



# St Mary's Primary School

We aspire, we include, we achieve.

Newsletter # 6 | 17 April 2024



## News from the Principal

**Annice Lappin**  
Principal

Dear Families,

Welcome back! I hope everyone had a relaxing and enjoyable school holiday break and that you were able to celebrate Easter with family and friends. As we begin Term 2, I look forward to a productive eleven weeks, filled with learning, fun and many engaging, school community activities. Classroom teachers will send home learning overviews this week and a student progress report will be emailed home at the end of the term. Please discuss your child's learning with them and encourage them to achieve their best.

The last day of Term 1 was very exciting with **Ollie M** and **Jaco** leading our school as principals for the day. They led the school beautifully and also drew the winners of the Easter Raffle. Congratulations to the winners; The Bentley Family (Archie and Arabella), The Flanders Family (Maci) and the McMahan Family (Maisie). Thank you to everyone who purchased tickets and thank you to **Simone Shannon**, **Teonie Humphrey** and **Angela McMahan** from the P&FA who organised this fundraising event. The raffle raised approximately \$800.

This week, four additional shade sails are being installed along the east side of our grassed space. Once these are installed, some physical education storage sheds will be installed, making it easier for sporting equipment to be accessed.

This term, St Mary's School will undertake a school review, reviewed by an external reviewer employed by Melbourne Archdiocese Catholic Schools (MACS). Throughout Term 1, all documentation was prepared and forwarded to our reviewer. In week 3, the school reviewer will visit our school and speak with many members of our school community to gauge a 'real life' understanding of what makes our school the school it is. Towards the end of this term we will be provided with a reviewer report and from this, new goals and targets for the next four years will be created.

Next Wednesday, our annual **School Athletic Sports day** will be held. Thank you to the families

who have already offered their assistance on the day. Without the generous assistance of so many people, whole school events like these are not possible. If you are able in a position to offer any help, please contact our Physical Education teacher, **Nicholas Coots**.

This year we have partnered with **Steigen** to provide families with the opportunity to purchase socks at 'event pricing' at our athletics event at



Landy Field. The **Steigen Van** will be onsite from 11:00am until 1:00pm for sock purchases. Please note that to ensure student safety, only adults will be able to access the onsite Steigen Van.

From now until 26 April, correct Summer or Winter Uniform may be worn. From 29 April the expectation is that all students will be in the correct Winter uniform, including correct socks and shoes. Hats must continue to be worn by students until 1 May. Please support your child by ensuring they leave home each morning, in their full, correct uniform, which is clean and in good repair. Students must present a note, written by a parent/guardian in the event that they are not wearing the correct school uniform, on a particular day.

The next Parents & Friends' meeting will be held on Wednesday, 1 May at 7:00pm at the Centra Hotel. Everyone is welcome to attend.

A reminder that St Mary's School has an official Facebook Page and Instagram Account. For photos and updates on student learning and events, please "Like" our [Facebook](#) page and "Follow" our [Instagram](#) page.

Thank you to our followers for liking our posts and consistently leaving positive comments.

Wishing everyone a wonderful Term 2!

*Kind Regards,*  
**Annice Lappin**



ST MARY'S SCHOOL IS COMMITTED TO PROVIDING A SAFE, NURTURING AND EMPOWERING CULTURE FOR ALL CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE.

## CALENDAR

### TERM 2

#### Week 1

**Thursday 18 April**  
**2025 School Tour; 9:15am**

**Friday 19 April**  
**2025 Foundation Enrolments (New Families) CLOSE**

#### Week 2

**Wednesday 24 April**  
**School Athletics Day, Landy Field**

**Thursday 25 April**  
**ANZAC DAY, School Closed**

#### Week 3

**Monday 29 April**  
**School Assembly, 3:00 pm**  
*Gates Open 2:55 pm (1/2 Topaz)*

**Tuesday 30 April**  
**School Review**

**Wednesday 1 May**  
District AFL & Soccer  
**PFA Meeting, Centra Hotel, 7:00 pm**

#### Week 4

**Monday 6 May**  
Baptism Preparation Program

**Tuesday 7 May**  
**Mother's Day Breakfast, 8:15am**  
**Liturgy 8:50am**

*See Page 3 for full T2 calendar*

**2024 School STAFF Email List**

Follow the [link](#)



**FAMILY HANDBOOK**

Scan the QR Code or follow the [link](#)



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

**Marie Monea**  
*Deputy Principal*

Dear Families,

Benvenuti! It is Term 2!

Next Wednesday is our annual **School Athletics Day**. Important information about this much anticipated event includes;



### BEFORE SCHOOL

- Students wear their sport uniform on this day - house coloured t-shirts can be worn
- Apply sunscreen - students will be encouraged to reapply sunscreen during the day

Students can bring a smaller back pack (or use school bags) to carry **healthy snacks, lunch and a bottle filled with water**



### AT SCHOOL

- Entry to learning spaces will be from 8:30am - aim to arrive at school by 8:45am
- The **school hat** must be worn - hats will be placed on student desks on Tuesday afternoon
- All classes will be ready at 8:55am, leaving for Landy Field at 9:00am sharp
- Late arrivals after 8:50am must report to administration - parents/carers/guardians will be responsible for taking their child to Landy Field if their class has already left the school's grounds



### DURING THE DAY AT LANDY FIELD

- Foundation students sit together as a cohort group
- Years 1-6 students sit in their house groups - **Mannix, Mercy** or **McAuley**
- Foundation - Year 2 students participate in their scheduled activities in year level / class groups
- Year 3 - Year 6 students participate in their scheduled events in age groups
- For adults, a coffee van is available for purchases at own cost
- A First Aid station, led by school staff, is available throughout the day
- The timetable for the day is a guide only - announcements are made throughout the day



### CHILD SAFETY - IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR FAMILIES

- **Parent Helpers:** Adults who are assisting with the day's events must provide a copy of their valid Working with Children card to administration, prior to the day
- **Student Sign In:** Students meeting their class at Landy Field must be signed in using the school's VPASS QR Code by a parent/carer/guardian
- **Student Sign Out:** Students who do not return to school with their class (12:45pm for F-2 students and 2:40pm for 3-6 students) must be signed out using the school's VPASS QR Code by a parent/carer/guardian

**F-2 students who remain at Landy Field after 12:45pm will be supervised by their parent/carer/guardian**

Foundation - Year 2: Athletics Day Timetable		Year 3 - Year 6: Athletics Day Timetable	
9:30am - 10:00am	<i>View 3-6 Sprints</i>	9:30am-10:00am	3-6 Sprints
10:00am - 10:30am	F-2 Sprints	10:00am-10:30am	<i>View F-2 Sprints</i>
10:30am - 10:40am	Preschool Race & House Chants	10:30am - 10:40am	Preschool Race & House Chants
10:40am - 12:40pm	<b><u>F-2 Rotation: including relays</u></b>	10:40am - 1:20pm	<b><u>3-6 Field Events</u></b>
12:45pm	F-2 classes depart Landy Field, by bus	1:20pm - 1:40pm	Lunch
		1:40pm - 2:20pm	3-6 Shuttle Relays
		2:20pm-2:40pm	Announcements & Clean Up
		2:40pm	3-6 classes walk to St Mary's School, following the planned walking route

Thanking all staff and parent helpers for their work in providing a fun-filled day for all students. We look forward to showcasing a spirit of community, participation and encouragement.

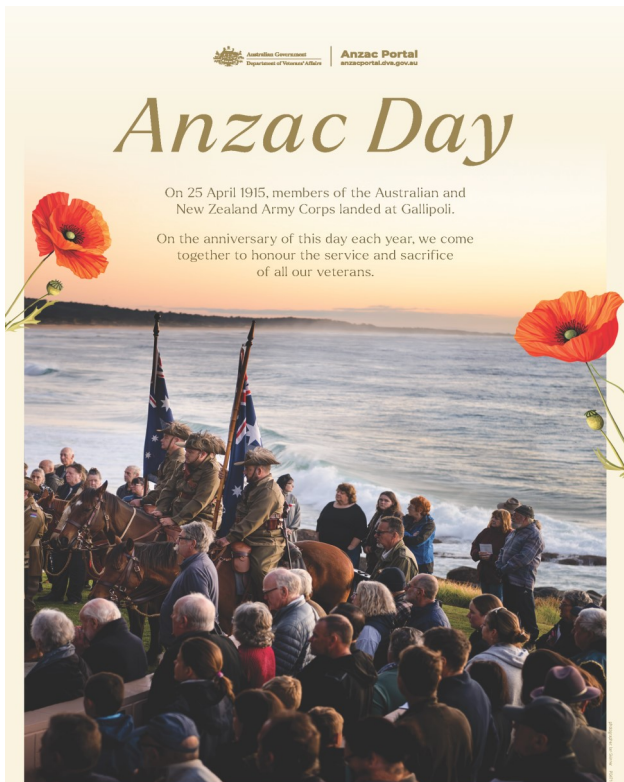
**Cari Saluti, Marie Monea**

## Term 2 School Calendar, 2024



Wk	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
1	APR 15	APR 16	APR 17 District Cross Country <i>Newsletter Day</i>	APR 18 9:15am 2025 School Tour	APR 19 <b>2025 Foundation Enrolments (New Families) CLOSE</b>
2	APR 22	APR 23 PFA Uniform Orders Filled PSG Meetings	APR 24 School Athletics Day, Landy Field 	APR 25 Anzac Day <b>SCHOOL CLOSED</b>	APR 26
3	APR 29 3:00pm School Assembly (1/2 Topaz)	APR 30 School Review	MAY 1 District AFL & Soccer <i>Newsletter Day</i> 7:00pm Parents & Friends' Meeting, <b>CENTRA HOTEL</b>	MAY 2	MAY 3
4	MAY 6 Baptism Preparation Program 	MAY 7 <b>Mother's Day Breakfast at 8:15am &amp; Liturgy 8:50am</b> PFA Uniform Orders Filled	MAY 8 District Netball School Review	MAY 9	MAY 10 School Review
5	MAY 13 3:00pm School Assembly (3/4 Onyx)	MAY 14	MAY 15 <i>Newsletter Day</i>	MAY 16 Year 5 Faith Formation Evening; 6:00pm to 7:00 pm  PSG Meetings	MAY 17 Baptism Preparation Program  <b>FRESH FRUIT FRIDAY</b>
6	MAY 20	MAY 21 PFA Uniform Orders Filled	MAY 22	MAY 23	MAY 24
7	MAY 27 3:00pm School Assembly (5/6 Turquoise) Baptism Preparation Program 	MAY 28	MAY 29 <i>Newsletter Day</i> School Advisory Council Meeting; 7:00pm <b>1/2 PEARL—Parent &amp; Teacher Conversations; 3:30 -6:00pm</b>	MAY 30 PSG Meetings	MAY 31
8	JUNE 3 Baptism Preparation Program 	JUNE 4 PFA Uniform Orders Filled School Review	JUNE 5	JUNE 6	JUNE 7 <b>STUDENT FREE DAY</b>
9	JUNE 10 King's Birthday Public Hol. <b>SCHOOL CLOSED</b>	JUNE 11	JUNE 12 <i>Newsletter Day</i> PFA Meeting; 7:00pm ZOOM PSG Meetings	JUNE 13 Languages Celebration Day LUNCH ORDER DAY PIZZA 	JUNE 14
10	JUNE 17 <b>Parent &amp; Teacher Conversations; 3:30-6:00pm</b>	JUNE 18 PFA Uniform Orders Filled <b>Parent &amp; Teacher Conversations; 3:30-6:00pm</b>	JUNE 19	JUNE 20	JUNE 21
11	JUNE 24 3:00pm School Assembly (Foundation Opal)	JUNE 25 School Reports sent to families	JUNE 26 <i>Newsletter Day</i> <b>Open Classrooms; 3:30pm—4:30 pm</b> 	JUNE 27	JUNE 28 School Dismissal 1:00pm <b>PRINCIPAL FOR A DAY</b>

## School News



**ST MARY'S PARISH is having an Anzac Day Mass on Thursday, 25 April at 9:00am.**

**All St Mary's School families are invited to attend.**

There will be a wreath laying part of the Mass, where representatives are invited to lay a wreath.

If you would like to lay a St Mary's School wreath, please email Annice, [principal@smgeelong.catholic.edu.au](mailto:principal@smgeelong.catholic.edu.au) as soon as possible.



Thank you to all the St Mary's School families for participating in **Project Compassion**, during the season of Lent.

**Students:**  
Please return all **Project Compassion** boxes to your class teacher by **Friday, 26 April.**

Thank you.

## State Title for Evelyn

**EVELYN SOLDANI** (1/2 Topaz) had a very successful school holidays and won a **state title** for calisthenics in the NE 7 Year Division 1, State Championships.

This competition was held on Saturday, 13 April and Evelyn danced so beautifully. She absolutely loves her dance and worked so hard to get to the top for this competition!

Congratulations Evelyn.

## Foundation 2025 Enrolment

# Foundation 2025

**Enrolments OPEN 26 February 2024**

**Enrolments CLOSE:**

**Current School Families 27 March 2024**

**New School Families 19 April 2024**

### SCHOOL TOUR DATES:

Tuesday 27 February, 2024 | 9:15 am

Monday 18 March, 2024 | 9:15 am

Thursday 18 April, 2024 | 9:15 am

**ST MARY'S PRIMARY SCHOOL 66-68 Lt Myers Street, Geelong**

Tour bookings open 30 January | Book your school tour at:  
[www.smgeelong.catholic.edu.au/enrolments](http://www.smgeelong.catholic.edu.au/enrolments)



### Enrolment Process

**CURRENT SCHOOL FAMILIES (Siblings)**

**First Round Offers COMPLETED**

**Enrolment Interviews Monday 13 May**

*Link will be sent*

Current Families at the school **DO NOT** pay a \$50 non-refundable **application** for enrolment deposit.

**NEW SCHOOL FAMILIES**

**Enrolment Interviews**

**Friday 19 April  
Tuesday 23 April**

*Link to book will be sent when application and enrolment deposit received*

**First Round Offers 24 April**

New Families to the school pay a \$50 non-refundable **application** for enrolment deposit.

**Enrolment Form**

*Hardcopy Enrolment Forms available at the school office.*

**Book a School Tour**

# Parents' & Friends' Association



# 2024

Fundraising at St Mary's School is due to the generous support of our Community - thank you!

The P&FA coordinates the second hand uniform shop to recycle school uniform clothes providing low cost options for families and reducing waste

- Any unwanted items in good condition are gratefully accepted
- All second hand uniform requests: [pfauniforms@smgeelong.catholic.edu.au](mailto:pfauniforms@smgeelong.catholic.edu.au)

## *Over the last few years, the P&F have...*

- Donated \$10,000 to the school to aide in the purchase of the new equipment shed by Parish gate.
- Donated \$2,000 to STEM resources.
- Donated \$2,500 to the Stephanie Alexander Kitchen Garden Program.
- Provided \$10,000 of funds per year for the school to use for learning and resources.
- Organised meals and relief for families in need in our school community.
- Helped facilitate Fresh Fruit Fridays with the generous support of East Fruit.
- Contributed a portion of the cost of the Year 6 Polo Tops.
- Assisted with Lunch Order Fridays.
- Provided food for the annual Foundation Parent Evenings, so that new School parents can meet and greet teachers and other parents.
- Supported or planned many great Community events for the school, such as the Parents' social night at Beav's Bar, Trivia Night, Bunnings BBQ, Easter eggs for students, World Teachers' Day, School Colour Run Picnic, and other great things.
- This year, 2024, we are looking to support the school for a revamp of the oval and basketball court surfaces, and a bigger TV screen to improve visibility at Assembly.

## St Mary's School Parents & Friends' Association

The Parents and Friends' Association coordinates the **SECOND HAND UNIFORM SHOP** to recycle school uniform clothes providing low cost options for families and reducing waste. Any unwanted items in good condition and washed are gratefully accepted.

For second hand uniform requests, contact: [pfauniforms@smgeelong.catholic.edu.au](mailto:pfauniforms@smgeelong.catholic.edu.au)

**PAYMENT for items can be made via EFTPOS or EFT Bank Transfer, CASH is no longer accepted.**

ORDER TIMELINES	Orders Due	Orders Filled	Order to be collected by <i>(if not collected by families the item will be returned to stock)</i>
	Monday 22 April	Tuesday 23 April	Friday 26 April
Monday 6 May	Tuesday 7 May	Friday 10 May	



ST MARY'S SCHOOL  
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### Parents & Friends' Association Second Hand Uniforms

#### Price List

ALL POLO TOPS	\$5.00
PLAIN PANTS	\$5.00
PLAIN SHORTS	\$5.00
SPORT SHORTS WITH LOGO	\$5.00
SUMMER DRESS	\$10.00
WINTER KILT	\$10.00
WINTER PINAFORE	\$15.00
WOOLLEN JUMPER	\$15.00
SHELL JACKET	\$15.00
RUGBY TOP	\$15.00
HAIR SCRUNCHIE	\$1.00
SCHOOL BEANIE	\$5.00
SCHOOL HAT	\$5.00
SCHOOL BAG	\$5.00

For information or queries, please email:  
[pfauniforms@smgeelong.catholic.edu.au](mailto:pfauniforms@smgeelong.catholic.edu.au)

Payment via EFTPOS or bank transfer.  
St Mary's Primary School Project Fund | BSB: 083-347 | Account Number: 647087522 | Reference: NAME  
**PLEASE NOTE, CASH CAN NO LONGER BE ACCEPTED**



## Community News



**Bay Leaf Community Kitchen** provides fresh meals and hampers to more than 100 families per week

We rely on donations to continue our valuable work and ask if you are able to spare as little as \$2.50 per week via a recurring payment, or any amount that you can spare. We will use 100% of this donation to help feed healthy and nutritious meals to Geelong families as well as love, guide and support families in crisis situations. Any donation above \$2 is tax deductible

### Our bank details are as follows:

Account Name: Bay Leaf Kitchen

BSB: 633000

Account Number: 168394740

Please email us at [admin@bayleafkitchen.com.au](mailto:admin@bayleafkitchen.com.au) when you commence your payments or make a donation so that we can identify the payment and send you a receipt.

[www.bayleafkitchen.com.au](http://www.bayleafkitchen.com.au)



### St Bernard's Church Annual BOOK FAIR - Sun 5<sup>th</sup> May Clairvaux School Hall, Reynolds Rd. Belmont : 8am to 2pm

Come along & browse through a huge selection of quality pre-loved books - fiction, non-fiction & children's - all at **bargain prices**.

Jigsaw puzzles, board games, DVDs & CDs & Scrumptious Scene Stall. *Something for everyone.*

## GEELONG YOUTH AWARDS



**Nominations are now open for young people aged 12-25 who live, work, learn or play in Greater Geelong for the 2024 Geelong Youth Awards.**

The Geelong Youth Awards aim to recognise and celebrate young people and volunteers who have made or who are currently making significant contributions in the areas of leadership, innovation, cultural awareness, community work, sport, arts, music, and youth development.

### Nominate Now:

Visit [www.geelongaustralia.com.au/youthawards](http://www.geelongaustralia.com.au/youthawards) to submit your nominations. Let's highlight the amazing work being done by our young people!



## dal Café & Catering

### Casual positions available

Preparation & presentation of quality finger food/Barista, experience preferred.

Excellent communication and customer service skills

Undergo NDIS Worker Screening Check (Mandatory)

This position also involves supporting, supervising & training people with disability to develop their hospitality skills.

**Casual positions available for immediate start Monday to Friday. Award rates apply.**

**Send your application to Dana:**  
[dkordic@dal.org.au](mailto:dkordic@dal.org.au)

## 2024 Staff Email List

Follow the [link](#)



## Family Handbook

Scan the QR Code or follow the [link](#)



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**Twitter:**  
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**School Website:**  
[www.smgeelong.catholic.edu.au](http://www.smgeelong.catholic.edu.au)

**Parent Portal** password -  
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