





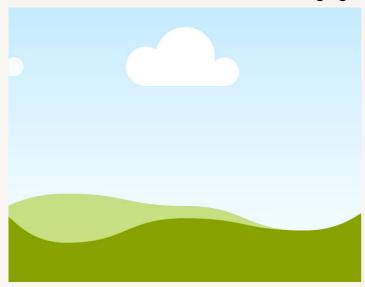
Christ be with me, Christ within me, Christ behind me, Christ before me, Christ beside me, Christ to win me, Christ to comfort and restore me. Christ beneath me, Christ above me, Christ in quiet, Christ in danger,

Christ in the hearts of all who love me, Christ in the mouth of friend and stranger.

Amen

A MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

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



Dear Families,

Gratitude

Finally after many years, the Hall now has a sound system and AV equipment installed. Kurt will no longer need to lug heavy speakers to the hall. The assemblies will now be far more interactive as we can watch videos and photos, read along with the verses of songs and participate using a digital platform as a resource. A set slideshow will be developed overtime to enhance the assembly experience. The improvement has occurred partially due to the support of the North East Link Community Fund whereby I was able to secure a grant of \$100,000 and also due to \$10,000 being donated by the Parents association to assist with the upgrade.

Flourishing Learners Vision Statement

Two weeks ago Laurina and I attended the Launch of the MACS Vision for Instruction Position Paper. We are inspired and delighted that the work we have been doing in relation to how students learn is now recognised as best practice and promoted as a system approach to education.

"It is well known that education has extraordinary benefits, both for individuals and society. The economic benefits have been known for decades, but more recently, research has also shown other, wider, benefits including improved health, greater lifesatisfaction, and increased pro-social behaviour. If anyone claimed to have invented a drug that conferred the benefits that we now

know education has, no-one would believe it. However, realising these impressive outcomes is far from simple, in that it requires integrating insights from a number of perspectives, including the cognitive sciences, philosophy, and pedagogy, and that is why the MACS Vision for Instruction is so welcome. It combines what we know about how learning takes place, and the distinctive pedagogical approaches that are needed for effective teaching of literacy and numeracy, with a focus on the development of the whole child. Perhaps more importantly, it provides a clear focus for all teachers working in MACS schools to support each other in ensuring that every child thrives at school, and leads a flourishing, fulfilled life." - Professor Dylan Wiliam University College London Institute of Education

Prep Buddy Picnic

Thank you to all parents /carers and the Year 6, Prep teachers and Exec Leadership team for attending the Prep and Year 6 Buddy picnic on the oval last Thursday. The weather was perfect and we hope that all families had a lovely time socialising. A huge thank you to Ead who supplied the sausages and to the MaD team for organising and cooking the sausage sizzle. It was greatly appreciated.

Open Days

Over the last few weeks we held two Open days. It was wonderful to see our Year 6 Leaders so confident and proud as they shared their knowledge about life at St Mary's. On Thursday 14th March we will be holding our next Open day at 9.30am, 12pm and 4.30pm.

School Policies

One of our initiatives is to provide our families with updated policies. Every Candela I will add updated policies to my Principal News and I ask that you take the time to read these. Please read

Attendance Policy 2024

International Women's day celebration

On Wednesday the St Mary's Exec team celebrated International Women's Day with Ed Simons (Exec director) and the MACS staff at the Catholic Leadership Centre. We wish all women a happy International Women's Day for tomorrow.

A MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Prep Connections Night

We hope all Prep families enjoyed the Parish Prep Connections night. Thank you to Fr Steve and Sandy Starbuck for organising this important event.

Kiss and Drop and William St

Just a reminder to all parents that the Admin Kiss and Drop and Pick up point in William St are not carparks. Please do not get out of your car as it holds up the flow of traffic and please move on if requested to do so by staff. Please do not allow your child to get into the car at any point except at the kiss and drop. It is extremely dangerous allowing children to enter or exit cars that are queued up waiting to enter the kiss & drops.

Enrolments for 2025

Reminder to current families to please submit your enrolment forms for 2025 students. You can find our enrolment form online or you are welcome to pick up a pack from the Office.

School Closure Tomorrow 8-March

We Wish Jaiden B from Prep M a speedy recovery. We pray for Kiara G while she has surgery and our prayers and thoughts are also with Garry Collings (maintenance) as he recovers from major surgery





MENTAL HEALTH & WELLBEING NEWS

The staff were fortunate to have a representative from The Resilience Project come to speak to us last week. We began with a GEM Moment that allowed us to reflect on something we were grateful for in our workplace. You may like to try this one at home.



The Resilience Project is committed to teaching positive mental health strategies to prevent mental ill-health and build young people's capacity to deal with adversity. Teachers and students will engage in weekly lessons and activities around the key principles of Gratitude, Empathy, Mindfulness (GEM), and Emotional Literacy to build resilience.

Check out their website for more information: The Resilience Project

And check out TRP@HOME; a place filled with inspiration and activities for the whole family, to help improve your wellbeing and build resilience. TRP@HOME

We are proud to partner with The Resilience Project to assist our students in their wellbeing journey. In order to gain an accurate understanding of our students' strengths and challenges, we will be conducting a resilience survey developed by Resilient Youth Australia and the University of South Australia in Weeks 8 & 9. More information will be provided shortly. Please don't hesitate to contact me if you have any questions.

Kind regards

Marguerite Jones

Mental Health and Wellbeing Leader

Term Pates 2024

Term 1 30 January - 28 March

> Term 2 16 April - 28 June

Term 3
17 July - 20 September

Term 47 October - 17 December

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8-March
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4-November
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29-July

26-August

9-September

21-October

11-November

9-December

Worlding Beeils

23-March

18-May

27-July

7-September

19-October

MaD Team



AGM & working bee planning meeting - Tuesday 19 March 2024 7:00pm at the Greensborough Hotel (& call for a new Secretary)

The next working bee is coming up for grades prep & year 6 on Saturday 23 March which is traditionally a big turn out (fingers crossed for this year).

Ahead of the meeting we'll meet as usual on the Tuesday prior;

19 March at 7:00pm at the Greensborough Hotel (75 Main St, Greensborough; public bar).

Before the planning meeting, we'll conduct our Annual General Meeting where voting from the members of the MaD Team will occur to elect the committee for 2024, which at present are:

President: Mick Azel Secretary: Steve White

I intend to relinquish my position of Secretary, which I've held since appointed in 2018, but continue as a general committee member.

I would invite the MaD members to consider putting their hand up during the meeting to take on board the role.

It mainly consists of support to the president by communication between the MaD Team and the school and parish and can include some of the following:

 Promoting the working bees on the school Facebook (current parent's group) page: (https://m.facebook.com/groups/1939311462884302/?

ref=share&mibextid=lOulew)

- Taking minutes at the MaD meetings and distributing a day or so afterwards via the MaD Team Gmail account.
- Sending reminders to the committee for general meetings and school events requiring MaD assistance.
- Use of MaD WhatsApp account to communicate information to the group.

For anyone who puts their hand up (or would just like to try out doing the role and see how they go), I'd be happy to meet with you or you can call me on 0406 968 425 to show you through the MaD Google account workings. I promise it isn't a complex role, nor onerous. It would help me step back if you are able to come on board.

I look forward to seeing as many of you as possible at the AGM meeting on 19 March.

Student of the Week

For always bringing a positive attitude to your For always showing the school values of respect, Prep M responsibility and safety. Thank you for being a learning. You always put effort into everything you wonderful member of Prep M! do. Wonderful job Emily! **Grace K Braylen O-K** For the kindness you show to all your classmates For an amazing start to Prep. You continually show Prep S You welcome everyone with a warm smile. that you are a respectful, responsible and safe Chloe P For beginning school with so much enthusiasm and For showing resilience when settling into class in the Prep K excitement to learn. What a wonderful way to start your morning. Your positive attitude towards your learning is primary school journey. Looking forward to a wonderful wonderful. Well done Oliver, what a great start to Prep! Mikayla River T For the enthusiastic way you enter the classroom every For your hard work in the classroom, especially morning. You demonstrate organisation and readiness to during writing. You put in great effort to stay learn. Keep it up! focused and do your best work. Keep it up! Japneet B For consistently demonstrating our term value of Congratulations Chris for approaching all learning 1ZB Fellowship by being a kind and considerate member tasks with an impressive effort and enthusiasm. of 1ZB. Congratulations Japneet! Keep up the amazing work! Alice For being a respectful and responsible For consistently demonstrating responsibility by attentively 1G member of our class. You are an listening to and promptly following instructions in IG. Well example to your classmates in 1G. done Daphnel! Well done, Alice. Annabelle W For demonstrating a positive attitude towards your For consistently being an active and engaged participant in **2V** learning. Thank you for always working hard to class learning. Thank you for your wonderful enthusiasm complete every task. Keep up the great work! and contributions to our class discussions. Emmy S Noah T For all of your hard work with your tasks. You hav For easing into the classroom and St Mary's and always **2M** done an amazing job. Keep up the fantastic work trying your hardest to focus in class. Keep up the wonderful work Noah! Willow G For your engagement in our daily Italian practice and For showing so much enthusiasm towards your 2R learning. You keep extending yourself and you should workshops. You're like a sponge when it comes to learning new vocabulary! be proud of your efforts. Finn F **3P** For the incredible effort you put into writing this week. Your

For having amazing reflections in our Resilience Project GEM chats. You always make others smile with your kind words

Rose G

3L

3F

4V

For challenging yourself in mathematics this week and always trying your hardest in everything you do. Keep it up Rose!

Einn D

For always challenging yourself to improve and offering your thoughts and ideas to the class. Keep it up Finn!

story was a great reflection of your hard work. Well done!

Charlie J

For your positive attitude towards your learning and for your listening skills and great responses during class discussions. Keep up the great work Charlie!

Millie N

For your excellent effort in completing all your work and for contributing to classroom discussions! Keep up the amazing work Millie!

Ella M

For demonstrating resilience and determination in and out of the classroom. I am extremely proud of you Ella. Well done and keep being a superstar!

Jacob C

For your hard work towards following instructions the first time. Jacob, thank you for demonstrating this behaviour in and out of the classroom. Well done.

Student of the Wee

4C

For your positive attitude and kindness towards others. You have settled in so nicely at St Mary's and we look forward to continuing to get to know you!

For your positive attitude towards learning and the way you let learners learn and teachers teach. Keep up the fantastic work, Ryan!

For always being a role model in the classroom and working to the best of your ability. You are amazing! Keep up the

For always ensuring you are showing responsibility for your learning and assisting your classmates. Thank you for also being a role model to your classmates. Well done Zoe

5R

4B

For your courage and growth mindset when faced with a challenge like attending a school camp for the first time. You were incredibly brave the entire time and gave every activity a go. Congratulations Dakota you should be so proud of yourself.

For your respectful and caring way in which you looked after all of your peers while on camp. You continuously went out of your way to encourage and support your peers during all of the activities.

50B

5S

Lucas A

For excellent efforts respecting the amazing experiences at camp. You did a great job participating in the activities and showed gratitude for the environment, well done Luca.

James B

Well done James for the resilience you demonstrated on camp. When things were out of your control or didn't go as you might have expected you utilised support. It was because of this you were able to have a great time with your friends. Well done James

For being responsible and helpful around the classroom. You are a reliable member of the class and your efforts are very much appreciated.

For following routines as we enter the classroom before school and after breaks. Great job setting an example for others to follow.

6W

Chloe F

For setting an example of always working to the best of your ability. Keep up the great work, Chloe!

Indie N

For being a positive member in the classroom, and for your conscientious effort to complete work to the best of your ability. Keep working hard, Indie!

6PG

For setting an example of respectful, responsible classroom behaviour. Your quiet leadership does not go unnoticed! Keep up the great work.

For consistently making positive choices in the classroom, and for your conscientious effort to complete work to the best of your ability. Great job.

6L

Molli O

For always making positive choices and being inclusive of others. You always think about others and show kindness to all. Keep it up Molli!

Nate M

For showing wonderful leadership in and outside of the classroom, by always including and encouraging others!

Italian

4B for great gesturing and for contributing in each workshop with so much enthusiasm and eagerness. Bravi.

Finn S 2R - For constantly showing so much enthusiasm and for contributing to all Italian workshops with a smile on your face.

Boody A 2M - For using your gestures and for great sentence formation in your Italian workshop. Bravo!

WDSSA Carnival-SWIM TEAM

P.E.

Congratulations to all 26 members of the St. Mary's Swim team who participated in the Watsonia District School Sports Association Swimming Carnival(WDSSA) recently. All swimmers performed magnificently which resulted in St. Mary's winning the overall best swimming school in the Watsonia District for 2024. The Swim team emerged victorious by a slender margin of 3 points. The delight on the faces of House Captains-Cooper A, Harper W and Chloe AW-was a joy to behold as they collected the winning trophy. Well done everyone!!!

Visual Art

For precise measuring, cutting and pasting when creating your beach box collage. You have a great eye for detail, Eve. Great work.

For sharing great knowledge and interesting wonderings during Art lessons. You often think outside the box, Alec and demonstrate creativity. Bravo!

Performing Arts

To all Students

Thank you for your participation and your continued enthusiasm in Performing Arts, while Mr Geyer has been away.

Science & Digi Tech

Jackson W 6PG

For actively participating in class discussions during Science and Digital Technology and sharing your expertise with the class. Keep up the great work, Jackson!!

All Grade 2 Students

For investigating the Earth's natural resources and actively experimenting with how to make natural paint. It was wonderful to see little scientists at work and amazing artwork you created with the paint you made! Well done Grade 2's!!

Prep Buddy



WE HAD LOTS OF FUN





Thank you to all the students and families who attended!





catholic education week

Catholic Education Week is 10th -17th March and there will be various events in Melbourne to recognise and celebrate the wonderful learning that is happening in Catholic Schools.

One of these events is The Creative Arts Exhibition which will be held at Catholic Leadership Centre in East Melbourne. All Catholic Schools were invited to submit student Art works reflecting the theme of "The Light of Christ"

Grade 2-6 students designed art pieces inspired by this theme Each level worked collaboratively to create these artworks, a true example of "Fellowship"

These are St Mary's wonderful art pieces selected by the MACS panel to be exhibited in the gallery.

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You are all invited to come along to the Art Exhibition to view and support the wonderful creations by our students at St Mary's and to be inspired by talented students throughout our Catholic Schools.

Grazie, from the Arts CAT team and Mrs Tivisini, Visual Arts Teacher



Creative Arts Exhibition

The Creative Arts Exhibition will be held from Tuesday 12 March to Saturday 16 March 2024.

For enquiries, please contact events@macs.vic.edu.au.

Book Tickets



MATILDA'S V UZBEKISTAN

Here are some photos of some very special St Mary's player mascots who were lucky enough to accompany the Matildas and Uzbekistan teams into the match last night.

Of the 11 'player mascots', six were St Mary's students.
Reuben K, Orlando L and Arek L from grade 1
Harvey F and Eden A from grade 2
Eve P from grade 3

There were also lots of additional St Mary's kids doing a 'legends lap' before the match commenced.



MATILDA'S V UZBEKISTAN





Cricket Team-Interschool Sports 2024

This year in the cricket team we have had a pretty good start to the season, we have had one win and two loses. In our most recent game against Streeton one of our students/players Nate M scored an amazing six, it left a lot of us in shock because he is not only one of the few people in the league that has got a six under their name but the height an the way he followed through with the strike was spot on. Although we have more losses than wins we all have high hopes and trust one another to know that we will finish on top.



This term some of the Year Six's have started to play bat tennis for interschool sports. There are ten girls and ten boys in the team and each week we play either a singles or a doubles match. So far we have played against Bundoora, Watsonia Heights, Norris Bank and we played a friendly game against Watsonia. St Mary's have been lucky enough to be the overall winners for our first four games! Each week a person's name is pulled out of a bag to be the captain for the day. They then welcome the opponents to our school and wish them a good game. The scoring is very similar to regular tennis and we score between ourselves. The majority of people in the team hadn't played bat tennis before but after a couple of games they improved so much. Because bat tennis is an outdoor sport, we always wear our hats and drink plenty of water. A big thanks to Lisa for teaching us all about bat tennis and the rules, Mr O for organizing the interschool sports

Hockey Victoria Roadshow

On Friday February 23rd 2024, over 100 students from Year 3, Year 2 and Year 6, engaged in a Hockey Clinic with coaches from Greensborough Hockey Club. This clinic was organised by Hockey Victoria who are trying to develop school engagement opportunities in Victoria for school students. For the majority of students, this was the first time that they held a hockey stick or felt the weight of a hockey ball. Students were shown, by coaches Carol, Colin and Paloma, how to dribble the ball, hold the hockey stick correctly and to try to go around defenders as they navigated their way around the playing area. Concentration was at the highest level as all students actively engaged in this fun sport. Who knows, but the introduction of new sporting opportunities may instil a love of the game of Hockey in a few students? Thanks to Hockey Victoria and Colin, Carol and Paloma of Greensborough Hockey Club for this wonderful opportunity.

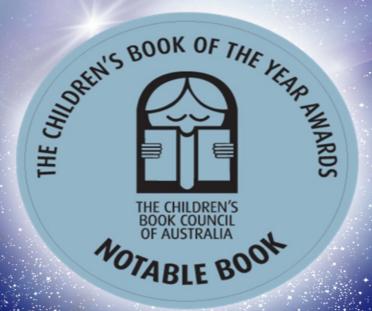


Hockey Victoria Roadshow









Notables announced

The top 100-120 children's books from 2023

Later on this year, in August, we will celebrate St. Mary's Book Week. Leading up to the Children's Book Council of the Year awards, the CBCA receives entries from Australian authors and illustrators. This exciting event begins with the NOTABLES, a long list of books.

The Children's Book Council of Australia (CBCA) proudly announces their 2024 Book of the Year Notables, a long list of quality Australian children's literature published throughout 2023. The CBCA received 656 entries for their 15 expert Judges to assess. The long list showcases the outstanding work of 118 books, representing 43 publishers, 122 writers, and 72 illustrators. Feel free to pop into our school library to see some of these quality books.

Fiona MacIsaac

Enrichment Teacher/Librarian

Outside School Hours Care

Newsletter





Your OSHC



01/03/2024

St Mary's Primary School Greensborough



A message from your Coordinator

Dear Families and Friends of St Mary's Primary School,

Welcome back to another exciting edition of our OSHC newsletter! We hope this message finds you well and filled with enthusiasm for the adventures we have in store for your children.

Last week, we embarked on an eco-friendly journey focusing on recycling and saving the world. Our young environmentalists were busy creating and learning about the importance of sustainability. From decorating their very own reusable shopping bags to engaging in crafts made entirely from recycled materials, the children showcased their creativity and passion for protecting our planet. It was heartwarming to witness their dedication to making a positive impact on the environment.

As we bid farewell to the summer season, we've been soaking up every last drop of sunshine and fun-filled activities. This week has been all about embracing the joys of the outdoors and indulging in creative expression. From exhilarating outdoor games to the mesmerizing world of sand art and the tactile experience of working with clay, our little explorers have been fully immersed in a whirlwind of excitement and discovery.

At our OSHC Camp Australia, we believe in providing a nurturing environment where children can thrive, learn, and most importantly, have fun! Our dedicated team is committed to fostering a sense of curiosity and wonder in every child, encouraging them to explore their interests and unleash their imaginations.

Activities coming up

- Hello Autumn
 4th March
- Cultural Diversity Week 11th March
- Harmony Week
 18th March

Make a booking

Join in the fun of Outside School Hours Care activities and experiences with Your OSHC and Rocketeers.

Book now

We're excited to continue this journey with your children, filled with laughter, learning, and unforgettable memories. Stay tuned for more adventures ahead as we embark on new themes, activities, and experiences that will ignite the spark of joy and inspiration in each and every one of our young adventurers.

Thank you for entrusting us with the care and education of your children. Together, let's make this a remarkable journey filled with endless possibilities!

Kind regards, Your Camp Australia Crew, Andrea Baron and Nicole Wilson









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To attend our program, you must register your child. You can register an account with us at <u>pp.campaustralia.com.au</u> 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.







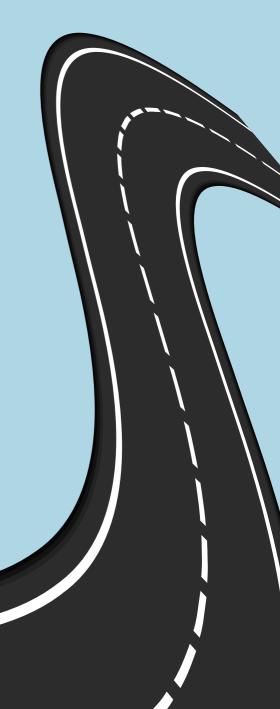


Greensborough Highway



Lane closures will be in place over several weekends from mid-March to May, from 7pm Fridays to 6am Mondays.

During this time, crews will make changes to the centre median between Grimshaw Street and Watsonia Road and create space for major construction.





Hot Shots Tennis School Program

On School Grounds

HOT SHOTS TENNIS

- All coaches are registered and insured with Tennis Australia.
- Players grouped according to age & experience.
- The Tennis Hot Shots 'play the game' philosophy is incorporated into the program, covering loco motor skills, stroke technique, etiquette and match play. (Modified as required)
- Specialized balls and modified equipment is used suitable to age and ability as showcased by our students on Rod Laver and Margaret Court Arena during the 2012 to 2019 Australian Opens.
- Kids establish the skills & knowledge base to allow participation in Hot Shots Tournaments & Competitions.

School	Day	Session Time
Greensborough PS	Monday	Lunchtime
Greenhills PS	Monday	Lunchtime
Milgate PS	Tuesday	Before School
		Lunchtime
	Wednesday	Lunchtime
St. Mary's PS	Thursday	Before School
		Recess
St. Thomas PS	Thursday	Lunchtime
Apollo PS	Friday	Lunchtime
Anderson Creek PS	Friday	Lunchtime

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We also provide suggestions on-



- hiring instruments, performance piece preparation
- purchase of books lunch-time concerts/on line concerts in lockdowns.
- and preparation for AMEB exams (if requested).

Please direct any queries (or text) to mob: 0402 910 330.

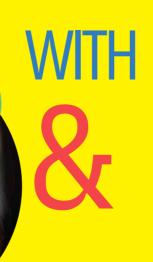
or for more information email: handsonmusic.j@gmail.com(note .j) web-site: www.handsonmusic.com.au



Improv Playshops designed to build confidence and creativity.
We learn through laughing and playing.



HAHAMA





AMANDA!

THURSDAYS

Lower primary 4-5pm | Upper primary 5.10-6.10pm Secondary 6.20-7.20pm



Bianca Fenn School of Music Simms Rd. Greensborough www.biancafenn.com





Happy Failures delivers **playshops** (not workshops!) for those who may need **support** with their **play**, **social** and **communication** skills. Using **games** and techniques from the discipline of **improv theatre**, the program is focused on helping children become more **confident** and **creative**.

Playshop participants will have **fun** with each other and **find joy in making mistakes**. A "happy failure" is the embodiment of the **growth mindset** we all try to teach and instil in our children, but often have so much difficulty doing.

Happy Failures welcomes students who are neurodiverse and may have additional learning needs. And if it's a student who is already bright, bubbly, and bursting at the seams to hit the stage, then they'll fit right in as well.

Participation in Happy Failures may be therapeutic, but not in an in-your-face kind of way. It's open to all, as we all need to find better ways to live, laugh and get along with each other









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