



St Mary's Primary School

We aspire, we include, we achieve.

Newsletter # 10 | 21 June 2023



News from the Principal

Dear Families,

On Friday 9 June, **Sarah Morgante** worked with the whole staff to develop an understanding of the new **11 Victorian Child Safe Standards** (MO 1359) and together we explored the culture of safety and wellbeing at St Mary's School. We also examined in detail all our staff's responsibility in relation to the **PROTECT - Identifying and Responding** to All Forms of Abuse in Victorian Schools and our obligations in relation to the Reportable Conduct Scheme. It was a very informative professional learning day and reinforced for all, that our commitment to child safety is paramount.

For those interested in learning more about the Victorian Child Safe Standards, I have included a link to the information [here](#)

Last Tuesday, the **School Advisory Council** met. The main discussion was about the new Enterprise Bargaining Agreement (EBA) and the implications this will have at St Mary's School. The EBA has been voted on today and yesterday by all Catholic School employees in the Melbourne Archdiocese, other than Sale, who have their own agreement. My understanding is that it will then be ratified and implemented in the coming weeks. At the meeting, the SAC members supported the continuation of 3/4 and 5/6 camps with the implementation of a student and staff free day for those attending.

The possible 2024 start and end times for the school day and the need to include additional school closure days to acquit time in lieu for staff were also discussed. It was agreed that, if necessary, an earlier finish time could be a suitable arrangement than opening the gates at a later time. At this stage, a decision regarding 2024 start and end times for the school day and the 2024 school closures are yet to be made. Once finalised, arrangements will be communicated with all families.

The other agenda item discussed was 'Strategies for Inclusion and Friendship'. This conversation was about how students navigate times when their friends aren't so friendly in the playground. Through the school's Social and Emotional Learning curriculum and **The Resilience Project**, we are confident that our students will build on their knowledge and skills, eventually giving them age appropriate strategies/behaviours to navigate this social aspect

of their time at school. Over the next two terms, there may be times when your child/ren will bring home their 'The Resilience Project' workbook. Please use this as an opportunity to reinforce the school's values, particularly kindness and inclusion.

Semester 1 student reports will be distributed this afternoon, via email. This written report is one of several elements of St Mary's School's reporting package. I am extremely proud of our students and their achievements. **Learning Conversations will take place on the first day of Term 3** and they will be a valuable opportunity to discuss your child's progress, strengths and challenges.

Congratulations to the many students who have represented St Mary's School in many sporting pursuits this term, including; Football, Soccer, Netball, and Cross Country. A magnificent effort was demonstrated by everyone and we are extremely proud of their contribution and the way in which they represented themselves, their family and our school.

Congratulations to **Leni**, 3/4 Garnet for winning the '**Principal for a Day**' raffle. There was an abundance of entries, indicating that our students are consistently demonstrating safe, respectful and responsible behaviour. Leni is a most worthy winner, always displaying role model behaviour. As principal on Friday, Leni has deemed it as a **casual clothes day**, asking students to come dressed in their favourite colour (with closed toe shoes) and has asked each student to bring a gold coin donation for **Clevon**, who will represent **St Mary's Parish at World Youth Day**. We are very much looking forward to Leni being our principal this Friday.

While it has been a relatively short term of nine weeks, everyone has worked extremely hard and the holidays will give everyone the opportunity to enjoy a well earned break from school routines. For those who are enjoying the time close to home, may you take the opportunity to rest and rejuvenate, spending quality time with family and friends. For those who are travelling to a holiday destination, I wish you safe travels and joyful moments to make memories with loved ones.

Kind Regards, Annice Lappin

Upcoming Dates in 2023

TERM 2

Week 9

Wednesday 21 June

Student Reports emailed to families

Friday 23 June

Principal for a Day, Leni B

Casual Clothes day, students dress in their favourite colour

School Assembly: PLEASE NOTE CHANGE OF DAY & TIME, (Foundation) **12:40 pm**

Gates open 12:35 pm

End of Term 2; 1:00pm School Dismissal

Bookings close for Parent & Teacher Conversations at 9:00 am

TERM 3

Week 1

Monday 10 July: STUDENT FREE DAY

Parent—Teacher Conversations

Tuesday 11 July

Students Commence Term 3, 8:50 am

Gates open at 8:30 am.

Friday 14 July

Lightning Premiership, Volleyball

(Year 5/6 participating students)

Week 2

Monday 17 July

Whole School Assembly at 3:00 pm

Year 5/6 Sapphire. Gates open 2.55 pm

Wednesday 19 July

PFA Meeting, 7:00 pm

Foundation—Year 2 attending Parish Mass, 10:00 am

Congratulations to Anna and BeBe Barclay, who are the winners of the Melbourne Zoo Family Voucher.

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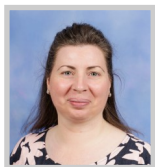


2023 Family Handbook

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St Mary's School acknowledges the Australian Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples as the first inhabitants of the nation and the traditional custodians of the lands where we live, learn and work.



News from the Deputy Principal

Dear Families,

Tomorrow will be a wonderful celebration for our Foundation students - it's **Milo's Birthday Surprise Party**! The 'party' is a culmination of their learning over the semester and we, along with their teachers, **Katia Macrides** and **Krissy Thompson**, are all very proud of the achievements of all Foundation students.

Included on **page 3** are key dates for Term 3. In addition to the upcoming **PFA Trivia Night** held on Friday 14 July, there are quite a few community events taking place next term.

SCHOOL ASSEMBLIES

Monday 17 July

Year 5/6 Sapphire

Monday 31 July

Year 1/2 Topaz

Monday 14 August

Foundation

Thursday 17 August

Book Week Parade; 9:15 am

Monday 28 August

Year 3/4 Quartz

PARISH FEAST DAY MASS

Wednesday 2 August; 10:00 am

Families are invited to join us at the Parish Mass for our Feast Day Celebrations.

ANXIETY INFORMATION SESSION

Wednesday 9 August; 7:00 pm

Jesse Diggins, Strength Psychology Director and our Provisional Psychologist, Danielle Spencer, will be facilitating an Anxiety Information session for interested families.

Further information will be provided at the beginning of next term.



SACRAMENT OF FIRST EUCHARIST

Sunday 13 August; 2:30 pm



The Sacrament of First Eucharist for participating Year 4 students will be celebrated at St Mary's Basilica.

Year 4 students will begin their Sacrament preparation early next term.

FATHER'S DAY BREAKFAST

Wednesday 30 August; 8:15 am

Following our Father's Day Breakfast, a Liturgy will be held to give thanks to the special male role models in our community.

The PFA will also be holding the **Bunnings BBQ** on **Saturday 2 September**.



WONDER OF LIVING

Tuesday 5 September; times to be confirmed

The Wonder of Living Family Enrichment Program is coming to our school to offer a Family Night on the topic of sexuality education for Year 3/4 and Year 5/6.

It will be conducted by Open Doors, which has recently merged with CatholicCare Victoria, and its Enrichment Program is recommended by Melbourne Archdiocese Catholic Schools (MACS).

Further information will be sent later in the term.

LUNCH ORDER DAY

Friday 8 September

The **Cheer Toastie Truck** is visiting our school again! This year, parents/carers/guardians are welcome to place a Cheer toastie order and join their child/ren for a cheese toastie lunch.



Lastly, our **School Concert** will be held early in Term 4 on **Thursday 12 October** at **1:00 pm** and **6:00 pm**. Please save the date!

**Buone vacanze a tutti,
Marie**

TERM 3 Key Dates

Week 1

Monday 10 July **School Closure Day**
Parent & Teacher Conversations;
9:15am-5:00pm.
Bookings open until 9:00am Fri 23/6

Tuesday 11 July Term 3 Begins;
Gates open at 8:30am

Friday 14 July Lightning Premiership - Volleyball
(Year 5/6 participating students).
PFA Trivia Evening; 7:00pm

Week 2

Monday 17 July School Assembly
(Year 5/6 Sapphire); 3:00pm

Wednesday 19 July Foundation - Year 2 attending
Parish Mass; 10:00am

Wednesday 19 July PFA Meeting; 7:00pm

Week 3

Wednesday 26 July Year 3/4 Camp - Day 1

Thursday 27 July Year 3/4 Camp - Day 2

Friday 28 July Year 3/4 Student Free Day

Week 4

Monday 31 July School Assembly
(Year 1/2 Topaz); 3:00pm

Wednesday 2 August Parish Feast Day Celebrations

Week 5

Wednesday 9 August Year 3/4 attending Parish Mass;
10:00am

Wednesday 9 August Anxiety Family Information
Session; 7:00pm - Facilitated by
Strength Psychology

Friday 11 August Foundation Excursion
Werribee Zoo

Sunday 13 August Sacrament of First Eucharist
(participating Year 4 students);
2:30pm

Week 6

Monday 14 August PSG Meetings - Day 1

Monday 14 August School Assembly (Foundation); 3:00pm

Wednesday 16 August Year 5/6 Excursion - ScienceWorks

Thursday 17 August Book Week Parade

Friday 18 August Fresh Fruit Friday

Week 7

Thursday 24 August District Athletics

Week 8

Monday 28 August Year 5/6 Life Saving Incursion

Monday 28 August School Assembly
(Year 3/4 Quartz); 3:00pm

Tuesday 29 August PSG Meetings - Day 2

Wednesday 30 August Father's Day Breakfast; 8:15am

Thursday 31 August Years 3-6 AFL 9s Competition
(participating students)

Friday 1 September Year 5/6 attending Parish Mass; 10:00am

Saturday 2 September PFA Bunnings BBQ

Week 9

Tuesday 5 September Open Doors - Wonder of Living Enrichment
Sessions (participating Years 3-6 families)

Wednesday 6 September PFA Meeting; 7:00pm

Friday 8 September Lunch Order Day - Cheer Toasties

Week 10

Tuesday 12 September Mercy Feast Day - Wear Blue

Wednesday 13 September PSG Meetings - Day 3

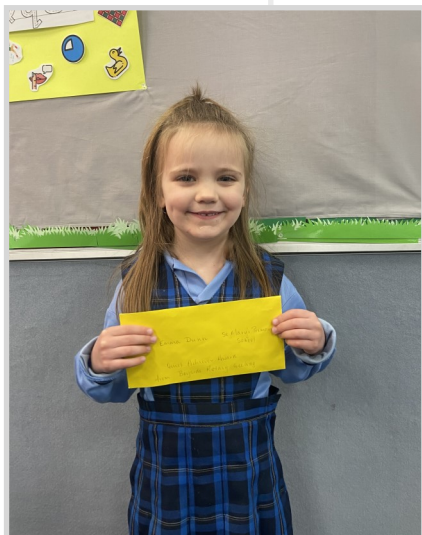
Wednesday 13 September School Advisory Council Meeting; 7:00pm

Friday 15 September End of Term 3; 1:00pm

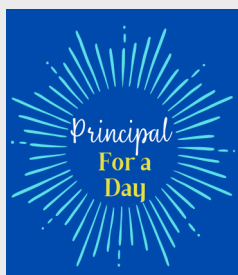
SAVE THE DATE ... Thursday 12 October, St Mary's School Concert; 1:00pm and 6:00pm



QUIET ACHIEVER AWARD



We congratulate **EMMA DUNN**,
Foundation Coral, who has been awarded the
Term 2 Rotary Quiet Achiever Award.
This award and \$30 Dizzy Toy voucher has been
donated by **Rotary Bayside Geelong** and
recognises students who give their very best
efforts every day.



PRINCIPAL LENI B

Year 3/4 Garnet

*Pictured with the
10kg Cadbury
Chocolate Block*



10kg Cadbury Chocolate PFA RAFFLE

Today, **10 Raffle Tickets** in an envelope
were sent home with the eldest child.
Families may wish to purchase at \$1.00
per ticket for the chance to win a **10kg
Cadbury Chocolate Block**. Please return
purchased tickets and cash to the school
office by **13 July**, to be in the draw.

*Tickets must have your name and phone
number written on them. If you wish to
purchase more tickets, please just use
the extra ticket butts enclosed in the
envelope.*

The Raffle will be drawn at the PFA
Trivia Night on Friday 14 July, 2023.

PRINCIPAL FOR A DAY

Planned Activities for Friday 23 June:

- **Casual Clothes Day**, students come dressed in their favourite colour (with closed toe shoes).
- Students are requested to bring a gold coin donation for **Clevon**, who is attending World Youth Day.

St Mary's School Parents & Friends' Association News

TRIVIA NIGHT

To book a table for the P&FA Trivia Night, please contact Lauren 0418 580 949 for team booking instructions or to join a team. Lauren will then send a link to book and make payment via Try Booking.

Please support this great fundraiser for our school, last year we raised over \$7000!

Any offers of donations for auction prizes (goods or services) gratefully accepted! Please contact, Lauren Cambridge 0418580949 or Courtney Lamana 0413408613 (via FB messenger)

SAVE THE DATE:

BUNNINGS SAUSAGE SIZZLE -

2 September - volunteers are required on the day to help flip snags or handle money while smiling at customers. Further details, soon.

PFA Meeting

Wednesday 19 July, 7:00 pm



St Mary's Parents & Friends Association

TRIVIA NIGHT

2023

Save the date and book in the babysitters!
Come along and enjoy some friendly competition at the St Mary's P&F Trivia Night.
Please support this great fundraiser for our school.

FRIDAY
14th JULY

7pm
Pioneer Room
St Mary's Parish

COST: \$20 per person (8-10 people per table)
BYO nibbles and drinks
Trivia Master | Simon Morrison
• Silent Auctions • Games and Prizes

Bookings will be via TryBooking.
Details in School Newsletter and School's Social Facebook page

Contact Lauren 0418 580 949 for team booking instructions or to join a team

Term 2, Pizza Lunch Order Day

Thank you to families for supporting the P&FA Term 2 Lunch Order Day.

Cello's Pizzeria provided 54 pizzas for students to enjoy.

Students pictured enjoying their pizza lunch: (top l-r) Jessica, Daniel, Lewie, (bottom l-r) Sarah, Jada and Wilkie.



Community News



TERM 3, 2023 - REGISTER NOW @
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SPECIALISED CHESS COACHING

Since 2002, we have been providing our popular Chess For Schools program in schools throughout Melbourne and Greater Geelong.



'Children love attending Phil's chess classes as he actively fosters their sense of wellbeing and motivation to learn more'.

*Rob Horwood Principal,
Stella Maris Primary, Beaumaris.*

HOW CAN CHESS BENEFIT YOUR CHILD?

Educational: Improved IQ, critical thinking, concentration, analytical skills, memory.

Social: Develop new friendships, social interaction skills, sportsmanship.

Emotional: Confidence, self esteem, resilience through winning/losing games.

CLASS STRUCTURE:

Different lessons are taught each week from a structured syllabus ranging from tactics, strategies, master openings, traps & special moves. After the lesson children are paired up in a fun tournament playoff. Prizes are awarded to the top 3 players at end of term.

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CLASS DETAILS - ST MARY'S PRIMARY GEELONG

DAY	TIME	LOCATION	DATES	COST
Friday	1.50pm - 2:30 pm	Year 1/2 Topaz Classroom	21 Jul to 8 Sep	\$135 per child/per term

"Alex loves chess club and gets very upset if he misses a session. His chess has definitely improved and his teacher, Anita feels that it helps with his math in class in terms of concepts and thinking. Keep up the great work!" **Katrina Lambert: Hampton Primary School**

Community News

MELBOURNE
30 JUNE - 2 JULY
MELBOURNE CONVENTION
& EXHIBITION CENTRE

CAKE BAKE & SWEETS SHOW

50% OFF
TICKETS TO THE SWEETEST SHOW

CELEBRITY MEET & GREET
Celebrity Guests include Manu Feildel, Kirsten Tibballs, Monica Cavallaro, Tigga Mac and more...

FUN ON STAGE
Watch & learn from your favourite culinary superstars. Live cooking & baking demonstrations by celebrity chefs.

CAKE COMPETITION OF THE YEAR
Visit the "Art of Cake" competition co-hosted by ACDN, where you can view amazing works of art crafted from cake. We have categories ranging from fairy-tale, fantasy & folklore to Is it Cake where we try to fool you. Kids are encouraged to enter the cake decorating competition in our Bakemania categories.

So many exhibitors with yummy treats, exciting goods and new product launches.

Kids Zone brought to you by Bake Me Up and Cake Angels packed with face painting, fairy floss, cupcake make and take, and non-stop fun! Join us here for fun and to support an amazing charity.

Watch competitors battle it out in the Kitchen Arena to be named 'Australian Food Champion' in the Australian Qualifying Rounds of the World Food Champion.

For discounted tickets, visit www.cakebakeandsweets.com and enter the code MELEDU23 at checkout.



Music Bus lessons at St Mary's Primary School, Geelong

The Music Bus has opened their Term 3 enrolments and are inviting new students to apply.

Classes offered are:

- Keyboard (K-y6)
- Ukulele (K-y6)
- Drums (y1-y6)
- Guitar (Y2-y6)

Lessons are: 30 minute duration - once per week and held in the hi tech music classroom on wheels on our site.

Cost \$20 per week (\$22 drums) payable by the term on commencement. If you wish to take part please complete this expression of interest [Form](#) by Friday 30/6/23.

Clevon Peris, World Youth Day Support

We are excited to invite the staff, students and family of your school to a couple of fantastic movie nights being hosted at the St Mary Mackillop Church in Bannockburn over the school holidays!

They will be enjoyable, fun-filled nights with great movies, delicious pizza, and good company. We would love it if you could join us!

Date: 28th June 2023

Time: 6:00pm-8:30pm

Location: 24 High Street, Bannockburn

Movie: *Sing*

Date: 5th July 2023

Time: 6:00pm-8:30pm

Location: 24 High Street, Bannockburn

Movie: *Night at the Museum*

To make the events even more enjoyable, pizza and refreshments will be provided, but if you have any specific dietary preferences or favourite movie treats, please feel free to bring them along.

It would be wonderful to have you join us for this cinematic experience. **All proceeds go towards raising funds for four World Youth Day Pilgrims from the parish.**

Tickets are priced at \$15 each, or \$10 for primary school students, all inclusive of pizza and refreshments.

If possible, kindly RSVP for catering purposes, but don't hesitate to rock up on the night either!

If you have any questions or need further information, please don't hesitate to reach out. We are eagerly looking forward to having a wonderful time with you!

Clevon Peris contact:

clevon.peris@gmail.com



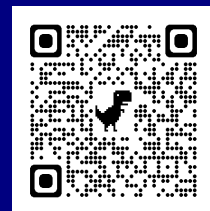
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Term 2—Week 9