



# St Mary's Primary School

We aspire, we include, we achieve.

Newsletter # 12 | 26 July 2023



## News from the Principal

Dear Families,

I am currently in Queenscliff, enjoying a camp experience with our Year 3/4 students and the teachers. Everyone has been fully immersed in the first day of activities and we all look forward to this evening's activities and our visit to Fort Queenscliff tomorrow. Thank you to the teachers and staff for facilitating this enriching experience for the benefit of the 3/4 students. A reminder for 3/4 families that **Friday 28 July will be a 3/4 student free day** to acquit staff time in lieu for overnight camp attendance.

Last Friday, our Foundation students enjoyed celebrating their 100 days of school. They came dressed as if they were '100' years old and they all looked fabulous! They made '100 days brighter' crowns, a '100 fruit loop' necklace and they participated in a chocolate treasure hunt - looking for 100 chocolates. Each child received a certificate and photo to take home as a memento. Thank you to all the families for their fantastic centenarian outfits and thank you to the teachers and staff for creating such a memorable day. We are very proud of our Foundation students. They are wonderful young people and we look forward to watching these students continue to blossom throughout their many future hundreds of days at school.

Early Monday morning, **Mr Jack Flynn-French** embarked on his **World Youth Day** experience, travelling from Melbourne to Rome. Here Jack will be immersed in the emerging leaders course with MACS. From Rome, Jack will travel to Assisi, continuing his pilgrimage. He will then travel on to Lisbon in Portugal where he will join approximately one million other pilgrims to celebrate World Youth Day. Jack was given a lovely send-off by the whole school last Friday afternoon and the students extended their hands and blessed Jack for his journey as a prayer was said. As Jack sends photos through to me, I will post them on social media so we can follow Jack on his pilgrimage.

A reminder that the raffle for the 10Kg will be drawn on Wednesday 2 August, our Parish Feast Day, straight after our whole school Mass. Tickets will be available for purchase until Monday, 31 July. If you require any additional tickets, please contact the school office.

There is still time to register by Monday 31 July, via the Operoo eform, for the school's online information session on **Understanding Anxiety and Stress Management in Children**.

Kind Regards, Annice Lappin



## Upcoming Dates in 2023

### TERM 3

#### Week 3

**Wednesday 26 July—Thursday 27 July**  
Year 3/4 Camp

**Friday 28 July**

**Year 3/4 STUDENT FREE DAY**

#### Week 4

**Monday 31 July**

**Whole School Assembly at 3:00 pm**  
Year 1/2 Topaz. Gates open 2.55 pm

**Wednesday 2 August**

Parish Feast Day Celebrations

#### Week 5

**Wednesday 9 August**

Year 3/4 Attending Parish Mass, 10:00 am  
**ANXIETY INFORMATION SESSION, 7:00 pm**, online webinar for school families.

**Friday 11 August**

Foundation Excursion, Werribee Zoo

**Sunday 13 August**

Sacrament of First Eucharist (Year 4 participating students), 2:30 pm

#### Week 6

**Monday 14 August**

**Whole School Assembly at 3:00 pm**  
Foundation. Gates open 2.55 pm

**Wednesday 16 August**

Year 5/6 Excursion—Scienceworks

**Thursday 17 August**

**Book Week Parade, Atrium 9:00 am**

**Friday 18 August**

Fresh Fruit Friday

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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,

Next **Wednesday, 2 August**, we will celebrate our **Parish Feast Day**, with **school-based** activities. It will be a day of celebration and thanksgiving for our great Parish.

**All students are required to wear their Sport Uniform on this day.**

### THE SCHOOL BASED CELEBRATION DAY WILL INCLUDE:



#### PARISH MASS AT 10:00AM

Staff and students will be attending the Parish Mass on this day. Families are warmly welcome to join us.



#### SAUSAGE SIZZLE LUNCH

As a lunchtime treat, a **sausage in white bread** will be offered to students. Students are encouraged to pack their usual lunch box on this day.

**We thank families with children who have dietary requirements, to pack their own treat.**



#### HOUSE ACTIVITIES

After recess, students will gather in House Groups and participate in;

- **Tabloid Sports:** structured games outside
- **STEM Challenge:** build a church
- **Art Challenge:** 3D creations



Fr Jaycee

The Feast Day celebrations continue on **Sunday, 6 August (10:30am to 12:30pm)**, with a **Parish-led** celebration day. After the 9:30am Mass or 11:00am Mass, parishioners and school families are invited to gather at the Parish Office Centre for a BBQ, raffle and face painting. All activities on offer will be free of charge. The raffle will be drawn at 12:30pm.

On this day, the St Mary's Parish will also **farewell Fr Jaycee**. Fr Jaycee joined our Parish community as Assistant Priest at the end of 2021. We thank Fr Jaycee for his religious leadership, the relationships he formed with staff and students and his active interest in our school.

We wish Fr Jaycee the very best of wishes and God's blessings as he embarks on his next chapter in his life of service to God at St Patrick's Cathedral.



Lastly, our Year 4 students are currently preparing for the **Sacrament of First Eucharist**. This celebration will take place on **Sunday, 13 August at 2:30 pm**.

Members of the school's choir have also been invited to attend the First Eucharist Mass and will sing a reflection song. We thank families for supporting this initiative.

*Cari Saluti, Marie Monea*



## SAVE THE DATE

**Saturday 2 September**  
**PFA Bunnings BBQ**  
 Warrn Ponds  
*Volunteers required, details on page 5.*



## 10kg Cadbury Chocolate PFA RAFFLE

Thank you to families who have supported the PFA Raffle. All tickets and cash are due to the school office by **Monday 31 July**, to be in the draw on **Wednesday 2 August**.

## TERM 3 Key Dates

### 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 <b>** Parish Mass, Sausage Sizzle, House Activities—Students wear Sport Uniform</b>

### Week 5

Wednesday 9 August	Year 3/4 attending Parish Mass; 10:00am
Wednesday 9 August	Anxiety Family Information Session; 7:00pm - Facilitated by <b>Strength Psychology</b>
Friday 11 August	Foundation Excursion Werribee Zoo
Sunday 13 August	<b>Sacrament of First Eucharist</b> (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

Wednesday 23 August	District Athletics <b>**UPDATED DATE**</b>
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### 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	<b>Father's Day Breakfast; 8:15am</b>
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	<b>Open Doors Wonder of Living Enrichment Sessions</b> (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**



## 100 Days of Foundation



Foundation students had a delightful time celebrating 100 days of learning last Friday. In honour of this achievement, we all dressed up as if we were 100 years old, made special '100 Days of School' headbands, crafted necklaces using 100 fruit loops, and searched for 100 chocolates in a hunt. We are so proud of student progress over the past 100 days, and we are looking forward to the next semester of wonderful growth and exciting learning experiences.

**Miss Kat and Mrs T**



A webinar for  
St Mary's School  
Parents/Carers/Guardians

## Understanding Anxiety & Stress Management in Children

We welcome:



**Jesse Diggins**

Child & Adolescent Psychologist  
Director - Strength Psychology  
Co-Director - Psychs in Schools



**Danielle Spencer**

Provisional Psychologist  
St Mary's School



**Wednesday  
9th August, 2023**

**7:00PM - 8:00PM  
ONLINE WEBINAR**



Register via the Operoo eForm (from Thursday 13/7/2023)  
The webinar link will be sent via Operoo on the day of the event to registered families



## St Mary's School Parents &amp; Friends' Association News



Hi everyone,

On **Saturday 2 September**, St Mary's is lucky enough to be running the sausage sizzle at Bunnings, Waurn Ponds!

Last year we raised over \$2,800 and this presents another great opportunity to raise funds to help support the education of our children at our school. We are very much looking forward to what will be a productive yet fun day and are seeking assistance from the school community in three ways.

1. **Volunteers to cook:** we will need volunteers to cook, serve and sell sausages on the day. Volunteer slots will be split into 2-hour blocks starting at 7:30am throughout the day until 5:00pm. As always, first in best dressed and if you can donate some time, please register [here](#) or contact me to be manually added. Feel free to find a friend and sign up for the same slot!
2. **Donations:** We will be seeking donations of key items like sauce, mustard, bottles of water and cans of soft drink - every bit helps! We will share more details as to how you can donate these items, shortly.
3. **Come along:** Please bring your friends and family down to Bunnings Waurn Ponds on **Saturday 2 September** and buy a sausage or two! We look forward to seeing you there!

There will be more communications in the coming weeks however please feel free to give me a text or call if you have any questions.

**Thanks in advance for your support!**

Ben Doyle  
0435 387668



## Community News



*Zoe Kennedy Tribute Match*

# NEWTOWN & CHILWELL

VERSUS

# BELL PARK

Saturday 5th August 2023  
Elderslie Reserve, Newtown

Logos: AFL, Barwon, Victorian Football League

## Zoe Kennedy Tribute Match

Click here to purchase Zoe Kennedy Foundation 'inhale/exhale' beanies, scarves, raffle tickets, or view auction item for the day.



[DONATE HERE](#)



## JOIN THE PARTY

**NAB AFL AUSKICK, MORE THAN FOOTBALL**

A 6-week party full of fun and footy! Every week come down to your centre for new parties as part of your session!

[REGISTER NOW](#)

Logos: nab, AFL Auskick, Geelong Cats

## JOIN THE PARTY

AFL Victoria are running an **All Girls Auskick** alongside the Geelong Cats at Highton Reserve.

**Commencing Wednesday 2 August, 4:00pm-5:00pm.**

It is a great opportunity for any girl wishing to give football a go and have a bit of fun after school.

The season will run for 6 weeks and there are a lot of fun activities planned, including visits from AFLW Players.



## Community News

### ST MARY'S PARISH FEAST DAY & FAREWELL FOR FR JAYCEE

**SUNDAY 6 AUGUST**

**10:30am – 12:30pm**

Come and celebrate at any of our Sunday Masses and afterwards pop over to the Parish Office Centre (150 Yarra Street - outside Café Light) for a free BBQ from 10:30am - 12:30pm. We also have a free entry Raffle. You have to be there to grab a winning ticket/prize. (Raffle drawn at 12:30pm).

And we have free face painting for the kids (and the kids at heart) during that time.

A time to come together socially, wish each other well, and give our regards to Fr Jaycee... and also eat a bit of his farewell cake as well

If the weather is inclement we will move it all into the Café & Pioneer Room areas.



An Invitation to people in the Bellarine Peninsula to come together for prayer and worship as we celebrate the feast of the Transfiguration of Jesus

Santa Casa  
33 Flinders Street Queenscliff  
Saturday, 5 August 2023, at  
2:30pm followed by a cuppa at  
3:30pm.

Please arrive a little earlier so we can begin on time and contact Lizzie to register  
0418 194 261 or via  
[santacasa@ismapng.org.au](mailto:santacasa@ismapng.org.au)

**Future gatherings in 2023:**  
**7 October**  
**9 December.**



Community driven projects to protect and enhance the environmental values of the Bellarine

[See their website for educational resources:](#)

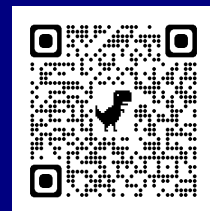
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Aged 7-22? Do you play violin, viola, cello or double bass?

Any week is Come & Try Week at Bay City Strings.

Bay City Strings has been the home for Geelong's young strings players for more than 30 years. We nurture and inspire young musicians to reach their full potential in a fun and friendly environment.

Would you like to join Bay City Strings? You can join at any time.

We rehearse at St Joseph's College from 4.30-6.00pm each Friday during term with a snack-break mid-way and we are looking for string players of all abilities. We perform a concert at the end of each term.



AMEB grades are a guide to our levels:

Our ensembles cover Preliminary to Grade 2, Grades 3 to 5, and Grades 6+.

A late starter? Don't think you will be the little ones - students are placed in ensembles with consideration to social age as well as musical level and the music is adjusted to suit your level.

Cost: \$165 each term, discount available for families

Any questions, please contact Rachel Anderson 0400 642 328 or email [bcnews@outlook.com](mailto:bcnews@outlook.com)



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[stmarys\\_ps\\_geelong](https://www.instagram.com/stmarys_ps_geelong)

#### Twitter:

[@StMarysPS3220](https://twitter.com/StMarysPS3220)

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[www.smgeelong.catholic.edu.au](http://www.smgeelong.catholic.edu.au)

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Term 3—Week 3