



# St Mary's Primary School

We aspire, we include, we achieve.

Newsletter # 16 | 5 October 2022

## News from the Principal

Dear Families,

Welcome to Term 4! It was lovely to speak with many students as they entered the school grounds over the past few days. Many were able to retell their holiday experiences with delight and joy. Geelong winning the premiership was a highlight for many. If Geelong is your team, congratulations and continue to enjoy their success.

Our last day of Term 3 saw **Nina** (Foundation Coral) as our **Principal for a Day**. Nina was a very popular choice and she granted the students the opportunity to dress in pyjamas or footy colours and have extra play.



Social Catholic Teaching is a very important aspect of St Mary's School. On the last day of term, a small group of Year 1/2 students presented Alan from the Parish Pantry with approximately \$130, raised from the sale of friendship bands, made and sold by these students. This is social justice in action! Alan extended his thanks and presented each of the students with a certificate of appreciation. Well Done and thank you to **Olivia, Lucia, Charlotte, Maxine, Olive, Leni, Olivia and Indie**.

This Friday, 7 October, we will celebrate **Mercy Feast Day** which was during the holidays on 24 September. Everyone is asked to wear a touch of blue. As on previous Feast Days, to make it very easy for families, students can wear their school uniform with a touch of blue (Eg, ribbon, socks, etc.) or casual clothes with blue (Eg, T-shirt, shorts, etc.) No money needs to be brought to school on the day, as this is covered in the Events and Activities' Levy. All money is paid to the St Mary's Parish Pantry, who do a

wonderful job supporting families in need, including some of our St Mary's School families. On behalf of the parish pantry, thank you for your generous support!

We are also pleased to announce that the St Mary's Parish Pantry is now registered with the Australian Taxation Office as a Deductible Gift Recipient effective from 27 July 2022. This means that all donations to the Parish Pantry are a Tax Deduction. This offers a great opportunity to assist this worthy public benevolent institution.

Over the coming weeks, we have a number of students competing at progressing levels in Athletics, Basketball, Volleyball and Cricket. We wish all teams and competitors all the very best as they represent themselves, their families and St Mary's School.

For the first two weeks of this term, students can wear either their correct Summer or Winter Uniform. From **Monday, 17 October**, all students will be expected to wear their correct Summer Uniform. Socks are to be 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. 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 children about their learning throughout Term 4.

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 will be sent home soon 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.

Kind Regards, Annice Lappin

## Upcoming Dates in 2022

### TERM 4

#### Week 1

Friday 7 October: **MERCY FEAST DAY**

*Wear a touch of Blue* (school uniform or casual blue clothes).

#### Week 2

Monday 10 October

Foundation Assembly. **Gates Open 2:50pm.**

Thursday 13 October

School **ART SHOW**, 5:00 pm to 7:00 pm

#### Week 3

Monday 17 October

Year 1/2 Assembly. **Gates Open 2:50pm.**

**STUDENTS TO WEAR SUMMER UNIFORM**

Wednesday 19 October

PFA Meeting, School Staffroom, 7:00 pm

#### Week 4

Monday 24 October

Year 3/4 Assembly. **Gates Open 2:50pm.**

#### Week 5

Monday 31 October: **SCHOOL CLOSURE DAY**

Staff Professional Learning

Tuesday 1 November: **SCHOOL CLOSED**

Melbourne Cup Day PUBLIC HOLIDAY

#### Week 6

Monday 7 November

Year 5/6 Assembly. **Gates Open 2:50pm.**

Tuesday 8 November

2023 Foundation Transition to School

Friday 11 November: **FRESH FRUIT FRIDAY**

Sacrament of Reconciliation, 9:15 am at school, Year 3 Students.

#### Week 7

Thursday 17 November

PFA Colour Run & Picnic, 5:00 pm—6:30 pm

#### Week 8

Tuesday 22 November

2023 Foundation Transition to School

Friday 25 November: **SCHOOL CLOSURE DAY**

2023 Planning Day

#### Week 9

Year 3/4 Camp

2 days/1 night: 28/11/22 to 29/11/22

#### Week 10

Year 5/6 Camp

3 days/2 nights: 7/12/22 to 9/12/22



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.

St. Mary's School Geelong

# ART SHOW

All Creatures Great and Small ...

**THURSDAY**

OCTOBER 13TH

**BYO PICNIC & TEA**  
Picnic Rug

**\$15** INCL G.S.T  
**Family Ticket**  
...for as many people as you would like to attend

Payment via Trybooking by Tuesday 11th Oct

5PM - 7PM

ENTER VIA PARISH GATE

TRYBOOKING LINK: <https://www.trybooking.com/CCUGQ>





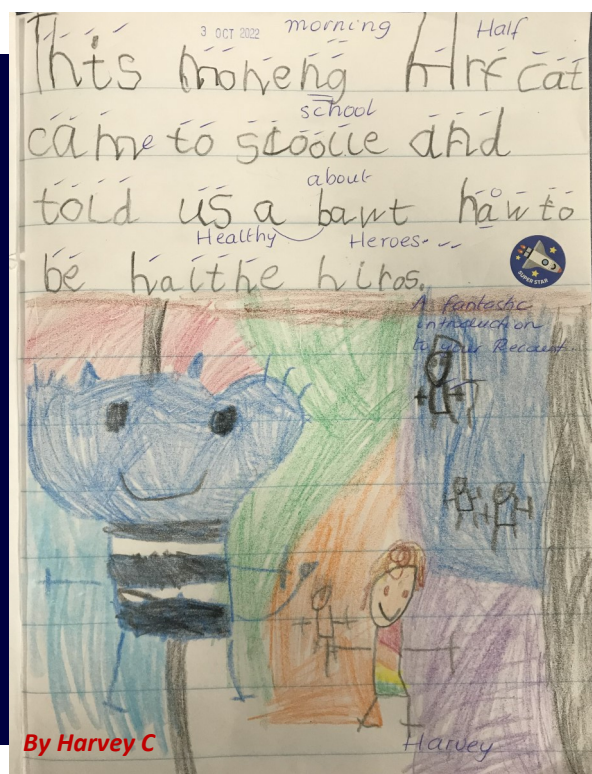
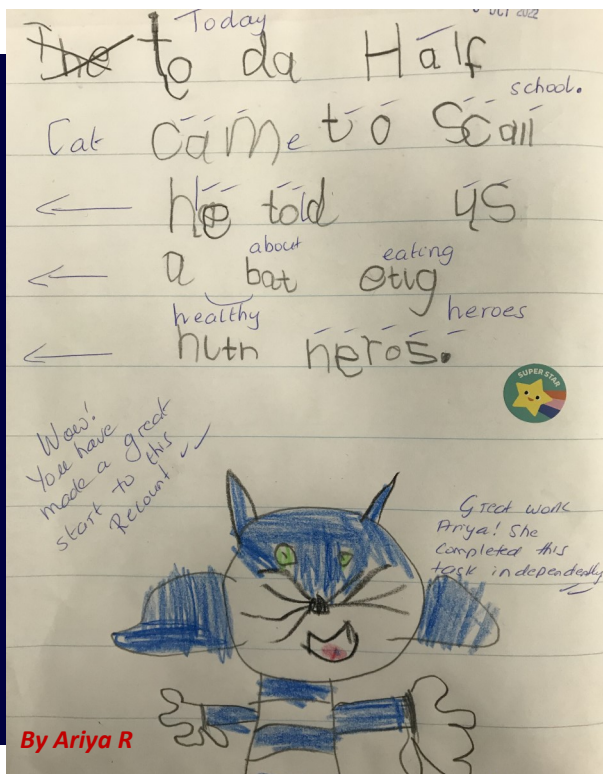
On Monday morning, **Foundation** students participated in the **GMHBA Geelong Cats Healthy Heroes** session. Students were joined by Education Team Members and the Geelong Cats Club mascot, *Half-Cat*, in sharing some of their key messages around being a Healthy Hero. This was an immersion into the learning students are going to undertake in our Core Knowledge unit about making healthy choices. Our presenters encouraged the students to listen and learn about the healthy messages in the areas of physical activity, healthy eating, wellbeing, sleep and screen time.

Some of the key messages included:

- screen time = less than 2 hours per day
- hydration = drink 7 glasses of water per day
- physical activity = 60 minutes every day (and does not need to be at once)
- healthy eating = eat 5 serves of vegetables and 2 serves of fruit a day
- wellbeing = there are 2 character strengths that when actioned enhance our wellbeing
- sleep = children this age needs 9 to 11 hours sleep each night



*Pictured: Zali, Half-Cat and Maddy with the Foundation students.*





## Specialist **STAR** Awards Week 9-10

Keep up the great work in your specialist classes, and well done to the following students who were awarded the 'Specialist STAR' awards for Term 3, Week 9-10.

### *Specialist Teachers*

Mrs B (Samantha Boyington, PE)  
Miss Jade (Jade Collier, STEM)  
Miss Liza (Liza Rosati, The Arts)

Class	THE ARTS	PE	STEM
F-Coral	Alfie C	Oscar D	Emily W
F-Opal	Jaci F	John B	Archie B
1/2 Pearl	Portia P	Ollie H	Joshua K
1/2 Topaz	Jaylee B	Lucy M	Milla W
1/2 Crystal	Indie P	Emily B	Clementine O
3/4 Group 1	Mia B	Pippa H	Joel M
3/4 Group 2	Maci F	Peyton M	Tilly B
3/4 Group 3	Vera K	Judah M	Giselle Z
5/6 Emerald	Lenni K	Angus W	Hudson K
5/6 Sapphire	Hannah W	Emilia E	Hannah D
5/6 Turquoise	Ruby D	Jack K	Ava E

## 2023 Foundation Transition to School

### *Session 1*

Tuesday  
8 November  
9:30 - 11:00 am

### *Session 2*

Tuesday  
22 November  
9:30 - 11:00 am

### *Session 3 and Whole School Step Up Morning*

Tuesday  
13 December  
9:30 - 11:00 am

# NEW CHESS CLUB ST MARY'S PRIMARY

CLASSES COMMENCE FRIDAY 14TH OCTOBER



Friday's Lunchtime  
School Library

Term 4: 14 October - 2 December

\$130 per term

**BOOK ONLINE**

Phone: 0421 901 530

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



## Community News

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GEELONG SHARKS RUGBY LEAGUE CLUB

## COME & TRY DAY

**VENUE : ERVIN RESERVE NEWCOMB**

**DATE : SAT 8TH OF OCTOBER**

**TIME : 11.00AM TO 1.30PM**

If you are interested in playing Rugby League and want to be involved in a family friendly club we are holding a come and try day for all junior boys and girls of all abilities ranging from Under 10s through to Under 18s. So if you think this is a sport for you come down meet the coaches and enjoy a free B.B.Q. For more info contact Michael Bakker on 0473801800.



GEELONG SHARKS RUGBY LEAGUE CLUB

### DANCE & PHYSICAL THEATRE - CONTEM-

VIC PG



INSIDE THE COMFORT ZONE

NORTH MAGDALEN LAUNDRY,  
SACRED HEART BUILDING,  
ABBOTSFORD CONVENT  
1 St Heliers St, Abbotsford, Abbotsford

#### TICKETS

Full \$34, Conc \$28  
Discounts: Fringe Dweller | Fringe Binge  
Mobix: \$28

#### DATES & TIMES

Fri 7 Oct 7:30PM, Sat 8 Oct  
3:00PM, Sat 8 Oct 7:30PM, Sun 9  
Oct 6:00PM

#### PERFORMED BY

the emotion21 dancers

#### DIRECTED BY

Tristan Sinclair

### SONDER

We are dancers with Down syndrome. We have vivid & complex stories to tell. Watch. Listen. Realise.

Sonder is the realisation that each passerby is living a life as vivid and complex as your own. How well do you know someone with Down syndrome? Have you underestimated what we can do?

We are dancers with Down syndrome and we eagerly invite you to get to know us, and to discover what we can do!

SONDER is a bombastic dance show that challenges long-held ideas and values around what it means to have a disability. We will help you see the person, not just the label of our disability. It is a joyous, unexpected, and entertaining dance performance co-created, and entirely performed by a magnificent cast of 24 dancers with Down syndrome.

We invite you to journey with us as we share some of our unique experiences of living in this world; we hope that by sharing it will help us become more accepted as artists. You will leave with a full heart and an enlightened mind.

<https://melbournefringe.com.au/event/sonder/>

## Community News



## ST JOSEPH'S COLLEGE GEELONG YEAR 7 2023 ENROLMENT

If your family has been considering joining us at St Joseph's College, we are pleased to be able to offer further enrolment opportunities for Year 7 students in 2023.

Applications can be completed online via our website or you can contact our College Registrar Adel Mawson on 5226 8177 or email [enrolments@sjc.vic.edu.au](mailto:enrolments@sjc.vic.edu.au)

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## SCHOOL TERMS

### 2022

#### TERM 4:

Monday 3 October to  
Friday 16 December  
1:00 pm Dismissal

### 2023

#### TERM 1:

Monday 30 January to  
Thursday 6 April.

## St Mary's School SOCIAL MEDIA:



Facebook:

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

#### Instagram:

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

#### Twitter:

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

#### School Website:

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

Parent Portal password -  
mary175

## HOOKIN2 HOCKEY

**FIRST SESSION IS FREE!  
CALL OR EMAIL FOR DETAILS!  
ALL EQUIPMENT PROVIDED!**



Club: Geelong Hockey Club

Venue: Stead Park, Corio

Start Date: Monday October 10, 2022 Time: 5-6pm

Program duration: 6 weeks

Price: \$35

**TO REGISTER, GO TO  
[WWW.REVOLUTIONISE.COM.AU/GEELONGHC/EVENTS/156114](http://WWW.REVOLUTIONISE.COM.AU/GEELONGHC/EVENTS/156114)**

Coordinator Name: Chris Medlin  
Coordinator email: [juniors@geelonghockeyclub.com](mailto:juniors@geelonghockeyclub.com)  
Coordinator phone: 0410 413 616



## LOST SCHOOL UNIFORM ITEMS

A reminder to ensure all school uniform items are clearly named.  
If your child brings home an item of uniform that is not theirs, please ensure it is returned to school so it can be returned to its rightful owner.

Thank you.  
St Mary's School



Sacred Heart  
College

## NEW PLACES AVAILABLE

### Year 7 2023



St Mary's School, Geelong  
[www.smgeelong.catholic.edu.au](http://www.smgeelong.catholic.edu.au)

T: 5229 9453

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