

CANDELA



*A Prayer for Peace
Make me a channel of your peace.
Where there is hatred let me bring your love.
Where there is injury, your pardon Lord.
And where there is doubt,
True faith in You
Amen*

A MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

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



Dear Families,

Reconciliation

Congratulations to the Year 2 students who made their First Reconciliation last Tuesday evening. Thank you to Father Steve and the visiting Priests for assisting on the evening. Thank you to Ana, our RE Leader for supporting the students' practice and for organising the Reconciliation ceremonies. A huge thank you to Annabelle R, Emma M and Angie V, the Year 2 teachers, for teaching and preparing the students. Both Reconciliations were reverent and beautiful.

House Sports

Congratulations to Mercy (Blue Team) for winning the Spirit Award and to McAuley (Red Team) for winning the overall points award. Congratulations to Fergal O'Reilly for his incredible organisation and to all staff for their support. Huge thanks must go to the Sports Captains from all four teams Harper W & Luca LK (Bosco), Indie N & Nate M (Loyola) Chloe AW & Cooper A (McAuley) and Maddy H & Jack D (Mercy) and Michael and Gary our maintenance team for assisting with setting up and taking down the equipment and encouraging great sports.

Prep Transitions

Next Wednesday, 6th November is the first of our Prep transitions. We are very excited to welcome our 2025 Prep students and their parents to St Mary's. While the students are meeting their teacher and fellow students, leaders will speak about school readiness in the MLC middle space.

Staffing News

At the end of the year we will be farewelling Briar Wagner (Science Teacher) as she has chosen to move to a full time position at Donnybrook Primary School. Briar has just returned from maternity leave and is travelling over an hour to get to St Mary's so I am extremely happy for her that she has secured a job closer to her home. Briar has been a wonderful teacher and we wish her well in her new position.

Welcome New Staff

We welcome Allison Luff, Annie Fitzgerald, and Larissa Napoli to St Mary's in 2025. Allison taught at St Mary's prior to 2012 and is delighted to return as Literacy Leader in 2025. She is currently the Literacy Leader at St Mary of the Cross MacKillop in Epping and has an incredibly deep knowledge of the cognitive sciences. I am very excited about her joining our team at St Mary's.

Annie Fitzgerald has been teaching at St Kevin's Templestowe for the last three years and also comes highly recommended. Larissa Napoli has taught in Jimboomba Qld and in the Catholic schools in Geelong. She also comes highly recommended. I am very excited about these teachers working with us at St Mary's in 2025 and beyond.

Congratulations

To our "Principal's of the Day", Mr. Lattanzio and Mr. Minnala. They both saved 200 "PBL Tokens" and traded in these tokens to be Principal for the Day.



A MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL CONT.

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 [MACS Code of Conduct](#) which applies to all MACS employees, volunteers, contractors and School Advisory Councils.

Prayers for Staff

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

Our deepest condolences are shared with the Auburn East Primary school community. May God's healing power support them at this devastating time.

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.

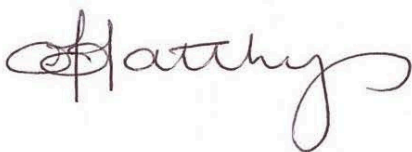
Options to pay in full, instalments, or payment plan are offered. Payment in full is due by the 15th June. Three instalment dates are the 15th March, 15th June and 15th September. Payment plans for 2025 need to be submitted by the 1st of December 2024. The forms can be downloaded on the above link. All 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.

These are our PBL Student Champions!



Term 4 Events

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

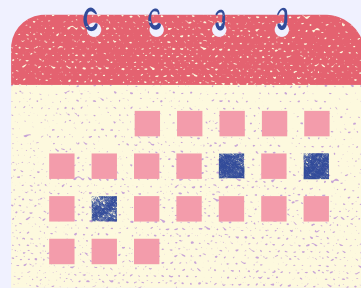
- 2-December: Advent Prayer Service, 2:30pm
- 3-December: Yrs 1-6, 2025 Orientation at 11:30am
- 4-December
 - Year 2 Water Safety Program
 - Year 6 Day Out - TBC
- 5-December: Year 2 Water Safety Program
- 6-December: St Mary's Feast Day, Mass at 9:15am

Week 10 & 11

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

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

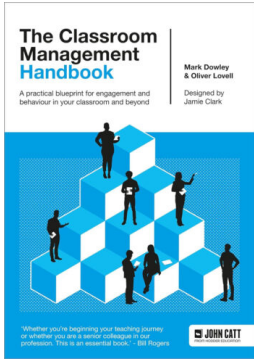
- 3 November: Professional Learning
- 4 November: Melbourne Cup PUBLIC HOLIDAY
- 28 November: Staff Planning for 2026
- 17-19 December: Staff Handover

EVENTS

Term 1

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

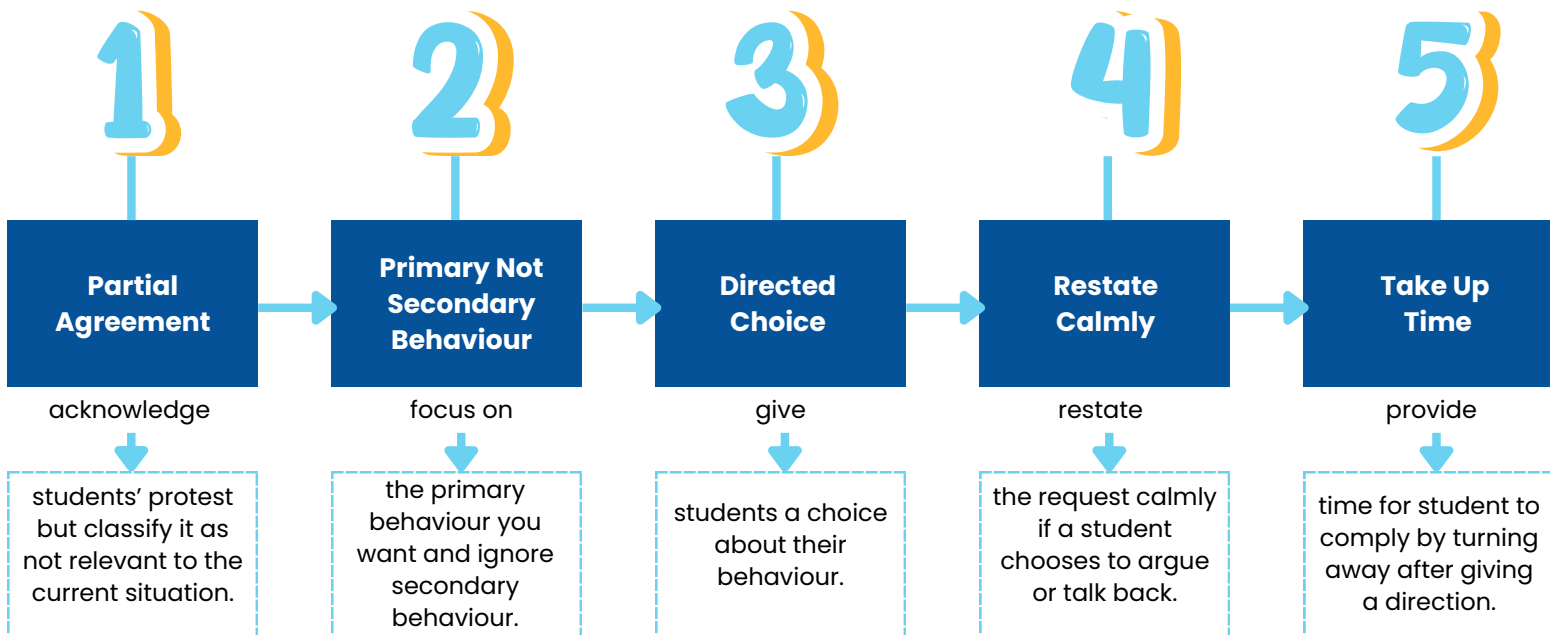
Positive Behaviour for Learning



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

Jaiden B

For your focus and determination in all learning tasks. You always stay on task to complete your work in a timely manner. Fantastic job Jaiden!

Alexander N

For your growing confidence in your writing. You have been consistently working on using finger spaces. Wonderful effort Alexander!

Prep S

Zoe C

For always being respectful and responsible at school. You make everyone's day brighter with your kindness and smile. Gracie Zoe.

Gaurang R

For being a dedicated learner who always tries your best. Keep up the amazing learning Gaurang.

Prep K

Sahana K

For showing great resilience during our swimming lessons. Well done Sahana for participating and having-a-go each week.

Ella P

For being an independent and responsible worker throughout the year. Well done on consistently taking your time to present your work neatly with an excellent handwriting style. Fantastic Ella!

1MH

Evie P

For showing bravery and team spirit when you competed in your sprint and for being such an amazing helper during Tabloid Sports. Superstar!

Orlando L

For demonstrating responsibility for your learning by getting started on tasks promptly and for the effort you continue to put into your writing. Keep it up Champ!

1ZB

Charlie C

For your remarkable resilience during challenging times and transitions at school. We are so proud of the way you seek support when needed and continue to smile throughout the day. Congratulations!

Chris S

For always trying your hardest in all learning tasks. You are an independent and responsible learner. Congratulations Chris!

1G

Arek L

For showing the school expectations of respect, safety and responsibility within the classroom and outside in the school yard. Well done Arek!

Wilkie B

For being a great role model and demonstrating our school expectations of respect, safety and responsibility both inside and outside of the classroom. Well done Wilkie!

2V

Mackenzie S

For being such a focused and responsible learner all year. Thank you for always putting your best effort into every activity. Your enthusiasm towards learning is contagious!

Layla S

For always bringing a positive attitude and smile to school each day. You have consistently been a responsible and hard working member of our class this year. Wonderful effort!

2M

Ethan V

For always trying your hardest and for being respectful, responsible and safe both inside and outside of the classroom. Keep up the wonderful effort Ethan!

Boody A

For your wonderful resilience in the classroom and working extremely hard on maintaining your personal space. You are doing a wonderful job Boody!

2R

Olivia B

For your sensational reading fluency! All of the practice you have been doing has certainly paid off. Brava!

Ale C

For your dedication to our daily Italian practice. You have been such a great leader in our class Italian sessions. Bravo!

3P

Chloe D

For always trying your best in Italian and using new language in your sentences. Well done Chloe!

Grace S

For your commitment and dedication to improving your writing. I can see how much effort you are putting in to create amazing sentences. Keep up the amazing work!

3L

Isaac E

For being a responsible member of our classroom by trying your hardest in your learning tasks over the last couple of weeks. Well done Isaac!

Finley S

For the effort you have been placing into all of your maths learning this term. Well done Finley!

3F

Elisha P

For being a responsible member of 3F by showing resilience in the classroom by persevering through challenging tasks. Keep up the amazing work Elisha!

Parker S

For your great enthusiasm in writing this week and for being a respectable member of 3F! Keep up the great work!

4V

Ella M

For being a responsible and respectful member of our classroom. Ella, you are an enthusiastic learner and always strive to give your best. Your willingness to help others is recognised daily. Well-done!

Lucas F

For making positive contributions to class discussions. You have taken on learning with a positive mindset and are always willing to work with others and seek help when needed. Keep up the great work!

Student of the Week

4C

Nada T

For listening and participating in whole class learning, and always giving your best when working at your table. Well done, Nada!

Sophia D

For having a positive attitude everyday, working hard and being resilient. Keep up the amazing work, Sophia!

4B

Chelsea M

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!

Alexia S

For your progress towards your personal learning goals. Lexi, you have come so far since the beginning of the year. You should be extremely proud of yourself! Keep up the great work!

5R

Aaria M

For your resilience and dedication to taking on, and enacting feedback when writing your persuasive letter. Aaria, you have taken on every bit of feedback and worked hard to refine and improve your writing. Well done Aaria!

Max TB

For your creative reasons as to why robots don't benefit us in your persuasive writing. Max, you have definitely found your writing style and voice which is unique to you. Well done on your hard work!

5OB

Lucas A

Lucas you have demonstrated calmness, respect, and a strong commitment to your learning. Your hard work and positive attitude make a difference in our classroom. Well done, Lucas! Keep shining!

Audrey J

Congratulations, Audrey! Your efforts in writing a persuasive text about robots are impressive and well-considered. Your effective work and creativity truly stand out. Keep up the fantastic efforts.

5S

Max M

For completing tasks independently and maintaining focus whilst working on learning tasks. Keep up the great work!

Will S

For positively engaging in classroom discussions and staying focused on learning tasks. Well-done Will!

6W

Darcey T

Being a respectful learner and working hard to complete all of your learning tasks. Keep it up Darcey!

Finn L

For assisting others in the classroom and showing responsible leadership qualities. Fantastic work Finn!

6PG

Hudson A

For the hard work you have put into your learning. You have engaged in class discussions appropriately and stayed focused on your learning. Well done!

Chelsea C

For being a positive and respectful member of our class. Great work following the school rules and being a role model. Keep up the amazing work!

6L

William D

For the excellent work you continue to put into your learning, especially in your writing. Keep up the fantastic work!

Molli O

For being an exemplary role model for the St Marys PBL foci. You are always Respectful, Responsible and demonstrate safety in and outside of the classroom. Keep up the great work Molli!



WHOLE SCHOOL COMMUNITY

PE

Congratulations and Well Done to all the students who participated in our 2024 St. Mary's House Sports Day. The teamwork, friendship, cooperation, dance moves and enjoyment on display was a joy to behold. Roll on 2025!!!

Visual Art

Jack D, 2M

For displaying great interest and enthusiasm for Art activities. Your drawing and shading demonstrates great attention to detail. Well Done!

Caleb H 5R

For sharing your creative ideas and artistic talent with all of us. Your Pop Art name banner is striking and your drawing skills continue to impress. Congratulations!

Science & Digi Tech

Annie A and Pippa T from 4B

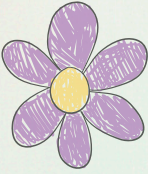
For working hard to create an informative and creative poster on erosion. Keep up the great work!

Orientation for 2025



Prep 2025: Orientation Dates, 9:15am- 10:30am

- 6-November
- 12-November
- 19-November



Students will be with their Teachers, while Parents will be in the MLC Shared Space as outlined in the Principal News.



Yrs 1-6, 2025: Orientation Dates Each of these days at 11:30am



- 26-November
- 3-December
- 10-December



STUDENT NEWS

Student News - Term 4

TEACHER APPRECIATION DAY



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Journalist Questions and Videographer
Madeline Kelly



The Forgotten Temple By Mimi B

Chapter 1

Luna turned around and pressed a finger to her mouth, then, holding her lantern aloft, she pointed at something in the shadows of the old willow tree. Many red eyes were glistening out of the darkness, hypnotising them. Beckoning them closer. Luna swayed then toppled over. Sasha followed a moment later. Minutes later, or so it seemed to them, they awoke, surrounded by darkness. And there they were again! The glinting red eyes shining from beneath the tree. They skittered closer and by the light of their lanterns they saw tree trolls, vicious creatures known for their liking of flesh and blood. They stalked still closer, tilting their grey clay like heads, emitting a high pitched sound. Like the sound of fingernails down a chalkboard. Sasha clamped her hands over her ears, groaning. But Luna walked closer. Then, from the bushes and trees on their right, a green clad man emerged from the undergrowth.

“Get away from there!” he yelled as he hurtled towards Luna, who gasped and took a step back.

The man had a leather quiver full of arrows slung over his shoulder and held a wooden bow. He fitted an arrow into the bow and fired at the trolls, converging at Luna’s feet. But he was too slow and the trolls hoisted Luna onto their shoulders and bore her away into the darkness. Her screams became quieter and quieter as she became further and further away.

2 years later...

Sasha crept through the undergrowth stalking the boar that would soon be her lunch. As she crept slowly forward a twig broke beneath her foot. Her cover vanishing, she broke into a run. The boar looked up from where it had been drinking from the stream. Startled, it let out a terrified grunt and took off into the bushes. Sasha hesitated before sprinting after it. The forest of dead, black trees had turned her wild. The sound of the boar faded into the distance and she knew never catch up. Sasha sighed, it looked like she would have to go hungry tonight. And that was when she stumbled upon a clearing. Lying in the middle of the clearing in a puddle of blood, lay the archer, a huge white fang sunk deep into his neck. Dead.

Banyule & INM Division BASKETBALL FINALS

On Monday 14th October, St Mary's boys basketball team went to the Banyule & INM Division Basketball Finals at Latrobe Sports Centre.

The boys played teams from St Martin's and Buckley House, with Cooper as their captain. The boys won their first game against St Martin's by 1 point in an exciting finish. In their second game, the boys lost to Buckley House by 6 points.

Congratulations to Jackson, Finn, Cooper, Oliver, Michael and Blake for their teamwork and success as a team. Go St Mary's!



When was the last time you felt **really alive?**

God is glorified
when men are
fully alive
St Ireneaus

MEN'S WEEKEND

The **menALIVE Men's Weekend** is an opportunity for men to explore what makes them feel fully alive. The experience of the weekend is powerful and dynamic and many men are inspired and encouraged with a new sense of purpose and mission. The weekend is organised by men in your local community and conducted by an experienced team of menALIVE leaders. It is suitable for all men from 18 years of age.

Saturday 16 and Sunday 17 November

St Martin of Tours Parish Community Centre

1 Silk Street, Rosanna, VIC 3084.

For more information, scan the QR Code,
visit <https://rosanna.menalivevic.au>
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