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*A Prayer for World Peace*

*We pray for the power to be gentle,  
the strength to be forgiving,  
the patience to be understanding,  
and the endurance to accept the consequences  
of holding on to what we believe to be right.*

*May we put our trust in the power of good to overcome evil  
and the power of love to overcome hatred.*

*We pray for the vision to see and the faith to believe  
in a world emancipated from violence,  
a new world where fear shall no longer lead men or women to  
commit injustice,*

*nor selfishness make them bring suffering to others.*

*Help us to devote our whole life and thought and energy  
to the task of making peace,*

*praying always for the inspiration and the power*

*to fulfill the destiny for which we and all men and women were created*

*Author Unknown*

# A MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

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



Dear Families,

## **Harmony Day**

Thank you to the families who supported our Harmony Day activities. We enjoyed being able to celebrate our differences and appreciate one another for who we are and where we come from. We truly believe that 'Everyone is welcome here'. A huge thank you to our teachers and students for organising the fun welcoming activities.

## **Fete Committee Meeting**

Please join our PA meeting on Monday 3rd April at 7.30pm in the Church foyer to discuss the November Fete. Many parents comment on how wonderful the fete is, and how much they look forward to it. Fete's can only occur when people volunteer to organise stalls, rides, food etc. WE NEED YOU! The more people volunteer the less work placed on individuals.

## **St Mary's Open Days**

Our Open days continue this coming week. Congratulations to our school leaders who are conducting the tours. The feedback from the families has been extremely positive and I am so proud of them as they are great ambassadors of St Mary's.

## **Italian Delegates visiting**

On March 30th St Mary's is hosting the Italian Consulate General, language representatives from the four major universities; Melbourne, Monash, RMIT and Deakin, Nine delegates from the Dept of Education and a representative from the Victorian Curriculum and Assessment Authority. The delegates will be visiting classrooms to see our great Italian learning in action.

## **Prep/Year 6 Working Bee April 1st**

The Prep /Year 6 Working bee will be held on Saturday the 1st April. I encourage all parents in those levels to consider participating. We are wanting to install a long jump pit and many hands will make light work. I look forward to working with you. Please remember your Working with Children's Checks.

## **Capital Grant Application**

Throughout the past two weeks I have been organising a Capital Grant Application to refurbish the two storey building. We are hoping to create a Science Kitchen STEAM Centre where the students will have the ability to create movies, podcasts and amazing artworks, learn cooking and provide a space for our families to be involved in students' learning. We will find out if we are shortlisted in June/July.



# A MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL CONT.

Marisa Matthys



## Meeting Nights

Just a reminder due to the new EBA, St Mary's has needed to change the times for out of hour meetings for teachers. We now begin our Monday and Tuesday afternoon meetings at 3.30pm instead of 3.45pm. It is imperative that teachers are punctual to these meetings. Please do not try to meet with our teaching staff on Monday and Tuesday afternoon as they are expected to attend our Professional Learning team (PLT) meetings on time. Thank you for your support in this matter. I will continue to keep you informed of the EBA expectations as there will be other changes to ensure a reduced workload for teachers.

## Prep 2024 Information Evening

On Tuesday the 4th of April we will be offering a Prep 2024 information Evening in the MLC at 7pm. Please let your friends and family know. I look forward to sharing information about our great school.

## School Hall Toilet Upgrade

I am pleased to announce that we will be commencing with the Hall toilets upgrade any day now. This refurbishment is long overdue and will provide clean, functional disabled and regular toilets which will enhance the use of the Hall.

**Congratulations to the McConville Family** on the arrival of Alfie. Aaria was very excited to share wonderful pictures of her new baby brother.

Marisa Matthys  
Principal

**CONGRATS!**



# Student of the Week

<b>Prep F</b>	<p><b>Mason N</b> For being a resilient and responsible learner. You're giving new and challenging things a go whilst trying your best. Well done, Mason.</p>	<p><b>Japneet B</b> For being a determined and responsible learner. Your diligence to your sounds, blending and heart words is making such a difference. Well done, Japneet.</p>
<b>Prep S</b>	<p><b>Jack R</b> For colouring the world with Christ's love by welcoming and including everyone in his games. Bravo Jack!</p>	<p><b>Ben S</b> For always showing respectful manners towards everyone. You are kind and welcoming to everyone you meet. Fantastico Ben!</p>
<b>Prep K</b>	<p><b>Isla D</b> For the responsible way that you participate in reading activities and for the hard work that you put into recognising the sounds letters make. Keep up the awesome effort Isla!</p>	<p><b>Marco T</b> Marco, you are a great friend towards your classmates and always include others in your games at break times. Well done! Keep up your enthusiasm towards your learning.</p>
<b>1MH</b>	<p><b>Leo F</b> For being a respectful student who demonstrates whole body listening. For also being an active learner and contributing so well to class discussion. Bravo Leo!</p>	<p><b>Layla</b> For always being a good listener and for working so hard to complete your best work. You also help others and assist them with their learning. Brava Layla!</p>
<b>1ZB</b>	<p><b>Emmy S</b> For always demonstrating exceptional whole body listening and working so hard to complete every learning task. You show such dedication to your learning. You are a superstar Emmy!</p>	<p><b>Nate K</b> For demonstrating an increasing confidence with his Writing. You put in so much effort and thought into your work. Great work!</p>
<b>1B</b>	<p><b>Alessandro C</b> For always following instructions and being a responsible student. You are a positive, respectful and wonderful learner. Keep up the great work!</p>	<p><b>Victoria K</b> For showing dedication to your learning and being confident to read in front of your classmates. Keep up the great enthusiasm. Well done!</p>
<b>2V</b>	<p><b>Alexander T</b> For always working hard to demonstrate your best whole body listening on the floor and for your willingness to contribute to classroom discussions. Keep up the wonderful work Alexander!</p>	<p><b>Hannah D</b> For always demonstrating respectful listening and working hard to complete every learning task. You have undertaken additional challenges in Maths this term with such enthusiasm! Well done Hannah.</p>
<b>2M</b>	<p><b>Cormac B</b> For always demonstrating resilience when completing your tasks, as well as making such an improvement in your handwriting. Keep up the amazing work Cormac!</p>	<p><b>Grace S</b> For your amazing hard work on your Reading. You continue to put in large amounts of effort to help your learning. Keep up the excellent work Grace!</p>
<b>2B</b>	<p><b>Charlotte T</b> For demonstrating excellence during Reading Groups this week. Your growth mindset and dedication to learning the phonics rules is admirable! Keep up the great work Charlotte!</p>	<p><b>Jax K</b> For demonstrating excellence and a growth mindset in Mathematics. Your dedication to learning and improving has shone this week! Well done Jax!</p>
<b>3P</b>	<p><b>Zara B</b> For being a resilient learner and always striving to complete a challenge. Fantastic work Zara!</p>	<p><b>Cohen M</b> For always bringing your happiness and enthusiasm into the classroom. Your energy and mindset towards learning is fantastic. We are lucky to have you in 3P!</p>
<b>3L</b>	<p><b>Annie A</b> For your amazing resilience and the way you give your best effort to everything you do. Amazing work Annie!</p>	<p><b>Lucas F</b> For the effort you have been putting into your reading and the resilience you show when challenged. Well done Lucas!</p>
<b>3C</b>	<p><b>Maxwell N</b> For colouring the world with Christ's love by always lending a helping hand. You always respect your classroom by keeping it neat and tidy. Well done Maxwell. Keep it up!</p>	<p><b>Chloe</b> For always upholding the St Mary's 3Rs by consistently using your manners, following instructions and leading by example. Well done Chloe. You are a superstar!</p>
<b>4V</b>	<p><b>Zoe K</b> For your outstanding work during mathematics. Zoe, you are such a positive and resilient learner. Keep up the great work!</p>	<p><b>Max M</b> For demonstrating resilience and determination in and out of the classroom. I am extremely proud of you Max. Well done and keep being a superstar!</p>
<b>4G</b>	<p><b>Nicholas B</b> For consistently demonstrating the qualities of a leader in the way you approach tasks and interact with teachers and peers. Also for demonstrating integrity inside and outside of the classroom. It's a pleasure to have you as a member of our class! Well done Nick!</p>	<p><b>Kiara D</b> For demonstrating an excellent work ethic and setting high expectations for yourself. Also , for your gentleness, kindness and empathy shown towards your classmates. Keep up the excellent behaviours Kiara. Fantastic work!</p>



# Student of the Week

<b>4L</b>	<p><b>Ethan B</b> For displaying a positive and conscientious attitude to your learning. You help to promote a positive learning culture in our class by aspiring others to do their best and leading by example. Keep up the wonderful work Ethan!</p>	<p><b>Elsie W</b> For showing respect and kindness to all. You consistently make other students feel welcomed in our class by being inclusive and ensuring no one gets left out. Keep up the great work and thank you for brightening our day Elsie!</p>
<b>5W</b>	<p><b>Will D</b> For showing a dedication to your learning and always striving to do your best. Keep up the great work, Will!</p>	<p><b>Layla H</b> For displaying a growth mindset by approaching all challenges with resilience and persistence. Well done, Layla!</p>
<b>5G</b>	<p><b>Madison M</b> For demonstrating leadership in the classroom by setting an example through your behaviour. Your keenness to learn sets the tone for our classroom. Keep up the great work.</p>	<p><b>Soham B</b> For always challenging yourself to achieve your best in learning tasks. You are constantly striving to learn and grow, and this is a fantastic quality. Keep up the wonderful work!</p>
<b>5S</b>	<p><b>Luca L</b> For being a great worker, team player and inclusive of all class members. Keep up the great work, Luca!</p>	<p><b>Lyra W</b> For displaying resilience and positivity in the classroom and on the yard. Keep leading by example, Lyra!</p>
<b>6W</b>	<p><b>Zoe D</b> For always working diligently on classroom tasks and striving to do your very best. Keep up the great effort Zoe!</p>	<p><b>Oliver G</b> For always displaying a growth mindset to your learning and assisting others. Keep up the great work Oliver!</p>
<b>6V</b>	<p><b>Peyton DC</b> For always displaying a growth mindset. It's wonderful to have your happy smile and positive attitude in our classroom. Keep up the great effort Peyton!</p>	<p><b>Luke S</b> For showing great determination in your learning and having a growth mindset. Keep up the great work Luke!</p>
<b>6L</b>	<p><b>Neriah D</b> For always showing a positive attitude at Inter school sports and always giving everything a go. Keep up the fantastic work!</p>	<p><b>Emily H</b> For always striving to achieve your best in all of your learning tasks. Great work Emily!</p>
<b>Health &amp; Physical Education</b>	<p><b>Addison R 6W</b> Congratulations for making it to the Banyule Division Tennis Championships and performing magnificently at this event. All of the St. Mary's Community are extremely proud of your achievements. Well done Addison.</p>	<p><b>Mason N PF</b> For following our Prep expectations and the Ready to Learn Check. Mason, you have been working extremely hard on the ready to learn check. Keep up the great work.</p>
<b>Visual Arts</b>	<p><b>Sofia N 6W</b> For creating vibrant colour designs with your name banner and Keith Haring Artpiece. Your creations display individuality and attention to detail.</p>	<p><b>Hendrix 4V</b> For demonstrating responsible and respectful behaviours in the Art Room. Thank you for listening to all instructions enabling you to create your artwork with care and detailed design.</p>
<b>Science / Digi Tech</b>	<p><b>Aurora B 5S</b> For your fabulous contributions to our class discussions and for your great enthusiasm towards your learning in Science and Digital Technology.. Amazing work Aurora!</p>	<p><b>Cienna B 4G</b> For demonstrating our 3 R's and actively participating in class discussions and investigations. Well done Cienna! Keep up the fantastic work in Science and Digital Technology!</p>

# 2023 PREP PARENTS CONNECTIONS EVENING



We look forward to seeing you on

**Tuesday 28th March**

**at 7:15pm for 7:30pm**

**in the Mackillop Learning Centre (MLC),  
Senior Building at St Mary's School**

An invitation with further information and RSVP details, was sent home with your child. *\*Please see your child's teacher if you have lost or did not receive this invitation.*

Comments from parents who have attended the night last year:

*"It was cosy and relaxing – nice to meet other parents."*

*"I wish my husband had come."*

*"Relaxed; interactive; memorable."*

*"What a great idea this is!"*

Any questions? Please contact Sandy in the Parish Office,  
9435 1543.

Sandy Starbuck, Pastoral Assistant



WELCOME



# School Open Days

## **Open Morning Tours**

Tuesday, 28-March  
9:30am and 12:00pm

## **Information Night**

Tuesday, 4-April  
7:00 pm

*No tours this night*

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



## St Mary's Parents Association

# Easter Raffle

St Mary's annual Easter raffle is one of our biggest and tastiest fundraisers - and we couldn't do it without your support.

Donations of chocolate eggs, Easter activities, fluffy bunnies, baskets, bags and bows are now open! *Please note: We are unable to accept 'surprise eggs' that contain small toys.*

As well as supporting your school, we also ask you to support our world and choose ethically sourced chocolate such as those with Fair trade, Cocoa Horizons or Rainforest Alliance certification.

Some ethically sourced brands include:

- Aldi's Dairy Fine, Choceur and Moser Roth
- Chocolatier Australia
- Coles
- Woolworths' Homebrands
- Haigh's
- Hahndorf's chocolates
- Divine chocolate eggs and bunnies
- Whittaker's
- Darrell Lea
- Koko Black
- Loving Earth
- Pico chocolate blocks
- Ferrero
- Nestle
- Mondelez (Cadbury)
- Mars
- Hershey's
- Lindt

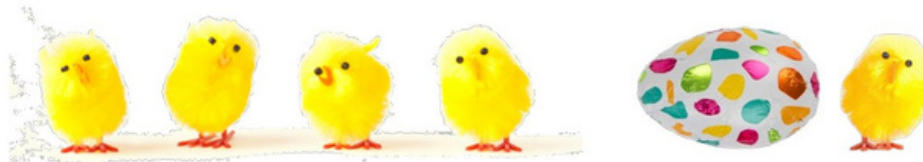
Drop your Easter goodies at the office by Tuesday 4 April.

If you'd like to help with wrapping the prizes for the Easter Raffle on Wednesday 5 April, please contact Katie on 0409250598.

Thanks for your Support!







# St Mary's Parents Association Easter Raffle Tickets

## \$2.00 each or 3 for \$5.00

Return your tickets with payment (cash only) to school by Tuesday 4 April.

Please mention any allergies on your ticket so we can make sure you get a prize that's right for you!

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St Mary's Parents Association welcome all families to the

# Open Oval

(Easter holiday breakup party edition!)

Thursday 6 April – 1.45pm–3.45pm

Let the kids play, chat and say goodbye to the first term with their classmates while you catch up with your St Mary's community.

Bring a late lunch and outdoor toys (no frisbees) and join in the fun!

This time there will be sausages and lots of surprises!

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### HOT CROSS BUN DRIVE

Order online through Flexischools or print out and send back the order form by 28 March.  
Buns delivered 4 April.

### EASTER RAFFLE

Drop your Easter donations and tickets, with payment, into the office by 4 April.  
Raffle winners announced 6 April.

### EASTER OPEN OVAL

Thursday 6 April, 1.45pm–3.45pm.  
See above for all the info.

## COMING UP IN TERM 2...

### MOTHERS DAY STALL

THURSDAY 4 MAY

### STAR WARS DRESS UP DAY

THURSDAY 4 MAY

### SCHOOL DISCO

FRIDAY 26 MAY

**MORE DETAILS COMING SOON!**

Have you thought about joining the Parents Association?

Why not come to our next meeting?

**WEDNESDAY 17 MAY  
AT 7PM**

### Event planned for 25<sup>th</sup> March delayed...

Some parents might have noticed there was a PA event planned for this coming weekend on the school calendar.

Sadly, we were short of enough volunteers to get it off the ground.

We are not going ahead on the 25<sup>th</sup> of March – but if you'd be interested in seeing social event, like a trivia night, at St Mary's – we'd love to hear from you – Get in touch and join the team!



# Hot Cross Bun Drive

**ORDERS NOW OPEN  
THROUGH FLEXISCHOOLS**

A basketball court upgrade fundraiser!

This year St Mary's is teaming up with Bakers Delight to raise money towards the basketball court upgrade. All profits from the buns will go straight to improving the outdoor playing facilities at St Mary's.

Everybody knows Bakers Delight make the best hot cross buns. Their traditional buns are packed with sultanas, currants and spices - with no added peel - making them a delicious Easter favourite. This year they are also baking choc-chip and apple and cinnamon flavours and offering them for the special fundraising price of \$9.00 per 6-pack.

Sort out your Easter bun order (*and your friend's and your neighbour's and your family's orders too*) by filling in the form below.

Get your order and payment into the office by Tuesday the 28th of March.

Hot Cross Buns delivered to the classrooms on Tuesday the 4th of April.

Product	Quantity	Price per pack	Total cost
Traditional Hot Cross Buns 6-pack		\$9.00	
Apple & Cinnamon Hot Cross Buns 6-pack		\$9.00	
Choc Chip Hot Cross Buns 6-pack		\$9.00	
<b>Total</b>			

### Payment details

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Please deliver my hot cross buns to:

Student: \_\_\_\_\_ Class: \_\_\_\_\_

I have enclosed cash  Amount: \_\_\_\_\_

I'd like to pay by card (Visa/Mastercard)  Name on Card: \_\_\_\_\_

Card Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Expiry date: \_\_\_\_\_

# CHESS at

## St Mary's Greensborough

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.

**ENROL  
ONLINE  
NOW!**

**CONTACT US  
FOR TRIALS**

**THURSDAYS, 11:05 - 11:55 AM**

**STARTS ON 4 MAY**

**RUNS FOR 8 SESSIONS**

**FOR YEARS 1 - 6**

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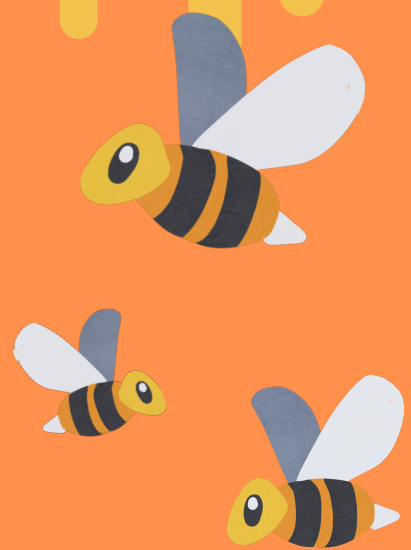
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# WORKING BEE

YEAR 5 FAMILIES  
WE'LL SEE YOU  
SATURDAY  
13TH OF MAY





## Enrichment Group

At St. Mary's we support our students in a multitude of ways. We recognise that students learn differently and at varying rates. Some students are involved in our enrichment groups, where they are given opportunities to work with like-minded peers on tasks that extend and challenge their thinking.

This year a team of students are participating in the CBCA (Children's Book Council Of Australia) Shadow Judging for the Book of the Year Awards. This involves reading, discussing and producing creative responses. 'Shadow judging provides an opportunity for young Australians to celebrate reading for pleasure, to have their opinions heard and to creatively respond to the Shortlisted books in a chosen category.'

### **Comments made by members of the Enrichment Group:**

*It's great to be challenged.*

*We are enjoying communicating with one another and sharing ideas.*

*This is fun because it's making us think!*

*I like talking about books and discovering all the new books that are here.*

*I think it's great that we are doing complex problems!*



# Library

## Update



In the Library this week we are celebrating the beginning of Aussie Rules with a footy display so eager fans can read about their favourite teams.

### LIBRARY



Our chess enthusiasts have shared their thoughts:

Isabella and Eliana 'We are loving learning about chess. It's fun!'  
Austin and Ethan 'We are learning new chess strategies every week'.





# HARMONY WEEK





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## Year 3 Shared Lunch



On Thursday 16th of March all the Year 3's got together to have a feast to celebrate the Last Supper. In Term 1 we have been learning all about Community as we have been preparing to receive our First Eucharist. We have learnt that there are many different ways we celebrate with different communities and that when we have celebrations we often share a meal because it gives us time to share stories and learn more about each other. The Last Supper was during the celebration of Passover. During our shared lunch we made wraps and cordial to represent the bread and wine just like they did at the Last Supper. We sat next to people we might not normally sit with and learnt more about each other as we shared our meal.



"I enjoyed the food and the cordial."-  
Beatrice and Yvette

"I enjoyed sitting next to friends from  
other Year 3 classes."- Lucas

"I enjoyed seeing my friends."- Luca

"I enjoyed sitting and eating with my  
friends."- Claire

**- Students of 3L**



# INTERSCHOOL SPORTS

## **Rounders**

The first game that we played was a bye, what that means is that the school that we were playing against didn't have enough people or they didn't have a rounders team. Instead, we got to learn how to play the game properly, get to know our teammates and create a team name along with a massive poster. Our team is "The Blue Zings" named after one of the best flavors of the discontinued tuckshop icy. Diya M, Sophia B, Mikaya P, Olivia C, Zoe D, Stephanie S, Sofia N, Serena C, Sacha D, Lucy D, Clara S, Charlotte M, Alexia D and Sienna W, these are all of the girls that make up our amazing St. Mary's rounders team. So far we have played five or so games and our hard work has been paying off because so far we have only lost one game. The schools that we have versed have been great competitors and have shown good sportsmanship. We have played against Streeton Primary that showed wonderful resilience even though they had students from year five and four playing. Next we played Bundoora Primary that had strong encouragement and cheered on their team, plus they had goats and chickens right next to where we were playing. Next we played Watsonia North which has been one of St. Mary's strongest competitors for years. It was a very close and thrilling game that ended in Watsonia at 17 and St. Marys at 18. Our most recent game took place on Friday the 17th of March we lost our very first game to Watsonia Heights, they were amazing and we had a great time and even learnt some things from them. It has been awesome to learn this sport and make memories that will last a lifetime.

**Written by Sophia B House Captain Bosco 2023**

## **Bat Tennis**

Selecting Bat Tennis for interschool sports is a very different but enjoyable sport for the Year Six students this year. They are held over 6 weeks playing a different school around the area. For a quick rundown of the rules it's basically mini tennis played over a small wooden plank as the net and the players have to hit the ball back and forth until someone gets out. Overall I find that this sport is a very fun and enjoyable game. I've learnt a lot about how to play it and the strategies for it and it's a simple game to learn and play with others so I'd definitely recommend doing bat Tennis for something new if you don't play tennis in general. When playing against other schools they are all friendly and show amazing respect towards us whenever we have away games. Since some schools use year 5's and 4's they always give us great competition and seem to enjoy playing the sport as well. So far the Bat tennis teams-girls and boys- have been doing very well with a couple big wins and small losses. We play our last game before finals against Greensborough on Friday March 24th, so best of luck to all that are playing!

**Written by Teagan T House Captain Mercy 2023**

In boys bat tennis each and every student has played exceptionally well. We have only lost against Watsonia North and have won against every other school. Players have enjoyed participating in doubles, singles or even scoring opportunities. Every week students rotate between playing singles, doubles and scoring so that each student gets a fair amount of time developing their skills in each activity. Throughout the whole experience, students have acknowledged that being involved in sport has mental advantages and a positive impact to your well-being. Thank you to Miss Vorster (the coach) and to all the students who have participated it has been a very fun and exciting experience. Congratulations to every participant!

**Written by Charlie W House Captain Bosco 2023**

# INTERSCHOOL SPORTS

## Boys Basketball

This year for Interschool sports Boys basketball, there are 13 players Tyson Q, Archer L, Jedda W, Samuel T, Will R, Spencer L, Jordan L, Zach M, Junah D, Luca R, Jordan G, Jye P, Luca M and our coaches Miss Leslie, Renee and parent volunteer Carly Walsh.

Over the past few weeks we have had lots of fun so far. We have played 5 games and we've won all of them. The games have been outstanding and our team has been really successful. We have some really skilled players on our team. Along the way we have had lots of fun cheering and playing hard. Our coaches have been really great to coach us and help us develop our skills. Our number one goal is to win the finals and move up to division. Everyone on our team has had lots of fun playing and participating.

Round 1 we had a bye, our team was a bit sad because we really wanted to play our first game.

Round 2 we played Streeton.

Round 3 we played Bundoora and everybody played well.

Round 4 we played Watsonia North.

Round 5 we played Norris Bank. It was an exciting game and a fun one.

Round 6 we played Watsonia Heights.

There is still one more game on the 24th of March and then we have finals which will take place on the 31st of March. It's a very anticipated game. Our whole team is excited for the game to see if we make it in and who we are versing if we do. Our team has had so much fun and we are looking forward to the rest of the season

**Written by Tyson Q H House Captain Loyola 2023 and  
Archer L House Captain McAuley 2023.**

## Cricket

The Year 6 students at St Mary's have been taking part in Inter-school sports over the summer. The following students make up the 2023 Cricket team; Me (Luke.S), Paxton.S, Liam.O, Leo.D, Charlie.G, Reuben.M, Jake.A, Austin.P, Peter.S, Oliver.G, Alexander.B, Jilay.B, Elijah, Tanya.A, Neriah.D, Bella.B and Giorgia.T. Our coach is Mr Williams and he has been really cool and always encourages everyone to have a go.

We have only played 4 out of our 6 games so far and we've been a little bit shaky.

Round one we versed Streeton P.S. We batted first and made a healthy score of 58 runs.

As we went out to field, we were feeling pretty confident that we'd made enough to win...

But after a surprising turn of events, Streeton started hitting the ball all over the place, hitting for one, two, three and four runs! We started getting a little worried as we'd only taken two wickets and it came down to the final ball... Their batter smashed the ball and they ended up taking the win right from under us.

Our first victory came against Bundoora P.S where we were bowling amazing. We batted and made a total of 46 runs which was more than enough to seal the deal. After the win, we were looking forward to our next match against Watsonia North P.S who are a really strong side. They made 67 runs and although we played some excellent cricket, we were unable to steal the win, falling short at 60 runs.

Watsonia Heights, who were on top of the table, were our next opponent. We were feeling a bit nervous going into this game. They scored 58 runs, which we thought we could beat but their bowling was outstanding and we were all out for 29.

This Friday, March 24th we face Greensborough P.S.

**Written by Luke S House Captain Mercy 2023**





## NATIONAL RIDE TO SCHOOL DAY MARCH 24TH 2023

On Friday March 24th 2023, all St.Mary's students were encouraged to walk, ride, scoot or skate to school as part of National Ride to School Day-a day that wants to limit vehicles on the road and a reason for everyone to get out in the fresh air and be active. This day was a super success for our St. Mary's community as the car park was practically empty, the bike racks were full and the lollipop person on Grimshaw Street was earning his wages as he negotiated the huge amount of two wheeled participants crossing the road to our school.

Many thanks to the Morris family for being the driving force behind this initiative, especially Kristy. Kristy sourced so many prizes from local businesses that enabled a huge raffle to be held at the end of the school day. Congrats to all the raffle winners. Sincere thanks to all the staff who assisted with the safe parking of all the bikes, scooters, skateboards etc as the various locations were thronged to capacity.







# Taekwondo Lessons

For 4 weeks throughout Term 1, students in Year 1 and 2, were learning to improve fitness, balance, coordination, mindset and self confidence through Taekwondo. Coaches Julia, George and Will, from Hall's Taekwondo, taught the students various skills from a palm strike, to a self defence stance, a jab and straight punch to an axe and a hammer strike. Student engagement and participation was evident as the circle pads received a workout. All the coaches emphasised the fact that what the children were learning was not to be carried out on the playground. This was a thoroughly enjoyable Taekwondo introductory unit.





# BANYULE DIVISION SWIMMING

On a beautiful warm sunny day, on March 14th, 20 swimmers from St. Mary's headed off by bus to compete in the Banyule and Inner North Moreland Division Swimming Carnival for 2023. The event took place in the outdoor pool in Pascoe Vale at the Oak Park Aquatic centre. All swimmers performed magnificently against very strong opposition, with 6 swimmers from our school qualifying for the Northern Metropolitan Region Swimming Championships on March 30th at Watermarc.

Well done to everyone who participated and sincere thanks to all the parents and caregivers who came along to support each swimmer.





# BANYULE AND INNER NORTH MORELAND DIVISION SWIMMING RESULTS

(Highlighted names are the students who qualified for Region)

Event	Age	Grade	Girls	
BUTTERFLY SELECTION	12/13 yrs	A	Jasmine C	2nd
	12/13 yrs	A	Zoe D	1st

Event	Age	Boys		Girls	
FREESTYLE	12/13	Charlie W	1st	Jasmine C	2nd
	11	Cooper A	5th		
	9/10	William S	6th		

Event	Grade	Boys		Girls	
MEDLEY RELAY	1. Back	Cooper A	5th	Teagan T	1st
	2. Breast	Harry C		Jasmine C	
	3. B/fly	Charlie W		Zoe D	
	4. Free	William S		Scarlett S	

Event	Age	Boys		Girls	
BACKSTROKE	12/13			Zoe D	1st
	11	Cooper A	4th	Lyra	6th
	9/10	William S	1st		

Event	Age	Boys	Age	Girls
BREASTSTROKE	12/13	Charlie W 1st	11	Georgie M - 6th



# BANYULE AND INNER NORTH MORELAND DIVISION SWIMMING RESULTS

<b>FREESTYLE RELAY</b>	12/13	1.	Charlie W	3rd	Zoe D	1st
		2.	Jedda W		Jasmine C	
		3.	Jobe S		Scarlett S	
		4.	Cooper A		Teagan T	
	11	1.	Spencer S	6th	Lyra W	5th
		2.	Lucas A		Harper W	
		3.	Logan T		Georgie M	
		4.	Harry C		Lily G	
	9/10	1.	Lachlan H	3rd		
		2.	William S			
		3.	Taylor S			
		4.	Caleb H			



# Whole School Assembly Dates

All Assemblies start at  
9am unless otherwise noted.

Mar 27

Sep 4

May 15

Oct 16

Jun 5

Nov 13

Jul 24

Dec 4

Aug 14

Dec 11

Please always check the live calendar for updates  
as Assembly Times may change.

If you would like to attend an Assembly, please  
ensure you sign-in at the Office PRIOR to going to  
assembly, this is imperative for Child Safety.



Calling All VOLUNTEERS

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Coordinator  
Nadine Alderuccio  
0409 412 508

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## TUCKSHOP

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We are looking for monthly Friday Volunteers! Friday's are the busiest Tuckshop days. Unfortunately, if we don't receive volunteers a limit will be placed on Friday Lunch Orders. If you're keen to help once a month in our Tuckshop, please contact Mel Mayne  
0400 973 033

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22 March 2023

Dear Owner / Occupier

## Main Hurstbridge Road Level Crossing Closure

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.

We are undergoing 24/7 works to get your new stations at Greensborough and Montmorency ready for use, complete platform and pedestrian crossing upgrades at Diamond Creek Station, and complete 3.5km of new rail track duplication on the Hurstbridge Line to allow extra services to run.

Whilst the major construction blitz is underway, buses replace trains on sections of the Hurstbridge Line until **last service Saturday 29 April 2023**. We will have trains running on the new duplicated track from **Sunday 30 April 2023**.

### Changes to road

Main Hurstbridge Road level crossing will be closed between **9pm Friday 24 March and 5am Monday 27 March 2023**. It will also close **Monday 27 March from 9pm to 5am Tuesday 28 March 2023**.

Please see map overleaf for the Main Hurstbridge Road detour information.

### What to expect

- Overnight noise, dust or vibrations from heavy machinery working throughout the rail corridor and locations at Diamond Creek Station, Diamond Creek Shopping Centre, and Main Hurstbridge Road
- The use of light towers and generators for night works across project sites
- An increase in heavy vehicles using local roads for haulage and deliveries to site
- Traffic management and detours in place to help you move safely through the area - please check local signage for up-to-date detour information.

## Detour information

### Main Hurstbridge Road closure detour



Kind regards

**The Hurstbridge Line Duplication Project**



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