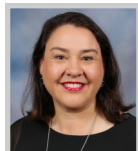




St Mary's Primary School

We aspire, we include, we achieve.

Newsletter # 16 | 4 October 2023



News from the Principal

Dear Families,

It has been lovely to welcome everyone back to St Mary's School for Term 4! It was great to speak with many students as they entered the school grounds over the past few days. Many were able to share their holiday experiences with delight and joy.

Our last day of Term 3 saw **Lucia** (3/4 Onyx) and **Harry** (5/6 Turquoise) as our Principals for a Day. This was the first time having two principals and it was a great success. Two principals will now be drawn at the end of each term, having been a request of a number of students to enable more students the opportunity to enjoy the experience. Both Lucia and Harry were very popular choices and they granted the students the opportunity to dress in their favourite team's colors, enjoy extra play and have a Zooper Dooper. The Principals for a Day initiative is very popular among the students and each term, there are hundreds of entries, earned by students for safe, responsible and respectful behaviour.

For the first two weeks of this term, students can wear either their correct Summer or Winter Uniform. From **Monday, 16 October**, all students will be expected to wear their correct Summer Uniform. Socks are to be plain navy, plain white or have the school logo, please refer to the [uniform policy](#) for the particulars. Socks with commercial brands are not acceptable. A reminder that St Mary's School hats must be worn from 1 September until 1 May. Please assist your child/ren to attend school each day in their correct school uniform.

School fees assist the school to provide learning experiences, technology and resources for all students. Thank you to all families who ensure their school fees are paid and up to date. In reviewing fees received to date, we have a number of families who are not up to date or not on a payment plan. Fee statements have been sent home today and if you are behind, or not on a payment plan, your urgent attention would be appreciated. We would appreciate all accounts

to be at a zero balance, by the end of November. Moving forward, if you are not on a payment plan, you will be contacted to arrange this.

Teachers have planned rich and rigorous units of work for all the students and term overviews will be sent out to all families via Operoo. Please use this information to have discussions with your child/ren about their learning throughout Term 4. To ensure your child/ren are not missing out on valuable learning time, **families are reminded of the importance of all students arriving before 8:50am each day**. If students are needing to come through the front office door, this means the gates are closed and they are late for school. **If arriving after 8:50am, an adult family member must sign them in via the Ipad or the QR Code with their mobile device, as per our attendance policy.**

Next week we will hold our whole school concert, the first since 2018, due to Covid19 disruptions. The students have worked incredibly hard with their music teacher, **Mrs McGurk** and they are very much looking forward to sharing their performance with our school families.

Please see Marie's report for important concert reminders and practicalities and page 5 for concert costumes. Tickets will be available through TRYBOOKING and all information has been communicated via Operoo. Please direct any ticketing enquiries to me at:

principal@smgeelong.catholic.edu.au

Kind Regards,
Annice Lappin

Upcoming Dates in 2023

TERM 4

Week 1

Friday 6 October

Concert Rehearsal; 9:15 am

Students wear their SPORT Uniform

Week 2

Monday 9 October

Whole School Assembly at 3:00 pm

Year 5/6 Turquoise. Gates open 2.55 pm

Concert (Dress) Rehearsal; 9:15 am

Students wear their COSTUME on this day

CONCERT TICKET SALES close at 5:00 pm

Thursday 12 October

SCHOOL CONCERT DAY

All classes at West Town Hall for the day

Students depart school from 9:15 am

Students return to school by 3:00 pm

Matinee 1:00 pm

Evening Performance 6:00 pm

STEM –Mad Expo Excursion; selected students

Week 3

Monday 16 October

School Choir Excursion (GPAC)

Tuesday 17 October

Year 3/4 Excursion ; Velisha Farms/ Werribee Park

Wednesday 18 October

P&FA Meeting; 7:00 pm via Zoom

Thursday 19 October

Year 5/6 Emerald P&T Conversations

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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

Benvenuti ... It's Term 4!

The School Concert is just over a week away!

I have had the pleasure of viewing the concert items for each class and I am sure you will be just as delighted as I am with the performances.

This year's Concert theme is all about **kindness** that encompasses a story of both song and dance. Thank you to our music teacher, **Ruth McGurk** who has put together a lovely script that is cleverly set at a train station. We hope you enjoy the show as each class journeys to different 'towns', spreading kindness.

Important details about the rehearsal and concert schedule is as follows:

WHOLE SCHOOL REHEARSALS (ATRIUM; 9:15AM)

- Friday 6 October Students wear their **SPORT UNIFORM** on this day (and runners)
- Monday 9 October Students wear their **CONCERT COSTUME** on this day (and black school shoes)

THURSDAY 12 OCTOBER - SCHOOL DAY, STUDENTS

- All classes will be spending the day at Geelong West Town Hall
- Students wear their **CONCERT COSTUME** with **BLACK SCHOOL SHOES** on this day
- Students bring a small backpack (or school bag) with fruit, a snack, lunch and bottle filled with water
- ALL students are expected to return to school for usual pick up arrangements - this is a Child Safe procedure

THURSDAY 12 OCTOBER MATINEE PERFORMANCE; 1:00PM

- Tickets are currently available for purchase via Trybooking [here](#) (\$10.00 per person)
- For the matinee, there is no limit on ticket purchases per families - Please note: the venue cap is 350 seats
- Doors open at 12:15pm, ready for a 1:00pm start
- Audience members are to be seated by 12:50pm - seats are not allocated
- St Mary's School students sit in their designated spaces, supervised by their classroom educators
- It is expected that the matinee performance will conclude at 2:00pm
- At the end of the performance, all students will return to St Mary's School for usual pick up arrangements at 3:20pm

THURSDAY 12 OCTOBER EVENING PERFORMANCE; 6:00PM

- Tickets are currently available for purchase via Trybooking [here](#) (\$10.00 per person)
- There is a venue cap of 350 seats
- To ensure all students have a family member present in the evening performance, **tickets are limited to 2 per family**
- Doors open at 5:15pm, ready for a 6:00pm start
- Audience members are to be seated by 5:50pm - seats are not allocated
- St Mary's School students sit in their designated spaces, supervised by their classroom educators
- It is expected that the evening performance will conclude at 7:00pm
- **At the end of the performance, parents/carers/guardians are required to collect their child/ren from their class group**
- **Students will not be dismissed until their adult is sighted by educators - this is to ensure the safety of all**

Ticket sales close at 5:00pm on Monday 9 October. Should any tickets remain, further tickets will be released for families to purchase on Tuesday 10 October from 9:00am. These will be sold with the booking link reopened, on a 'first come, first serve' basis, via Trybooking.

This is our first School Concert since 2018 - we look forward to seeing you there!

Cari Saluti, Marie Monea

Term 4 School Calendar, 2023



Wk	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
1	OCT 2 Term 4 Commences	OCT 3	OCT 4	OCT 5	OCT 6 Concert Rehearsal (Atrium) 9:15 am
2	OCT 9 Concert (Dress) Rehearsal (Atrium) 9:15 am 3:00pm—Assembly (5/6 Turquoise)	OCT 10 PSG Meetings—Day 1	OCT 11	OCT 12 STEM – MAD Expo Concert Dress Rehearsal; at West Town Hall School Concert; 1:00pm & 6:00pm	OCT 13
3	OCT 16 School Choir Excursion (GPAC)	OCT 17 Year 3/4 Excursion (Velisha Farms)	OCT 18 P&FA Meeting; 7:00pm	OCT 19 Year 5/6 Emerald P&T Conversations	OCT 20
4	OCT 23 Language Leaders Excursion (Holy Spirit) 3:00pm—Assembly (Year 3/4)	OCT 24 P&FA Mango Orders Close; 5:00 pm	OCT 25 Parish Mass—F-2 Classes	OCT 26	OCT 27 Fresh Fruit Friday P&FA Trivia Night; 7:00pm World Teachers' Day
5	OCT 30	OCT 31	NOV 1	NOV 2 PSG Meetings—Day 2	NOV 3
6	NOV 6 STUDENT FREE DAY (Professional Learning)	NOV 7 SCHOOL CLOSED (Melbourne Cup Holiday)	NOV 8	NOV 9 Sacrament of Reconciliation (Year 3)	NOV 10 McAuley Feast Day Wear Yellow
7	NOV 13 3:00pm—Assembly (Year 1/2) 2024 Foundation Transition to School (Session 1; 9:30am-11:00am) CHANGE OF DAY	NOV 14 Year 5/6 Student Free Day	NOV 15 Year 5/6 Camp—Day 1 Parish Mass—3/4 Classes	NOV 16 Year 5/6 Camp—Day 2	NOV 17 Year 5/6 Camp—Day 3
8	NOV 20 STUDENT FREE DAY 2024 Planning Day	NOV 21	NOV 22 Parish Mass—5/6 Classes	NOV 23	NOV 24
9	NOV 27	NOV 28 2024 Foundation Transition to School (Session 2; 9:30am-11:00am) School Advisory Council Meeting; 7:00pm	NOV 29 PSG Meetings—Day 3	NOV 30	DEC 1 Lunch Order Day (Salad Sandwiches)
10	DEC 4 3:00pm—Assembly (Foundation)	DEC 5 School Choir Excursion (Geelong Football Club)	DEC 6 P&FA Meeting; 7:00pm	DEC 7 P&FA Colour Fun Run; 5:30pm	DEC 8
11	DEC 11 Principal For A Day	DEC 12 2024 Step Up Morning (9:15-11:15am) Student Reports (Shared with Families)	DEC 13 Year 1/2 Excursion (Movies)	DEC 14 Foundation Excursion (MoPA) Year 3/4 Excursion (Movies) Year 5/6 Excursion—Venue TBC Year 6 Graduation; 5:00 pm	DEC 15 2024 School Captains' Photo; 9:00am 12:15pm—End of Year Assembly Students Dismissed; 1:00pm



Venue: **Geelong West Town Hall**

Matinee Performance: **1pm**

Evening Performance: **6pm**

Doors open at **5:30pm** for student arrival

Ticket Sales-

We are excited to announce tickets are now on sale for our school concert. Please see the Operoo notification for the link. Tickets are **\$10 each**. The venue provides our students with a theatre experience; sound, lighting, and a backstage area with a non prohibitive cost to families. As a result of securing this venue we need to limit the evening show to two tickets per family, this will ensure every parent has an opportunity to secure a seat. We encourage other family members to attend the matinee at 1pm which has no ticket limit per family, however the venue capacity is 350 seats. Please purchase tickets by **Monday October 9th**.

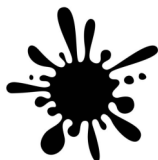
[Try Booking Link](#)

St Mary's School Concert

Thursday 12 October, 2023
Geelong West Town Hall; 1:00 pm and 6:00 pm

ALL STUDENTS

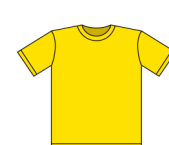
Except 3/4 Garnet

**TOP:****SHORT SLEEVE T-SHIRT**

(Please see below for the colour)

BOTTOMS:**LONG BLACK PANTS**

(jeans, leggings, track pants or trousers)

Foundation Opal & Coral**BLACK T-SHIRT**[see Kmart](#)**Year 1/2 Crystal****NAVY T-SHIRT *not blue**[see Kmart](#)**Year 1/2 Pearl****WHITE T-SHIRT**[see Kmart](#) / [Target](#)**Year 1/2 Topaz****BRIGHT BLUE T-SHIRT *Not Navy**[see Target](#)**Year 3/4 Onyx****ORANGE T-SHIRT**[see Best and Less](#)**Year 3/4 Quartz****RED T-SHIRT**[see Target](#)**Year 5/6 Emerald****DARK GREEN T-SHIRT**[see Target](#)**Year 5/6 Sapphire****LIGHT GREEN**[see Best and Less](#)**Year 5/6 Turquoise****YELLOW T-SHIRT**[see Kmart](#)**Year 3/4
Garnet****Colourful, bright and cheerful clothing and accessories, such as:**

- stripey socks / tights
- funny hats / fake moustaches / bug headbands
- colourful tutu type skirts
- bright dresses / t-shirts / shorts / pants

T-Shirts do not need to be purchased from the above stores, or be exact colour matches. Stores have been provided as a means of knowing stock is available (at time of printing) in Geelong stores—Target, Kmart, Big W and Best and Less.

If your child has a t-shirt in the required colour with a logo, it can be worn inside out.



Delivered direct from the farm to St Mary's School

Orders are now open!
Orders Close: Tuesday 24th October 2023
at 5:00pm.

Expected Delivery: Late November

\$25
PER TRAY
 4.5kg (approx.)



St Mary's School, Geelong
Parents & Friends' Association

[**ORDER HERE**](#)

St Mary's Parents & Friends Association

TRIVIA NIGHT 2023

NEW DATE!

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
 27th OCTOBER

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

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THE MUSIC BUS runs
 weekly lessons at our school
 and has returned for Term 4.

CLASSES OFFERED:

- Keyboard (Found-y6)
- Ukulele (Found-y6)
- Drums (y1 -y6)
- Guitar (y2 - y6)

LESSONS ARE:

- 30 minute duration - once per week
- be 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 asap.

[The Music Bus Expression of Interest form](#)

Community News



Ceili For Katie



Come celebrate with us!

October 7th at the eastern park bowls club

Tickets are priced at \$25 per person or \$75 dollars for a family

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

We would love you to join us next Saturday 7 October, for some music, dancing and fun! It's an event to help raise some funds to help Katie on her journey to the Sport Aerobics World Championships in Belgium with Team Australia. We'd love a full house!

<https://www.trybooking.com/events/landing/1118247>



Kids Kite Festival

SUNDAY 15 OCTOBER 2023
RIPPLESIDE PARK, GEELONG
11AM - 2PM

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Geelong Nature Festival



our backyard

WADAWURRUNG COUNTRY

15 Sep – 29 Oct

The Geelong Nature Festival, which started on 15 September will continue to run for 6 weeks, finishing with the schools arts event at the Geelong Botanical Gardens on 29 October at 9:00am. The details of the nature festival school arts exhibition can be found on this [Eventbrite listing](#).

For information on the Geelong Nature Festival and to book Events, please visit the City of Greater Geelong website - <https://www.geelongaustralia.com.au/naturefestival>

Community News



GEELONG INDOOR SPORTS **KICKS4KIDS** **JUNIOR SOCCER CLINIC**

Kicks4Kids is an exciting Junior Soccer Clinic Program incorporating a fun skills based games workshop and a mini game at the end.

A 45 minute weekly engaging class will focus on developing social/ cognitive skills and fair play for all.

Kicks4Kids offers :

Children the opportunity to develop fundamental skills in a fun & safe environment run by fully qualified coaches.

Every Tuesday | Start Time: 4:30pm
Age Groups From: 6 to 8 Years Old



JOIN FOR THE TERM

\$15 PER CLASS

Location

Geelong Indoor Sports

13 Gravel Pits Road, South Geelong

Contact

Phone: 5222 1822

info@geelongindoorsports.com.au

www.geelongindoorsports.com.au

BRING THIS FLYER FOR YOUR FIRST SESSION FREE!

Community News



RECRUITING NOW

Programs offered 2023

GEELONG YOUTH CHOIR

● Wednesday Afternoons and Evenings
Commencing October, 4th 2023

More info : geelongyouthchoir.com



Cantore
Ages 10-18
Conductor: Phillipa McQuinn
Rehearsals: Wednesday 4:30-6:30PM
Fee: \$250

LEARN THE LANGUAGE OF MUSIC

Read
Understand
Compose
Perform



Voices of Geelong
Adult Vocal Group
Conductor: Kym Dillon
Rehearsals: Wednesday 7:00-8:30PM
Fee: \$200



REGISTER NOW !
Scan QR code now to sign up today!

MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER Weekend

"Live Your Best Married Life in Love"

Every relationship is a journey and the grind of everyday life can cause you to lose touch with your spouse.

This experience gives married couples the tools to keep your passion alive in a gentle, nurturing environment, away from pressures and distractions of daily living.

The weekend is based around Catholic values and couples of all faiths are welcome.

Please check our website for more details.

3-5 November 2023 in Melbourne

(Book early to avoid disappointment)

Information/Bookings: Phone **Mercy & James 0409 183 676** or

Email: vicbookings@wwme.org.au Website: www.wwme.org.au



An Invitation to people in the Bellarine and beyond to join together in prayer and worship as we celebrate the end of the

Season of Creation

Where: Santa Casa

33 Flinders Street Queenscliff

Date: Saturday, October 7th, 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

Last gathering in 2023:

Saturday 9th December.



LEARN TO PLAY FOOTBALL

The introductory program for kids aged 4-11

Club/Organisation: Football Victoria MiniRoos Hub

Venue: Leisuretime Sports Precinct, 262-282 Anakie Rd, Norlane

Start date: Tuesday 31st October & Wednesday 1st November

Price: \$40 Per Person - 6 Week Program including Participant Pack

Contact: Simon.Wrench@footballvictoria.com.au



REGISTER minirooms.com.au



Community News

Five reasons to donate blood

- **It can become a lifesaving habit.**

Good habits can be hard to form, but this could be the most important habit you ever create. One in three Australians will need blood or blood products in their lifetime. Chances are, that includes someone close to you. Maybe they needed it to help them fight a tough illness such as cancer, or when they were going through surgery — or maybe they are one of the thousands who need blood during pregnancy and childbirth. You could make a real difference regularly, to someone just like Ismaeel: [Dear Donors: from boy in a bubble to unstoppable bubbly boy | Lifeblood](#)



- **Giving blood looks good — literally.**

That's right: a blood donation bandage makes you more attractive. Well, sort of. It's a quick (and surprisingly easy) way to show the world how generous you are without bragging. And who isn't drawn to a generous person? We're not just making it up; Lifeblood did [the research](#).

- **Australia is changing, and so are our blood types.**

Did you know certain blood types are more common in certain parts of the world? About half of people living in Australia today were either born overseas, or have a parent born overseas. With the changes to our population come different blood types, and even some rare ones. A diverse population means [we need diverse donors](#) to help out (and you could be one).

- **Snacks**

Need we say more? But, if the mere mention of snacks isn't enough, you should also know that Lifeblood supports Australian suppliers *and* has a huge range of options. Feel like an old-fashioned sausage roll? No worries. Or is a vegan slice more your style? Not a problem. [Replenish after your donation](#) with your favourite kind of tasty treat.

- **You can get your whole family and friends involved.**

Donating alone is great, but sharing such an important moment with friends or family is even better. Nothing beats the feeling of saving lives together. And it's even better with [Lifeblood Teams](#). [So when you next give blood, check to see if you can join our school's Lifeblood Team.](#)

Your local blood donor centre is located at **237 Ryrie Street, Geelong**. Open 7 days a week. To book an appointment to give blood: Download the 'DonateBlood' app, or [book an appointment online](#) or if you would like talk, call Australian Red Cross Lifeblood on **13 14 95**.

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