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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.



"Let today be the day you give up who you've been for who you can become." - Hal Elrod

Term 1 - Thursday, 27th February 2020

Dear Parents, Families and Friends,

Yesterday, Ash Wednesday, marked the start of possibly, the most important time in our Church - the season of Lent.

When I was growing up, the season of "Lent" meant that I needed to give up something that I loved, like chocolate or soft drink. I was taught that Lent is the season of self-denial and, whilst it made sense to give something up, it wasn't something that I necessarily looked forward to. In fact, I remember many people having negative thoughts about this time and it was often looked upon as a trial or chore.

Since growing up, my understanding and perceptions of this significant time in the Church's year has changed immensely.

Lent provides us with an opportunity to focus our attention on Christ and His sacrifice in the days leading up to Easter. As with any BIG event in our lives, we must prepare ourselves. Lent is a time to reflect on our own personal relationship with God in order to see what we need to do in our lives to become the person that God calls us to be. It is about revising our values and re-training our attitudes. Some may consider this to be a "spring clean" opportunity. We have the opportunity to throw out habits that hinder our relationship with God and build new habits that strengthen our relationship with God.

Lent is an opportunity for growth and a positive time to bond with our God.

Marg

March

Thur 27th	TONIGHT - 3 Way Chats
Fri 28th	Assembly - 3pm
Tue 3rd - Fri 6th	Grade 5/6 Camp Anglesea
Wed 4th	Prep Day Off Tuning Into Kids - Session 1
Mon 9th	PUBLIC HOLIDAY
Tue 10th	Preps commence full time AGM of School Advisory Board - 6.30pm
Wed 11th	Gym/Swimming - Grades 3-6 Tuning Into Kids - Session 2
Fri 13th	P&F Trivia Night
Wed 18th	Tuning Into Kids - Session 3
Tue 24th	Gym/Swimming - Grades 3-6
Fri 27th	End of Term 1 2.30pm finish

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RE News & Prayer for the Week with Mrs Brohm

Ash Wednesday

This week the season of Lent begins with Ash Wednesday, which also marks the beginning of the annual Caritas Australia Project Compassion Appeal. Donations to Project Compassion allow Caritas Australia, the Catholic Agency for International Aid and Development, to work with local communities around the world to alleviate poverty, hunger, oppression and injustice. We encourage you to put your compassion into action this Lent through your prayer, fasting and almsgiving by supporting Project Compassion.

Let's Go Further, Together!



PRAYER

God of all peoples and nations,
As you accompany us on
our Lenten journey,
May our fasting strengthen our
commitment to live in solidarity,
Our almsgiving be an act of justice,
And our prayers anchor us
in love and compassion.
Awaken our hearts and minds that
we may be one human family
As we all go further together.
We ask this in Jesus' name,
Amen

**PROJECT
COMPASSION**
GO FURTHER TOGETHER



**Caritas
AUSTRALIA**

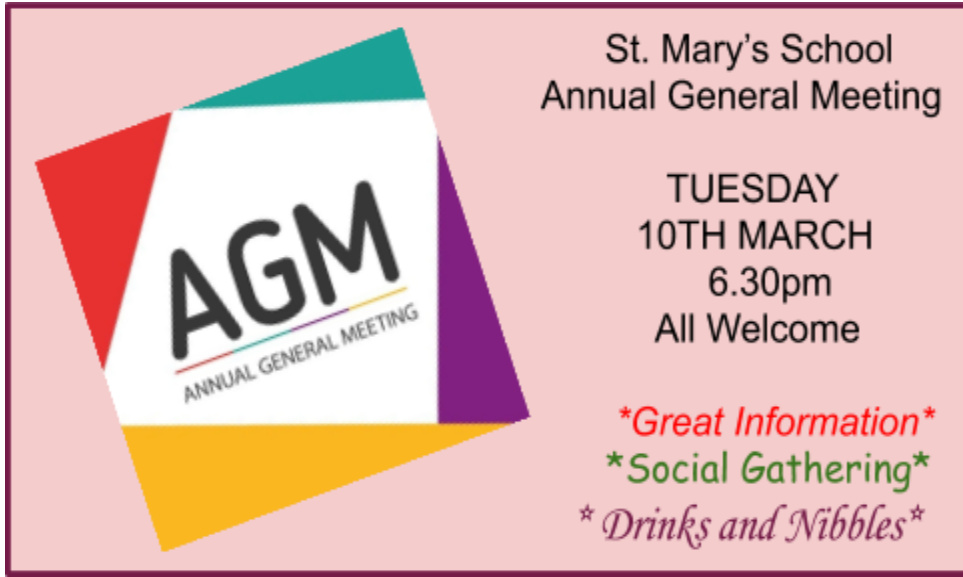
End poverty
Promote justice
Uphold dignity

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We will be looking at ways in which we can support those in need this Lent at our
Assembly on Friday at 3pm.
All Welcome.

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We are looking for a new board member. If this is something that you might be interested in, please call me at the school for more information.

Thanks

Head Lice

A couple of cases of head lice have been reported to the school. The students involved are in both the Junior and Senior classes. I ask **all** parents to check their children and treat them if necessary. Another way to control this is all students with long hair must wear their hair tied up.

Grade 5/6 Camp

Next week, our Grade 5/6 students will be heading off to Anglesea. We have some great activities planned with lots of fun at the beach. We wish them all safe travels and good times on their adventures.



Bridgewater Bus

Due to the Grade 5/6 Camp, there will be no Bridgewater bus service between Tuesday 3rd - Friday 6th March, inclusive. We will be taking the bus to Anglesea during this time. I apologise for any inconvenience that this may cause.

World Day of Prayer

Although our senior students will be on camp, members of our school community have been invited to attend the celebrations at St. Mary's Parish church at 10am on Friday 6th March. If you would like to attend, and you would like to take your child with you, please remember to sign them out at the front office. Mr. Paul Desmond, Director of Catholic Education Sandhurst, is the guest speaker for the event. For more information, please go to the website: <https://www.worlddayofprayeraustralia.org/>

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"On-Call Bus Driver"

From time to time, Dianne Wayman is unable to drive our school bus due to other work commitments. If anyone knows of someone who has a medium - heavy rigid bus license who would be willing to be a backup driver for us, please let me know.

2020 School Photos

Our school photos have been booked for Wednesday, 15th April. This is the second day of Term 2 so we will ask all students to be wearing their summer uniform for these photos.

Thank You to the School Community

A big thank you to all of our school community who kindly donated plates of food for the recent catering requests from the Parents and Friends. There were plenty of donations that were very much appreciated by the family and friends involved. Thanks everyone.



Family Home Learning Task

Last week, we held a very informative session, at school, about the importance of *'Reading at Home'*.

It's the parents who have the homework this week!
It is your challenge to show an interest in what your child is reading.
After all, if you are interested, then so will they be.
Take the time to share your thoughts, opinions, ideas.
It will make a difference.

Shrove Tuesday

Shrove Tuesday marked a time on the calendar where people would clear their cupboards of foods and sweets that were not eaten during Lent, in preparation for fasting. On Tuesday, the Grade 6's made pancakes for the school and, together with the Grade 5's, served them at recess.



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Tuning in to Kids 3 Day Workshop- Begins Next Wednesday ***Book Your Place Now.***

St Mary's Primary School will host a 3 day 'Tuning into Kids' workshop, facilitated by Jo Rodriguez from Family & Relationship Services, Catholic Care Sandhurst.

Want to learn how to help your child manage feelings and emotions (emotional intelligence)?

In this program, you will find out how to help your child understand and manage feelings such as worry, frustration and anger.

When: Wednesday's 4th, 11th & 18th March 2020

Time: 10.00am - 2.00pm Lunch & refreshments provided

Where: St Mary's Primary School, 87 Southey St, Inglewood

Childcare will not be available for these sessions

Cost: \$40 per person (\$30 concession)

Contact: Jo on 5438 1300

For Bookings: <https://www.trybooking.com/BGSL>

Library News.

BorrowBox eBooks & Audiobooks



Could students bring in their Goldfields Regional Library cards so we can get them set up to borrow ebooks and audiobooks from 'Borrowbox' which will be installed on the new school iPads.

Students will begin borrowing this week

If your child does not have a Library Card but a family member does, they can use their card.

If you would like your child to have a Goldfields Regional Library card, you can apply for one at the Inglewood Community Resource Centre.

Nicole Holland and Franceen Innes



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Like Nano.....



Rebekah Maxwell

Is a Person of Compassion.
Nano Nagle was very aware of how the people
in her community were feeling at any given
time.
Rebekah is always aware of those around her
and is willing take action
when she sees someone
in need.



Like Nano.....



Olivia Morrison

Is a Person of Community.
The people in Nano's community were very
important to her. She wanted everyone to have
opportunities to live a full life.
Olivia makes sure that others in our school
community feel included,
valued and respected,
both in and out of the
classroom.



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*



**HAPPY
Birthday!**

March

8th ~ Mollie Terry

THIS IS AN **INVITATION** FROM



**AUSTRALIAN LITERACY
EDUCATORS' ASSOCIATION
CENTRAL VICTORIA**

to attend an afternoon tea party being held at **18 Forest Street Bendigo** on Wednesday the **11th of March 2020** from 4.30 until 6pm.

Come and meet local authors and illustrators as they talk about their latest ventures.

Some of our local authors and or illustrators who will be attending are: Chris Kennett, Katrina Nannestad, Christine Cummings, Lorraine Marwood, Fleur Ferris, Traca Belle, Jen Storer...more to be confirmed.

Invitation is open to interested teachers, support staff, parents, grandparents, friends and students.

Cost is just \$5 per person to help cover afternoon tea expenses.

RSVP is essential. Please do so by Wednesday 4th March by emailing

kerrinyates@gmail.com



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P&F News

*ST MARY'S
PRIMARY SCHOOL*

FRIDAY
THE 13TH
TRIVIA NIGHT
MARCH 13TH | 7PM

AMAZING PRIZES
BYO FOOD & DRINKS
TABLES OF 6-10 PEOPLE
\$10 PER PERSON

TO BOOK YOUR TABLE CONTACT US VIA FACEBOOK
(@SMPS3517) OR 5438 3075 FROM 1 FEBRUARY





**ST MARY'S PRIMARY SCHOOL
2020 FOOTY TIPPING
COMPETITION**

\$25	Tip online Season starts 19/3
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**Join and pay before Round 1
to go in the Early Bird Prize Draw**

Win a gift basket valued at \$75 from
The Australian Eucalyptus Oil Company

To register online go to:
<https://www.footytips.com.au/comps/SMPS2020&p=SMPS2020>
Password: SMPS2020

All payments due by Round 2
Direct Credit - BSB: 633000, Account: 162137665 (SMPS Footy Tipping)
or visit your local Bendigo Bank branch

**Inglewood FNC are seeking netball players for
13 & Under and 15 & Under
Please contact [Tammie Macartney](#) on 0431 515 400**



**Inglewood FNC is also looking for girls and boys who are
interested in playing minis netball in 2020
You need to be turning 8 - 12 this year
New players welcome
Training is Thursday at 5pm at the Inglewood Netball Courts.
For further information please contact [Pam Kelly](#) on 0428 333 142**