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210 Grimshaw Street, Greensborough, 3088



God of love,

We ask you to be with us as we journey with Jesus during his last days on earth.

We pray for the church throughout the world.

In Jesus' name we pray.

Amen

A MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

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



Dear Families,

End of Term One

We are all finding it difficult to accept that Term One has come to an end. The ten weeks goes by so fast. As usual it has been an exciting, interesting and eventful term. I consider that much has been achieved by the students, staff and parents. I take this opportunity to acknowledge the enthusiasm and interest of our students, the dedication of all staff and the fantastic support of our parents. Our working partnership is highly valued and key to the philosophy of who we are at St Mary's.

Easter Raffle

Congratulations to Katie Fields, the PA and her band of helpers who organised the Easter Raffle. A huge thank you to our families for your generous donations of chocolates which enables such wonderful prizes for our families. This year we raised \$2,250 with all proceeds going to upgrade the Basketball Court.

The top 5 winners of the raffle are:

1st - Aiden C in Prep K

2nd - Zachary E in 2V

3rd - Austin P in 6V

4th - Taylor S in 3L

5th - Josh T in 1B

We hope they enjoy their prizes.

Lent and Holy Week

Thank you for supporting the work of Caritas through Project Compassion and the work of St Vincent de Paul. I congratulate the various classes who this week, so beautifully, depicted the entrance into Jerusalem and subsequent passion of Jesus. Thank you to Ana, our RE leader, for organising this special event. We hope many of the students will experience Holy Week and Easter at St Mary's Church this week. We will celebrate Easter as a whole school after the holidays.

Fete Committee Meeting

Thank you to all parents and parishioners who joined our PA meeting on Monday 3rd April at 7.30pm in the Church foyer to discuss the November Fete. We had a great response from parents and parishioners who are willing to be liaisons and coordinators of events. The Fete is starting to get off the ground and I am sure over the coming weeks more and more parents will volunteer to see it come to fruition.

A MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL CONT.

Marisa Matthys



Italian Delegates visiting

The stakeholder visit on March 30th whereby St Mary's hosted 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 was a huge success. Naturally, the most inspiring part of the day was visiting classrooms to see our students demonstrating great Italian learning.

Prep/Year 6 Working Bee April 1st

The Prep /Year 6 Working bee was held last

Saturday the 1st April. Thank you to the parents and students who attended. Congratulations to Luna D, Ashleigh M and Winnie A who won the tuckshop voucher. A great deal was achieved by all. A special thank you to Michael Azel and the MaD team who once again organised the event. The next working bee is the Year 5 level on Saturday 13th May.

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.

School Hall Toilet Upgrade

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

Mandatory Reporting and Disability Discrimination Training

All staff will be completing the Mandatory Reporting and Disability Discrimination Training on April 24th. This training is extremely important and mandatory for all staff in schools and is intensive with many hours of online modules to be completed.

A MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL CONT.

Marisa Matthys



2024 Enrolments Open

A huge thank you to our Year six leaders and all students who have conducted school tours this term. If Parents know of anyone who missed our Open Days please tell your friends and family to make an appointment to meet with me to hear about our exciting plans for the future and the excellent learning opportunities our school provides. Just a reminder for all current families who have a child entering Prep in 2024, that enrolments are due by 19th May.

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 contact Fr Steve or Sandy in the Parish.

Parent Involvement and Induction Module

Just a reminder to all parents to complete the parent involvement survey to provide as much support for St Mary's community as possible. It is also crucial that the Induction Module is completed to ensure we comply with the Child Safe Standards. Both were due to be completed early term 1. Thank you to the families who have already completed them.

Buona Pasqua

I wish all families a safe holiday and happy Easter and I look forward to continuing our wonderful learning in Term 2.

Kind Regards, Marisa Matthys Principal



Student of the Week

| Prep F | Mia G For being a respectful and responsible member of our class. You are an example to your classmates in Prep F. Well done, Mia. | Vida For being a hard worker and always trying your best in every learning task. You show you are respectful by helping others that may need help. Well done, Vida. |
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| Prep S | Matilda D for being respectful towards all your peers in Prep S. Your kindness has made our classroom a welcoming place to be! Brava Matilda | Rayan Z For always trying your best and working hard during learning time. You are a superstar! Fantastico Rayan! |
| Prep K | Alice T For showing wonderful listening skills when we are on the mat. You always give your best Alice and I am very proud of the way you are having-a-go at all of your learning tasks. Super effort! | River T-M For the responsible way that you participate in reading activities and for the hard work that you are putting into all your class work. Awesome effort River! |
| 1МН | Boody For demonstrating resilience and patience when you want to share an idea with your classmates and teachers. Keep it up, Boody! | Letty For your enthusiasm and support in your role as Italian Ambassador. You are always proactive in encouraging others to use the Italian vocabulary and gestures. Bravi! |
| 1ZB | Hanora M Congratulations Hanora on a successful Term 1 in Year One. You have consistently demonstrated the 3R's. We wish you all the best with your move to Ireland! We will miss you. | Ned W Congratulations Ned on consistently demonstrating dedication and perseverance in your learning. Keep up the fantastic effort! |
| 1B | Joseph B For always demonstrating whole body listening and working so hard to complete every learning task. You show such dedication to your learning. Keep it up! | Annie J For always demonstrating the 5L's and putting effort into reading new words. You also show resilience when you are challenged with a new task. Great work! |
| 2V | Harlow BW For always demonstrating exceptional whole body listening and working so hard to complete every learning task. You show such dedication to your learning and are always willing to help others. Superstar!! | Banjo TM For the wonderful dedication you have continued to show towards completing learning tasks this term. We are so impressed with your efforts in 2V. Keep up the hard work Banjo! |
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| 2M | Skylah OK For demonstrating an excellent effort to help you to remain focused and complete your tasks to the best of your ability. Keep up the wonderful work Skylah! | Leo V For demonstrating Whole Body Listening when preparing for our independent tasks. Keep up the excellent effort Leo! |
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Student of the Week

| 4L | Charlotte S For showing dedication to your learning in all subject areas and consistently demonstrating the 3 Rs. You are an exceptional role model for other students! Keep up the great work Charlotte! | Lewis V For showing a remarkable improvement in your behaviour by listening and following instruction and always trying your best. Keep displaying the 3 Rs Lewis! You ROCK! |
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| 5W | Savannah O For showing dedication to your learning and working hard to complete all tasks to a high standard. Great work, Savannah! | Marco S For approaching all learning tasks with resilience, enthusiasm and responsibility. You take ownership over your own learning and always strive to do your best. Well done, Marco! |
| 5G | Molli O For consistently setting an example with regard to the 3Rs. You always give your best effort in the classroom and on the yard. Keep up the great work. | Leo N For approaching all learning tasks with enthusiasm and a growth mindset. You take on feedback with positivity, which helps you to continually grow. Great work, Leo! |
| 5 S | Jack H For showing improvement in your work, focus, and attitude throughout Term One. Well done, Jack! | Ava Y For always doing your best and being a great classmate. Great work, Ava! |
| 6W | Eden D For commencing the year with a positive attitude and always completing your work to the best of your ability. You are a valued member of our class. Well done, Eden! | Harminder C For making an excellent start to the year and completing your work to a high standard. Keep up the great work, Harminder! |
| 6V | Reuben M For regularly contributing to our whole class discussions and approaching all your learning tasks with a positive attitude. Keep up the great work Reuben! | Diya M For being a respectful and responsible member of 6V. You are always working to the best of your ability. Keep up the fantastic effort Diya! |
| 6L | Summer B For taking on the role of Italian Ambassador this term, using fantastic initiative to support our Italian learning in the classroom | Neriah D For commencing the year with great enthusiasm and always completing your work to a high standard. Thank you for always displaying our 3R's in the classroom. Keep up the wonderful work Neriah! |
| Health & Physical Education | Charlie W 6L, Scarlett S 6V, Teagan T 6V, Zoe D 6W, Jasmine C 6W, William S 4L For your wonderful performances at the Northern Metropolitan Region Swimming Championships. You all swam magnificently and represented yourself, your family and the St. Mary's community with pride and distinction. Excellent job one and all. | |
| Visual Arts | Alexander T, 1MH For displaying enthusiasm and confidence with all art activities. Thank you for taking your time to complete your work with care and pride. Congratulations! | Sienna W, 2M For listening attentively and following instructions carefully. Thank you for taking your time to complete your artwork with care and pride, especially your fancy fruit creation. Congratulations! |
| Science / Digi Tech | Zac M, 6V For showing great enthusiasm towards your learning in Science and Digital Technology and for working collaboratively with your group members. Fabulous job Zac! | Caitlin N, 5S For always demonstrating the 3 R's, completing your learning tasks diligently and contributing to our class discussions. Fantastic work Caitlin! |
| Performing Arts | The Senior Choir For singing so beautifully on Harmony Day. You rock! | Team Friday Dance Break To Xavier L, Dante L, Zak M, Zach VL and Nate L for being independent, resilient, great learners and budding DJs. |
| | Ben S Prep S For your excellent delivery of 'Follow The Leader | r' in front of the Italian Visitors last week. Bravo! |

Italian



ParentZone Term 2 2023

Parenting programs * Free of Charge * Bookings Essential

Dads Matter A program for dads

Dates: Mondays (6 evening sessions)

1st May -5th June 2023 Time: 7.00pm to 9.00pm

Venue: Online

A program for dads to better understand the importance of their role in the lives of their children **Bookings:** Click here to register (limited places) Enquiries: julia.russell@anglicarevic.org.au

Emotion Focused Parenting For parents of 5 to 12 year olds

Dates: Thursdays (6-afternoon sessions)

Thursdays - 11th May - 15th June

Time: 12.30pm - 2.30pm

Venue: Online

Learn strategies to help your child manage their emotions and develop resilience. Improve communication and work with their challenging behaviours. Improve relationships as an emotionally intelligent parent

Bookings: Click here to register (limited places)

Enquiries: sharon.muir@anglicarevic.org.au

Talking Teens For parents of 12 to 18 year olds

Dates: Tuesday evenings (6 sessions)

2nd May - 6th June 2023 **Time:** 7.00pm to 9.00pm

Venue: Online

Learn why teens behave like they do. Discover strategies to deal with conflict, anxiety and improve

your relationship with your young person

Bookings: <u>Click here to register</u> (limited places) **Enquiries:** sharon.muir@anglicarevic.org.au

Building Better Behaviour For parents of 2 to 6 year olds

Dates: Mondays (6-afternoon sessions)

1st May - 5th June 2023 **Time:** 12:30 to 2:30pm

Venue: Online

Discover why young children behave the way they do. Help your children deal with uncomfortable feelings and deal with your own frustrations and

anxiety as a parent.

Bookings: <u>Click here to register</u> (limited places) Enquiries: sharon.muir@anglicarevic.org.au











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Parenting programs * Free of Charge * Bookings Essential

Living With ADHD/ADD

Dates: Mondays (6 evening sessions)

1st May -5th June 2023 Time: 7.00pm to 9.00pm

Venue: Online

Are you the parent or carer of a child who has ADHD/ADD? This free 5-week parenting program is an opportunity to ask questions about ADHD/ADD and consider a variety of approaches/strategies to help with parenting.

Bookings: <u>Click here to register</u> (limited places) Enquiries: michelle.evansl@anglicarevic.org.au

Strengthening Parents Support Program

Strengthening Parents Support Program provides monthly face to face peer support groups and fortnightly online groups for parents and carers who are caring for a child with a disability or developmental delay (with or without a formal diagnosis)

Contact: Michelle on 0438646744

Strengthening Parent Support @anglicar evic.org. au

Positive Conflict Resolution for parents of tweens and teens (single session)

Date: Monday 1st May 2023 Time: 7.00pm to 9.00pm

Venue: Online

Conflict is a normal part of family life.

Discover how we can handle disagreements and improve relationships and family dynamics. This interactive session will present practical strategies for managing emotions, finding solutions and having challenging conversations with teens and pre-teens.

Bookings: <u>Click here to register</u> (limited places) Enquiries: deborah.trengove@anglicarevic.org.au











Building Better Behaviour

A 6-week Parents Building Solutions Program for parents of children aged 2 to 6 years

Would you like to:

- Discover why young children behave the way they do?
- Set boundaries with your child?
- Help your children deal with uncomfortable feelings?
- Deal with your own frustrations and anxiety as a parent?

Join this interactive 6 week program to learn strategies, share stories and take some time out for you **When:** Mondays (6-afternoon sessions)

May 1st to June 5th 2023

Time: 12:30pm to 2:30pm

Where: Online via Zoom

Cost: Free (bookings essential)

Registration: click here

Email: sharon.muir@anglicarevic.org.au

Please Note: Building Better

Behaviour is an interactive parenting program. You will need a device with video and audio in order to participate

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Dads Matter

Dad's at their best - helping children to thrive

Are you a dad who would like to:

- Better understand your importance in your child's life?
- Have agreements that work?
- Further develop your relationship with your young people?
- Get your head around what they need from you?

Come along to these 6 online sessions. Share strategies, strengths and stories. Take some time out for you and celebrate the importance of being a Dad! When: Mondays (6 evening sessions)

1st May - 5th June 2023

Time: 7.00pm to 9.00pm

Where: Online - Via Zoom

Who: Dads

Cost: Free (Bookings are essential)

Bookings: Click here to book

Questions:

Julia at Parentzone 9721 3629 or julia.russell@anglicarevic.org.au



Emotion Focused Parenting

A 6-week Parents Building Solutions Program for parents of children aged 5 to 12 years

Would you like to:

- Learn strategies to help your child manage their emotions?
- Develop resilience in your child?
- Improve communication and challenging behaviours?
- Improve relationships as an emotionally intelligent parent?

Join us to learn strategies, share stories and take some time out for you

When: Thursdays (6 afternoon sessions)

Dates: May 11th to June 15th 2023

Time: 12:30 to 2:30pm Where: Online via Zoom Registrations: <u>Click here</u>

Cost: Free (bookings essential)

Email: sharon.muir@anglicarevic.org.au

Please Note: Emotion Focused Parenting is an interactive program. You will need a device with video and audio in order to participate.

PARENTZONE

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LIVING WITH ADHD/ADD

5 week parenting program bringing together parent carers living with a child with ADHD/ADD

Are you the parent or carer of a child who has ADHD/ADD?

This free 5-week parenting program is an opportunity to ask questions about ADHD/ADD and consider a variety of approaches/strategies to help with parenting.

The group is free of charge and a diagnosis isn't necessary, but bookings are required.

WHEN:

Thursday 10:30am-12pm Term 2 2023 May 11th-June 15th (weekly for 5 weeks)

WHERE:

Online - Via Zoom

COST:

Free of charge for parents in the Eastern Suburbs of Melbourne (Bookings essential)

BOOKINGS:

To register please click on this link

If you'd like more information, feel free to contact Michelle on 0438 646 744











Positive Conflict Resolution

For parents / carers of teens and pre-teens

Conflict is a normal part of family life how we handle disagreements can make a significant difference to ongoing relationships and family dynamics.

This interactive session will present practical strategies for managing emotions, finding solutions and having challenging conversations with teens and pre-teens.

When: Monday 1 May 2023

7.00pm - 9.00pm

Who: Parents and Carers

Where: Online - Via Zoom

Cost: Free of charge

(Bookings essential)

Registration:

https://forms.office.com/r/2RmY9npRe7

Queries to:

Deborah on 9721 3646

or

deborah.trengove@anglicarevic.org.au





FOR PARENTS & CARERS OF CHILDREN WITH A DISABILITY (including ASD, ADD)

PARENT PEER SUPPORT GROUPS

STRENGTHENING PARENT SUPPORT PROGRAM

Are you a parent or carer of a child with a disability or developmental delay (with or without a formal diagnosis)? Could you use a bit of support and connection with others who understand?

Come along and join other parents and carers at one of our monthly peer support groups. Share stories and strategies, and have a cuppa, a chat and some laughs with other supportive parents and carers in a casual and comfortable environment. You can come to one or as many groups as you like!

Groups are free of charge and bookings are required

For information on groups, individual support, or if you'd like an information session for your community group or organisation, contact on Michelle 0438 646 744

Details for all groups listed over page.





Groups meet monthly or fortnightly, except on public holidays or during school holidays. Term 2 2023

BOXHILL

10:00-11:00AM on the 1st Tuesday of every month during school terms TIME & DAY:

LOCATION: Anglicare office Level 2/37-41 Prospect St, Box Hill

DATES FOR May 2nd & June 6th Term 2 2023

2hr free parking in Hopetoun Pde, walking distance to group.

BAYSWATER

TIME & DAY: 10:30-11:30AM on the 2nd Wednesday of the month during school terms

LOCATION: Glen Park Community Centre 30 Glen Park Rd, Bayswater Nth DATES FOR

May 10th & June 14th Term 2 2023

LILYDALE

TIME & DAY 10:30-11:30 AM on the 3rd Friday of the month during school terms

LOCATION Anglicare office, 47-51 Castella Street, Lilydale

DATES FOR

May 19th & June 16th Term 2 2023

ONLINE GROUP

TIME & DAY: Fortnightly on Tuesday mornings

LOCATION 10:30-11:30 via zoom

DATES FOR

May 9th & 23rd, June 6th & 20th Term 2 2023

LIVING WITH AUTISM

SUPPORT

An informal peer support group for parent/carers who are caring for children

living with Autism

TIME & DAY: Fortnightly Tuesday Evenings 7-8pm

LOCATION via Zoom

DATES FOR May 2nd, 16th & 30th, June 13th

Term 2 2023

ADHD/ADD SUPPORT GROUP

A 5-week parenting program for parent/carers of children with ADHD/ADD to share information and experiences and build connections around living with ADHD/ADD

TIME & DAY

weekly sessions for 5 weeks Thursday 10:30am-12pm

LOCATION Via Zoom

DATES FOR

Term 2 2023

May 11th-June 15th

Free of charge. Bookings are required. Contact Michelle on 0438 646 744 or Strengthening Parent Support @anglicarevic.org.au





Talking Teens

A Parents Building Solutions Program for Parents of 12 to 18 year olds

Would you like to:

- Learn about adolescent development and why teens behave like they do?
- Discover strategies to deal with conflict and power struggles?
- Deal with anger and anxiety?
- Improve your relationship with your young person?

Join this interactive 6 week program to learn strategies, share stories and take some time out for you When: Tuesday (6 evening sessions)

Dates: May 2nd to June 6th 2023

Time: 7:00 to 9:00 pm Where: Online via Zoom.

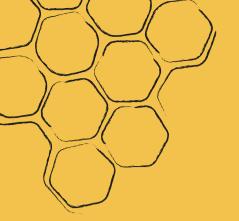
Cost: Free for parents and carers living in

Melbourne's Eastern Region. **Registrations:** Click Here

Enquiries: sharon.muir@anglicarevic.org.au

Please Note: Talking Teens is an interactive program. You will need a device with video and audio in order to participate.



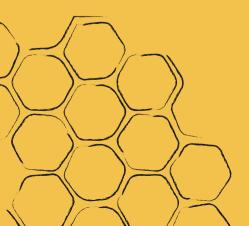


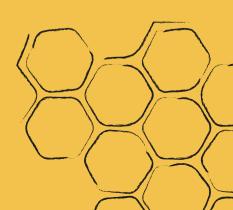
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YEAR 5 FAMILIES
WE'LL SEE YOU
SATURDAY
13TH OF MAY











Thank you to those that attended the recent Fete meeting. The Fete will be held on Saturday 18 November but it requires the help of the St Mary's community to enable it to go ahead. Due to Covid and the rising cost of living, the Fete will be scaled down from previous years. The Parents Association (PA) has gathered ideas and has a program of activities, but we need your help to bring the Fete to life!

The money raised from the Fete is shared equally between the Parish and the School to upgrade St Mary's Facilities.

For the Fete to be a success, we need volunteers to assist in coordinating the following aspects:

- Food and beverage
- Rides
- Entertainment
- Stall holders
- Licences / Permits / Working With Children Checks (WWCC)
- Marquees and shade shelters
- Volunteer rostering and co-ordination on the day
- Logistical arrangements (e.g. ride operators accessing the school grounds to set up)
- Auction items / raffles / prize wheel
- Promotion / advertising signage
- Pack up / Clean up

Please email <u>papresident@smgreensborough.catholic.edu.au</u> if you would like to be involved. Ideally, we would like 2-3 people per activity so you can bounce ideas off each other and to ease the workload.

Be assured that you won't be left on your own with any of the above roles, and will also be supported by the PA / Fete Committee along the way.

Unfortunately, if there are not enough volunteers to support the Fete, it simply cannot go ahead. Please consider how you can help - many hands make light work!

Thank you, Parents Association

Gongratulations!

Rächael and James Kincade have welcomed a baby girl on Friday 24th March - Tamsyn Rose Kincade.

Older brothers, Archie (Prep S) and Heath were so excited to meet their little sister.



Parents Association

April Newsletter



St Mary's Mother's Day Stall gives our students the chance to do some special, secret shopping and pick out gifts to celebrate Mother's Day.

Bring some spending money (cash only) and a bag to take your presents home in to keep them as a surprise for your mum, grandma, nanna or any lovely lady who needs a special thank you for looking after you.

If you need a gift that literally says 'I love you mum', then we've got just the thing!

Gifts available from \$1-\$5.

If you'd like to help at the Mother's Day Stall please text Katie on 0409250598.

Save the date...

Friday 26 May

Junior and Senior School Discos Details coming soon.

Have you thought about joining the PA? Why not come to our next meeting?

WEDNESDAY 17 MAY AT 7PM

Thank you all for a great 1st term

St Mary's Parents Association would like to thank all the staff, students and parents at our lovely school for a wonderful start to 2023.

The Parents Association are working towards several fundraising goals for St Mary's this year and, thanks to your support, we're seeing some real progress. Keep an eye out for our fundraising thermometer and watch us get closer to our targets.

Some projects we're supporting include the basketball court upgrade, fixing up the toilets in the hall and providing safe pedestrian access from the William Street entrance.

While we do try to raise money for St Mary's, our main goal is to build a strong sense of community and we've been so pleased to see that sense of belonging growing in 2023 through the wonderful response to our Open Ovals, Prep Welcome Mornings and the enthusiasm shown by our new PA members.

Happy Easter St Mary's .See you all in Term 2.



Marriage Encounter Weekend

"Live Your Best Life in Love"

Every relationship is a journey and the grind of everyday life can cause you to lose touch with your spouse.

This experience gives married couples the tools to keep your passion alive in a gentle, nurturing environment, away from pressures and distractions of daily living.

The weekend is based around Catholic values and couples of all faiths are welcome.

Date: 28-30 April 2023 in Melbourne Book early to avoid disappointment

Information/Bookings

Call Mercy & James 0409 183 676 or Email: vicbookings@wwme.org.au

Please check our website for more details. Website: wwme.org.au





Whole School Assembly Dates

All Assemblies start at 9am unless otherwise noted.

Term 2 May 15 & Jun 5

Term 3
Jul 24, Aug 14, Sep 4

Term 4
0ct 16, Nov 13, Dec 4, 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.

Annual Whole School Cross Country Event

St Mary's is excited to be holding our 2023 Whole School Cross Country Event in Term 2. This whole school event will take place on our school grounds at St Mary's on the first day of Term 2, Wednesday April 26th. All students from Prep to Year Six will participate in their House groups and receive points. There will be a winning house named after all races are completed. Students are encouraged to wear their house colour t- shirts. (If you are unsure of which house your child is in, their classroom

teacher will know). They can use a t-shirt that they have at home that matches their house colour or a t-shirt can be purchased at various retail outlets. For example: Kmart sells plain t-shirts of the various colours below at a small cost.

Colours are as follows:

Bosco - Yellow Mercy - Blue Loyola - Green McAuley - Red

Year Three to Six students will run in their age group that they turn this year. For Example:

- -Students who turn 9 or 10 this year will run 9/10 year old race
- -Students who turn 11 this year will run in the 11 year old race
- -Students who turn 12 this year will run in the 12/13 year old race

Students from Year Three to Six who finish in the first 10 in their age group will qualify to compete for the school team in the Watsonia District Cross Country competition to be held on Monday May 15th at Banyule Flats, Somerset Drive, Viewbank (off Banyule Rd).

Prep to Year Two Students will participate in their year levels.

On the day of the event, 26/04/2023, parental assistance will be required. The event will take place outdoors utilising the Oval and the Piazza. If you are able to assist on the day, from 9.50am-11 am or 11.45am-1.45pm, I would greatly appreciate it. Please ensure your Working With Children's Check is in date and that you have completed the Induction Module online. Please email me at foreilly@smgreensborough.catholic.edu.au if you are able to assist. If you are attending this outdoor event as a spectator, please firstly sign into the Office on your arrival, show your Working With Children's Check card and sit or stand on the grass area on the roadway near the tennis

courts. This is for safety reasons to avoid congestion on the course, especially on the oval. Please then remember to sign out at the Office on your departure. This is critical to upholding our Child Safety guidelines.

Fergal O'Reilly Health & PE, Sports Coordinator





| Timetable of Events | | | |
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| Times | Competitors | | |
| 10am - 10.20am | Preps & Year 6 Buddies 1 lap of the course | | |
| 10.25am - 10.50am | All 12 / 13 YO Students (3km) 6 laps of the course | | |
| First Break 11.05am - 11.45am | | | |
| 11.50am - 12.10pm | All year 2 Students (1.5km) 3 laps of the course | | |
| 12.15pm - 12.35pm | Year 1 & Year 5 buddies 2 laps of the course Year 5 students who are 11 years old stay outside to watch the 9/10 race before their race | | |
| 12.40 - 1pm | All 9/ 10 YO Students (2km) 4 laps of the course | | |
| 1.05pm - 1.25pm | All 11 YO Students 5 laps of course | | |
| Second Break 1.50pm - 2.30pm | | | |
| 2.35pm | Whole School Assembly for Announcement of House Winners | | |



We celebrate reading and the joy books bring to us, particularly during the CBCA book Week. The list of CBCA Shortlisted books has just been announced, so we are exploring these books as we count down to the CBCA awards in August.

To give you some background..... Each year since 1945 the CBCA has brought children and books together across Australia through Children's Book Week®. During this time schools and public libraries spend one glorious week celebrating books and Australian children's authors and illustrators. Classroom teachers, teacher librarians and public librarians create colourful displays, develop activities, run competitions and tell stories relating to a theme to highlight the importance of reading. You will often see parades with students dressed as their favourite book character.

During the holiday period, you will see these SHORTLISTED books in your local libraries and in bookshops. You know that these books, with the CBCA sticker, are written by Australian authors, for Australian children. They are a quality addition to home libraries and have been selected for their ability to inspire a love of reading.

This year, for the very first time, some St. Mary's are involved in the Shadow Judging for Book Week. We have been fortunate enough to secure a grant which recognises our school's love of literature and willingness to engage in exploration and in-depth discussions in order to learn more about the aspects of good quality literature. We look forward to sharing our thoughts as we participate in this exciting event.

Fiona MacIsaac (Librarian)

Exciting news from St. Mary's Library CHILDREN'S BOOK WEEK® 2023



Results

William

1st in S9/10 50m Backstroke

Jasmine C

2nd in Medley Relay 2nd12/13 Freestyle Relay

10th in 12/13 50m Freestyle **8th** in 12/13 50m Butterfly

Teagan T

2nd in Medley Relay 12/132nd in Freestyle Relay

Zoe D

2nd in Medley Relay2nd in 12/13 Freestyle Relay2nd in 12/13 50m Butterfly5th in 12/13 50m Backstroke

Scarlett S

2nd in Medley Relay2nd in 12/13 Freestyle Relay

Charlie W

1st in 12/13 50m Freestyle
1st in 12/13 50m Breaststroke

CHARLIE IS NOW THE NEW REGION
RECORD HOLDER FOR 50M
BREASTSTROKE, CONGRATS CHARLIE!!

Northern MetroPolitan Region Swimming Championships

On Thursday March 30th 2023, six students from St. Mary's headed to Watermarc for the Northern Region Metropolitan Swimming Championships. Charlie W, Jasmine C, Zoe D, Scarlett S, Teagan T and William S performed magnificently against tough opposition from various schools around north east Melbourne. Three first place finishes and three second place finishes were the highlights of the day as numerous medals were taken home by the students of St. Mary's. All of the community at school and beyond are extremely proud of your achievements. Huge thanks to your family members who transported you to and from the event. Two swimmers, Charlie and William, have now progressed to represent St. Mary's at the State Swimming Championships on Friday April 28th. This event will take place at MSAC in Albert Park. Charlie will swim in the freestyle and breaststroke events, whilst William will swim in the backstroke discipline. Congratulations to one and all and well done!







Interschool

Bat Tennis Finals—Girls
"Congratulations to all those who made it to the finals in interschool sports and all the hard work that was put into it. Everyone played excellent games and there were quite a few amazing rallies going on between the schools. On Friday the 3lt of March the St Mary's girls won their bat tennis finals against Watsonia Heights. Unfortunately there is no division for bat tennis. It was truly an amazing day and one to remember with all the excitement in the air from both schools. The girls all tried their best and we came out on top in the end. Thank you to everyone who played and a big thanks to Watsonia Heights for playing us in the finals. More thank yous to Mrs Vorster for being our coach and Mr O'Reilly for organizing everything throughout the whole term of summer interschool sports. We hope to see you sometime in the future and the best of luck to the year 6's that play them next year in bat tennis." — Written by Teagan T House

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 5t. 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. After was Greensborough Primary which had great resilience. Then came the final. We were up against Watsonia Heights' again. Both teams had high spirits including mindset and some blue gloves and sunglasses provided by our lovely coach Lisa. It was a tough game going back and forth but in the end Watsonia Heights got 11 and St Mary's got 7 but we didn't let this crush our mood because we all had so much fun these past nine weeks. It has been awesome to learn this sport and make memories that will last a lifetime."

Written by Sophia B House Captain Bosco 2023

6irls Basketball

13 girls have been selected to represent St. Marys in the interschool sports competition for girls basketball. We have won three games and lost two. Five games have been played in total.

Together we are a great team and it's amazing to see how well we're playing together. Interschool sports is always a highlight of our week and everybody enjoys it very much. We have all learnt how to show leadership and play fair games to make it enjoyable for everyone. Each week someone gets chosen to be captain and will say a welcome or thank you speech before and after each game. They will also make a quick recap to our year about how the game went and give a player of the game award. All our players have shown great sportsmanship and kindness to everyone which has been great to see.

we are looking forward to finishing the season off strongly and hopefully this has developed a passion for the game towards all of the girts.

BAT TENNIS FINALS-BOYS

"THE BAT TENNIS FINALS TOOK PLACE ON 31
OF MARCH AND BOTH BOYS AND GIRLS MADE IT
TO THE FINALS. THE BOYS PLAYED AGAINST
WATSONIA NORTH. WE ALL HAD FUN AND
PLAYED FAIRLY WITH THE OTHER TEAM.
\$ADLY, THE BOYS LOST TO WATSONIA NORTH.
CONGRATULATIONS TO EVERYONE FOR TRYING
THEIR BEST IN BAT TENNIS! MANY THANKS TO
OUR COACH, MRS. VORSTER." -WRITTEN BY
\$EBASTIAN K \$CHOOL CAPTAIN 2823

Finals report:

"On Friday the 31st of March both St. Mary's basketball teams for inter school sports competed in the district Championships. Our girls team played in a series of games whereas the boys team went straight through to the grand final. In all of the games everybody played well and showed great sportsmanship towards the other schools. The girls semi final was very well played because the last time we faced streeton, St. Mary's lost. This time around we were successful, which meant we would go on to play the grand final against Watsonia North. We knew this would be a challenge for us because our opponents have gone undefeated. Unfortunately we were runners up which is a great achievement and everybody had lots of fun."

Written by Violet H House Captain Loyola 2023 and Calista Di N House Captain McAuley 2023.

Boys Basketball

"On Friday the 31st of March the boys basketball team played their grand final at St Mary's. It was a long awaited match and our team was very excited to see who they were playing. Just before that game it was the semi final— Watsonia Heights vs Watsonia North. The winner goes to the final. It was a very intense and interesting game and both teams played very well. Watsonia north ended up winning and going on to play St Mary's in the Grand Final.

Everyone was nervous and the crowd was too. Both teams started great and it was a very fun game for both teams. St Mary's came out on top .0ur whole team was full of joy and we were so happy.

Now that St Mary's have won the Grand Final, they will go on to play in the Banyule Division Tournament in Term 4."

Written by Tyson Q H House Captain Loyola 2023

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EXAMPLE OF A DAY AT ROCKETEERS

6:30am

Breakfast

Flexible Play Options: Morning Yoga, Board Games.

9:00am

Wake Up Jam

The day will start with our Rocketeers song, motivating children to start their day on a positive note by singing and dancing to "Take Me to Base Camp (B.A.S.E.C.A.M.P)".

10:15am

Morning Tea & Briefing

The crew will brief you on the fun program for the day over some fresh fruit and snacks.

10:30am

Handball Championships

Swing and serve your way to the Regional Championships!

1:00pm

Lunch

BYO yummy food

2:00pm

DIY Basketball

Make your own basketball hoop and dunk if you dare. Let's see which team can score the most points!

3:30pm

Afternoon tea provided

4:00pm

Group Activities

Meditation, Experimentation Lab, Fun in the Sun, Story Time.

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OPERATION (Base Camp Day)

During *Operations*, children will experience a program tailored around their passions and centred around a special theme.

In Mission IX, experience Operations such as Bunny Hop, Handball Championships, Build Masters and more.



EXPERIENCE TAKEOVER (Incursion)

During *Experience Takeovers*, we'll be visited by Special Guests. These experts will be bringing with them exciting experiences for the children to enjoy.

In Mission IX, you'll find Experience Takeovers such as *Rocket Science*, *Billy Cart Bonanza*, *NERF Wars* and more.



PROJECT (Incursion)

During *Projects*, children will be challenged with an exciting experience designed to upgrade their skillsets and enhance their fun!

In Mission IX, experience Projects such as *Mission:* Takeoff IX, Hoop & Bounce, Sandwich Masterclass and more.



ADVENTURE (Excursion)

During *Adventures*, we'll embark on a journey outside Base Camp. Every destination is different, every experience – extraordinary.

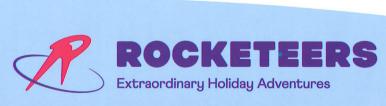
In Mission: IX, get involved in Adventures such as Survivor Games, Museums, Obstacle Courses, Comedy Shows and more.

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- · Child Care Subsidy available for eligible families
- · Breakfast and Afternoon Tea provided



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We simply cannot do this without you. Your support is greatly appreciated.





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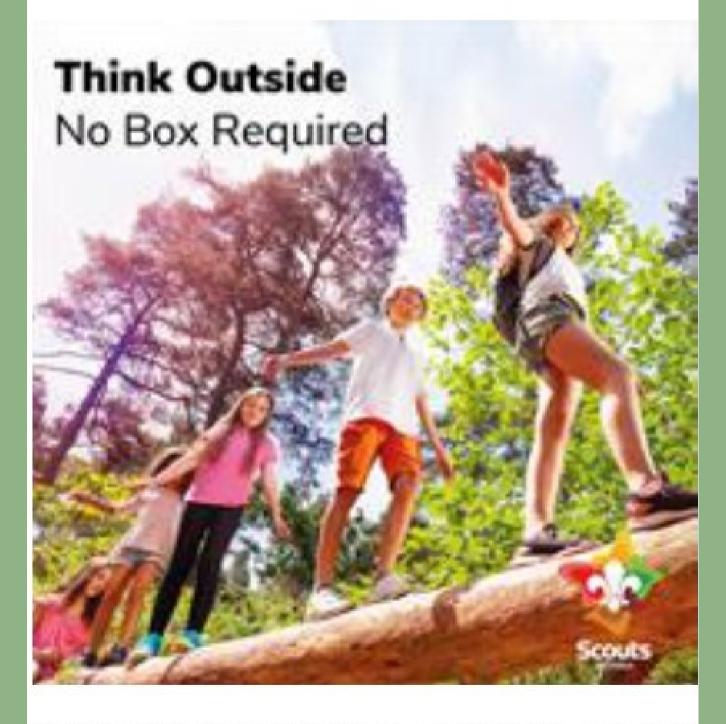
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The Banyule & Districts Netball Association is located in Macleod and runs a domestic Junior Netball competition on Saturday mornings.

canteen) & 2 additional undercover outdoor courts. It provides qualified umpires, and is It has a 4 court indoor stadium (with run by a friendly local community association.



Banyule Netball Stadium, Macleod



https://www.banyulenetball.com.au/

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Victoria insurance and a NetSetGo Pack for each participant. SET generally runs for 14 or 15 weeks, and includes Netball

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New Players

Wanting to join a Club/Team?

Banyule & Districts Netball Association welcome all players, new or old.

If you are looking for a team or club to join go to:

https://www.banyulenetball.com.au/clubs









6 April 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 close between 9pm Tuesday 11 April and 5am Wednesday 12 April 2023.

Please see map overleaf for 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.



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