. She is an amazing individual who is highly respected and valued by all here at St Mary's Primary.

Written by: Nicole Wilson (Educator)

Newsletter



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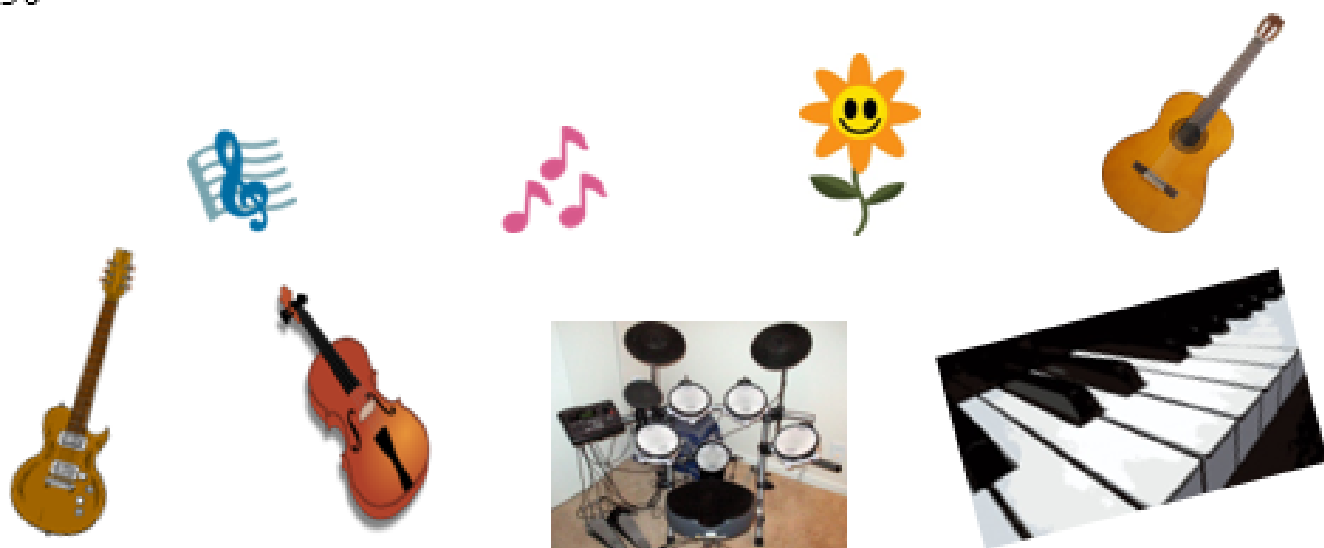
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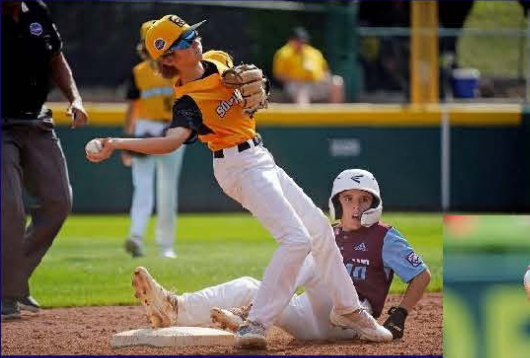

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Free Starter Pack (game day uniform) for all new primary school players

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18 January 2023

Dear Resident

Upcoming 24 hour works in February

The second stage of the Hurstbridge Line Duplication will deliver further improvements, including more train services, less crowding on peak trains and better connections to public transport in Melbourne's northeast.

From **9pm Friday 10 February to 3am Monday 13 February 2023** construction will take place 24 hours along the rail line in Greensborough and Montmorency.

What to expect

During these works you may notice:

- Noise, dust, or vibrations from heavy machinery working in the rail corridor
- Noise and light spill from the use of light towers for night works
- Heavy vehicles using local roads for haulage and deliveries to site
- Changes to the way you move around the area.

Changes to travel – train

- Buses will replace trains between Heidelberg and Eltham on the Hurstbridge Line from **8pm Friday 10 February to last service Sunday 12 February 2023**
- Greensborough Station will close during this time. The existing overpass will remain open
- To plan your journey, visit the PTV website ptv.vic.gov.au or call 1800 800 007.

Changes to travel – road

- Mayona Road will be closed at Kelvin Avenue from **Monday 30 January to Friday 3 February 2023**. A 3-minute detour will be available via Kelvin Avenue and Starling Street.
- Please check local signage for up-to-date detour information.

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- Sign up for email updates at levelcrossings.vic.gov.au/subscribe
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Kind regards,

The Hurstbridge Line Duplication Project Team

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