



Principal News

Dear Families,

It is difficult to believe we are in Week 9 of a 10 week term! It has been an extremely smooth start to the year and Term One has been very productive and enjoyable. Thank you to everyone for their meaningful contributions.

This evening we will gather with our Year 6 students to see them fully initiated into the Catholic church through the **Sacrament of Confirmation**, celebrated by **Western Regional Bishop, Martin Ashe, Fr Jim** and **Fr Vinoth**. The candidates and their families should be very proud of their preparation since Baptism, for this important step on their Sacramental journey. Please continue to pray for these young people, that God will always be an important part of their lives.

With the ongoing success of our termly **'Lunch Order'** days, at last November's School Advisory council meeting, a suggestion of a lunch order day each week was raised. This suggestion was then taken to our Parents and Friends' Association for discussion. It was deemed that it was too much work for our school to solely undertake this initiative, so after considerable research about possible options, we have decided to trial, for two weeks, **Mano Deli** providing a lunch order service for our students. The two week trial will be on Tuesday, 28 April and Tuesday 5 May. After the trial, we will survey families and decide if this is to be an ongoing service for our school. As is always the case, lunch orders are optional, as are the menu options available for families to choose. The menu provided by Mano Deli is quite extensive and includes 'sometimes' foods as well as everyday foods. **Further information and the sign up and ordering process will be provided via nForma on Monday, 30 March** (introductory information on page 9).

The Jubilee playground is loved by all! However there continues to be a delay in having the shade cover installed. We are hopeful this will be completed over the holiday break. We are also hopeful that the redevelopment of our oval space will begin during the holidays and conclude by the end of Term 2. Tenders have closed and a decision about the company to undertake this project is currently being made. Having this large area out of bounds for the students during Term 2 means that alternative arrangements will need to be made at recess and lunch breaks. Many 'clubs' are being organised

and will be offered to students to ensure their break times are meaningful and offer social opportunities with their friends and peers. More information about these clubs will be communicated in our next newsletter.

I am currently at the Victorian Association of Catholic Primary Principals' conference. This is an opportunity for principals to gather together to hear some outstanding speakers and reflect on the important role we have as Catholic leaders in schools. Thank you to **Deborah Boland** and the leadership team for undertaking extra responsibilities in my absence and continuing to lead our great school and community.

On Monday, our **'Principals for the Day'** will be drawn. I will meet with them and communicate with families, what they would like the school to do on Thursday. There are hundreds of entries, highlighting that our students are meeting our learning and behavioural expectations.

A reminder that tickets for our annual **PFA Easter Raffle** are on sale and the winners will be drawn after our end of term, Holy Week liturgy on Thursday, 2 April. At 9:00am we will hold our Easter Bonnet Parade and the **Holy Week liturgy will begin at 12:30pm. Dismissal for the Easter break and holidays will be at 1:00pm.**

St Mary of the Angels' Parish offers many opportunities for families to be involved in Holy Week and Easter ceremonies. It would be great for you to attend and give your children these religious and faith experiences. **A list of events is on page 8.**

We wish everyone a happy, holy and safe Easter break and we look forward to seeing you on Wednesday, 22 April for the start of Term 2!

Kind regards, Annice



Annice Lappin
Principal

Please click below for School LINKS

2026 Staff Email

Family Handbook

School Website

Parent Portal
password:
mary175



Facebook:
[@St.Mary'sPrimaryGeelong](https://www.facebook.com/St.Mary'sPrimaryGeelong)



Instagram:
[stmarys_ps_geelong](https://www.instagram.com/stmarys_ps_geelong)



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.

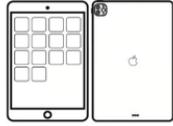


Dear Families,

This term has been marked by rich knowledge-building across all year levels, with students approaching their learning with genuine curiosity and a willingness to explore new ideas. Their inquisitive mindset has been matched by the dedication of our teaching staff, who have worked thoughtfully and tirelessly to ensure every student experiences success. It has been inspiring to see classrooms filled with purposeful learning, thoughtful questioning and a shared commitment to growth.

To share and celebrate this learning with you, we warmly invite all families to our **Open Afternoon on Wednesday 1 April, from 3:15-4:15pm**. This will be a fantastic opportunity to wander through classrooms, view a selection of student work and hear directly from your children about the projects and activities they have enjoyed throughout the term. We look forward to welcoming you and celebrating the hard work and progress of our students together.

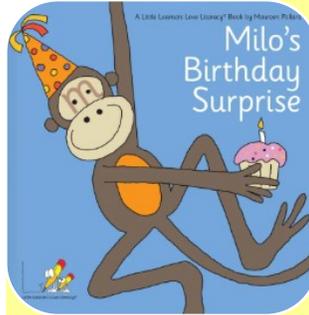
Warm regards,
Deb Boland

Example	PLAN	CREATE
	Plan your design.	What materials did you use?
		I can use...
	My digital system is _____	•
	I can use it to _____	•
		•

Year 5/6

Students from Year 5/6 will be showcasing their digital projects on either a Faith Filled Person or the Saint they have chosen as their Confirmation name. While preparing these projects, students researched online using the skills learnt in STEM sessions to ensure their information was accurate **and** reliable. Students will also be given the opportunity during this visit to give their family a classroom tour to share other work displayed in the learning spaces.

An Overview of Open Afternoon



Foundation

Throughout their first term at school, our Foundation students have been building strong early literacy skills through the **Little Learners Love Literacy** program. They have been learning to recognise letters and their corresponding sounds, including: /m/, /s/, /t/, /p/, /a/, /f/, /c/, /i/, /b/, /h/, /n/ and /o/. As their confidence has grown, students have become increasingly able to recall these sounds automatically and use them to blend and decode unfamiliar words

when reading. In the second half of the term, they have been supported to apply this knowledge to write simple words, phrases and sentences on solid lines. Students are very proud and excited to share their sentences they have been writing.

In Mathematics, students have been developing their understanding of numbers by recognising, counting and ordering collections to 10. They have created colourful caterpillar displays to represent this learning.



Year 1/2

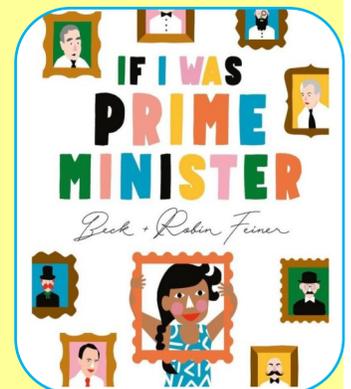
Throughout the term, students have been learning about digital technologies, digital systems and the difference between hardware and software. Students will showcase a model of a digital system that they use. Through this process, they designed and constructed this model while considering its purpose and how it functions.

Students will also share a piece of writing that they have produced after our unit on fairy tales and narrative writing. Students have focused on planning and writing a narrative with a clear beginning, middle and end while adding detail and making attempts to edit their writing.

Year 3/4

Students in Year 3/4 will be showcasing their **persuasive writing skills** using the text *If I Was Prime Minister?* by Beck and Robin Feiner as inspiration. Through this activity, students have been learning how to express their ideas clearly and support their opinions with reasons.

Students are also excited to share their **All About Me Digital Profiles** created using Google Slides during our STEM lessons. Through this project, students have been developing a range of digital skills, including adding text, changing fonts, inserting images, and organising information about themselves in a clear and creative way.



Term 2 School Calendar, 2026

Week	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
1	APR 20 SCHOOL CLOSED Staff PD Day	APR 21 SCHOOL CLOSED Staff PD Day	APR 22 Students Commence Term 2 Newsletter	APR 23 Music Bus	APR 24
2	APR 27 3:00pm School Assembly (1/2 Topaz)	APR 28 CASEA Group Session 1 MANO Deli Lunch Order Day	APR 29	APR 30 Music Bus	MAY 1 CHESS CLUB Commences
3	MAY 4 District Cross Country	MAY 5 Mothers' Day Breakfast & Liturgy CASEA Group Session 2 MANO Deli Lunch Order Day	MAY 6 Newsletter	MAY 7 PSG Meetings # 1 Music Bus	MAY 8 School Athletics Day
4	MAY 11 3:00pm School Assembly (5/6 Turquoise)	MAY 12 CASEA Group Session 3 CASEA Community Session St Mary's Student Leaders' Conference	MAY 13	MAY 14 Music Bus	MAY 15 CHESS CLUB
5	MAY 18 PSG Meetings # 2	MAY 19 CASEA Group Session 4 CASEA Co-parent Session 1, 5:00-6:00pm	MAY 20 PFA Meeting 7:00pm Newsletter	MAY 21 PFA Rolling Pin Pie Drive Delivery Music Bus	MAY 22 CHESS CLUB
6	MAY 25 3:00pm School Assembly (3/4 Garnet)	MAY 26 CASEA Group Session 5	MAY 27 NATIONAL RECONCILIATION WEEK (27/5-3/6)	MAY 28 Music Bus	MAY 29 CHESS CLUB Fresh Fruit Friday
7	JUNE 1	JUNE 2 CASEA Group Session 6	JUNE 3 Newsletter	JUNE 4 Music Bus	JUNE 5 STUDENT FREE DAY
8	JUNE 8 SCHOOL CLOSED King's Birthday PUBLIC HOLIDAY	JUNE 9 CASEA Group Session 7 CASEA Community Learning	JUNE 10 PSG Meetings # 3 SAC Meeting 7:00pm	JUNE 11 PSG Meetings # 4 Music Bus	JUNE 12 CHESS CLUB Lunch Order Day—PIZZA
9	JUNE 15	JUNE 16 P&T Conversations; 3:30-6:00pm CASEA Group Session 8	JUNE 17 P&T Conversations; 3:30-6:00pm	JUNE 18 Music Bus	JUNE 19 CHESS CLUB
10	JUNE 22 3:00pm School Assembly (Foundation Coral)	JUNE 23 MILO'S BIRTHDAY—Foundation CASEA Group Session 9 SCHOOL REPORTS available to families on Nforma Portal	JUNE 24 OPEN Classrooms; 3:15-4:15pm	JUNE 25 Music Bus	JUNE 26 End of Term 2 Students Dismissed at 1:00pm

Term 1 School Calendar, 2026

Week	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
9	MAR 23 School Cross Country (Yr 3-6)	MAR 24	MAR 25 Sacrament of Confirmation (Yr 6) 5:00pm Newsletter Billy G's Cookie Dough Delivered	MAR 26 PSG Meetings # 3 Music Bus—Final	MAR 27 Parish Mass; 10:00am Yr 1/2 & Yr 5/6 Chess Club—Final
10	MAR 30 2027 Enrolment School Tour; 9:15am 3:00pm School Assembly (5/6 Sapphire) AFL Girls	MAR 31 PFA Easter Raffle Closes	APR 1 2027 Foundation Enrolments Close Open Classrooms—Afternoon; 3:15-4:15pm	APR 2 HOLY THURSDAY End of Term 1; students dismissed 1:00pm PFA Easter Raffle Drawn Easter Bonnet Parade; 9:00am	APR 3 GOOD FRIDAY



Physical Education Participation

Student Injury Updates

If your child has an injury that will affect participation in Physical Education lessons, **please confirm and provide details in writing, by emailing, Mr Nic Coots:** ncoots@smgeelong.catholic.edu.au and your child's classroom teacher.

St Mary's School 2026 Sacramental Dates



**Sacrament of Confirmation
(Yr 6)**

Wednesday 25 March
5:00pm, St Mary's Basilica



**Sacrament of First Eucharist
(Yr 4)**

Sunday 9 August
2:30pm, St Mary's Basilica



**Sacrament of Penance
(Yr 3)**

Friday 27 November
12:00pm, St Mary's School

2026 SCHOOL DATES

Term 2
20 April to 26 June

Term 3
13 July to 18 September

Term 4
5 October to 18 December

Last day for students 15/12

2026 STUDENT FREE Days

TERM 2

Monday 20 April
Tuesday 21 April
Friday 5 June

TERM 3

Friday 14 August
Monday 17 August

TERM 4

Monday 16 November
Wednesday 16 December
Thursday 17 December

2026 SCHOOL CLOSURE Days

TERM 1

Monday 9 March; Labour Day
Friday 3 April; Good Friday

TERM 2

Monday 8 June; Monarch's Birthday

TERM 4

Monday 2 November
Tuesday 3 November; Melbourne Cup
Friday 18 December

Wellbeing



Bernie Hellard
Learning Diversity
Mental Health &
Wellbeing Leader



Nicholas Coots
Wellbeing
Leader, Physical
Education
Teacher



Alice Szeto
Provisional
Psychologist

Supporting Children Who May Struggle in the Morning

It's not unusual for children to find mornings challenging at times. Tiredness, changes in routine, worries about schoolwork or friendships can all affect how a child feels about getting up for school. These moments can be stressful for families, but they are also opportunities to support children with care and understanding.

Simple strategies can help, such as consistent bedtimes, calm morning routines, and preparing school items the night before. Offering choices (for example, what to eat for breakfast or who what to eat for lunch) can also give children a sense of control and reduce resistance.

If mornings continue to be difficult, please reach out to your child's teacher or the school for support. By working together, we can help children feel supported, understood and ready to engage in learning.

COGG Bike Crossing Feedback to the community

City of Greater Geelong School Crossing Supervisors have reported an increase in students riding their bikes across the road rather than dismounting before entering the crossing. This behaviour poses significant safety risks—not only to the students on bikes, but also to other pedestrians and the supervisors managing the crossing.

Riding through a crossing can lead to:

Reduced visibility and reaction time for both the student and approaching vehicles.

Loss of control, especially in wet weather or crowded crossing areas.

Increased risk of collisions with other students who are walking.

Confusion for drivers, who expect pedestrians—not cyclists—within the crossing space.

To maintain a safe and consistent environment across all school crossings, it is essential that **all students dismount and walk their bikes across the road** every time.

SIGNATURE TOUR 2026

12 to 21 March

Canberra to Hobart

DONATE HERE



Every dollar brings us closer to a cure.



What a fantastic opportunity welcoming **Tour de Cure Australia, Cadel Evans** and **Mark Beretta** to St Mary's School (pictured above with Captains; Sean, Lara, Olivia and Eliza).

Our students were inspired by this incredible group of riders who cycled huge distances to raise vital funds for cancer research. Beyond the ride, they shared their powerful **"Be Fit, Be Healthy"** message through an interactive presentation that had everyone buzzing with energy.

The session taught our students how small, daily habits can make a big difference in staying healthy, focusing on; being active, healthy eating, sun safety and staying connected.

Thank you to the **Tour de Cure** team for taking the time to educate and inspire our students during their journey.



St Mary's School is committed to Child Safety.

We promote the safety, wellbeing and inclusion of all children.

Italian



Jack Powell
Language
Coordinator

Ciao,

Throughout Term 1 Italian has been embedded throughout St Mary's School, in both explicit teaching in 15 minutes lessons and incidental language everyday. Students' and teachers' confidence and growth in the Italian language has allowed St Mary's School to embed the thriving stage of the program offered by the Melbourne Archdiocese Catholic Schools (MACS) through Teachers as Co-Learners (TCL).

Recently within Foundation students have been working towards asking someone's name and saying their own name.

I hope everyone has a fantastic school break. Over the school holidays, continuing the practice of incidental Italian language, such as the sign of the cross, would extremely benefit students' Italian language knowledge and fluency.

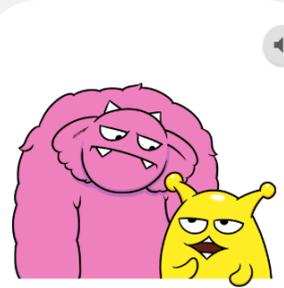
Buona vacanza!

Name question



Come ti chiami?
What's your name?

Name answer



Mi chiamo...
My name is...

Parents & Friends'

Thank You from the P&FA

Your time and generosity make a real difference to the students of St Mary's School.

If you have ideas, feedback, or would like to get more involved with the P&FA, we would love to hear from you.

The next P&FA meeting will be held at Centra (meal at own expense) 7:00pm Wednesday 20 May.

Warm regards,

St Mary's School Parents & Friends' Association

pfa@smgeelong.catholic.edu.au

EASTER EGG RAFFLE!

Please support
St Mary's School
Parents and Friends'
Association!

Enter the draw for your chance to win one of multiple chocolately, eggy prizes from Geelong's



Any Questions? Contact Simone
Shannon: ☎ 0438089906



Hurry! Ticket sales
close 31st March

Raffle drawn:
Thursday 2nd April

Tickets are \$1 each

To purchase tickets, please scan the QR code or click on the link below:

<https://www.trybooking.com/DKDHU>



School News

Rotary Quiet Achiever Award

for Foundation Students

Term 1

Congratulations to **Freddie O (F Coral)**

Thank you to Rotary Club for the generous donation of a \$30 Dizzy Toys Voucher, every term to a Foundation students who is recognised as a quiet achiever.



Congratulations to Foundation Opal Teacher, **Evie Jennings (Miss Jennings)** who was married to Michael on Friday 20 March at Swan Hill. Evie is now **Mrs Herlihy**.

2027 Foundation Student for Enrolment

The application for enrolment period is now open for students commencing school in Foundation 2027.

New families and current school families are invited to [apply for enrolment](#) via the school website.

Foundation 2027 enrolments close on **Wednesday 1 April, 2026.**



FOUNDATION 2027
Final SCHOOL TOUR in 2026
Monday 30 March, 9:15am
PLEASE CONTACT THE SCHOOL OFFICE.



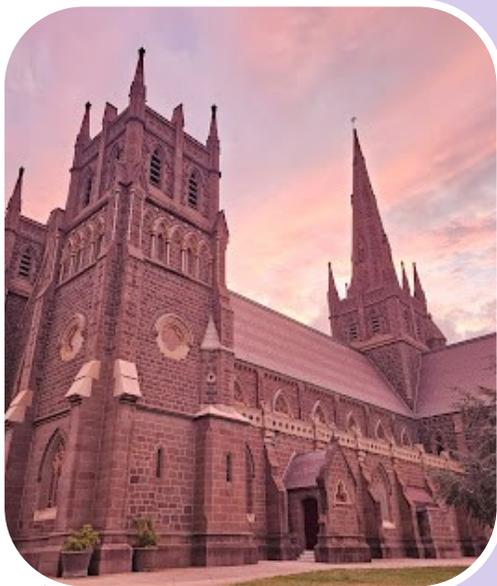
FOUNDATION 2027
Enrolments Close
Wednesday 1 April, 2026.



FOUNDATION 2027
Applicant Interview with the School Principal—by invitation.
Monday 27 April, Tuesday 28 April
Wednesday 29 April



St Mary Of The Angels Parish



BASILICA - HOLY WEEK - EASTER SCHEDULE

Sunday March 29th - Palm Sunday

Regular weekend Mass times, with the long Gospels read only at 9.30am & 11.00am Masses.

Tuesday March 30th

2nd Rite Reconciliation Service - 7.30pm.

Thursday March 2nd - Holy Thursday

- there will be no 10.00am Weekday Mass. Evening Mass (*incl. Washing of the Feet Ceremony*) - 7.30pm.

Friday April 3rd - Good Friday

Ecumenical Way of the Cross Procession - weather permitting - commences at 10.45am from Myers St (*at the old Anam Cara driveway*).

Good Friday Veneration of the Cross - Service starts in the Basilica at 3.00pm.

Saturday April 4th - Holy Saturday (daytime)

There will be no 10.00am Mass, but Reconciliation will be held at 10.30am.

Holy Saturday Vigil Mass - starts at 7.30pm with the Paschal Candle lighting ceremony just prior to Mass (*outside the front approx. 15 minutes earlier*)

Sunday April 5th - Easter Sunday Masses - 7.30am; 9.30am; 11.00am; Polish Mass at 12.30pm

CHESS CLASS DETAILS at St Mary's School

DAY: FRIDAY
TIME: 1:35-2:15pm
LOCATION: Upstairs Library
COST: \$145 per child, per term

[Chessforschools](#)



The Music Bus Enrolments

If your child wishes to join lessons in 2026, please complete the EOI link below:

<https://app.smartsheet.com/b/form/ee4627a5204c46158e1ab17e7c8069c6>

Lessons are available at school in Keyboard, Guitar, Ukulele, Drums and vocals.

Lessons will be held on a Thursday morning.

Additional info and online bookings via www.themusicbus.com.au

School Lunch Order Service

Trial in Term 2 28/4 & 5/5

MANO DELI



Spriggy Schools

WELCOME St MARY'S SCHOOL TO LUNCH ORDERS 2026!!!

*****FIRST LUNCH ORDER DAY TUESDAY 28th APRIL*****

-GO TO spriggyschools.com.au

*FIND St MARY'S SCHOOL, LITTLE MYERS ST, GEELONG

*FIND YOUR CHILD'S CLASS TO ADD YOUR CHILD

-St MARY'S LUNCH ORDERS ARE ON TUESDAY

*CUT OFF IS 12PM THE NIGHT BEFORE...

-LUNCH ORDERS DELIVERED TO YOUR CHILD ON LUNCH ORDER DAY

***PLEASE CHECK YOUR EMAILED ORDER CONFIRMATION, DAY/DATE ORDER IS PLACED FOR TO MAKE SURE YOUR CHILD'S ORDER HAS GONE THROUGH + YOU HAVE SUFFICIENT FUNDS...**

-ANY QUESTIONS OR CANCELLATIONS PLEASE CONTACT US

📍 **MANDO DELI** BEFORE 9am ON SCHOOL LUNCH ORDER DAY (03) 5222 3567

MANDO DELI 137 SHANNON AVE, MANIFOLD HEIGHTS, 3218

Spriggy Schools

The canteen has partnered with Spriggy Schools for online lunch orders!

Creating your account

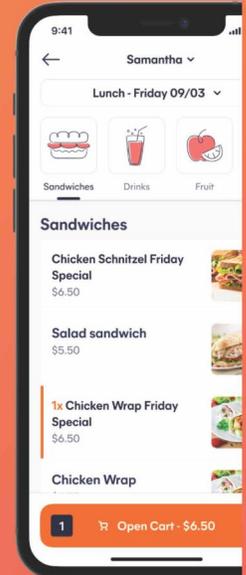
- Download the app
- Register your details
- Create a profile for each child

Placing your first order

- View the canteen menu on the home screen
- Browse the menu and tap 'Add to Cart' on any item
- Go to cart and tap 'Place Order' to confirm
- You can edit or cancel your order before the cut-off time



Download the app now!



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MANO DELI

SNACKS

HONEY JOY housemade with cornflakes and honey 3

FRESH FRUIT SALAD CUP 3.5

JAM DONUT 3.5

MUFFIN housemade berry + chocolate 4.5

CHOC CHIP COOKE housemade large choc chip cookie 4.5

COCONUT ROCKY ROAD housemade chocolate, marshmallow + coconut 4.5

BANANA BREAD housemade banana bread 4.5

NOISETTE CROISSANT fresh plain croissant 6

HOT SNACKS

TWO BEEF PARTY PIES served with tomato sauce 4

LARGE SAUSAGE ROLL served with tomato sauce 6

CHICKEN TENDERS 3 crumbed chicken tenders served on white bread + tomato sauce 7

HOT DOG Frankfurt served in a brioche hotdog bun + tomato sauce 7

CHEESEBURGER seeded brioche bun with a housemade beef patty, cheese + tomato sauce 10

FRESH SANDWICHES

FRESH SANDWICHES 3.5

-VEGEMITE

-JAM

FRESH SANDWICHES 4.5

-CHEESE + MUSTARD PICKLE

FRESH SANDWICHES 6

-HAM + CHEESE

-TOMATO, SPINACH + CHEESE

FRESH SANDWICHES 7

-ROASTED SHREDDED CHICKEN, + MAYO

-HAM, CHEESE, TOMATO, SPINACH + MAYO

-TOMATO, SPINACH, SMASHED AVOCADO + MAYO

(*ADD CHEESE .50c)

(*ADD TOMATO .50c)

(*ADD SPINACH .50c)

(*ADD LETTUCE .50c)

(*SWAP TO A SEEDED BUN 1)

(*all on thick cut Hi-Fibre/Lo-GI white bread + nuttalex)

(*GI bread option free of charge)

DELI ROLLS + SANDOS

HAM ROLL seeded brioche bun, deli ham, spinach, mustard pickle, cheese, mayo + nuttalex 10

TUNA ROLL seeded brioche bun, MD tuna mix, cos lettuce, mayo + nuttalex 10

VEGG ROLL seeded brioche bun, tomato, spinach, mustard pickle, cheese, smashed avo, mayo + nuttalex 10

HAM + CHEESE CROISSANT Noisette croissant, deli ham + cheese 10

MANDO DELI CONTI SANDO fresh white bread, mortadella, salami, cheese, spinach, mustard pickle + nuttalex 13

PLOUGH BOX LUNCHES (*GI option)

KIDS FRUIT PLOUGH BOX.1 (VB)

kids ploughman's box with apple, grapes, orange, tasty cheese, crackers, celery, carrot + cucumber sticks, hommus 10

KIDS VEGE PLOUGH BOX.2 (VB)

kids ploughman's box with vegemite sandwiches, tasty cheese, crackers, celery, carrot + cucumber sticks, hommus 12

KIDS COLD CUTS PLOUGH BOX.3

kids ploughman's box with deli ham, mild salami, tasty cheese, crackers, celery, carrot + cucumber sticks, hommus 14

*St MARY'S LUNCH ORDERS

*TUESDAYS

*PRE ORDERS VIA SPRIGGY SCHOOLS APP + PAY THE DAY BEFORE BY 12pm

MANDO DELI, 137 Shannon Ave, Manifold Heights (03) 5222 3567

Community News



GUITAR LESSONS FOR KIDS

Fun. Social. Confidence-Building.

ARPEGGIO ACADEMY

Now Enrolling - Vines Road Community Centre
Ages 7-12 | Beginners Welcome

- ✓ Small Group Classes
- 👨🏫 Experienced & Friendly Teachers
- 👍 Build Skills & Confidence



About Arpeggio Academy

Arpeggio Academy delivers modern guitar lessons built on strong classical foundations. Our structured group model develops technical fluency, music literacy, ensemble skills, and performance confidence in a focused learning environment.

- 📍 @ Vines Road Community Centre
- ✉ info@arpeggioacademy.com.au
- 🌐 arpeggioacademy.com.au



🎵 Scan to Register your child

Limited Spots Available

TERM 2 KIDS ART @ WE MADE.

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY
4:00-5:00 <u>Cardboard Cities</u> (Craft)	4:00-5:00 <u>Farm Animals</u> (Painting)	4:00-5:00 <u>Watercolour Illustrations</u> (Kids Drawing)
5:30-6:30 <u>Mythical + Magical</u> (Craft)	5:30-6:30 <u>World of Colour</u> (Painting)	5:15-6:15 <u>Dreamscapes</u> (Kids Craft)
		6:30-7:30 <u>Teens Open Studio</u>

Bookings essential via we-made.com.au/book
8 weeks beginning April 27th 2026
From \$275, Direct Debit or Pay in Full Available
Kids classes are suitable for ages 5+
Groups capped at 8 students
11 Rutland St, Newtown



Scan for more info & to book

ART CLASSES FOR KIDS

EASTER HOLIDAYS

Fun and supportive school holiday sessions for all kids.

LOCATED IN BELMONT

ZENHENHULA.COM.AU

Tuesday 7th April
10am - 11am
Sharks in the Water!
\$15pp
11.30am - 12.30pm
Kpop Demon Hunters \$20pp

Wednesday 8th April
10am - 11am
MYO Journals
\$20pp
11.30am - 12.30pm
Watercolour Dolphins \$15pp

Wednesday 8th April
5pm - 7.30pm
Pizza + Painting Pyjama Party
\$50pp

Thursday 9th April
10am - 11am
Frozen
\$15pp
11.30am - 12.30pm
Moana
\$20pp

Sunday 12th April
1.30pm - 4pm
DnD Paint + Play
\$50pp

Monday 13th April
10am - 11am
Who's That Pokemon?
\$15pp
11.30am - 12.30pm
Minecraft Making Mayhem
\$20pp

Tuesday 14th April
10am - 11.30am
Embroidery
\$20pp
11.30am - 12.30pm
Trolls
\$20pp

Tuesday 14th April
9am - 3.30pm
Code + Create: Roblox special event with iCode
Lunch included \$150
Book via icodeschool.com.au

Wednesday 15th April
9am - 3.30pm
Code + Create: Minecraft special event with iCode
Lunch included \$150
Book via icodeschool.com.au

Thursday 16th April
10am - 11am
Make Your Own Photoframe
\$20pp
11.30am - 12.30pm
Bag Charms!
\$20pp

Friday 17th April
11.30am - 12.30pm
Neon Portraits
\$20pp
11.30am - 12.30pm
Harry Potter Potions
\$20pp

Friday 17th April
5pm - 7.30pm
Pizza + Painting Pyjama Party
\$50pp



POTTERY STUDIO-EVENTS & GALLERY

School Holiday's Pottery & Craft Sessions

- Wed 8th April 10am-12pm Kids Pottery Class
- Thurs 9th April 9am-11am Kids Pottery Class
- Wed 15th April 10am-12pm Kids Pottery Class

Additional classes will be listed on these dates and other dates if these book out. Adults may book a spot for themselves to join in and make something as well. You can either stay or drop off.

\$55 per person for 2 hours. Includes clay, colours, glazes and 2 kiln firings.

To book visit the website <https://hazytales.com/events/events-calendar/>

These are a few of the other things we do at Hazy Tales Studio:
Bespoke Pottery Parties for Adults & Kids. Custom events. Hen parties.
Adult evening 'Clay & Cocktails by Candlelight'. Porcelain products & jewellery for sale.

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Community News

 Transport Victoria



Help shape the future of buses in the Geelong, Bellarine Peninsula and Bannockburn region

We want to hear from you.
Your feedback will help us plan bus services that better meet your needs.



Consultation closes on 12 April 2026.

Scan the QR code or visit engage.vic.gov.au/Geelong-Bus to have your say and find a pop-up session near you.



This project is in its planning phase and there is currently no funding for changes.

2026 Winter Basketball Season Registrations Now Open

All skill levels - All ages - New player's welcome!



Register Now at

Current Players:

<https://www.playhq.com/basketball-victoria/register/04c6d3>

New Players

<https://www.playhq.com/basketball-victoria/register/0c0540>

Season runs April through to September 2026. Registrations close 22 March 2026.

YMCA Basketball Club: 25 Riversdale Rd Newtown, Vic 3220

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Sew & Style: Fashion Accessories

For ages 9+
Learn hand and machine sewing skills while making fashion accessories.
With Simone Amethyst

MONDAY
4 - 5:30 PM
8-WEEKS
\$285



Furry Friends Art Studio

For ages 7+
Build core drawing, painting and sculpting skills by creating artworks inspired by your pet & favourite animals with Natalie Iacono & Luke Matthews

TUESDAY
4 - 5 PM
8-WEEKS
\$245



Sew & Style: Young Makers Studio

For ages 6+
A playful introduction to sewing and crafting where young creatives build foundational skills through hands-on projects using yarn, fabrics, beads, and stitching.
With Simone Amethyst

WEDNESDAY
4:15 - 5:15 PM
6-WEEKS
\$185



Character Illustration

For ages 8+
Creative drawing skills workshop, design your own characters and bring them to life.
With Melissa O'Shea

THURSDAY
4 - 5PM
8-WEEKS
\$245

 BLUEBIRD FOUNDATION INC.

Term Two Workshops 2026

Small-group, artist-led workshops in art making, illustration and sewing.

Hosted in our cosy Bluebird House studio, sessions nurture creativity, confidence and self-expression in a gentle, welcoming space.

✓ NDIS invoices available
✓ Trial sessions welcome - get in touch to find the right fit

Check out our Teen Studio class (Thursday 5:15pm), and Adult Sewing, Felted Easter Eggs and Creative Mindfulness Workshops available on our website.

We can't wait to welcome you to Bluebird House.



Enrol: bluebirdfoundationinc.org.au/workshops

TENNIS HOLIDAY CLINIC

7th, 8th & 9th April 2026

Session 1: 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM
Session 2: 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM

\$35 per day or all 3 days for \$90

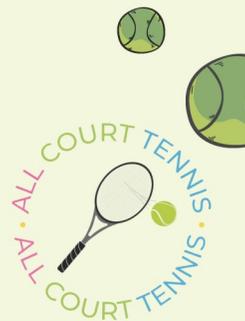
ALL AGES AND ABILITIES WELCOME

Address:

Kenwith Park Tennis Club

More information:

CONTACT NATHAN
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JUNIOR GIRLS FOOTY AT EAST GEELONG

CALLING ALL U9, U10, U12 AND U14 GIRLS.

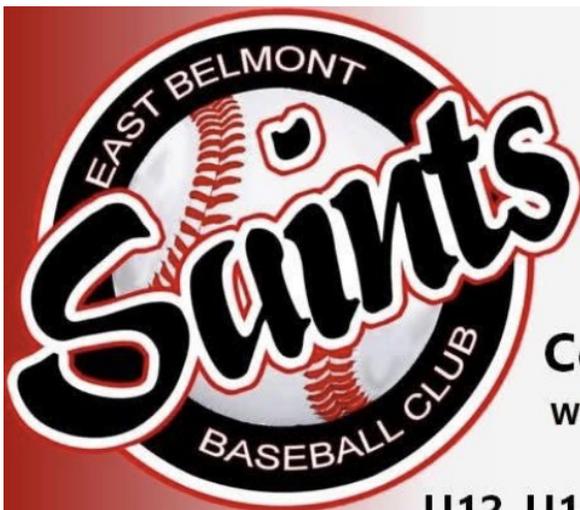
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Play Baseball

Come & Try...

When: Wednesday
25th March

U12, U14 - 4:30pm to 6:00pm

U17 - 5:00pm to 6.30pm

Boys & Girls 8yo to 16yo

Where: Geelong Baseball Centre
Diamonds 3 & 4, Pioneer Rd.
Opposite Meadowvale Drive

Games play
Saturday mornings

Contact Chris Rickard
eb saintsbc@gmail.com
Mob 0411 165 205



Community News



Join 1st Geelong Scout Group

Scouting actively engages and supports young people aged 5-25 in their personal development, empowering them to make a positive contribution to society.

Our Section meeting nights are

Cubs | ages 8-11 | Tuesday 6:30pm - 8pm

Scouts | ages 11-14 | Wednesday 6:30pm - 8pm

We meet at Geelong Try Boys' Stadium

501 Ryrie St, East Geelong

For more information or to join, please email gl.1stgeelong@scoutsvictoria.com.au



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We've got your kids covered these school holidays!

Explore our exciting range of events and activities covering literacy, STEM, social connections, and creative exploration. There is something to entertain children of all ages and interests

Bookings open two weeks before school holidays start.

All events are FREE. Scan the QR code for the list of school holiday sessions at this library on our website, including any booking information.



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2026 SCHOOL TOURS March & April

Book a guided tour of Geelong High School, view classes, ask questions and experience what Geelong High School has to offer.

Available on Mondays and Wednesdays at 11:30am throughout March & April

Please contact the school on (03) 5225 4100.

2027 ACCELERATED LEARNING PROGRAM

Applications Now Open

Geelong High School's Accelerated Learning Program is a great opportunity for Grade 6 students who are looking for extra challenge in Years 7-9.

How Do I Apply?

Grade 6 students looking to be accepted into the GHS Accelerated Learning Program should apply by visiting our school website and downloading an application form. Applications close in Term 2 but students can apply at any time from January.

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