



CANDELLE



*Dear God, 'The wind blows where it pleases' (Jn 3:8).  
The creative Spirit is not enclosed within boundaries  
which we construct, but is at work in artists, writers,  
engineers, teachers ... in all of us who are alive with the  
Spirit, sharing in the creative life of God.  
Amen*

# A MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

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



Dear Families,

## **Step into Prep**

St Mary's has thoroughly enjoyed welcoming our 2024 Prep students and a parent or carer. The students came to school to listen to stories, play games, experience Art and Drama specialist classes, and generally become familiar with some staff and other students and the surroundings. The feedback from families has indicated it has been a successful initiative. Congratulations to Marguerite and the Wellbeing Team for organising these events in an effort to build confidence and positive transition into St Mary's school life. We look forward to continuing this initiative in 2024.

## **Reconciliation**

Next term our Year 2 students will be making their first Reconciliation on Tuesday 24th October. The Reconciliation Faith Night for all parents and carers is Tuesday 10th October. I urge at least one parent from each family to attend as these faith nights are organised to support you to be able to deepen your understanding of the sacrament so that you can discuss this with your child. Our prayers are with these children and their family as they grow in their faith journey.

## **Italian Day**

Buon Giorno a tutti! St Mary's is celebrating Italian Day on Friday 6th October which is the first week back in Term 4. This gives everyone the holidays to think about and organise an outfit which reflects all things Italian. Further information is available in the Candela.

## **Father's Day Breakfast**

Congratulations to Mel and the PA team and parent and staff helpers for creating such an amazing Father's Day Breakfast. The Dads, Grandpas and special friends at the Father's day Breakfast were so complimentary of the work, delicious food and the time and effort that went into making the breakfast so successful. Thank you also to Camp Australia who sponsored a Coffee Van from the Beanmasters. We hope everyone enjoyed their Father's Day.

## **Kiss and Drop**

Just a reminder to all families that if you are choosing to use the Kiss and Drop at the front of the Admin building, you are not to get out of your car as it is not a carpark. The only people exiting the car should be the students on the left of the vehicle. When a driver gets out you are holding up the traffic which affects Grimshaw St. Please be considerate of others.

## **Working Bee**

The next working bee is on Saturday 14th October. I urge all Year 2 and Year 3 families to save the date to support this important event. The weather is now improving and there will be a great deal of gardening and maintenance to be done. Come and enjoy a BBQ and getting together with other families.

## **St Mary's Community Fair 2023**

We are getting very excited about the Fair in Term 4. I ask everyone in our great community to really get on board and support the St Mary's Community Fair on the 25th November. This is going to be a wonderful event. The committee is working diligently to ensure the event is a success. Please speak to any connections you may have in regards

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## **St Mary's Community Fair 2023 cont.**

to sponsorship as every amount helps raise much needed funds for the school and parish. Please read about this event and how you can assist further in the Candela

## **Hall Toilet Upgrade**

It is exciting that the upgrade to the Hall toilets is almost complete. \$10,000 has been provided to the upgrade from the Parents Association as was requested in the application to the NE Community Grants Fund. St Mary's is so grateful to all parents for contributing through the PA to improving our parish/school facilities. Next term we will officially open the toilets at a date to be confirmed.

## **Congratulations to the Boutros Family**

Congratulations to the Boutros Family on the birth of their baby girl, Atalia. Mum and Dad are overjoyed and big sister Ariana is ecstatic.

## **Farewell to Jude Caspersz**

We bid farewell to Jude, our Chaplain, at the End of Term 3. We thank him for the support he has provided to our Students, Families and Staff. We wish him the best in his future endeavours.

## **Condolences**

We send our heartfelt condolences to the Del Papa family on the passing of their beloved mother and wife, Carol. We lift you up in prayer and pray for healing at this sad time. We offer our ongoing support to the Del Papa's and thank the families that have surrounded them with love and kindness.

Kind Regards,  
*Marisa Matthys*  
Principal



# Student of the Week

**Prep F**

**To all of Prep F**

For such a fantastic Term 3, your progress this Term has been amazing and I look forward to all that you achieve next Term.

**Prep S**

**Archie C**

For working hard on your reading and writing.. Excellent effort this term. I am so proud of you.

**Lachlan G**

For always demonstrating kindness towards others. You are consistently demonstrating our school values of respect and responsibility. Well done!

**Prep K**

**River T-M**

For the great use of our vocabulary words in your own writing. River, you are having-a-go at writing independently and your writing is becoming so descriptive. Way to go!

**Marco T**

For your fantastic thinking when having-a-go at solving our maths problems. Well done on being able to share and explain your thinking about numbers. Keep it up Marco!

**1MH**

**Willow B-W**

For consistently applying yourself to your reading and writing. You are such a hard worker and continue to improve every day. Bravissima!

**Aria**

For striving to do your best in every aspect of your schooling. You show continuous improvement because of your concerted effort and willingness to do your best. Bravissima!

**1ZB**

**Alexander B-H**

For consistently displaying behaviour to show you are ready to learn. Alexander, thank you for being a respectful and resilient learner. You are a great asset to 1ZB.

**Harvey F**

For consistently demonstrating the ability to follow instructions the first time. You are such a respectful and responsible member of 1ZB. Well done Harvey!

**1B**

**James K**

For demonstrating resilience and responsibility in the way you work during class time. Thank you for being a hard worker and for always completing tasks to the best of your ability. Well done!

**Mackenzie S**

For demonstrating kindness and empathy towards your peers. Thank you for working hard and making a positive impact towards our class environment! Well done!

**2V**

**Milla B**

For being a respectful and responsible member of our class. You always demonstrate your best whole body listening and show such dedication to completing every learning task. Well done Milla!

**Jasmine V**

For always listening carefully during classroom discussions and sharing such wonderful ideas and thinking. We love hearing your contributions. Keep up the fantastic work Jasmine!

**2M**

**Isaac B**

For showing responsibility and respect when welcoming new peers into the classroom. Well done Isaac!

**Parker S**

For showing initiative and responsibility when welcoming new peers into the classroom. Well done Parker!

**2B**

**Darcy L**

For following instructions the first time and showing respect to adults and your peers. Thank you for making insightful contributions to class discussions. Well done Darcy.

**Eve P**

For listening and following instructions and being a wonderful role model. You display great engagement in your learning. Wonderful effort Eve. Keep on being the best learner you can be.

**3P**

**Zara B**

For consistently being a kind and caring member of 3P. You are always showing respect and responsibility.

**Thomas S**

For working hard to extend your thinking and trying to take on challenges with a growth mindset. Well done!

**3L**

**Sofia T**

For working hard to use appositives in your writing. Well done Sofia!

**Taylor S**

By being a welcoming and kind member of our classroom who always includes others. Well done Taylor!

**3C**

**Lawrence B**

For working really hard in your writing tasks. You are so creative and I cannot wait to see more of it demonstrated in your writing. Keep it up!

**Evie L**

For always trying your best in every subject area. Your writing demonstrates how hard you have been working. Well done Evie! Keep it up!

**4V**

**Josh M**

For always giving your best effort and putting in 110% in everything you do. You follow instructions and use class time effectively, and are such a respectful and resilient learner. Thank you for being such a great asset to 4V!

**Max M**

For working extremely hard on beginning your learning tasks independently, without prompting from a teacher or LSO. Your independence during classroom activities is outstanding, and the progress you have made is phenomenal. You are awesome!

# Student of the Week

**4G**

**Jackson S**

For the way you inspire those around you by the example you set. Jackson, you always approach tasks with a growth mindset and do not stop until you are proud of the finished product. Fantastic Work Jackson!

**Xavier W**

For your working collaboratively with your peers. Also, for persisting with challenging tasks to complete work giving your best effort and accepting feedback and using it to improve your work further. Fantastic work Xavier!

**4L**

**Alessia M**

For the positive attitude you bring to the classroom each day. You demonstrate kindness and compassion towards others by ensuring that no one feels left out. Like a ray of sunshine you always brighten up our day! Thank you, Alessia!

**Ava W**

For the care and attention to detail you put into every task. You take immense pride in your work by ensuring that it is neatly organized and beautifully presented. Keep leading by example, Ava!

**5W**

**Marco S**

For showing a dedication to your learning, especially in maths, by working hard on challenging problems and striving to do your best. Well done, Marco!

**Harper W**

For consistently working hard to present your work neatly and creatively. Keep up the great work, Harper!

**5G**

**Molli O**

For working diligently towards your learning goals in the classroom. Molli is a quiet achiever and is a motivated and driven learner. Keep up the great work, Molli!

**Adele U**

For your conscientious and meticulous approach to all learning tasks. Adele, you hold yourself to a high standard in the classroom and you set an example for your peers. Fantastic effort, Adele.

**5S**

**Isabella Z**

For always be respectful towards all those around her. You always try your best and work collaboratively with your peers. Keep up the great Isabella.

**Luca L**

For participating in classroom discussions consistently. It is great to hear your contributions. Well-done Luca!

**6W**

**To all of 6W**

For such a great Term 3, your progress this Term has been astounding and I look forward to all that you achieve in Term 4.

**6V**

**Teagan T**

For continually showing our term value of Gratitude in all you do and for always treating others with kindness and respect. Keep up the great work Teagan!

**Ava B**

For respectfully participating in class discussions and giving her best to all learning tasks. Keep up the fantastic effort, Ava!

**6L**

**Sarah D**

For the great enthusiasm you continue to show towards your learning! You complete each task to a high standard, fantastic work Sarah!

**Teresa L**

For displaying a positive mindset to your learning. You continue to strive to achieve your best. Keep it up Teresa!

**Italian**

**Raymon H Prep K**

For your cheerful and positive contributions in Italian class. Bravissimo Raymon!

**Will SL. 4L**

For your super helpful and keen approach in class. Thank-you Will. Bravo!

**P.E.**

**Banyule Division Athletics Team**

Congratulations to all athletes in Years 3-6 who participated in the Track and Field Athletics Carnival on September 6th. All students performed magnificently resulting in 20 St. Mary's students qualifying for Region Athletics in Term 4. Well done everyone!!

**Visual Art**

**Arek Prep K**

For displaying great enthusiasm and interest in all art activities. Thank you for sharing your creative ideas and your positive vibes. Great work, Arek!

**Jasper S 4G**

For improved motivation and application during Visual Arts. Your sketch of Bev the giraffe is amazing, so true to life. Thank you for sharing your talent with us. We look forward to seeing more of your creative Artwork In Term 4. Well done, Jasper!

**Performing Arts**

**To all of 3L**

For an amazing effort to get 186 in Balloon Tap 200. This demonstrates your calm, team approach to achieving a common goal.

**Jack D, 1B**

For demonstrating true respect by acknowledging how you can improve yourself in class. Keep up the great work, Jack - you were so focused.

**Science & Digi Tech**

**Zoe G 3P**

For continuously working hard to complete all your learning tasks and for demonstrating wonderful listening skills. Well done Zoe!

**Aoibhinn O 2V**

For your excellent contributions to our class discussions and for showing great enthusiasm during your investigations. Keep up the fabulous work Aoibhinn!

# School is better when your child is here

Going to school every day is the most important part of your child's education. There are no safe number of days for missing school – each day a student misses puts them behind and can affect their educational outcomes and their social connectedness. The best thing you can do is support your child to get to school every day.

A positive attitude towards school, healthy habits and routines, and parental involvement can support your child's regular school attendance and prevent chronic absence patterns.

When your child misses just... they miss



5 mins  
per day

=



3 days  
per year

When your child misses just... they miss... and over



1 day  
per fortnight

=



4 weeks  
per year

= 1 year missed  
over their school life

When your child misses just... they miss



30 mins  
per day

=



18 days  
per year

When your child misses just... they miss... and over



1 day  
per week

=



8 weeks  
per year

= 2.5 years missed  
over their school life

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## 1. Establish positive habits to promote attendance

- Set good bedtime and morning routines to make the process of getting to school smoother for everyone. Try to prepare as much as possible the night before, e.g. school uniform, school bag packed.
- Ensure your child gets enough sleep and exercise to support their physical and mental health.
- Talk positively about the importance of school attendance with your child. Explain that it is an important part of growing up, a legal obligation and that you expect them to attend every day.
- Show an interest in your child's school and become involved where possible. Keep notes, newsletters, etc. in a place where they are visible reminders of school news for the whole family. Talk about school activities in a positive manner.
- Discuss any changes to usual routines in advance with your child, such as alternative drop-off and pick-up arrangements, to ensure clarity and minimise anxiety.

## 2. Changes in your child's attitude towards school

We all have those days when it is just too hard to get up and feel motivated to go to work or school, but if this occurs regularly, it may be a sign that your child needs support. Early intervention is vital to address physical, emotional or social reasons for school avoidance before it progresses to chronic absence problems and on to school refusal.

### Signs of school avoidance to look out for

- feeling sick before school, e.g. waking up with a headache, stomach-ache or sore throat
- tearfulness, clinginess and dawdling before school – struggling to get out of bed, leave the house or get out of the car
- complaints about attending school and reluctance to talk about school
- missing classes and being late for class.

### What is happening at school?

Early signs of school avoidance may be identified at school through observations and insights by your child's teachers. Work in partnership with the school to support your child's attendance and wellbeing.

## Further Resources

[Anxiety about going to school](#) – Victorian Government

[Attendance and missing school](#) – Victorian Government

[How can I get my teenager to school?](#) – Victorian Government

[Early Signs of School Avoidance/Refusal](#) – Travancore School

[Tips for Promoting School Attendance](#) – Travancore School

[Understanding School Avoidance and School Refusal](#) – Travancore School

[School refusal: children and teenagers](#) – Raising Children Network

[Understanding school refusal](#) – Headspace

[School refusal](#) – Be You

[Everything you need to know about school refusal](#) – ReachOut

## 3. What can you do when you see the signs?

- Work with your child to understand what is happening and so that they feel supported and empowered. Listen with compassion but be consistent in expectations.
- Speak with your child's teacher(s) about your concerns.
- Consider taking your child to the GP to rule out or address any physical or emotional health problems.
- Request and attend school meetings with your child and their teacher to develop strategies to support increased attendance.



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# Parent and carer webinar schedule 2023

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

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

## Term 4

### Mental Health Month (October)

#### Wellbeing and digital technologies

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

#### Getting the most out of gaming

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

#### Navigating online friendships

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

#### Getting started with social media: TikTok, YouTube, Instagram

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

Subscribe to [eSafetyNews](#) for dates and registration details or visit [esafety.gov.au/parents/webinars](https://esafety.gov.au/parents/webinars)



# FOOTY FUN DAY

FRIDAY THE 15TH OF SEPTEMBER



**Support your favourite 'any-sport' team and St Mary's Community Fair on Footy Fun Day!**

On Friday the 15th of September we will be having our annual footy dress-up day to celebrate the excitement of the AFL finals season and to support the St Mary's Community Fair.

Students are invited to dress up in their favourite team colours/kits (any sport) and to make and bring in a 'mystery bottle' for the Fair. But why bring in just one mystery bottle, make as many as you like!



**The class that donates the most mystery bottles will win Red Rooster chips for every student!**

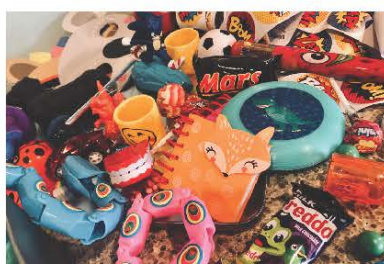
*(Only one class can win, in the event of a draw the winning class will be drawn out of a hat)*



A limited number of empty, unrinsed, 1.25 litre bottles will be available from the office from Monday the 11th of September for families who don't have them at home.

## HOW TO MAKE A MYSTERY BOTTLE

1. Get a 1.25 litre bottle, rinse it out, cut it in half and dry it.
2. Fill it up with cool stuff (toys, novelties, snacks like you'd get in a show bag).
3. Re-attach the top half and seal the bottle with sticky tape.



No need to wrap the bottles, just bring them in on Footy Fun Day and we'll take care of the rest!

For health reason all food items must be wrapped in their original packaging and have an expiry date of no earlier than December 2023.

Mystery bottles will be sold as a lucky dip at the Fair for \$2.00 each so try to make the contents worth at least \$2.00

**If your team uses a round ball or a hoop, a racket, a puck, a pommel horse or any fun thing at all, feel free to wear your favourite team colours - whatever the sport!**







# Italian Fiesta Day

St Mary's will be celebrating Italian Day on **Friday 6th October, 2023**  
(Friday, Week 1 of Term 4).

Students will be participating in all kinds of fun Italian activities to learn about Italian culture and practise using their Italian language.

Students are encouraged to **dress up** in Italian colours or costumes to celebrate. We will be celebrating with a parade on the Piazza at **2:45pm** on the day. Parents and families are welcome to join for the parade.

To help celebrate Italian Day we're having a special lunch. Order your lunch through Flexischools from **Friday, 15th September**.

Note: There will be no normal lunch orders on this day. If your child has any food allergies we are happy to make arrangements. Please contact Mel at [tuckshop@smgreensborough.catholic.edu.au](mailto:tuckshop@smgreensborough.catholic.edu.au) to place your order.

## Italian Day Menu:

Margherita Pizza

Hawaiian Pizza

Sorbet

Gluten Free Options Available





Saturday 25 November, 10am-3pm  
210 Grimshaw St, Greensborough 3088

## Sponsorship opportunities

St Mary's new Community Fair has something for the whole family - inflatables and rides, market stalls, a bar, food, plant sale, art, live entertainment, books and even camels!

It's our first event since 2019 and our big school, parish and extended local community are really excited about it.

We would love you to get involved in any way you can.

Showcase your business to 1000s of people with one of our Community Fair Sponsorship packages.

Sponsoring St Mary's Community Fair will benefit your business, in terms of added visibility and by building positive associations with the local community - both of which contribute to the long-term success of your business (and our Community Fair!)

From funding a raffle prize or sponsoring a stall or activity, to larger financial donations - we have a sponsorship level to suit your size business.

Get in touch to find out how you can sponsor St Mary's Fair, promote your business and help make this an awesome event for our whole community at:

[patreasurer@smgreensborough.catholic.edu.au](mailto:patreasurer@smgreensborough.catholic.edu.au)

*Thanks for your support...*



# THE COMBINED CATHOLIC PARISHES RAFFLE 2023 ALL NEW KIA PICANTO TO BE WON!!!



**1<sup>st</sup> PRIZE!!**

All New 2023 Kia Picanto S Auto valued @ \$19,890 Drive Away

- \* 1.4ltr Auto
- \* Rear parking sensors
- \* Cruise control
- \* Wireless Apple CarPlay & Android Auto
- \* 7 Year Unlimited km warranty
- \* Reverse Camera

2<sup>nd</sup> Prize – Gift Card to the value of \$5,000

3<sup>rd</sup> Prize – Gift Card to the value of \$3,000

4<sup>th</sup> Prize & 5<sup>th</sup> Prize - Gift Card to the value of \$1000

6<sup>th</sup> & 7<sup>th</sup> Prizes - Gift Cards to the value of @ \$500 each

**BUY YOUR TICKETS TODAY!!**

**Available for purchase at the Parish Office ONLY!**

**Parish Office Hours**  
Tues: 10am - 4pm  
Wed: 8am - 12pm  
Thurs: 10am - 4pm

**RAFFLE DRAWN:**

**Saturday December 2nd 2023**

**at Resurrection Keysborough Parish, 7:30pm**

402 Corrigan Road, Keysborough

Any questions, please  
contact the Parish  
Office, 9435 1543

Victorian Commission for Gambling Regulation Permit No – 10175/23

Ticket sales close Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> November, 2023



# LITURGY OF LAMENT

**Everybody is welcome and encouraged to attend this service to express our sorrow for the various forms of abuse perpetrated throughout our church within our own lifetimes.**

**This is a wonderful opportunity for all those affected, either directly or indirectly, to participate in this liturgy that aims to acknowledge the pain that has been felt, and assist with a healing in our communities.**



**Sacred Heart  
Church,  
Diamond  
Creek**



**Thursday 5  
October,  
7:30pm**



## OUR INVITATION TO YOU!

### DEAR ST. MARY'S COMMUNITY

St Mary's Parish Pastoral Council representatives invite you to read through the attached list of Volunteer Ministries including Parish Activities *being mindful* of those which '*grab*' your attention.

You may already be involved in one of the existing parish groups; or you may have been thinking about joining another group. Perhaps you have been contemplating an idea for a new ministry group and would like to have a conversation about your idea.

New ideas for creating a group are welcomed!

***Our community needs our people to be involved*** – as we continue to strive in our vision of *being a vibrant Christian community engaging with the world.*



**How might you contribute your time and talent?**

Warm regards.

Elizabeth Whiting Fr Steve Rigo Fr Ananda Maddineni Fr Martin Tanti Sandy Starbuck

Mark DiPasquale Bhushan DeCosta Nick Scully Lorenzo Gullone

Josette DeSouza Steve Hodgson

CONTACT DETAILS:

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_

EMAIL: \_\_\_\_\_

Comments:

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*\* Some activities listed may require training/formation which will be provided.*

**Please tick  any options below to express your interest:**

**Outreach and Community:**

- Friendship Group
- Archivist/Library
- Bereavement Support Group
- Social Justice Group
- Communion to the Sick
- Catering after funerals
- Library Committee
- Pastoral Care Group
- Passionist Family Groups
- Prayer Shawl Ministry
- St Vincent de Paul Society
- Ladies Auxiliary
- Friendship Group
- Greensborough Inter-Church Council
- Parish Child Safety Committee

**Your idea for a new group?**  
\_\_\_\_\_

**Liturgy & Worship:**

- Children's Liturgy at Mass
- Music Ministry for Children
- Welcoming at Masses
- Ministers of Eucharist
- Lectors and Prayer leaders
- Altar Society
- Altar server
- Sacristans
- Operating Data Projector at Mass and other liturgies
- Liturgy Group
- Liturgy of the Word
- Musicians/ Choir/ Singers
- Adoration Group
- Providing transport to Mass for fellow parishioners

**Your idea for a new group?**  
\_\_\_\_\_

**Teaching/ Training:**

- Children's Liturgy at weekend Mass
- Bible study
- Advent Study Group
- Lenten Study Group
- Baptism Preparation Team
- Rite of Christian Initiation Adult (RCIA)
- Rite of Christian Initiation Child (RCIC)
- Sunday Religious Education/Catechists
- Preparation & Post Baptism Team

**Your idea for a new group?**  
\_\_\_\_\_

**Sporting Groups:**

- Basketball Club
- Little Athletics
- Netball Club
- Riverside Cricket Club
- St Mary's Football Clubs
- Tennis Club
- Riverside Cricket Club

**Your idea for a new group?**  
\_\_\_\_\_

**SUPPORT:**

- ALANON
- Men's AA
- Women's AA
- LAMP  
*Love and Acceptance for Mental Peace*

**Your idea for a new group?**  
\_\_\_\_\_

**Leadership, Finance, Planning & Maintenance**

- Mass collectors and counter
- School Advisory Board
- Parish Finance Committee
- Strategic Planning Committee
- Parish Pastoral Council
- Website Maintenance
- Maintenance & Development
- Parish Fete Committee
- School Parents' Association

**Your idea for a new group?**  
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# The Preps reflecting on Term 3

In Prep this term we have been very busy. We have had a fantastic time celebrating school special events like our Art Show and Book Week. But the most exciting thing of all was when we celebrated our 100 Days of Prep. We are very proud of all the learning we have done.

**JOHN PF**

LAST WEEK WE HAD OUR BOOK WEEK PARADE. WE DRESSED UP AS A CHARACTER FROM A BOOK. I DRESSED UP AS WHERE'S WALLY. WE WENT TO THE PIAZZA TO SHOW OFF OUR AMAZING COSTUMES.

**Mia PF**

On Tuesday we went to the Library. We listened to Frane Lessac and she taught us how to draw a pumpkin.

**Vida PF**

We had so much fun during Book Week. Thank you for organising Mrs Macisaac.

**James PK**

When I came to school for my 100 days of Prep I made a crown and we did some writing about all the things we have learnt in our 100 days at school.

**Luna PK**

One of my favourite activities on our 100 days of Prep was icing and decorating cookies in the shape of 100. I put some green icing and some sprinkles on my biscuits. They were yummy!

**PATRICK PK**

OUR 100 DAYS OF SCHOOL WAS FUN BECAUSE WE GOT TO DRESS UP AND WE MADE COOKIES AND THEN WE COULD EAT THEM. I LIKED COUNTING TO 100 AND USING A COTTON BUD TO MAKE 100 DOTS.

**PAPHNE PS**

WE HAD SO MUCH FUN DRESSING UP AS AN ARTIST FOR OUR DRESS UP DAY. WE ARE A VERY CREATIVE GROUP AND LOVED BEING ABLE TO SHARE OUR OUTFITS AT THE SCHOOL ASSEMBLY.

**Chris PS**

This term we were so excited to have our school art show. We were proud to show our art work to our grandparents on grandparents day. We had such a lovely time with them.

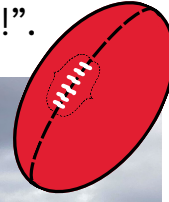
**Oliver PS**

We are very proud of the work we had on display at the art show. We are so lucky to have Mrs. Tivisini to teach us and help us all become little artists. You're the best.



# FOOTY FINALS FEVER!

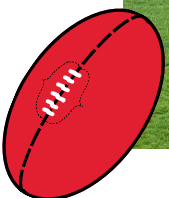
When the September school holidays come around, a lot of Melbournians are hoping that their footy team has reached the footy finals series. At St. Mary's it is no different. Numerous excited students and staff of the school are hoping that their team makes the "Big Dance!!".



To celebrate footy finals and the end of a very busy Term 3, Mr.O' worked closely in partnership with Parade College and their fantastic PE teacher, Mr. Ben Shelton. On Monday, September 11th, Ben brought a number of his Year 11 Senior Sport Academy students to St. Mary's oval and they ran various activity

stations based around footy. One of the Year 12 coaches, Riley, is a past pupil of our school and it was marvellous to see him lead and educate all under his care. On Thursday September 14th, Ben worked alongside Mr.O' in running footy clinics. All St. Mary's students were provided with an opportunity to engage with teamwork, cooperative games, kick, mark, handball a footy and also develop their skills and game awareness.

Sincere thanks to Mr. Shelton, Riley, Callan, James, Baxter, Ethan and Lucas for being so accommodating and enhancing the experiences of all students at St. Mary's. Enjoy the upcoming holidays and may the best team win the Grand Final!!!

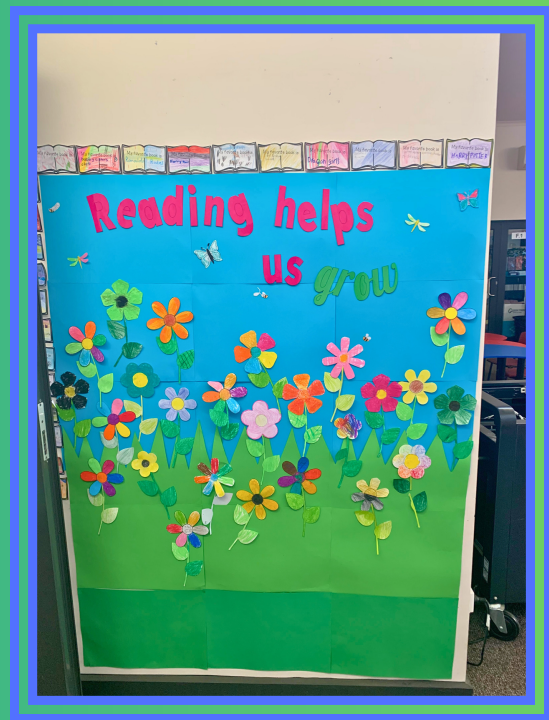




As part of our Book Week celebrations each class designed a door or window to showcase their literacy focus. Here are a few of the creative doors/windows designed and created by students.

Literacy Leaders then awarded prizes to encapsulate this year's theme: 'Read Grow, Inspire' to enable students to plant their own seedlings as a memento of our wonderful Book Week.

Happy Reading,  
Fiona MacIsaac, Librarian



# Banyule & INM Division Athletics Carnival

On Wednesday September 6th 2023, 39 students from St. Mary's, travelled by bus, under staff supervision, to Meadowglen International Athletics Stadium in Epping, to compete in the annual Banyule & INM Division Athletics carnival. Boys and Girls in 9/10, 11 and 12/13 year old age groups participated against numerous other competitors and all performed admirably. St. Mary's athletes all produced marvellous performances. Competitors who finished in 1st or 2nd position have qualified for the Northern Metropolitan Region Athletics event. This event will be held at Meadowglen on Wednesday October 11th 2023. Congratulations to the following 20 students - Harry C (9/10 Boys High Jump, Hurdles, Relay), Violet H (12/13 Girls-800m & 1500m), Billie D (9/10 Girls-Triple Jump), Oliver McK (11 Boys Discus) Luke S (11 Boys Hurdles, 100m, Relay), Layla H (11 Hurdles), Paige P (12/13 200m , Relay) Oliver S, Juliano S, Leo C (9/10 Boys Relay), Cooper A, Luca L-K, Oliver G (11 Boys Relay), Grace La, Grace L, Adele U & Isla T (11 Girls Relay) and Charlotte McK, Calista Di N, Scarlett S(12/13 Girls Relay) - who have now qualified for Region Championships. Well done everyone!!





We had a great day  
celebrating our dads,  
grand dads, and special friends!



# Banyule & INM Division Athletics Carnival 2023

## School Team Sheet for **ST. MARY'S PS GREENSBOROUGH**

Event	Age	Boys	Finishing Place	Girls	Finishing Place
Long	9/10			Charlotte S	4th
	11	Cooper A	3rd	Keira G	6th
	12	Will R	4th		
Shot	9/10				
	11	Levi J	6th		
	12/13	Jedda W	3rd		
High	9/10	Harry C	1st	Billie D	4th
	11	Cooper A	DNF	Adele U	4th
	12/13	Archer L	3rd		
Discus	9/10			Madison K	6th
	11	Oliver McK	2nd		

	12/1 3			Teresa La D	6th
Triple	9/10	Oliver S	5th	Billie D	2nd
	11	Jack D	7th		
	12/1 3	Luca R	5th	Teagan T	3rd
200m	9/10	Oliver S	3rd	Alexis Di P	5th
	11	Oliver G	5th	Adele U	4th
	12	Charlie W	5th	Paige P	2nd
800m 2 runners per school max	9/10			Lucy P	4th
	11	Luca Luzzakos	4th	1. 2.	
	12	Charlie W	3rd	1. Violet H	1st
1500 m 2 runners per school max	9/10	Leo C	4th		
	11	1.		1. Violet H	

	12	1. Austin P	4th	2.	
				3. Violet H	1st
Hurdles	9/10	Harry C	1st	Ariana B	6th
	11	Luke S	1st	Layla H	1st
	12	Leo Di	3rd	Charlotte McK	3rd

Event	Age	Boys	Finishing Place	Girls	Finishing Place
	9/10			Alexis Di P	4th
100 m	11	Luke S	2nd		
	12/13	Archer L	4th		

Event	Age	Boys	Finishing Place	Girls	Finishing Place
Relay	9/10	Oliver S	2nd		
	9/10	Juliano S			
	9/10	Leo C			
	9/10	Harry Campara			
Relay	11	Luke S	2nd	Grace La	2nd
	11	Cooper A		Adele U	
	11	Luca L-K		Grace L	
	11	Oliver G		Isla T	
Relay	12	Archer L	4th	Charlotte McK	2nd
	12	Samuel P		Calista Di N	
	12	William R		Paige P	
	12	Jake A		Scarlett S	



**11/09/2023**

**Camp Australia St Mary's PS Greensborough**

**Your  
OSHC.**



**ROCKETEERS**

## A message from your Coordinator

Last week of Term 3 ends this Friday WOW where has it gone.

Rocketeers Holiday Program Begins on the 18<sup>th</sup> until the 28<sup>th</sup> of September 2023. Don't forget to book your Child/Children in, to experience a Fantastic Rocketeers Program full of fun.

In the last 2 weeks Wendy and Nicole have made some wonderful food from our New Enhancement Menu. The children have loved the Vegetarian Pasta, Zucchini and Corn Fritters. A few parents had also tried the dishes with positive feedback, and wanting the recipes to cook at home.

It was also amazing to be a part of the Father's Day Breakfast held at the school with Camp Australia supplying the Coffee Van. Even though the weather wasn't the best, it was amazing to see the turnout of fathers, grandfathers, uncles and families to such an enjoyable event.

We would like to advise all parents of Prep students, that the children will be walking to and from their class room come Term 4. This is a period of transition ready for grade 1 and for their independence. If you feel that your child is not ready to walk alone, please advise Wendy, Nicole or another Camp Australia Staff Member.

Have a safe Holiday and see you all back in Term 4.

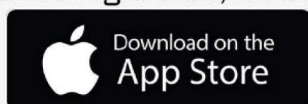
Kind Regards

Wendy and staff. Camp Australia OSHC



## Register free and book in 24/7 via our app

To attend our program, you must register your child. You can register an account with us at [pp.campaustalia.com.au](http://pp.campaustalia.com.au) or by downloading our Camp Australia smartphone app from the Apple App Store or on Google Play. Once registered, it's easy to make bookings and manage your account.





# CHESS at

Greensborough

## St Mary's

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.

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THURSDAYS, 11:05 - 11:55 AM

STARTS ON 12 OCT

\$150 FOR 8 SESSIONS

FOR YEARS 1 - 6

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YEARS 4-6: DRAMA ROOM

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the QR code  
to enrol  
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# BIKETOBER BANYULE

THE NATIONAL BIKE CHALLENGE



## 1-31 OCTOBER 2023

A FUN CHALLENGE OPEN TO EVERYONE!



### WHO?

Everyone can take part, even if they haven't been on a bike for years!

### WHERE?

Anywhere, anytime throughout October

### HOW?

Sign up with your workplace and encourage your colleagues to ride. Watch your score increase and win prizes along the way!

## 5 KEY BENEFITS FOR YOUR WORKPLACE:



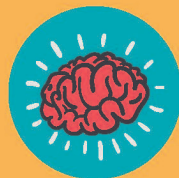
### HEALTHIER & HAPPIER STAFF

Healthier & happier workers = fewer sick days & increased productivity



### ENTIRELY VIRTUAL

An entirely free and virtual programme whether staff are working from home or the office full time, part time or casually



### SUPPORT MENTAL HEALTH

Staff can increase physical activity and improve their wellbeing while connecting with colleagues and friends online



### BE SUSTAINABLE

Contribute to lower carbon emissions, improved air quality, reduced noise pollution, and help ease congestion



### ENHANCE REPUTATION

Responsible leadership and safeguarding of employee health and wellbeing

Sign up at [lovetoride.net/banyule](https://lovetoride.net/banyule)



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# MAKE THESE SCHOOL HOLIDAYS ONE TO REMEMBER!

Whether your child is a footy fanatic, creative artist, or busy builder, we've got all the free, fun-filled activities to keep them engaged and entertained. See you at Greensborough Plaza!

## **SAT 16 SEP**

10AM – 2PM

Emergency & Community  
Services Day

## **WED 20 & THU 21 SEP**

**WED 27 & THU 28 SEP**

11AM – 2PM

The Fun House Craft Zone

## **SAT 23 – FRI 29 SEP**

11AM – 2PM

Footy Finals Fun Zone

For more information visit  
[greensboroughplaza.com.au](https://greensboroughplaza.com.au)

EVERYONE'S WELCOME



**Greensborough  
Plaza**

# School Closure Dates for 2023

**6 November**

**24 November**

**\*15 December**

**\*Staff Handover**



# 2024

# Save the Date

**1st & 2nd February.**

Testing Days for Years 1 - 6,  
2024

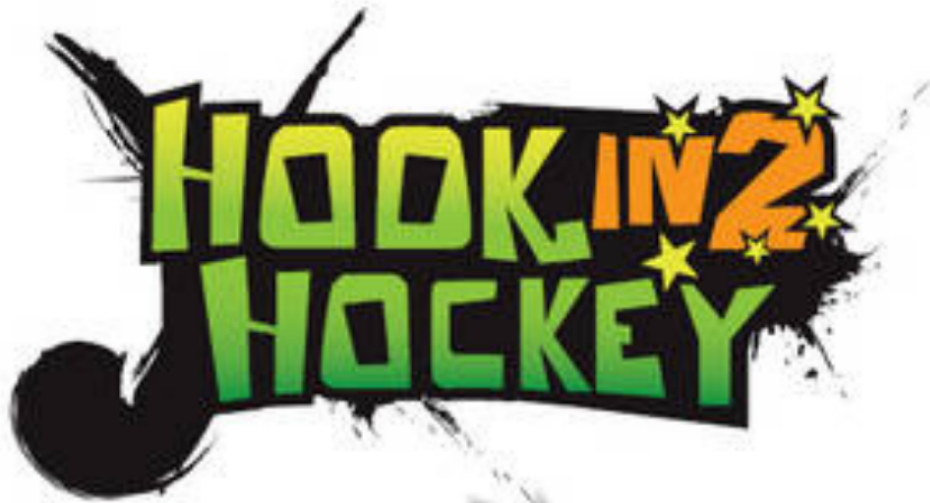
more details will be provided towards the  
end of Term 4.

(preps starting in 2024 will have different  
testing days and will be communicated  
separately)

~~**21st March: School Photos**~~

**UPDATED: School Photos,**

**2nd May 2024**



**HOCKEY FOR  
PRIMARY SCHOOL  
CHILDREN**

**FREE**

NO EXPERIENCE REQUIRED  
[HTTPS://BIT.LY/GHC-NEW-PLAYERS](https://bit.ly/ghc-new-players)  
PRE REGISTRATION ESSENTIAL

0450 338 702

**Every Thursday night  
5:30 - 6:15 Term 4  
Greensborough Hockey Club**



# **JUNIOR SUMMER HOCKEY GAMES**

**\$50 FOR SIX WEEKS**

**U10, U12, U14**

**[HTTPS://BIT.LY/GHC-NEW-PLAYERS](https://bit.ly/ghc-new-players)**

**NEW PLAYERS: PRE REGISTRATION ESSENTIAL**

**0450 338 702**

**Every Monday night  
5:30 - 7:00 Term 4  
Greensborough Hockey Club**

# Would you like to try Little Athletics?

St Mary's LAC  
is ready to  
welcome you!



Trial athletes can  
Come and Try  
athletics for two  
weeks for FREE!

Contact us to find out  
how.

We can't wait to see  
you trackside!



CONTACT US

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# JUNIOR FUTSAL 23/24



**MACLEOD - BANYULE  
NETS STADIUM**

**FRIDAY NIGHTS**

**TERM 4 & 1**

**U10, U12, U14, U16,  
U18**



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\$30  
per child



# PARENTS NIGHT OUT

Hosted by former St. Marys student *Eleanor Fisher* & the girls from the Balance Gymnastics High Performance Program



Saturday 23rd September: 5:45pm–9:30pm



Leave your Primary School aged children (Prep to Grade 6) and their friends with us for a night of fun. The children will enjoy a BBQ dinner consisting of sausage in bread, fruit and water. They will play games, move through circuits, free play exploring, have a snack break and finish the night with a free screening of the movie "Yes Day"

Children can bring blankets, sleeping bags and pillows for movie time. Pack a 'nut' free snack and a drink bottle for the break time upstairs

This is a fundraising activity that will help support with the travel costs for the High Performance girls to compete in the USA at the Nadia Comaneci International Invitational and the Brestyan's Las Vegas Invitational in February 2024.

\* Siblings & family members not attending the night are welcome to purchase a sausage in bread and water for \$5 during drop off



Bookings & Payment required by Friday 22nd September  
Preferred booking and payment method via the Customer Portal:

<https://app.iclasspro.com/portal/balancegymnastics>

Phone: 94370777 or email: [info@balancegym.com.au](mailto:info@balancegym.com.au)

11 Candlebark Court, Research 3095

[www.balancegym.com.au](http://www.balancegym.com.au)





**7:00 AM START**  
**6:00 PM END**

PLEASE ARRIVE BY 9AM ON EXCURSION DAYS

IN-HOUSE INCURSION EXCURSION

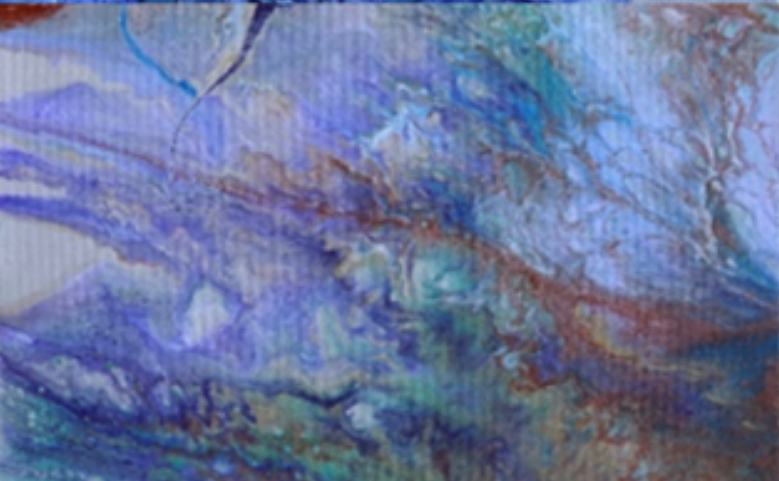
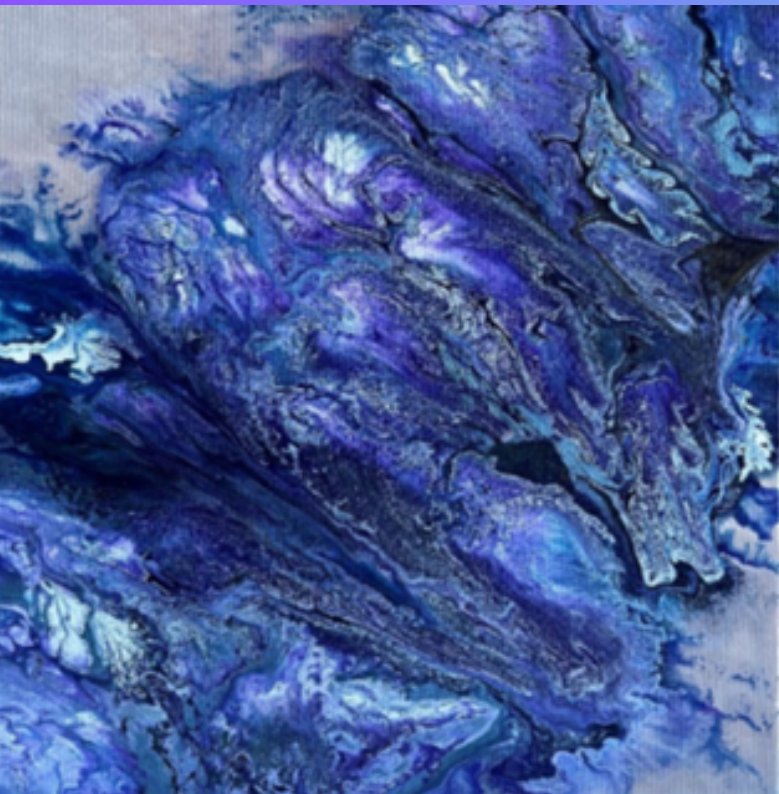
MON · 18th SEP	TUE · 19th SEP	WED · 20th SEP	THU · 21st SEP	FRI · 22nd SEP
<b>Me, My Friends and I</b>	<b>Bounce Inc.</b>	<b>Movie</b>	<b>Menu Masters</b>	<b>Spring Fling</b>
Get ready to move and groove! Create your own team and moves, and groove to your favourite tunes. Let's turn up the music and show off those moves! It's a dance party you won't want to miss!	The sky's the limit at BOUNCE! We'll be bouncing off the walls as we explore this adrenaline-inducing playground full of trampolines, awesome adventure features & soft padding. *Height restrictions apply & socks reqd.	Lights down, popcorn ready! TeamKids is off to see Ruby Gillman, Teenage Kraken! Watch Ruby learn that she comes from a fabled royal family of legendary sea krakens and that her destiny lies in the depths of the waters! *Rated PG	Calling all mini chefs! Do you have a taste for adventure? Join TeamKids for a bento box bonanza and let's get cooking! Roll up your sleeves and get ready to create the most delicious and adorable lunch boxes ever! *Allergy Alert	Our spring-themed spectacular will embrace the magic of the season and connect us with the natural world around us! They'll be outdoor-themed activities, exciting forestry crafts, and we'll also make a flower button vase kit that we can take home!
<b>Base Fee</b> \$72.50 <b>Exp Fee**</b> \$17.00 <b>Daily Total</b> \$89.50	<b>Base Fee</b> \$72.50 <b>Exp Fee**</b> \$38.00 <b>Daily Total</b> \$110.50	<b>Base Fee</b> \$72.50 <b>Exp Fee**</b> \$35.00 <b>Daily Total</b> \$107.50	<b>Base Fee</b> \$72.50 <b>Exp Fee**</b> \$24.00 <b>Daily Total</b> \$96.50	<b>Base Fee</b> \$72.50 <b>Exp Fee**</b> \$8.00 <b>Daily Total</b> \$80.50
<b>After Max CCS*</b> \$13.42	<b>After Max CCS*</b> \$16.58	<b>After Max CCS*</b> \$16.13	<b>After Max CCS*</b> \$14.48	<b>After Max CCS*</b> \$12.08

MON · 25th SEP	TUE · 26th SEP	WED · 27th SEP	THU · 28th SEP	FRI · 29th SEP
<b>Hives Happenings</b>	<b>Bundoora Park Farm</b>	<b>Slime Masters</b>	<b>Science Sleuths</b>	
Calling all busy bees! Buzz over and get creative with bee-themed crafts, learn fascinating bee facts, and create your very own beeswax candle to take home. It's a hive of excitement, where imagination takes flight in bee-coming a crafty beekeeper!	A farm-tastic day awaits! Today we'll visit Bundoora Park Farm for an unforgettable day of outdoor exploration! Get ready to encounter friendly animals on the farm tour, enjoy a wildlife ride and swing, slide, and laugh on the adventure playground.	Is there anything more gloopy or glorious than slime? Together we'll make not one, not two but three different types of slime! Get ready to have a slippery, sticky, stretchy and positively sublime time with TeamKids!	TeamKids are ready to have some explosive fun! Safe chemical reactions, interactive learning, and mind-blowing experiments like lava lamps and colour-changing cabbages. We can't wait to show you how cool science can be!	
<b>Base Fee</b> \$72.50 <b>Exp Fee**</b> \$8.00 <b>Daily Total</b> \$80.50	<b>Base Fee</b> \$72.50 <b>Exp Fee**</b> \$36.00 <b>Daily Total</b> \$108.50	<b>Base Fee</b> \$72.50 <b>Exp Fee**</b> \$19.00 <b>Daily Total</b> \$91.50	<b>Base Fee</b> \$72.50 <b>Exp Fee**</b> \$21.00 <b>Daily Total</b> \$93.50	
<b>After Max CCS*</b> \$12.08	<b>After Max CCS*</b> \$16.28	<b>After Max CCS*</b> \$13.73	<b>After Max CCS*</b> \$14.03	

\*Child Care Subsidies may apply. \$5 Admin Fee per family. \$5 Late Fees apply within 7 days per child. Payment plans available. | \*\*Experience/Activity Fee. Programs may be subject to change. Third Party Payment Fees apply. See Terms and Conditions for cancellation policy.

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VALLEY DEANERY

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When: September 23-24, 2023  
Time: before and after mass  
Venue: Gathering space at St Mary's  
Catholic Church.  
All proceeds will go towards pastoral  
needs and maintenance of our church

