

CANDELA



A Camino prayer

May I walk this day in the realm of grace, walking with You my feet firmly on your earth-path, my heart loving all as kindred, my words and deeds alive with justice. May I walk as blessing, meeting blessing at every turn in every challenge, blessing, in all opposition, blessing, in harm's way, blessing

A MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

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



Dear Families,

Welcome Term 4

It is astounding to believe we are already in Term 4. How quickly the year flies by. This term we celebrate Reconciliation with our Year 2 students, we will enjoy our House Sports day, welcome our 2025 Preps at their transition days and their parents at the Prep Welcome Evening. We will meet with our reviewer and MACS senior managers and set our vision for the next four years. Term 4 reports will be written and shared and class groupings and orientation organised. We will welcome students joining St Mary's from other schools, farewell staff and welcome new staff. We will celebrate St Mary's feast day, sing carols together and our Year 6 students will graduate.

Prep 2025 Welcome Evening

This Thursday 17th of October at 7:00pm in the MLC, we are presenting the Prep 2025 Welcome Evening. The Prep teachers and leadership together with members of our amazing community will be providing vital information to assist parents and carers to transition seamlessly into St Mary's life. I look forward to meeting all of our Prep 2025 parents and any new families who would like to attend. This is a Parent only event as we socialise and get to know one another.

School Review

This week our reviewer Mark Workman will once again visit St Mary's to go through his report in a Dialogue and Engagement Session with the Leadership Executive and MACS

representatives. Mark's recommendations will support us as we establish a new School Improvement Plan for the ensuing four years. We are extremely grateful for Mark's work and the time given to gain a deep understanding of the processes, practices and documentation in place at St Mary's. I look forward to sharing the report and our school improvement plan with you, once completed.

Staffing News

At the end of the year we will be farewelling Kate Hoseason (Yr 1) as she has chosen to move to a full time position at St Francis Xavier Montmorency. Kate has been a wonderful teacher and we wish her well in her new position.

We will also be farewelling Tania Micomonico (Yr 1) as she forges a new path for her future. Tania is taking time away from education to pursue her other passions. Tania has also been a wonderful teacher and no doubt will do well in whatever endeavours she chooses.

We will also be farewelling Jacqui Carfi (Yr 4) as she takes some time away from teaching to focus on her family. We also thank Jacqui for her wonderful teaching and wish her well.

Tenielle Periera (Yr 6) will also be moving on to secondary teaching at Marymede Catholic College and we wish her well for all her future endeavours. We thank Tenielle for her wonderful teaching and wish her well for the future.

School Policies

One of our initiatives is to provide our families with updated policies. Every Candela I add updated policies to my Principal News and I ask that you take the time to read these. Attached is the [Complaints Handling Policy 2024](#). I have left this in for a second week as some families were absent in week 10 of Term 3 and may not have had the opportunity to read the policy.

A MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Archbishop's Visit

On Friday 18th October, Archbishop Comensoli will be visiting St Mary's, Sacred Heart and St Thomas'. Archbishop Comensoli will be meeting with the Principals, Deputy Principals and RE Leaders to discuss our working together in Mission. We look forward to welcoming him to our parish communities. Fr Steve has invited parishioners to the various events. The details are further in the newsletter.

Tuckshop Update

I am once again reminding everyone of Mel's return and the updated dates for Tuckshop. We are so pleased for Mel that she is on the mend. Mel has returned to managing the Tuckshop initially on Friday in Term 4, week 1 and 2 and then hopefully she will be back to Monday and Friday in week 3. As noted in the previous Candela, the recess break will be at 11.30am and lunch at 12.30pm. Students will be able to buy their playlunch over the counter at 11.30am and their lunch orders will be available by 12.15pm. Any students with a voucher will use their voucher on the next day that the Tuckshop is open. Thank you to the parents who have offered to volunteer and support Mel in the Tuckshop. **There will be no Tuckshop on 25-October due to House Sports.**

Principal Pilgrimage

During the holidays I departed for Madrid in Spain as I embarked on following the footsteps of St James on the Camino de Santiago. I journeyed with my Catholic Principal colleagues. We travelled by bus from Madrid to the beautiful medieval city of León. Once there we were given a guided tour of the Cathedral de Santa Maria, then, onto Sarria where we would begin our walking pilgrimage of 118km.



Our first day walk of 23km was filled with torrential rain which only got heavier as we walked. Our next day was slightly brighter as we trekked for 26 km through lush forests and farmland, meeting pilgrims from all over the world throughout the day. Day 3 was 29km and the weather was delightful, thankfully not too warm we traversed hills and deep valleys and then finally a rest day to care for our weary blistered feet. After our much needed rest day the next day's trek was better than expected...until the torrential rain set in. Luckily we had fabulous walking buddies, plenty of laughs, comradery and loads of resilience thrown in too.

The scallop shell has been linked to the Camino de Santiago since medieval times. Early pilgrims would travel from their home to Santiago and onwards to Finisterre (end of the earth). Once they reached Finisterre they would collect a scallop shell as proof they had walked the Camino de Santiago. They would use the scallop shell as a bowl for food and wine (healthier than water) offered to them. In modern times the scallop shell is a reflection of the Camino. The scallop shell is used as a marker along the journey. Many pilgrims choose to wear their scallop shell on their backpacks to show others that they are Camino pilgrims.



Not too many words could describe walking our final 16km mostly done in the heaviest torrential rain, wading through rivers, knowing there were many kilometres ahead with shoes soaked through and another hill inevitably around the bend. Coming into Santiago was a memory I'll always treasure. On our final day of walking all of us pilgrims waited in the smaller square before congregating together and entering the main square together. We were all in awe of the atmosphere, the grandeur of the buildings while amongst other pilgrims from all walks of life and all parts of the world.



Credit to one of my fellow principals for the stats of 5 days of walking....

150,264 steps

35.5 hours of walking

118.63km travelled

Working Bee

Please support St Mary's Working Bee this Saturday at 8:30am. Many hands make light work!

Prayers for Staff

Thankfully your prayers have been answered as Ana and Linda are currently well enough to resume their work at school. We are so happy to have them return to us.

Please keep Marguerite (Mental Health & Wellbeing Leader) in your prayers. Sending her love, courage and strength.

Kind Regards,
Marisa Matthys
 Principal



17th October 2024

Dear Parents/Guardians,

I am writing to advise you of the School Fees and Levies for 2025. The Principal, in conjunction with the MACS FBP following the MACS Budget Guidance, has reviewed the level of School Fees and Levies and recommended the level of fees and levies for the following year.

There are three components of fees payable by parents as listed below.

School Fees (Charged per Family):

The School Fees for 2025 will be **\$2240**. The reason for this increase is noted below.

- This will assist the ongoing increased costs of running the school; electricity, water, gas, air conditioning, rates, increased expenditure in ICT, wages, levies and maintenance of our buildings.
- The Capacity to Contribute (CTC) is a measure of a school's ability to recover tuition fees based on the three-year average Direct Measure of Income (DMI) score of the school.
- To maintain the ability to keep up with the Capacity to Contribute which continues to increase therefore, our increase year on year is endeavouring to cover the cost.

The costs of running a school constantly increase and we want to provide the highest quality learning and teaching possible. We also believe in educating the 'whole child' that is spiritual, academic, social, emotional and physical. The increases to our School Fees are necessary to meet these challenges and continue to run a school which seeks excellence and keeps up with the rising costs of education.

We have ensured our fees still remain low compared with neighbouring Catholic schools.

As part of our mission as a Catholic school we hope that no student is disadvantaged because of the inability of parents to pay tuition fees. The **Concessional Fee Policy** is available to all Health Care Card/CSEF recipients. Please refer to the website regarding this Policy. <https://www.smgreensborough.catholic.edu.au/school-fees/>

Student Levy (Charged per Child):

The Student Levy provides the funding to allow St Mary's to implement and support programs to ensure we are continuing to educate the whole child in a personalised and engaging manner.

The per student levy for 2025 will be \$560 which assists payment for;

Intervention, Enrichment, Teaching of Italian Language for Years Prep to Year Six, Sacramental Program, Curriculum resources, Consumables, Photocopying, The ability to provide specialist programs and resources, including e-Smart Digital Licences for each student, Audio visuals, Transport for interschool sport, all classroom equipment, resources and stationery, some IT devices, programs and apps, essential assessment tools, Compass and our Website, Footsteps and the Resilience Project.

All curriculum charges, including sports, activities and stationery items.

(All stationery items will be purchased and distributed to your child in class as required through a bulk order).

In addition, a new levy:

Excursion / Incursions (\$60 per student per year)

Swimming (\$75 per student)

In line with the MACS Budget guidance, direct levies (e.g. camps, excursions) must be set to recover the costs incurred in full.

The total student levy for 2025 = \$695

Capital Levy (Charged per Family):

In 2025 the Capital Levy will increase to **\$580** to service the current loans plus saving for the planned future project.

We were successful in our 2023 submission for a capital grant to renovate the two-storey building. We are putting provisions in place to build the flexible learning spaces with smaller class sizes to ensure students experience the arts and science in improved comfortable and collaborative learning environments,

As a matter of justice to all parents, we must mitigate the problem of unmet financial obligations for those who can afford to pay. The school community cannot carry the burden of unpaid Fees and Levies. MACS has endorsed the need, when necessary, for Debt Collection for any unpaid fees.

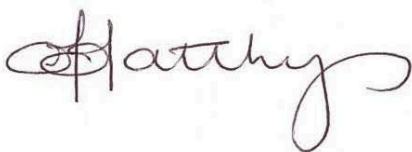
Options to pay in full, instalments, or payment plan are offered. Payment in full is due by the 15th June. Three instalment dates are the 15th March, 15th June and 15th September. Payment plans for 2025 need to be submitted by the 1st of December 2024. The forms can be downloaded on the above link. All payment plans will be set as ongoing unless an end date is specified. St Mary's requests that a new form is submitted for existing payment plans to ensure all details are up to date.

Please note that if a payment plan set up, you must ensure that sufficient funds are available. A dishonour fee of \$20 will be added to accounts should a payment bounce, as St Mary's cannot continue to bear these costs.

Annual Accounts for School Fees, Levies and Camp will be sent out early February 2025.

The payment of fees is obligatory and part of acceptance by the school to educate your child. A copy of the 2025 Fee Schedule is included.

Your sincerely,



Marisa Matthys
Principal

2025 School Fees & Student Levies

Fees (per Family)	\$ 2,240
Capital Levy (per Family)	\$ 580
Student Levy (per Student)	<u>\$ 695</u>

TOTAL ANNUAL FEE FOR ONE CHILD **\$ 3,515**

***Families of children in Grades Five and Six will be invoiced separately for School Camp (approx \$450)

Payment Options (all payments will be rounded up to the nearest dollar)

OPTION 1 Full payment by 15th June

	1 Student	2 Students	3 Students	4 Students
	\$ 3,515	\$ 4,210	\$ 4,905	\$ 5,600

OPTION 2 DIRECT DEBIT BY CREDIT CARD OR BANK ACCOUNT

Calculated over 10 months (Feb-Nov). Monthly payments processed 15th of each month.

	1 Student	2 Students	3 Students	4 Students
Fortnightly (20 Fortnights)	\$ 176	\$ 211	\$ 245	\$ 280
Monthly (10 Months)	\$ 352	\$ 421	\$ 491	\$ 560

OPTION 3 3 Instalments due 15th March, 15th June, 15th September

	1 Student	2 Students	3 Students	4 Students
3 instalments	\$ 1,172	\$ 1,403	\$ 1,635	\$ 1,867

A payment plan can be set up by filling in one of the forms found on the school website.

<https://www.smgreensborough.catholic.edu.au/school-fees/>

Payments will be set as ongoing unless an end date is specified.

Please submit forms at the office or email accounts@smgreensborough.catholic.edu.au

Should you wish to set up your own payments, please use your surname and account number as the reference.

*The Per Student Levy covers all curriculum charges, excursions/incursions or other curriculum activities such as swimming and sports activities and stationery items. All stationery items will be purchased and distributed to your child in class as required through a bulk order. Some small items will be requested via your child's classroom teacher. This will be communicated at your child's orientation session or at the end of each school year.

*Family fees help cover the cost of salaries, rates, utilities, ICT equipment, maintenance of buildings and grounds, learning spaces and equipment.



Term 4, 2024

Free eSafety parent and carer webinars

Join eSafety's expert education team for a free live webinar designed for parent and carers.

Term 4 topics:

- **Supporting healthy tech use as your child transitions into high school (30 minutes)**. Suitable for parents and carers of young people in upper primary school (aged 11-12) and Year 7.
- **eSafety 101: How eSafety can help (30 minutes)**. Suitable for parents and carers of children and young people in primary and secondary school. An overview of the eSafety Commissioner, and supporting programs and resources for parents and carers, children, and young people.



For more information and to register now: esafety.gov.au/parents/webinars

Report from Partnered Parishes Pastoral Council

Meeting 9 October, 2024

The following matters were discussed at this meeting:

Peace and Hope Service was held in September, planned by the three parishes and primary schools. The schools held their own activities; some of the children participated in the beautiful evening service on 18 September and the children also made mementos to give to the parishioners. A joint service involving all parishes/schools will now occur annually. Many thanks to those who organised and worked so hard towards the success of this activity.

The building of a kindergarten at St Thomas is still waiting approval.

Parish finances were discussed. It is vital to look at ways to increase our income and carefully manage expenditure. This is a major focus of the PPPC. Reports received from each Parish Pastoral Council.

Further discussion on the framework from the archdiocese regarding parish renewal. A resource for parishes has been produced and will be used in each parish and in the PPPC to ascertain directions, strategies and actions to assist our parishes to thrive. Affirmation of the ways in which the three parishes are currently working together and the benefits gained through this. Ongoing work with this framework.

Episcopal visit by Archbishop Peter Comensoli to the three parishes, including the schools, from Friday 18 October to Sunday 20 October. All parishioners, including parents of children at the parish schools, are invited and encouraged to attend the Parish Forum on Saturday 19 October, 10.30am in St Thomas Church, with the opportunity to hear from and speak to the Archbishop about matters of interest. Mass will also be celebrated by the Archbishop in each parish church on Saturday/Sunday, 19/20 October – Saturday at 6.30pm at St Mary's; Sunday at 9am at Sacred Heart and 10.30am at St Thomas. All welcome.

Support and assistance were offered to Father Steven during this period when he is the only priest in the three parishes. Some priests are helping with the celebration of Masses in all three parishes.

Some members attended the Safeguarding meetings regarding completion of risk assessments.

The next meeting will be in February 2025.

These are our PBL Student Champions!



Term 4 Events

Week 2

- 17-October: Prep 2025 Parent Information and Welcome Evening, 7pm
- 19-October: Year 3 Working Bee

Week 3

- 21-October: Whole School Assembly
- 22-October: Reconciliation Retreat Day
- 23-October: Prep & Yr 1 Water Safety Program
- 25-October:
 - "Hats off to Teachers" - World Teacher Appreciation Day, **wear a hat to school!**
 - House Sports Day (Assembly 2.30pm)

Week 4

- 29-October: First Reconciliation Ceremony
- 30-October: Prep & Year 1 Water Safety Program

Week 5

- **4 & 5 November: School Closure on both days**
- 6-November
 - Prep 2025 Orientation Day 1
 - Prep and Yr 1 Water Safety Program

Week 6

- 11-November: Whole School Assembly
- 12-November
 - Prep 2025 Orientation Day 2
 - Parents Association Meeting, 7pm
- 15-November: Spooky Disco

Week 7

- 19-November: Prep 2025 Orientation Day 3
- 20 & 21-November: Year 2 Water Safety Program

Week 8

- **25-November: School Closure - planning for 2025**
- 26-November: Yrs 1-6, 2025 Orientation at 11:30am
- 27 & 28-November: Year 2 Water Safety Program

Week 9

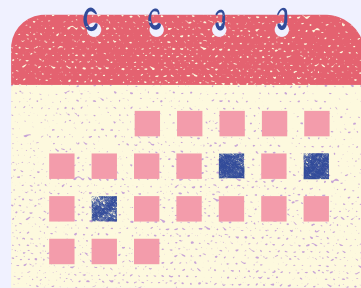
- 2-December: Advent Prayer Service, 2:30pm
- 3-December: Yrs 1-6, 2025 Orientation at 11:30am
- 4-December
 - Year 2 Water Safety Program
 - Year 6 Day Out - TBC
- 5-December: Year 2 Water Safety Program
- 6-December: St Mary's Feast Day, Mass at 9:15am

Week 10 & 11

- 9-December: Whole School Assembly
- 10-December: Yrs 1-6, 2025 Orientation at 11:30am
- 12-December: Graduation Prayer Service - TBC
- **16-December: LAST DAY OF TERM 4, STUDENTS RELEASED AT 12:30PM**
 - Year 6 Graduation

2025

IMPORTANT DATES



TERM DATES

Term 1: 28 January - 4 April

Term 2: 22 April - 4 July

Term 3: 21 July - 19 September

Term 4: 6 October - 19 December

SCHOOL CLOSURES

Term 1

- 28 January: Staff Induction
- 29 January: Staff Induction
- **30 & 31 January: Years 1-6 Mandatory Testing Days ONLY. Students will be assigned times towards the end of Term 4. Please save both dates.**
- 28 February: Professional Learning
- 10 March: Labour Day PUBLIC HOLIDAY

Term 2

- 21 April: Easter Monday PUBLIC HOLIDAY
- 22 April: Staff First Aid Training
- 25 April: ANZAC DAY
- 9 June: King's Birthday PUBLIC HOLIDAY
- 3 July: Parent/Teacher/Child Conversations (PTCC)

Term 3

- 21 July: Professional Learning

Term 4

- 3 November: Professional Learning
- 4 November: Melbourne Cup PUBLIC HOLIDAY
- 28 November: Staff Planning for 2026
- 17-19 December: Staff Handover

EVENTS

Term 1

- Year 6 Camp: 31 March to 2 April
- Year 5 Camp: 5 May to 7 May
- School Photos: 15 May

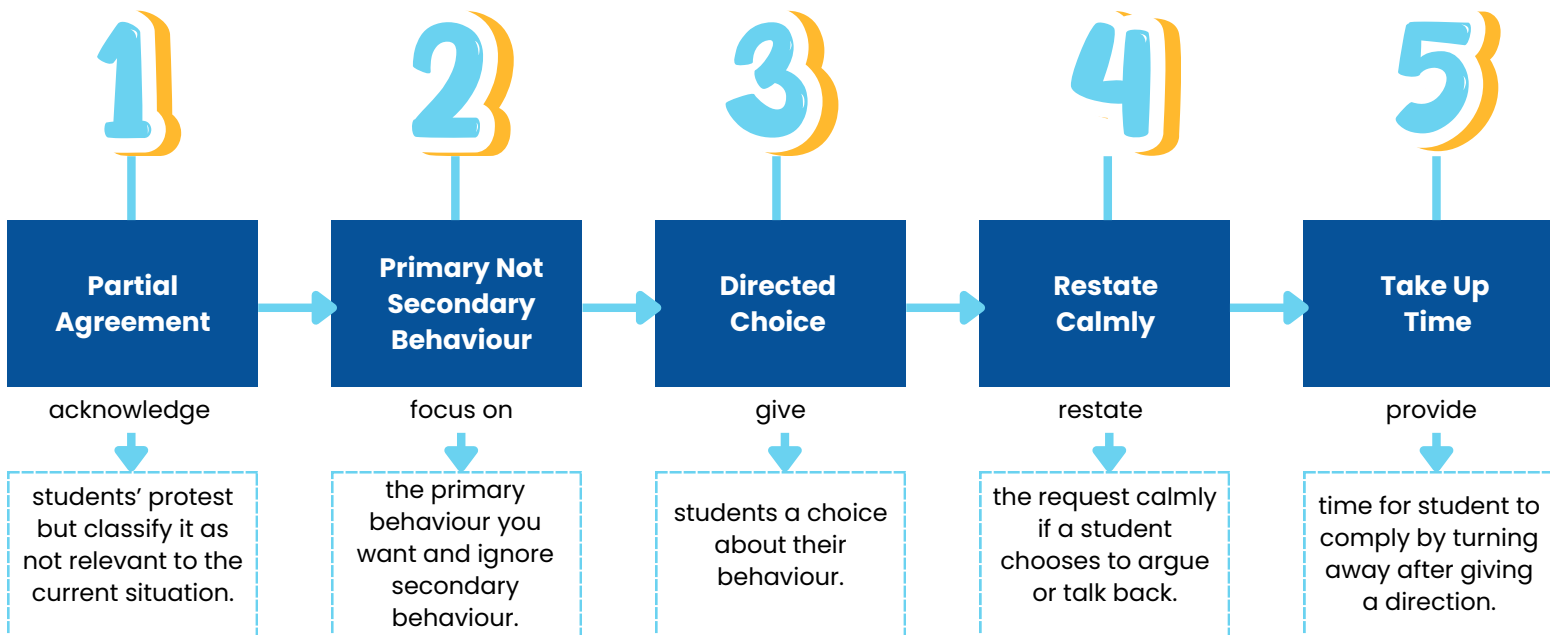
Positive Behaviour for Learning



Would you like to hear about some of the behaviour support strategies which teachers are using at school?

Here is a strategy you might like to use at home if you find yourself in a debate with your child. It's called "Diffuse Debate" taken from the "The Classroom Management Handbook" (ref. Mark Dowley & Oliver Lovell 2024)

Routine: Defuse Debate



School scenario:

It's time for children to return to their tables to do some written work.

Horatio is still walking around the room and looks like he is avoiding the written task. The teacher checks for understanding and says, "do you know what you are meant to be doing right now?"

Horatio shrugs his shoulders and says "I don't want to do writing - I don't like it."

1. The teacher says: "That may be true but, you need to start your writing"
2. Horatio starts to play with the pencils on the ledge but the teacher ignores this second behaviour.
3. The teacher says, "Horatio, you have a choice, you can either begin your work now or you will need to stay in at break time and do it with me. Make a choice."
4. Horatio remains at the ledge playing with the pencils. The teacher says, "Horatio, you need to make a choice, either you do the writing now or we do it together at break time.
5. The teacher walks away and supports other students at their tables.

After a couple of minutes, Horatio decides to go to his table and begin his writing. Teacher says: "Thanks for making a good choice Horatio".



Student of the Week

Prep M

Adrian T

For such a great start to Term 4. You have done a fantastic job following instructions the first time. Keep up the good work Adrian!

Jack M

For your dedication to writing tasks. You should be so proud of your creativity and focus during writing lessons. Great job Jack!

Prep S

Ollie C

For always being a kind and respectful member of Prep S. You are such a good friend to everyone.

Evie D

For your engaging and creative story writing. You are so talented and continue to surprise me with your fantastic ideas.

Prep K

Florence G

For always participating enthusiastically in our vocabulary lessons and demonstrating a great understanding of the vocabulary words. Fantastic Florence!

Jude M

For your enthusiastic participation and sharing of ideas during our maths sessions. You are a superstar at naming the numbers that come before and after a given number. Way to go Jude!

1MH

Lacey S

For being brave in attempting to answer challenging questions and for sharing your understanding with the class. Keep it up Lacey!

Ben S

For demonstrating Responsibility by attentively listening during learning time. We commend you on the positive attitude you are displaying toward your learning.

1ZB

Japneet B

For always listening during the whole class learning time and putting your best effort in when completing your work. We are so proud of you!

Cael M

For your continued effort in sitting reverently during our morning meditation and sustaining focus during whole class instruction. Keep up the great work Cael!

BRAVO!

2V

Lucas T

For an excellent start to Term 4. You have demonstrated great focus at your table when completing learning tasks. Keep it up Lucas!

Isabelle P

For your dedication in completing every learning task to a high standard. Your creativity always shines! Keep up the wonderful work.

2M

Nate K

For your wonderful perseverance when taking on challenges in your learning tasks. You should be very proud of yourself. Keep up the wonderful work Nate!

Gabby N

For your wonderful participation in our reading fluency sessions. You have done an amazing job. Keep up all the hard work Gabby!

2R

Leo F

For being such a responsible and focused learner. You always get started straight away and make the most of the learning time. Bravo!

Eloise I

For having such a confident start to the term. Your positive transitions into the classroom each morning have been outstanding. Brava!

3P

Harlow B

For always treating your classmates with respect and kindness. You are a wonderful role model in our class!

Andrea S

For always being willing to take on challenges in your learning and demonstrating persistence to complete tasks with your best effort.

3L

Sienna W

For the effort you have been putting into your reading fluency. You have shown amazing growth in your decoding and expression! Keep it up Sienna!

Massimo R

For showing respect and responsibility in the classroom by making choices to allow yourself to focus. Keep it up Massimo!

3F

Charlotte T

For having an amazing start to the term! You always start your work with great enthusiasm. Keep up the great work!

Darcy L

For having a great start to the term. You are always helping your teachers and peers around the classroom. Well done Darcy!

4V

Zoey N

For beginning this term with a positive attitude. Your behaviour and efforts this week have been terrific. Well done, Zoey! Keep up the fantastic work.

Ralph B

For your consistent display of respect towards your classmates and teachers. Your respectful behaviour creates a positive and welcoming atmosphere in our classroom. Well done, Ralph!

Student of the Week

4C

Greta M

For your participation in floor-time and class discussions. Well done for consistently trying your best and following instructions!

Michael S

For an incredible start to Term 4! Well done for showing a dedication to learning and completing your classwork. Keep it up, Michael!

4B

Jimmy T

For your dedicated approach to learning. You have been working hard and have shown great resilience when faced with challenging tasks. Keep up your wonderful work Jimmy!

Annie A

For always being a respectful member of the classroom and sharing your wonderful ideas throughout our class discussion. Thank you for also assisting your classmates when needed. Keep it up!

5R

Naveen J

For the dedication you have demonstrated consistently towards your learning. Your efforts have ensured you have continued to grow and extend yourself across all learning areas. Well done Naveen and keep up the hard work!

Alessia M

For your resilience and ability to attempt tasks which challenge you. You have shown great determination this term and last term towards your learning. Keep it up Alessia!

5OB

Billie D

For your positive attitude towards your learning. Billie, we love how you show persistence towards all your learning tasks. Well done Billie!

Lachlan H

For always trying your hardest to demonstrate our school values of respect, responsibility and safety. Keep it up, Lachlan!

5S

Maddie K

For always putting in your best effort to expand your writing. Your contribution to class discussions is always meaningful and helpful to those around you. Keep up the great work.

Gabby B

For being respectful during learning times. You have demonstrated great listening and cooperation skills. Well-done!

6W

Savannah O

For always trying your best and taking risks with your learning. Your positive mindset has been pleasing. Well done, Savannah!

Charlie J

For being a positive member of the class and working hard to improve in all areas. Keep up the great work, Charlie!

6PG

Marco S

For your dedication towards your learning and continually seeking opportunities to extend yourself, particularly in maths and writing.

Lucia D

For always putting your best effort into your work and being responsive to teacher feedback to extend yourself in your learning. Keep up the great work!

6L

Kiera K

For always using your initiative and showing leadership inside and outside of the classroom, especially in your role in the Art CAT. Keep up the fantastic work!

Chloe A

For your dedication and hard work shown towards your learning. You continue to strive to do your best and should be so proud of your efforts. Keep it up!

Italian

Marco 1MH

For creating new gestures for Italian alongside Signora Burgio Bravissimo Marco!

PE

Jax K-C 3F, Finn S 2R, Finn R 3L, Cohen S 4B, Hendrix H 5S, Archer R 6L, Henry C 6L, Isaac F 6L

Congratulations on your outstanding performances, representing Victoria in Queensland at the National Futsal Championships during the September school holidays. Your families, friends and the St. Mary's community are extremely proud of your achievements.

Visual Art

Great Job to our St Mary's Students for their exceptional creativity. Bravo.

Performing Arts

Eloise I from 2R

For always trying your very best with such effort and passion in Performing Arts

Ruben K from 2R

For being your best as a Captain in PA and setting a great example for others

Science & Digi Tech

Banjo T-M from 3P

For enthusiastically exploring the force of magnetism and discovering many items in the science room that are magnetic. Well done!

STUDENT NEWS

Child Safety Standards

The child safety standards is a Committee containing school leaders eg: Ms. van-der-EL, parents and students, who come together every 2-4 weeks and discuss standards 1-14 on child safety. Every student in the committee (4) are from years 5-6, Regan, Charlotte, Jayden and I (Henry). Our goal is to keep our students and school safe.

By Henry C 6L



Buddy's

Having a buddy is really good and fun, my favorite thing to do with my buddy is play with her. My buddy is funny and kind to me.

By Evie D Prep S



Year 5S

Classroom learning with Ms Sorockyj.





The forgotten temple

By Mimi B

Prologue

Sasha and Luna hurtled through the bushes and trees, pushing fronds out of the way. An ominous barking echoed through the forest, getting louder and louder every moment. “Over here!” called Luna frantically, over her shoulder. Sasha hurried over to her and helped push a huge boulder out of the way. A spiralling stone staircase wound down, down into darkness. They crept a few steps inside then, hesitated... They knew what was down there: the Forgotten Temple. This was the Temple which was spoken about in reverent and hushed tones around the Village of Firelight. No one had ever dared to go near it because of the curse which guarded the Temple's halls. The effects of this curse was never truly discovered because any who were brave enough to venture into the gloomy depths, never made it back into the light. Luna and Sasha froze at the entrance. Not daring to take a step closer to the threshold. Suddenly, a low growling sound emanates from the shadows in behind them. Their eyes, not yet adjusted to the darkness, they could not make out the owner of this blood curdling sound when they looked behind them. The girls retreated back towards the temple, letting go of the boulder as they did so. Then. They saw it. The shaggy grey fur and the menacing fangs of the wolf that was preparing to chase them. Luna and Sasha quickly worked together to shove the boulder back into place and they were thrown into darkness. They crept cautiously down the staircase until they reached the bottom.

What they saw shocked them. A cavern lit completely by glowing blue flowers. Dead, black trees rimmed the edges of the cave. The black, burnt trees shivered in the cool wind. whispering. They knew people were there that shouldn't be. Nobody had been that close to the temple in millennia. “We need to go back!” whispered Sasha. “We shouldn't be here!”



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● CHRISTMAS CLOSURE DATES

Store closes:
Friday 20th December 2024 at 5.00 pm
Reopens:
Wednesday 8th January 2025 at 9.00 am

● EXTENDED BACK TO SCHOOL OPENING HOURS

Australia Day Public Holiday
Monday 27th January 2025, 9.00 am - 5.00 pm

Saturday January 18th and 25th:
9.00am - 5.00pm
Saturday 1st February 2025: 9.00am - 1.00pm

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Children's Week

Saturday 19 – Sunday 27 October

2024



See a map of FREE activities [here](#). Any St Mary's Student participating in one or more of these activities please send a photo and summary of you experience to officeadmin@smgreensborough.catholic.edu.au

**Children have the right to
a clean and safe environment.**



Department
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Enrichment Program



Our Mushroom in Schools Program is now concluding. During Term Three we were the fortunate recipients of a free mushroom kit. Ms MacIsaac was selected to provide feedback to the Australian Mushroom Growers Association about the program in our school. Our students had these comments to share.



Sofia T. 'I loved how we pulled out the mushrooms and how we got to see the mushrooms grow over time'.



Sophia D. 'I liked learning cool facts about mushrooms'.

Claire T. 'I liked harvesting the mushrooms and learning cool facts'.



Some students in Year Three learnt about the life cycle, nutritional benefits and many uses of mushrooms. These students have received a Certificate of Completion from the Australian Mushroom Growers Association: Hannah D, Claire T, Sophia D, Ryan G, Poppy S, Sofia T. We hope that we are selected again in 2025, to be part of the Mushroom In Schools Program again.



SCHOLASTIC BOOKSPLUS

The initiative is Scholastic's BOOK PLUS. Scholastic supplies us with a free book and a keen reader reads the book and writes about it, to promote others to read and learn about different genres. Each term a new book and interested student will be selected. If they enjoy reading the book, the chosen student gets to keep it! **Thanks Scholastic & Jake Robinson**



By MADISON K  Review of 'Dragons vs Wolves' {Author-
GLENN
DAKIN}

'Dragons vs Wolves' is a fictional story following a journey like no other. It is a story written so well that it feels as though a little spark is alight inside of you, making you want to read on and on. Our story is set with our protagonist Rana, who is a wolf whom is an early-on outcast and target for snarky remarks because of her passion for sharing and telling stories, not to hunt blood. Diving deeper into the book's story, we are educated about Rana being made Spokeswolf of her pack, leading her to cater to a strange creature's needs. Night and day, a strong bond begins to form between the two with Rana astonished of all the magic the dragon is capable of. Everything came then crashing down after a series of events. Things aren't as they seem and danger is growing closer to Rana's pack. Can she help and forever bring peace to them or meet similar misfortune like deaths as well? Ending off strongly with a cliff hanger that leaves us with questions of who perishes and who lives happier ever after. This is a beautiful book overall, and fully suitable for the age category 11-13. Me as a person extremely enjoyed this book and will really choose to explore more wonderful books from this author.

National School Futsal Championships



In the September school holidays Archer, Isaac, Hendrix and I (Henry) went to Brisbane for the National School Futsal Titles of 2024. Our team was the Vic White U12s and our coaches name was Joe. He was the best futsal coach I have ever had and I'm sure most of the team would agree. Archer, Isaac and Hendrix mostly played on the wing while I was back in the Goalkeeper position. We also had 3 other players on our team from the Point Cook Region. Their names were: Sonny, Ryaan and Shevain.

Day 1: We managed to defeat the first team we played, ACT Black 5-1. Hendrix was too speedy and his footwork on-point, scoring 3 goals in this game. We were stoked to have won our first match, but we knew we were up for a challenge in the next. Sadly we lost 6-2 to ACT Yellow.

Day 2: Our day started with a tense match against an undefeated side, Northern NSW White. They were quick out of the gates and we were down 3-0 very quickly. Luckily, Ryaan, our start striker from Point Cook, managed to pull back 2 goals before half-time. After a quick team talk, we went on to beat NSW White, 8-4. This was a huge boost to our confidence! We then played 2 games against Queensland teams, Northern QLD and QLD West t and won both games 11-2. In our game against Northern QLD, Archer scored an incredible FIVE goals! And Isaac and Hendrix scored four goals each across both games. The St Mary's boys were on fire!

Day 3: Sadly on day three we lost our first game to Tasmania Yellow, 5-3. This was a massive blow to our confidence. We then went on to lose to a very strong, undefeated Central Coast NSW team, 8-2. Despite the score-line, this was possibly our strongest, most defensive game, and even the opposition commented positively on our strategies and game play. After losing both games on day three, we sadly missed out playing finals by 1 goal difference.

After an adrenaline filled three days of play, we got to attend presentations at Dreamworld, on the Gold Coast! The park was kept open for us into the night and it was great fun for all! On returning to Melbourne after the tournament, Hendrix and I found out that we had both been nominated to play for Australia in two different 2025 International tournaments - one in Malaysia and one in China. We are so excited and we wouldn't have had this opportunity if we didn't participate in the local schools futsal tournament earlier this year. Thank you Mr O for helping get our St Mary's school team to this tournament, Mrs Matthys for supporting Futsal within the school and Leah and Leith Roberston for being the main drivers behind getting Futsal up and running at St. Mary's.

Written by Henry C, Year 6L



Congratulations and well done to our other St. Mary's competitors who also participated in Brisbane:

Under 8's - Jax K-C 3F and Finn S 2R

Under 10's - Finn R 3L and Cohen S 4B

Both these teams also narrowly missed out on Finals but had a fantastic tournament.

NORTHERN METROPOLITAN REGION TRACK & FIELD CHAMPIONSHIPS 2024

On Wednesday October 16th 2024, 14 students from St. Mary's travelled to Meadowglen International Athletics Stadium in Epping, to compete in the annual Northern Metropolitan Region Track and Field Championships. Boys and Girls in 9/10, 11 and 12/13 year old age groups participated against numerous other competitors. The weather was fantastic as all St. Mary's athletes produced marvellous performances, taking home medals, smashing personal bests and setting a Northern Metropolitan Meet Record and congratulations to all of the St. Mary's students. Athletes who finished first or second have now qualified for State Track and Field Championships on November 6th in Lakeside Stadium, Albert Park.

Well done and best of luck to Oliver S in 5R, who will compete in the 200m and will represent St. Mary's in Albert Park. Many thanks to the parents, caregivers and family members who transported their athlete and were present at Region to cheer on their child- it was very much appreciated.

RESULTS NM Region Athletics Carnival 2024

Event	Age	ATHLETE	FINISHING POSITION
Long Jump	12	Lyra W	10th
Shot Put	12	Darcey T	9th
High Jump	12	Cooper A	3rd
Discus	12	Oliver McK	9th
		Darcey T	12th
200m	9/10	James C	6th
	11	Oliver S	1st(Setting a new 200m record for Northern Metropolitan Region of 27.24)
1500m	11	Leo C	10th
Hurdles	9/10	Ariana B	5th
	11	Harry C	7th
100m	9/10	James C	10th
	11	Oliver S	6th
Relay	9/10	James C	4th
		Nicolas D'Al	
		Cohen M	
		Max C	
Relay	11	Oliver S	6th
		Harry C	
		Joshua M	
		Michael K	



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October sessions

**Footy skills session
Wednesday 16th October**

**Personal Training session
Wednesday 23rd October**



Louise Stephenson
Past PSDJFC B&F Player
AFLW Player



Lulu Beatty
AFLW Player



Phiv Demetriou
Level 2 Specialist Coach
& National Kicking Presenter



Christopher Shen
Performance Psychologist &
Tackling Coach



Merika Smirnios
PT Instructor

Time: 6.15pm to 7.15pm

Dates: Wednesday 16th October

Where: Garvey Oval Parade College, 1436 Plenty Rd Bundoora

Bring: Water bottle, comfortable clothing & runners
Football Boots if you have them but not essential
Enthusiastic attitude to learn.

Time: 6.00pm to 7.00pm

Dates: Wednesday 23rd October

Where: Binnak Oval, Sharpes Road, Watsonia Nth

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Session outline

Footy skills session Wednesday 16th October

Getting the basics rights

15 minute rotations x 3 stations

- KICKING: Phiv and Lulu
- MARKING/GROUND BALLS: Louise
- TACKLING: Chris

Q&A to finish

Personal Training session Wednesday 23rd October

Keeping your body strong and healthy
for game day

- Weights
- Stretching
- Match day preparation

Q&A to finish



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