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St. Mary's School Newsletter



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We acknowledge and pay respect to the Jaara people as the original and ongoing custodians of the land we meet on.

We commit ourselves to actively work alongside Aboriginal people for reconciliation and justice.



“Mary is the sure path to our meeting with Christ..”

- Pope John Paul II

Term 4 - Friday, 22nd November 2019

Dear Parents, Families and Friends,

Well, Mary must have been looking out for us yesterday as we all braved the terrible weather conditions! Yesterday was 'Presentation Day'. Nano Nagle drew inspiration and strength from *Mary of the Presentation*. Presentation people from around the world connect as one community to joyfully celebrate Mary of the Presentation. It is believed that the Feast of the Presentation of Mary, is when Anna and Joachim offered Mary to God in the Temple when she was 3 years old. It is amazing to think that from the beginning of her life, at such a young age, Mary was dedicated to God. Mary was a woman of prayer, an ongoing conversation and intimate communion with God. She always encountered God - from the beginning to the end of her life. In every encounter, her life was changed.

If we learn to live our life in response to the call of God, we too, will find our lives changed and transformed. Like Mary, we are called to live our lives as Presentation people - lives filled with compassion, inspired by daring and action, responding to the needs of our community and striving for justice for all. We ask Mary to pray for us now so that we may always do the will of God and become faithful servants as she was.

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November	
Thu 21st - Sat 23rd	Energy Breakthrough Grades 5-6
December	
Fri 6th	Whole School Excursion to Melbourne
Mon 9th	School Advisory Board Dinner - 7pm
Tue 10th	Orientation Day
Thurs 12th	Junior Fun Day (P-2)
Fri 13th	P&F Bunnings BBQ
Tue 17th	Gr 6 Big Day Out
Wed 18th	Graduation Mass - 6pm Students Last Day of School
Thur 19th	PUPIL FREE DAY
Fri 20th	FINAL DAY FOR STAFF

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RE News & Prayer for the Week with Mrs Sheean

Yesterday was the celebration of the Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary. This day is also known as Presentation Day. Presentation Day is a special day of celebration for Presentation Sisters and their colleagues and friends around the world. Nano Nagle was understood to have a special devotion to Mary, and when her religious congregation was approved by Rome in 1805, the congregation's name was changed to the Sisters of the Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

Loving God...

Mary's parents, Joachim and Anne welcomed their new daughter, Mary, with love and thanks...

We, too, thank you for the good things we have in life – the people who love and care for us,

the friends who help us and make us laugh, our teachers who help us learn.

May we always be caring children, friends and neighbours, and especially welcome people in need.

WE are Presentation People called to share our gifts.

Mary felt so much love that she 'danced for joy with her feet'...

May we, too, help to create safe and happy places for learning, playing and growing together.

May we see the beauty in a gumnut, in a sunset, in a playful puppy and in the green grass that grows after rain.

WE are Presentation People called to celebrate life.

Nano helped those most in need to learn and grow and be their best.

May we, too, show courage, always standing up and speaking out for what is right.

May we work together to create a healthy and happy world for all people.

WE are Presentation People, called to carry the light and love of Jesus in the world, as Mary and Nano did.



Code Red Day

Thank you to everyone for your co-operation and understanding yesterday. Being a school on the BARR (Bushfire At Risk Register) list, we have no choice but to close the school when it is declared a Code Red Day. It was unfortunate that it coincided with the start of Energy Breakthrough, but we will manage!

Lunch orders will be kept for next week.

Art Room Move

Over the past couple of days, our Art room has been relocated, thanks to the hard work of Mrs. Nicole Holland and her team of hard workers. Students will now work in the convent, where there is access to storage and cleaning facilities. The location of the Art room has been of concern that has been noted in our OH&S and Child Safe audits as it was felt that it was too far removed from the school to meet child safety standards. The old Art room will now become a storage area for our Energy Breakthrough equipment, amongst other things.

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Energy Breakthrough

And (finally) we are off!!! Our Energy Breakthrough team left early this morning for Maryborough for two days of racing, cheering and good team bonding! There was a mix of excitement, nervous energy, a little stress and, for some, an unknown of what was to come! The students have prepared themselves well and we know that they will all be great ambassadors for our school. Keep an eye on our Facebook page for constant updates!

Go Sminglewood!!!!



Whole School Excursion - FRIDAY 6th DECEMBER

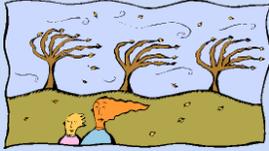
This will certainly be an excursion with a difference! We are very excited to be heading to Melbourne for the day for a cultural experience, with a twist of technology! The students will be travelling by train from Bendigo, having lunch at an Indonesian restaurant and then visiting the Melbourne Zoo, where they will take a tour using a podcast, created by our students, in Indonesian! Pandai sekali! More details will be sent home next week. Tetap disini!

Fees for 2019/2020

A reminder for all families to make arrangements to finalise their school fee account for 2019. Please contact the office to inform us of your arrangements. **All families are welcome to extend your arrangements over the holidays, if you would like to. This may provide some families with a "headstart" for 2020 and begin the year with a balance in credit. Please contact the office if you would like to take up this opportunity.**

Family Home Learning Task

With the Grade 5/6 's participating in Energy Breakthrough over the next couple of days, I thought it was good timing for a couple of energy saving jokes!!!



"What is burned by cars driven late at night?"
.....Midnight Oil!!!!

"How do energy-conscious people feel about wind power?"
.....They are 'blown' away!!



If you would like to try some fun energy saving activities, go to
<https://www.eia.gov/kids/games-and-activities/>
and try some of the cool activities....even test your energy IQ!

School SPORT Shorts

One of our uniform providers are now producing sports shorts, which are made from the same material as our sports t-shirts. The school board have elected to have these shorts as part of the school uniform. It would be intended that if you need to purchase a new pair of sport shorts, then these would be the shorts that you would buy. Shorts are priced at **\$12.00** and there is a sample of sizes available in the office. Students are welcome to continue wearing their current sports shorts until they no longer fit or are worn out!



Wellbeing

What does being grateful mean? How do you show gratitude?

- Being grateful means showing how happy you are, for the place you live and the things that you have. **Oscar**
- Making sure you look after the things that you have. **Bella**
- When someone gives you something, always say thank you. **Jaimee**
- Be grateful for what you have. I play with my toys. **Ethan**
- Being grateful for things you have. You can do chores. **Ryder**
- When you are lucky to have things. I respect other people and my things. **Brooke**
- Being thankful for something and treating it carefully. I try to help out. **Claudia**
- If you get something you don't get upset. Always say thank you. **Eli**
- Helping people and forgiving people. I am grateful for my toys. **Zander**
- Being thankful and appreciate what you have. Saying thank you and sharing what you have. **Zavier**

Student of the Week

P/1/2

Tyler McEwan

For his hard work and independence during Personal Learning. Tyler is doing a great job with his project and showing he has a great understanding about the production of tomato sauce.

Mollie Terry-Forsyth

For her great attitude and contributions to class discussions in Maths. Mollie has worked really hard on her understanding of number facts and enjoys sharing this knowledge with her peers.

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Claudia Fisher

For her commitment to her handwriting work at home. Your pen licence won't be far away Claudia - Well done!

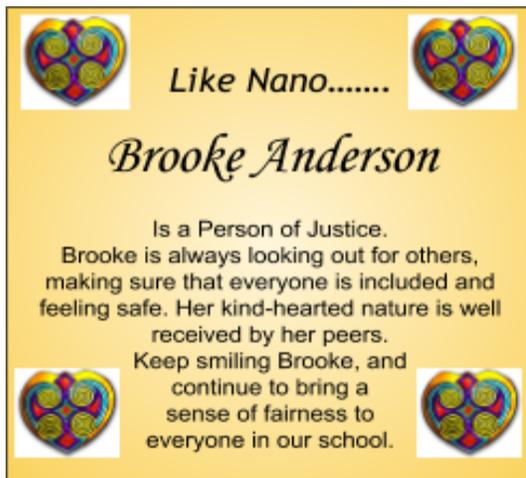
Oscar Terry-Forsyth

For his hardworking and dedicated attitude during Literacy and Personal Learning times. Well done Oscar!

5/6

All Students in Grade 5/6 and Mr Starr

Congratulations to the Energy Breakthrough team and Mr Starr for their hard work and preparation for the big event! It has certainly been a team effort.



Like Nano.....

Brooke Anderson

Is a Person of Justice.
Brooke is always looking out for others, making sure that everyone is included and feeling safe. Her kind-hearted nature is well received by her peers.
Keep smiling Brooke, and continue to bring a sense of fairness to everyone in our school.

MASS TIMES

St Peter's, Bridgewater

*1st Sunday of the Month,
8:00am*

St Mary's, Inglewood

*Thursday's
9.15am
Each other Sunday of the Month,
8:00am*



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PARENTS AND FRIENDS NEWS

Bunnings BBQ

**Friday 13th December
Epsom Store**

The P&F are holding another Bunnings BBQ Fundraiser

We require helpers for the following time slots are;

9.00am to 11.30am

11.30am to 2.00pm

2.00pm to 4.30pm

Please phone the office if you are able to volunteer on this day
If you would like more information, please contact Brooke, on behalf of the P&F Committee

