

CANDELA



O Spirit of Love, you in whom we live and move and have our being, Lead us and awaken us to the new light.

Open the doors of our hearts, the windows of our souls, the walls of our minds.

Awaken us to hope. Awaken us to joy. Awaken us to love. Awaken us to new insights.

Make our hearts ready to receive the brightness of your presence. To you we give praise.

Amen

A MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

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



Dear Families,

Congratulations to St Mary's: Excellence Awardee 2023

I am extremely proud of the hard work and dedication St Mary's staff and students have exhibited throughout the last two years. St Mary's was nominated for Primary school of the Year: Non-Government in the Australian Education Awards 2023 and has been listed as an Excellence Awardee 2023. St Mary's was nominated for its transformative approach to improving learning and teaching outcomes especially in the area of literacy and for its school improvement processes.

The Australian Education Awards, now in their sixth year, recognise and celebrate the outstanding achievements of the country's top performing schools, principals, department heads and teachers. This year, the Awards will be recognising awardees across 28 different categories.

"Teachers make a difference in the lives of students every day. They do this by being present, by caring for every student, and by acting from a deep sense of vocation," Alex Burke, Education Perfect's CEO, told The Educator.

"For many students, that one inspirational teacher that truly sees them has an ongoing impact that positively influences their lives." Burke said the Awards play an important role in boosting both teacher morale across Australia.

"Celebrating those achievements and recognising how teachers empower students to attain their goals, build strong relationships, and dream, inspires the next generation of teachers, and acknowledges the important role that teachers play in society," he said. We are now in the running for Primary School of the Year which will be announced in August.



A MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL CONT.

Marisa Matthys



Women's Mass and Luncheon

Thank you to all the women who were able to be present at the Women's Mass and luncheon on the 5th of May. It was wonderful to see the women of the school and parish, grandmothers, great grandmothers and carers come together to celebrate and catch up with one another. Congratulations to Sandy Starbuck for her inspirational heartfelt homily. Thank you to Fr Steve for celebrating this liturgy which recognises the important role women play in our community.

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 the 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 was held on Saturday May 13th. Two families attended with the amazing MaD team. Regardless of the small attendance, they achieved a great deal of work of which we are grateful. The next **Working Bee is on Saturday 22nd July.** Although it is targeted at Year 1 families we are asking for any families who are available to attend. Many hands make light work!

A MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL CONT.

Marisa Matthys

Building a Culture of Feedback

Presently the teachers and leaders are working on building a culture of feedback. For all staff to continue to grow as professionals we require feedback in a psychologically safe environment. Feedback is needed to support staff and their developmental pathway. I started our feedback habits by asking leaders how I can improve in my support of them. I look forward to acting upon the feedback given.

Camp Rumbug

Thank you to the teachers and learning support officers who attended camp. All the staff and the students I have spoken with told me how much fun they had and their particular enjoyment was definitely the activities, especially the Mud Run. Please read further in the Candela about Camp Rumbug and check out the photos.

Parent, Guardian and Carer Code of Conduct

Melbourne Archdiocese Catholic Schools (MACS) are constantly updating the policies which guide our school communities to be models of respect and uphold our Gospel values. Please read the following policy. Over time all parents, guardians and carers will be requested to sign the updated policy. The Child Safety Team meets regularly to ensure our policies and practices are up to date and reflect the needs of our school..

Code of Conduct - Parent or Guardian or Carer.

Kind Regards,

Marisa Matthys
Principal



Term Dates for

2023

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

23 June 15 September 14 December

School Closure Dates for 2023 22 June (PTCC) 18 August 6 November 24 November 15 December

Student of the Week

Prep F	Madison S For always showing dedication to your learning. You remain focused on learning tasks and then help others once you've finished. Well done, Madison.	Amira E For working hard on your phonological awareness with Nancy. Your participation, passion and 'have a go' attitude in Heggerty is amazing. Well done, Amira.
Prep S	Angelina G For approaching all reading activities with enthusiasm. You are making such amazing progress. Keep it up Angelina!	Max B For working hard on following instructions to complete your learning. Keep up the fantastic listening Max.
Prep K	James B For the wonderful reading you are demonstrating in reading groups. You recognise so many heart words. Terrific effort James!	Mikayla B For working very hard on having-a-go at using heart words in your writing. Keep it up Mikayla!
1МН	Rylan For being such a hard working student and for always displaying the 3Rs. You are a responsible, respectful and resilient student who is always kind to others. Bravo!	Aria For always trying your best in all that you do. Aria we are so proud of the effort you put into your writing and reading. You are always kind and respectful. Brava!
1ZB	Sophie M For consistently making valuable contributions to our class discussions. You always try your hardest in all learning areas and put in your best effort. Keep up the amazing work Sophie!	Beth H For consistently showing respect to both your peers and your teachers. You're a kind and considerate student who demonstrates concern for others. We are so proud of you Beth! Well done!
1B	Jack D For always challenging yourself in your tasks and assisting those around you. Thank you for being so hardworking. Well done superstar!	For demonstrating persistence when attempting challenging tasks, especially in Writing. Keep up the great work superstar!
2V	Elisha P For always showing exceptional whole body listening and working so hard to complete every learning task. Your creativity and enthusiasm is wonderful. Well done Elisha!	Archie C For demonstrating dedication and enthusiasm towards your learning. You always remain focused and work hard to put your best effort into every learning task. Keep up the wonderful work Archie!
2M	Alexander A For trying your hardest to follow instructions given on the floor. You have done a wonderful job. Keep up the amazing work Alexander!	Telar M For consistently showing whole body listening and always trying your hardest. Keep up the fantastic work Telar!
2B	Olivia B For demonstrating resilience and bravery when presenting prayer at the Whole School Assembly. You are amazing!	Mark J For demonstrating a growth mindset through your willingness to challenge yourself in all curriculum areas. You are exceptionally resilient and use feedback to continually extend yourself. Bravo!
3P	Harry T For being a resilient learner and starting to put into practice all the strategies you have been learning in maths. I'm so proud of you, keep it up Harry.	Scarlett S For your joyful presence in our classroom. It's wonderful the energy you bring to our class and the smile you share with us each day.
3L	Ella M For the kindness and respect you show to everyone around you. You are a role model to all of Year 3. Keep it up Ella!	Poppy S For setting yourself goals to continue to improve in every learning area. Your resilience and responsibility is shining through! Keep it up Poppy!
3C	Luca W For sharing the term value of creativity with our class. You are always illustrating new artwork. Keep up the fantastic work!	Max C For achieving one of your goals for term two. What an incredible accomplishment Max! Keep up the great work!
4V	Lachlan H For your ability to embrace challenges and setbacks as opportunities for learning and growth. Lachlan, well done for displaying a positive attitude and determination in the classroom. You are amazing!	Nate L For displaying remarkable creativity and innovation in all learning tasks. Nate, you are constantly finding new and exciting ways to approach challenges and think outside the box. Keep up the great work.
4G	Spencer S For always demonstrating dedication towards your work, especially in Maths this term. Also, for your consideration and patience you show towards your classmates. You are a wonderful role-model to your peers. Well done Spencer!	consistently throughout the year. Also for your commitment to your learning. You have demonstrated wonderful growth and maturity

Student of the Week

4L	Naveen J For consistently being a kind and caring member of our class. You always go out of your way to ensure everyone is included. Awesome work Naveen!	Fadie LC For being a zealous learner by continually extending yourself within reading and writing and actively contributing to class discussions. You have demonstrated a true commitment to your learning. Keep up the great work Eadie!
5W	Jack D For displaying respectful and responsible behaviour on the playground when playing with others. You show kindness, compassion and respect to your friends. Keep up the great work, Jack!	Aurelia S For being a kind, supportive and compassionate classmate. You encourage your peers and are always willing to help others. Well done, Aurelia!
5G	Maddy K For making a positive start to Term 2 in the classroom and on the yard. And, for completing your impressive writing project and for sharing it with the class. Keep up the great work, Maddy!	Tyson L For consistently demonstrating the 3Rs in the classroom and on the yard. You are a positive, hard-working and friendly member of our classroom. Keep up the wonderful work, Tyson!
5 S	Darcey T For contributing to class discussions regularly. Your insight and deep thinking is a great contribution to our class. Keep up the fantastic work!	Isabella Z For consistently demonstrating the 3R's inside and outside of the classroom as it is a positive example for others to follow. Welldone!
6W	All of 6W For being fantastic on camp! You participated and embraced all the activities with support, enthusiasm and fun. Keep up the wonderful work!	
6V	The Whole of 6V For being so amazing on camp! You showed great teamwork and participation and embraced all the activities with enthusiasm and smiles. I was very proud to be your teacher. Keep up the great work!	
6L	Mia C For having a positive and enthusiastic attitude towards all activities on camp, and giving everything a go. Fantastic Mia!	Zach V-L For embracing all of the activities with enthusiasm on camp, and consistently showing kindness and using your manners towards others whilst on camp. Keep it up Zach!
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On the 10th of May we headed off to PGL Camp Rumbug, it was about 8:15 in the morning, and it was a two and a half hour journey! Once we got there, our school stayed in the Plane Tree Lodge. The activities on the first day were the Mud Run and ball sports. It was two laps of running through murky water.

Multiple people did more than two laps and the boys jumped in the puddles covering their whole body in mud. Some boys even looked like they were wearing mud masks, especially after it dried. Unfortunately, we couldn't shower straight after the Mud Run, so we were all soaked and playing frisbee. Soon after, we got settled into our cabins.

The activities we did over the camp were low ropes, giant swing, flying fox, canoeing, raft building and aeroball. The flying fox went over two mountains with the most amazing view and for the best experience, don't hold on! There were two separate dams, one used for canoeing, and the other for raft building, both were really fun! On the first night we had a campfire and sang songs and on the second night we did a trivia night. The winners of trivia night were the Business Men, even though they were actually girls. The camp was very muddy but that was expected as it rains a lot up there, we just hope our shoes don't mind.

Overall, we love Camp Rumbug!
By Emily H and Imelda B











Being a positive digital citizen means...

Keeping personal information private

Protecting my digital reputation

Standing up to and reporting cyber bullying

Following my school's Acceptable Use Agreement

Thinking before I post

Respecting others and myself

Giving credit to other people's ideas and work

Keeping balance in my life

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National eSmart Week: 22 - 28 May 2023



Parents Association News

May 2023

Mother's Day thanks

St Mary's students put a lot of love into picking gifts to take home and surprise their mums, grans, nans and aunties at our Mother's Day Stall. There was a lot of excitement – quite a few gifts were given before they even made it out of the carpark! We wonder how many managed to keep them a secret for the big day?

Thank you to everyone who helped out at the stall; Christine, Eleni, Suzie, Kacey, Helen, Christine, Pat, Lisa, Louisa, Rhiannon, Daniela, Tine, Chloe, Michelle and Kelly – we couldn't have done it without you.

Congratulations to the students who won a prize in our Mother's Day raffle. We had four beautiful prizes this year thanks to support from our community.

Special thanks to Rebecca and Phil from Nestle, Huong and Grant from Color Pop Cards and Christine from Adjusted Family Chiropractic for your donations.

St Mary's Parents Association hope all the ladies who hold a special part in our lives had an awesome Mother's Day.



Stay up to date with events and activities at St Mary's on our Facebook page:



<u>Current St Mary's Parish P.S.</u> <u>Greensborough Parents & Caregivers.</u>



School Disco postponed

The much anticipated school disco, planned for Friday 26 May, has been postponed.

With the hall toilets still a worksite it wasn't safe to hold the disco at this time. We're still very excited about the disco and we promise – it's not cancelled – just delayed a little bit while we wait for the building works to finish on the hall bathrooms.

Keep on practicing your dance moves each Friday at the Piazza dance party and, as soon as the toilets are ready, we'll set a new date.

Bread bag recycling



Don't forget to save your empty, soft plastic bread bags and drop them in the special box at the office.

Every box of bread bags we collect earns points towards new sports equipment for our school.

Have you thought about joining the PA?

Get in touch via email or come along to our June meeting. Details coming soon!

Watsonia District Cross Country

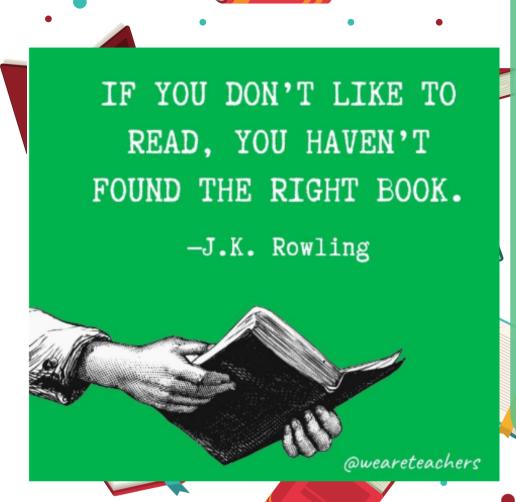
On Monday May 15th 2023, over 50 students from St. Mary's, travelled by bus, under staff supervision, to Banyule Flats Reserve in Viewbank, to compete in the annual Watsonia District School Sports Association Cross Country event. Boys and Girls in 9/10, 11 and 12/13 year old age groups participated against numerous other competitors and all performed admirably. Although down a number of athletes due to illness, St. Mary's had some marvellous performances resulting in the team winning the overall trophy for best performing school. Cross Country captains, Calista D and Teagan T from Year 6 beamed from ear to ear as they gladly and proudly accepted the winning trophy on behalf of their teammates. Competitors who finished in the top 10 positions have now qualified for the Banyule and Inner North Moreland Division Cross Country event. This event will also be held at Banyule Flats on Wednesday May 31st 2023. We wish those students who qualified for Division, the best of luck and say congratulations and well done to those who ran at District. Results are below and those highlighted have qualified for the next stage of competition. Well done everyone!!



Watsonia District Cross Country

EVENT	NAME	PLACE
9/10 Boys	Leo C	1
	Caleb H	15
	Juliano S	10
	Koby L	45
	Max C	33
	Ryan C	42
	Lucas A	41
	William S	17
	Ethan B	39
	Harvey W	32
	Louis P	11
	Liam D	42
	Lewis V	28
	Isabelle S	46
	Lucy P	5
	Shelby N	50
9/10 Girls - 2000m	Charlotte S	11
	Chiara P	14
	Ariana B	16
	Greta M	28
	Beatrice N	45
	Charlotte J	24
	Luca L-K	1
11 Boys	Oliver T	8
	Hudson A	5
	Oliver G	9
	Isaac F	16
	Nate M	23
	Archer R	19
	Oliver McK	37
	Jackson W	44

EVENT	NAME	PLACE		
	Lucro VA	0		
11 Girls - 3000m	Lyra W	8		
	Harper W	6		
	Kiera K	11		
	Indie N	18		
	Adele U	12		
	Alexia Di D	27		
	Aurelia S	15		
	Elizabeth S	25		
	Lily G	27		
	Grace L	13		
	Ava W	3		
	Austin P	3		
	Charlie W	1		
	Leo Di N	4		
12/13 Boys - 3000m	Luca R	6		
	Paxton S	8		
	Liam O'	22		
	Olivia P	3		
	Clara S	1		
	Scarlett S	6		
	Paige P	11		
	Teagan T	12		
	Charlotte McK	17		
12/13 Girls - 3000m	Addison R	8		
	Sarah D	7		
	Calista Di N	10		



News from the Library / Discovery Centre

We are back in the swing of things. Term Two has seen our Chess Club recommence and the students are enjoying the opportunity to master new skills and learn new strategies.

Please contact KIDS
Unlimited if your child/ren would like to participate in these sessions on Thursdays in the Library/Anderson
Discovery Centre.

ENRICHMENT groups

At St. Mary's we pride ourselves on meeting the needs of our students in a range of ways. This year, for the very first time, we applied for the opportunity to be involved in the CBCA (Children's Book Council Awards) Shadow Judging project. This means that we have an opportunity to vote as Shadow judges, for the books shortlisted to receive the 2023 CBCA 'Read, Grow Inspire' awards. We have students reading and looking at specific elements of the Shortlisted books, to analyze and identify ways that authors present information and convey messages. The students involved in this group are thoroughly enjoying meeting in the Library/Anderson Discovery Centre weekly. We are currently looking at the range of elements that authors draw upon, in order to convey information and grab the reader's attention.



Love and Mental Peace

This Parish group was set up to inform members of our community about Mental Health. We also aim to help support those members of our Parish who suffer with depression, anxiety and/or post traumatic stress disorder (PTSD), as well as those who care for them.

There is often confusion and misunderstanding about the reality of mental illness. With this in mind, we are offering an information evening to listen to a very inspirational speaker share her journey with mental illness.

Lauren McDonough is a 25 year old woman from Melbourne. She is a mental health advocate, suicide survivor and now a model.

She has lived with depression and PTSD since she was 14 years old. She has a strong lived experience with a mental health condition, which has given her the drive and determinatin to reduce the stigma of mental health, based on her lived experience.

She now shares her remarkable story of resilience, in the hope that it will help others by reducing the stigma towards mental health conditions, to provide hope to others and to encourage healthier and more frequent conversations around mental health conditions.

Lauren will give this presentation on Wednesday 24th May at 7:30pm in the St Mary's Parish Gathering Space.

ALL ARE WELCOME



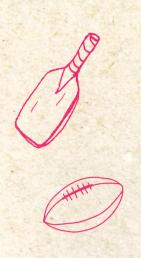
Alpha is a series of interactive sessions in a friendly, welcoming space. Participants explore the basics of the Christian faith through real conversations about life, meaning and purpose. Regardless of your background and faith tradition, there's a seat for you at this table.

Begins 23 May - St. Mary's church foyer.

We share a meal.
We watch a video.
We engage in discussion.

SCAN ME

Find out more & register using the above QR code or by clicking this link https://tinyurl.com/y87kzhj3



RECYCLE, EARN SPLAY





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



Wonder Wonder

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!











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Are you curious about new technology in your child's education?

No doubt you will have been hearing about new technology through your own work, on social media or in the broader media. While it's important for education to keep up with technology, it's also critical that parents are aware and included in decisions about technology.

Melbourne Archdiocese Catholic Schools (MACS) is preparing a Digital Ambition Plan to design outcomes and principles by which decisions will be made for new technology in Catholic schools. Parents are invited to contribute to the Digital Ambition Plan and your voice is critical to ensure that technology reflects the needs of students and school communities into the future.

You are invited to complete the survey and register for an online forum to be held on Monday 22nd May from 7pm-8pm for parents of children in Catholic schools to share your views on the draft plan.

Click here to register for this online event or scan the QR Code to read the draft plan and complete the survey.

Parent Survey & Forum to provide your perspective for new technology in Catholic schools

Melbourne Archdiocese Catholic Schools

MACS Digital Ambition Plan Parent Survey & OnlineForum Monday 22nd May 2023 7PM - 8PM

- Provide your feedback
- Be more informed
- Understand new technology
- Engage in children's learning

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