



St Mary's School

We aspire, we include, we achieve.

Newsletter # 18

23 October 2024

News from the Principal

Annice Lappin

Principal

Dear Families,

I hope everyone has enjoyed a wonderful return to school for Term Four. I was very blessed to enjoy the first two weeks of this term overseas, both in Scotland and in Italy as part of the Australian Catholic University and Melbourne Archdiocese Catholic Schools' Living Traditions, Unfolding Futures program.

Throughout my time in Scotland, I visited both Glasgow and Edinburgh, immersed in learning about their Catholic education system and Catholic schools. I visited the Scottish parliament and was fortunate to have a behind the scenes tour and speak with one of the ministers about Catholic education. I undertook lectures at the University of Glasgow, attended a principal conference and I was also most fortunate to visit a small Catholic primary school in Croy. All experiences were educational and very beneficial, but it was the school visit that I really valued as it highlighted the importance of students receiving a Catholic education. The school was working with limited resources, yet so inspiring and successful and I came away from the visit extremely grateful for our St Mary's School community and all we are achieving in all spheres.

In Italy, I attended lectures at ACU Rome and visited many sacred religious sites including the four major basilicas; Saint Peter's Basilica, Mary Major, Saint Paul Outside the Walls and Saint John Lateran. Throughout this time in Italy I also learned more about Marion spirituality Benedictine spirituality and the amazing work of the Sant'Egidio community:

HOME - COMMUNITY OF SANT'EGIDIO

The final part of my tour took me to Assisi. Here I was able to learn more about Saint Francis of Assisi, his sister Saint Clare and their important contribution to Catholicism.

While away, I had many opportunities to pray in many exquisite places, including centuries old churches and sacred sites. I prayed for all



members of our school community and particularly asked for God's blessings for those in our community who are unwell. I ask for you to also pray for those in our community, particularly those who are undergoing surgery, that they will make a quick and full recovery.

I am very appreciative of the opportunity I was given to be involved in this enriching experience and extend my sincere thanks to **Marie**, our **Leadership Team** and **school staff** who continued to ensure our school's smooth operation in my absence.

This Friday is **World Teacher's Day.** Thank you to the Parents and Friends' Association who will generously provide funding towards a catered lunch for all school staff, thanking them for all they do for our students and families.

Finally, I wish everyone attending our P&FA Trivia Night on Friday a lovely evening. Thank you for your generosity in supporting this fundraising and friendraising event that will raise funds for our school. Thank you to **Lauren Cambridge** and her team for their hard work behind the scenes. I look forward to reporting on the event in the next newsletter.

Kind Regards, Annice

St Mary's School is committed to Child Safety.

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

CALENDAR

TERM 4

Week 3

Friday 25 October—World Teacher's Day
PFA TRIVIA NIGHT

Week 4

Monday 28 October 3:00pm School Assembly (Year 3/4) Gates Open 2:55pm

Wednesday 30 October PFA Meeting, 7:00pm via Teams

Week 5

Monday 4 November
STUDENT FREE DAY
Staff Professional Practice
Tuesday 5 November
SCHOOL CLOSED—Melbourne Cup

Friday 8 November PFA Fresh Fruit Friday MCAULEY FEAST DAY



Week 6

Monday 11 November 3:00pm School Assembly (Year 5/6) Gates Open 2:55pm

Tuesday 12 NovemberFoundation Transition (#1) to School

Wednesday 13 November Parish Mass—Year 1/2

See Page 3 for full **T4** calendar & updates

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News from the Deputy Principal

Marie Monea

Deputy Principal

Dear Families,

There have only been 13 school days of Term 4 so far, and already there has been so much that has taken place. I have selected just a few 'highlights' that showcase the learning and engagement that occur at St Mary's School every day!



In **Foundation**, students have been learning about farms and last week it was all about cows and chickens.

Nina and William's writing is definitely worth a read. Zoom in to see their magnificent and life-like drawings too!



If you were able to join us at our recent assembly, you would have been treated to a superb **Year 1/2** performance that encapsulates their religious education learning about Creation.

Take a look at **Calisto**, **Arlo**, **Michaela** and **Hannah** proudly holding their performance props.



In Year 3/4 it was all about inducting the six Term 4 Head Rangers. Sarah and Jack, were excited to share that they are on the lookout for this week's Year 3/4 award recipients.

These awards are based on the school's fortnightly focus and for this week it is - We own our actions and consequences.



Last Thursday, the **Year 6 Language Leaders** spent some time at Holy Spirit School. They visited classrooms, worked with students from other schools and presented their ideas.

We congratulate them for the way they respectfully and responsibly represented St Mary's School.

For me, my highlight was receiving **Georgie's** drawing of Esme - my dog who features quite regularly in discussions around the school! If you can, zoom in to see Esme's curly fur, so beautifully captured by Georgie.

Georgie's drawing was delivered just at the "right time" - what a special community we are; thanking everyone for their support.



Cari Saluti, Marie

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Term 4 School Calendar, 2024

Wk	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	
2	OCT 14 3:00pm School Assembly (Year 1/2)	ОСТ 15	ОСТ 16	OCT 17 Language Leaders Excursion	ОСТ 18	
3	OCT 21	OCT 22 Regional Athletics	OCT 23	OCT 24	OCT 25 PFA Trivia Night World Teacher's Day	
4	OCT 28 3:00pm School Assembly (Year 3/4) Mango Orders Close, 5:00pm	ОСТ 29	OCT 30 PFA Meeting; 7:00pm Via Teams	OCT 31 PSG Meetings Western Region Volleyball Champion- ships, Werribee	NOV 1	
5	NOV 4 STUDENT FREE DAY	NOV 5 SCHOOL CLOSED Melbourne Cup Day	NOV 6	NOV 7	NOV 8 PFA FRESH FRUIT FRIDAY McAuley Feast Day	East Fruit
6	NOV 11 3:00pm School Assembly (Year 5/6)	NOV 12 Foundation 2025— Transition to School	NOV 13 Parish Mass Year 1/2	NOV 14	NOV 15 Healthy Food Day—Salad Sandwiches	
7	NOV 18 PSG Meetings	NOV 19 Year 5/6 Student Free Day	NOV 20 Year 5/6 Camp WarraGnan Coastal Camp Parish Mass Year 3/4	NOV 21 Year 5/6 Camp WarraGnan Coastal Camp	NOV 22 Year 5/6 Camp WarraGnan Coastal Camp Sacrament of Penance 12:30pm	
8	NOV 25 STUDENT FREE DAY	NOV 26 Foundation 2025— Transition to School	NOV 27 PFA AGM; 7:00pm Advent Prayer Service, 8:55am	NOV 28 PSG Meetings	NOV 29 Parish Mass Year 5/6	First Sunday of Advent
9	DEC 2 PFA—Week of Mango Delivery	DEC 3	DEC 4 Parish Mass Foundation Advent Prayer Service, 8:55am Thank you morning tea, 9:00am School Advisory Council Meeting; 7:00pm	DEC 5 Colour Fun Run 5:00-7:00pm	DEC 6	Second Sunday of Advent SUNDAY DEC 8 Parish Christmas Carols 12:00-3:00pm
10	DEC 9 3:00pm School Assembly (Foundation)	DEC 10 Foundation 2025— Transition to School 2025 Step Up Morning	DEC 11 End of Year Parish Mass Semester 2 School Reports sent to families	DEC 12 Year 1/2 Excursion— Movies	DEC 13 Foundation Excursion— MoPA 2025 School Captains Photo—9:00am	Third Sunday of Advent
11	DEC 16 Year 6 Graduation & Liturgy; 5:00pm	DEC 17 Final School Assembly (Time TBC) Term 4 ends; 1:00pm	DEC 18 STUDENT FREE DAY	DEC 19 STUDENT FREE DAY	DEC 20 STUDENT FREE DAY	Fourth Sunday of Advent

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New School Uniform Items Available

The new **Sport/House Polo Top** and **Sport Windcheater** are now available for purchase from Bellarine Uniforms in Moorabool Street.

Please purchase the **correct House colour** polo top for your child:

- Sport/House Polo \$43.50
- Sport Windcheater \$54.95

The new tops can be worn from the start of the 2025 school year.

The Sport/House Polo will replace the current gold polo short sleeve and long sleeve tops. The Sport Windcheater will replace the rugby jumper. The superseded tops will be phased out over a 2 year period (2025/2026), and various stock may be available for purchase from Bellarine Uniforms at a discounted cost. The PFA Second Hand Uniform shop will not be accepting any donations of the tops, and these items will no longer be available for purchase from the PFA.







Parents & Friends' Association Second Hand Uniforms

Price List

BLUE 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
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

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

Second Hand Uniforms

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, with the exception of the discontinued Gold Polo Top and Rugby Jumper.

For second hand uniform requests, contact: 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

Monday 4 November

Orders Filled

Wednesday 6 November

Collect Order by

Friday 8 November

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HELPED MAKE TONIGHT A SUCCESS AND A VERY SPECIAL THANK YOU
TO ST MARY'S FAMILIES FOR THEIR GENEROUS DONATIONS!

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Opportunity

McKillop Street Fence St Mary's School

Thank you to these businesses that support St Mary's School

Next PFA Meeting

NEXT MEETING

Via Teams

Wednesday 30 October 2024

Please contact the pfa@smgeelon g.catholic.edu.

au for the Teams link if you would like to join the meeting.

DETAILS:

From \$500 annually

Business provides a corflute sign with eyelets

Sizing Options:

2400mm W x 1100mm H - \$1000 1200mm W x 1100mm H - \$500

ST MARY'S SCHOOL PARENTS & FRIENDS' FUNDRAISER

Contact for further details:

Annice or Jackie V admin@smgeelong.catholic.edu.au







FRESH FRUIT
FRIDAY
8 NOVEMBER



St Mary's School Parents & Friends' Association
Mango Fundraiser 2024

Trays of mangoes are \$29 each. Quantities limited, purchases close Monday 28 October

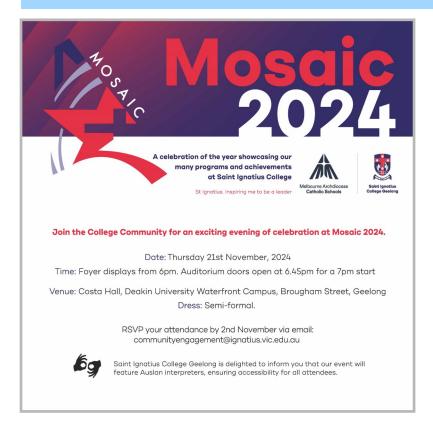
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Community News



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