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*We remember you, O risen Lord,
new Springtime in our life.
Your resurrection covers the fields with flowers
and brings the new creation into our hearts
Blessed are you!*

A MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

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



Dear Families,

Term Two Begins

We warmly welcome you back for Term Two, 2023. We are noticing the cooler weather this week as it seems to suggest we are in the thick of Autumn. The students are looking happy and healthy after their break. We anticipate that it will be a productive and enjoyable term for them all.

As the calendar indicates this will be an eventful term and this is particularly so with Cross Country, Womens Mass and Luncheon, our First Eucharist Celebrations, and Camp for our Year 6 children being highlights.

We Share the Joy of our “Risen Lord.”

Easter has passed, but our ‘Risen’ Lord is forever with us. This Easter Season gives us many opportunities to reflect on the mystery of the resurrection and the message of hope. Through the Easter celebrations you may have experienced a personal opportunity to renew your relationship with our Lord. The Paschal Candle that we light for the first time at the Easter Services always reminds us that ‘Jesus is the Light of the World.’ Last Thursday morning we all attended a Prayer Service that was presented by the Year Six students. This Prayer Service provided us with an opportunity, as a school, to share the joy of our Risen Lord. It was a very creative presentation and I thank the Year Six students and their teachers for preparing and presenting this reflection.

Anzac Day

Anzac Day was celebrated around the world on Tuesday, April 25th. Anzac Day is a day of National importance and a day of great significance. We remember all who died or lost their lives at Gallipoli in 1915, but we also remember the fallen or injured in all wars. We reflect on the courage of all involved in wars and we pray for future freedom and peace. As a school we acknowledged Anzac Day at a mini assembly on Wednesday 26th April. I also thank Kathy R for supporting our students who attended the Watsonia RSL to lay our school wreath. Congratulations to Jan Tivisini, our Art Teacher who created the beautiful wreath.

A MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL CONT.

Marisa Matthys



First Eucharist

Congratulations to the students who made their First Eucharist over the weekend. Thank you to Ana, our RE leader for her excellent organisation and to the Year 3 teachers for supporting our students and their preparation. We thank the teachers, leaders and LSOs who attended. Thank you to Fr's Steve, and Martin for celebrating the Masses and for ensuring our students felt special and welcomed to the table of the Lord.

We pray for our students, their families and their teachers as they prepare for this pinnacle in their faith journey.

2024 Enrolments

If you are an existing family and have a prep child to commence school at St Mary's in 2024, please enrol your child as soon as possible. We already have much interest from new families, but it is vital that we retain sufficient places for our siblings. The enrolment form is now available at the office and on the School Website www.smgreensborough.catholic.edu.au. To avoid disappointment, all Prep 2024 enrolment forms must be received in at the school office by the 19th of May.

Parent/Teacher/Child Conversations

The new EBA has been organised to reduce excessive amount of teacher workload The Agreement expects schools to provide time in lieu for teachers work for every minute worked over a 38 hour week. Therefore, we have decided to make Parent/Teacher/Child Conversations a school closure day on Thursday June 22nd as it would be too difficult to provide 30 teachers with that amount of time in lieu. We are also offering time slots on Tuesday June 20th 3.30pm until 4.30pm. If either of these dates and times do not suit your family, please organise an alternative meeting with your classroom teacher. We will also be offering a hybrid model to support families who find it difficult to attend face to face. Camp Australia will be open all day on Thursday 22nd June.

Year 5 Working Bee May 13th

The Year 5 Working bee will be held on Saturday May 13th. Thank you to the parents and students who have indicated attendance. Just a reminder that all volunteers are required to show a current Working with Children Check.



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.

First Aid Training

All staff will be completing First Aid Training on Monday May 8th. This training is extremely important and mandatory for all staff in schools and is intensive with many hours of online pre-requisite work completed.

Faith Development Team: Parents Needed

I am fortunate to be a member of the Faith Development Team in partnership with Sacred Heart Diamond Creek and St Thomas' Greensborough North. We are looking to recruit two parents to join us. We meet once a month at 1:30pm until 3pm at St Thomas'. We really want to have parent voice on the team to ensure our plans cater for all stakeholders. Please email me at principal@smgreensborough.catholic.edu.au if you are able to assist, or see Fr Steve or Sandy in the Parish.

Condolences to the Bitzilis Family

On Tuesday 25th April, Neil Alan Talintyre, much loved Dad and Poppy to Ava (6V), Lucas (4G) and Mila (Prep S) passed away with his family by his side. Our thoughts and prayers are with the Bitzilis Family at this difficult time.

We also send our love to Marguerite Jones and her family, as her father-in-law passed away last Saturday with his loving family by his side. Our thoughts and prayers are with you at this difficult time.

Kind Regards,
Marisa Matthys
Principal

Term Dates

2023

Term Three

10 July - 15 September

Term Four

2 October - 15 December



Early Release Dates for 2023

School Finishes at
1:45pm

15 September

14 December



School Closure Dates for 2023

18 August

6 November

24 November

15 December



Student of the Week

Prep F	<p>Kit R For following the 3Rs, you have been responsible and respectful to your peers and teachers and resilient in the classroom and playground. Well done, Kit.</p>	<p>Cael M For beginning the term with determination and responsibility. You have been an excellent example to your peers. Keep up the great work, Cael.</p>
Prep S	<p>Mila B For always using the 3Rs inside and outside the classroom. You are a joyful member of Prep S who always cares for others. Brava Mila!</p>	<p>Archie C For starting Term Two with enthusiasm and determination. I am so proud of how hard you are working. Fantastico Archie.</p>
Prep K	<p>Byron A For beginning Term Two with a positive attitude towards your learning. What a fantastic effort you have put into recognising sounds and learning your heart words. Keep it up Byron!</p>	<p>Orlando L For working hard on recognising heart words in the books we are reading and for your willingness to have-a-go at decoding words when you read. Awesome effort Orlando!</p>
1MH	<p>Grace S For demonstrating resilience and working hard to remain focused in all your learning. Well done Grace!</p>	<p>Alexander G For demonstrating persistence when attempting challenging tasks, especially in Writing. Keep it up Alex!</p>
1ZB	<p>Celia W For consistently demonstrating respect towards your peers and teachers by listening and being a good friend. Well done Celia!</p>	<p>Jaxon T For displaying enthusiasm towards your learning and maintaining a growth mindset with all learning tasks. Keep up the wonderful work Jaxon!</p>
1B	<p>Zoe K For always trying your best and working hard during learning time. You are a superstar! Keep up the great work!</p>	<p>Kai L For always demonstrating the 5L's and showing dedication by working hard to complete all of your tasks. Keep up the wonderful work!</p>
2V	<p>Evangeline F For a fantastic start to Term 2. It has been wonderful to see you so focused at your table and trying your best when completing learning tasks. Keep up the amazing work!</p>	<p>Becky F For your willingness to have a go at running in the Cross Country. You have had a wonderful start to the term Becky. Keep up the fantastic work!</p>
2M	<p>April E For a wonderful start to Term 2 and showing resilience when answering questions. Keep up the wonderful work April!</p>	<p>Isaac B For demonstrating our 3R's both inside and outside of the classroom. You are setting a wonderful example to others. Keep up the excellent job Isaac!</p>
2B	<p>Hugo C For beginning Term 2 with such dedication to your learning. You have demonstrated courage by seizing opportunities to share your knowledge with the class and leadership by setting a good example for others. Amazing work Hugo, keep it up!</p>	<p>Evie K For consistently contributing to classroom discussions. From formulating your own ideas to listening to, and building upon the ideas of others, your active participation and willingness to try is remarkable. Your enthusiasm and love for learning is incredible. Keep it up Evie!</p>
3P	<p>Cohen M For your amazing descriptions of personal transformations in our Inquiry lessons this week. You are really showing your understanding of our new topic. You're a superstar!</p>	<p>Pippa T For entering the classroom everyday with an enthusiasm for learning. I love how you always seek clarification when you need it and rise to the challenge. Keep it up!</p>
3L	<p>Louis P For the resilience you've shown and hard work you've been putting into all of your maths learning this term. Keep it up Louis!</p>	<p>Ariana B For pushing yourself to do the best you can in all of your learning. Your hard work is really paying off! Well done Ariana!</p>
3C	<p>Savannah For illustrating transformation in your attitude towards tasks. You have started term two with a great demonstration of positive transformation by applying yourself to achieving your goals. Well done Savannah. Keep it up!</p>	<p>Isaac E For starting off the term with an optimistic attitude. For demonstrating your best work no matter the task. Your resilience and responsibility is a great example to others in our class. Well done Isaac! Keep it up!</p>
4V	<p>Liam D Well done on becoming our SVC for 4V. We know you will do a fantastic job representing our class this term. Keep up the great work.</p>	<p>Juliano S Well done on becoming our Italian Ambassador for 4V this term. Your hardwork and dedication has paid off! Well done.</p>
4G	<p>Lucy P Well done on becoming our SVC for 4G. We know you will do a fantastic job representing our class this term. Keep up the great work.</p>	<p>Dante L Well done on becoming our Italian Ambassador for 4G this term. Your hard work and dedication has paid off! Well done.</p>

Student of the Week

4L	<p>Ava W For demonstrating a strong growth mindset towards learning challenges and being responsive to teacher feedback. Your willingness to learn is admirable! Keep up the great work Ava!</p>	<p>Charli Z For consistently making responsible choices for your learning and demonstrating strong teamwork skills such as listening, turn-taking and compromise! You're a wonderful team player! Fantastic work Charli!</p>
5W	<p>Levi J For always trying your best and working hard during learning time. Keep up the great work, Levi!</p>	<p>Georgie M For approaching all learning tasks with resilience, positivity and always striving to do your best. Well done, Georgie!</p>
5G	<p>Chelsea C For working so hard on your entry to a writing competition on the topic of poverty. It is wonderful seeing you work with such diligence towards your goals.</p>	<p>Isabel G For contributing your creativity in the form of storytelling to our classroom. You colour the world with Christ's love by developing your gifts and sharing them with the world.</p>
5S	<p>Beth S For eagerly participating in class discussions. Your positivity and willingness to have a go at learning new information is a great contribution to our class. Well-done!</p>	<p>Jackson W For working cooperatively in group settings and showing respect towards your classmates when they are sharing their ideas. Keep up the great work!</p>
6W	<p>Calista D For your positive enthusiasm and happy nature you bring to the class. Fantastic effort Calista!</p>	<p>Peter S For always demonstrating a positive growth mindset and giving your best effort especially in reading tasks. Keep trying hard Peter!</p>
6V	<p>Victoria P For showing great determination in your learning and always treating others with kindness and respect. Keep up the great work Victoria!</p>	<p>Austin P For always demonstrating a positive growth mindset and giving your best effort to all learning tasks. Keep up the great effort Austin!</p>
6L	<p>Charlie W For showing wonderful leadership in your role as House Captain during Cross Country, by always including others, keep it up Charlie!</p>	<p>Emily H For the wonderful enthusiasm you continue to demonstrate towards your learning, especially in your writing. Fantastic Emily!</p>
Health & Physical Education	<p style="text-align: center;">WHOLE SCHOOL COMMUNITY</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Congratulations to all students, staff, parents, guardians and caregivers who participated magnificently at the Cross Country event. Everyone was smiling and encouraging and this event was a wonderful way to start Term 2.</p>	
Visual Arts	<p>Aaria 4G For willingly sharing your enthusiasm for Art. Your Mandala design contains intricate patterns and a balance of shapes and colour. Thank You for accepting feedback and applying it to your creation..Well Done!</p>	<p>Charlie J 5S For willingly sharing and participating in all Art Sessions. You always consider the positive aspect of any task and freely offer assistance and encouragement to others.Thank You for promoting this creative outlook Charlie!</p>
Science / Digi Tech	<p>Soham B, 5G For your wonderful contributions to our class discussions and for working cooperatively with your peers in Science and Digital Technology. Fantastic effort Soham!</p>	<p>Annabelle W, 1B For consistently demonstrating the 3 R's and for completing all your work diligently in Science and Digital Technology. Well done Annabelle!</p>
Italian	<p style="text-align: center;">Term 2 Italian Ambassadors</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Congratulations on your leadership role within St Mary's this term. We are looking forward to seeing all the wonderful things you do.</p>	

The background is a light cream color with a repeating pattern of stylized bees, flowers, and beehives. The bees are in various colors (yellow, black, blue) and are shown in flight. The flowers are simple orange and yellow shapes. The beehives are yellow and orange striped with a red heart on the front. The text is centered on a light orange rectangular background.

Year 5 Working Bee

**Calling all Year 5
Families for our
upcoming working
bee on the 13th of
May**

**We look forward to
seeing you there!**

YEAR 6

****REMINDER****

**Dear Year 6 Families,
Please note all Year 7 Transition forms are due on
the 12th of May.**

**If you have questions or require further
information please speak with Jen in the School
Administration Office.**

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officeadmin@smgreensborough.catholic.edu.au

**Thank you,
Jen**



ST MARY'S
Presents

The Women's Mass &
Luncheon

MAY 5 AT 12:00PM

LOCATED IN ST MARY'S CHURCH
GATHERING SPACE

Inviting all the wonderful
women of St Mary's to our
Women's Mass and Luncheon.

We look forward to seeing you
there.

From the Students and Staff of
St Mary's Primary School

RSVP's are not required.



RECYCLE, EARN & PLAY



Our school* is taking part in the Wonder Recycling Rewards campaign this term.

Help us collect bread bags so we can earn points to redeem on new RHSports equipment.

It's simple! All you need to do is keep your empty bread bags and send them to school* with your kids! We will then place them in Wonder's pink collection box and post them off to be recycled. The more we collect the more points our school* earns!

Collections close 7th July.

Tip for collecting:

Use one empty bread bag to collect a bunch of other bags.

Did you know?

Last year, schools collected over **10 tonnes of soft plastic**, that's the weight of an elephant!

LET'S GET COLLECTING!

* Includes early learning centres and pre-schools.

Tag [@wonder.australia](#) [#wonderrecyclingrewards](#) to share all your recycling champion stories!



2023 state swimming championships

On behalf of the entire St. Mary's community, we want to say congratulations and well done to Charlie W in Year 6L and William S in Year 4L. On Friday April 28th, Charlie, William and their families made their way to MSAC in South Melbourne, for the Primary School State Swimming Championships. Charlie qualified for the state finals in both breaststroke and freestyle. William qualified for the state final in backstroke. Considering that the state of Victoria covers areas from Warrnambool to Echuca, Wilsons Prom to Bairnsdale and beyond, to even qualify in the top 8 swimmers of their age groups(9/10 & 12/13 year old boys) is a major achievement itself. Charlie's first event was his breaststroke and he swam magnificently to finish 3rd in the state of Victoria, claiming a bronze medal. In his second swim, the freestyle, Charlie finished in 6th. In William's event, he swam a personal best to finish 8th in the state of Victoria for 9/10 year old backstroke.

William and Charlie, to say that we are extremely proud of you and what you have achieved is an understatement. You both are a credit to yourself, your families and your school and we look forward to hearing about your future swimming accomplishments and endeavours. Keep up the great work boys.





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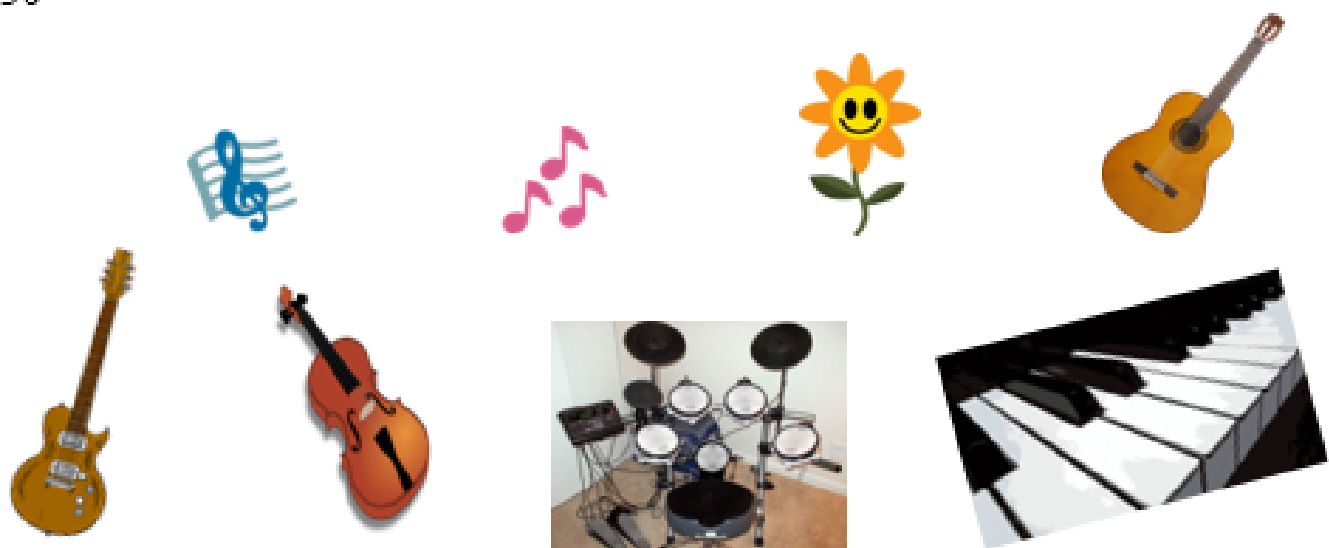
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Special Offer: FREE SINGING lesson, for new students.

If thinking of singing lessons for your child, they may try a free trial singing lesson during 2023 simply send text to 0402 910330 to redeem a free singing lesson during term 4...



We also provide suggestions on-
- hiring instruments, - performance piece preparation
- purchase of books - twice yearly lunch-time concerts/on line concerts in lockdowns.
- and preparation for AMEB exams (if requested). Please direct any queries (or text interest in the free lesson drum) to mob: 0402 910 330.
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