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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.



*"If I could sit across the porch from God, I'd thank Him for lending me you."*

**Term 4 - Thursday 8th October 2020**

Dear Parents, Families and Friends,

Welcome back everyone!! How excited were we to have the kids back this week!! And may I say, they have all settled really well and seem very appreciative of connecting with their precious friends, something maybe that we would have taken for granted not so long ago.

Speaking of precious, I was very blessed to be able to visit my mum in Wangaratta over the holidays. I even enjoyed the two and a half drive there - something that I usually dread! I really appreciated our time together. This time seems even so much more precious when we think of Cath and her family at this sad time, following the passing of her dear mum. It really brings home the importance of putting the breaks on the busy road of life and making time for what is really important to us.

God established families right from the very beginning of time. It was a masterpiece of God's creation. He did not create us in isolation. He meant for us to be relational. God gave us the gift of a family as a safe place where children can experience God's love and learn how to love other people. Even Jesus was born within the context of a family and it was within the nurturing care of His earthly family that Jesus grew in wisdom and stature.

We thank God for all members of our families and remember with fond memories, those who are no longer with us, physically, but who will remain forever with us in our hearts.

*Marg*

### October

Mon 12th	Step into Prep - Session 1 <b>TBC</b>
Mon 19th	School Photos Board Meeting - 7pm
Thu 22nd	Book Week Parade & Activities
Fri 23rd	Grand Final Public Holiday SCHOOL CLOSED
Mon 26th	Gym/Swimming - P-2 <b>TBC</b>

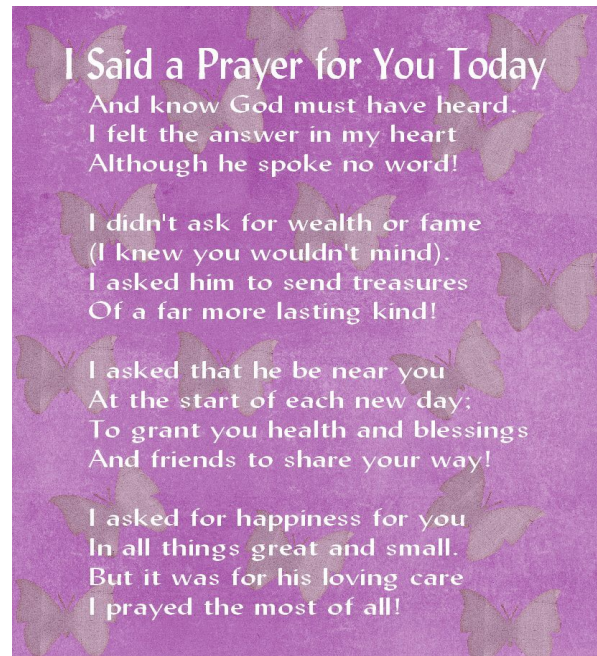
### November

Mon 2nd	PUPIL FREE DAY - <b>TBC</b>
Tue 3rd	Melbourne Cup Public Holiday
Mon 9th	Gym/Swimming - P-2 <b>TBC</b>
Wed 11th	Gym/Swimming - P-2 <b>TBC</b>
Mon 16th	Gym/Swimming - P-2 <b>TBC</b>
Mon 23rd	Gym/Swimming - P-2 <b>TBC</b>

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### **RE Prayer for the Week with Mrs Brohm**

*A prayer  
for all those  
closest and dearest  
to us...*



### **Condolences**

Our thoughts and prayers from our whole school community are with Ibu Cath and her family. Cath's mother passed away on the weekend and we ask God to bless them all during this difficult time. Many of you may know Tony Smith, who often does some maintenance around the school and most of you will remember John O'Connor, a past principal of St Mary's. Both of their wives, Carmel and Maree, are Cath's sisters, so our thoughts are with them as well.

### **Thank You**

There were several people over the holidays that dedicated time and effort towards maintaining our school. The McEwan family had our girls (the chickens) over for a holiday. Tony Smith and Shane Maxwell both did an excellent job of keeping our grounds in 'ship-shape' condition for the return of school. Jaspa Wendels and Ryder Smith responded to my call for help with the soft-fall. Suzi Birthisel also spent a considerable amount of time, refreshing and updating our school website.

We thank you all for what you did in your own way. Please know that it was really appreciated.

### **School Photos**

Our School Photos will be held on Monday 19th October. Photo envelopes were sent home today and need to be returned to school by photo day. Family photo envelopes are available from the office upon request. Please ensure that a full summer uniform is worn.

**Girls - dress, white socks and black sandals**

**Boys - Navy shorts, blue/maroon polo shirt, navy socks, and black shoes**



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### **Congratulations**

Congratulations to the following students, whose art pieces have been selected to enter the MacKillop Art Exhibition - *Halle Birthisel, Maddy Terry, Addy Martin, Jimmy Rollinson, Xavier McLean and Olivia Morrison*. Throughout the year, Mrs. Holland has been on the lookout for some excellent pieces of art to enter this exhibition, which will be held online this year, due to the COVID19 restrictions. We will inform our school community how to view this exhibition online once we have the details. Good luck to all of these students - they should be very proud of their efforts.



### **Return to the Classroom**

During this term, more than any other, I cannot express the importance of the students being at school, each and every day. Of course, if your child is unwell, we need them to be at home, but otherwise, they need to be at school. 2020 has been a year like no other and one thing that the school can provide is a sense of routine. Some of our students have thrived learning from home and some have struggled. Either way, there is no better place than school, to learn and grow alongside their peers. As we try to make this term the best that we can, please always encourage and support your children to be at school every day.

I watched a good video recently, by Dr. Michael Carr-Gregg called "The Transition Back". It contains some great advice, particularly if you have adolescent children. However, even if you don't, it is still worth a watch.

[https://schooltv.me/wellbeing\\_news/special-report-coronavirus-transition-back](https://schooltv.me/wellbeing_news/special-report-coronavirus-transition-back)

### **Great Cycle Challenge**



Last week, on our school Facebook page, the Great Cycle Challenge, was advertised. This challenge aims to raise funds and awareness to fight kids' cancer. Sadly, in Australia, 3 children die of cancer every week. My son, Aidan, has joined this challenge and if you would like to support this great initiative, feel free to sponsor him and make a donation. Information can be found using the following link:

<https://greatcyclechallenge.com.au/Riders/AidanBrohm>

### **Gym and Swimming - P - 2**

We need to confirm details regarding this program, in accordance with the current restrictions and guidelines. I will keep you all informed as decisions are made.

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### **INSIGHT SRC Survey**

Yes, it's that time of year again! The INSIGHT SRC Survey is designed to assist schools in gaining an understanding of parents' perceptions of their child's experiences at school. At St. Mary's, we will be using this information to form our action plan for 2021 and set some new goals for the school. These surveys will be sent home to all families next Monday and I strongly encourage everyone to participate by completing the survey online or on paper.

### **Head Lice**

We have had a suspected case of head lice in the school. I ask everyone to do a check of their child's hair in the next couple of days and treat if needed.

### **Spoonwood Family**

A big thank you to all those who contributed to our 'Spoonwood' Family. This was a great initiative and I thank Brooke Smyth and Suzi Birthisel for their organisation of this fun activity.



### **School Bus Driver: 7.6 hours per week**

#### **Applicants will require:**

- Medium Rigid License (minimum)
- Current Working with Children Check (or a willingness to obtain)
  - National Police Record Check
- Current First Aid Training (or a willingness to achieve)
  - Hours (Daily)  
8.15am - 9.00am  
3.05pm - 3.50pm

#### **Duties include:**

Daily bus run between Bridgewater and Inglewood (Twice daily)

Salary, leave entitlements, long service leave, superannuation contributions, etc, will be in accordance with the current VCMEA as varied or replaced from time to time.

The above two positions will be required for the first 5 weeks of Term 4, 2020, with the possibility of ongoing work in 2021. If you are interested in either or both of these positions, please make contact with me via phone or email, using the details below. Alternatively, please feel free to share these details with anyone who you think may be interested.

#### **Expressions of Interest to:**

Margaret Brohm (Principal)

Ph: 0407 317 956

Email: [principal@sminglewood.catholic.edu.au](mailto:principal@sminglewood.catholic.edu.au)



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## Reminders.....

### Fathers Day

A reminder that money owing for Fathers Day presents that were purchased last term is due to the school please. Thank you to those families who have paid already.

### Hats for Term 4

A reminder that Term 4 is a "No Hat, No Play" term. Please make sure that your child has a school hat at school each day. If you do not have one, we have a good supply at school for purchase. If students do not have a hat on any given day, they will need to play in the bag area. This will start on Monday.

### Return of Books

If anyone still has readers, guided reading texts and/or library books at home from Remote Learning, please return them to school as soon as possible.



Reconciliation

CALLING FOR EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST  
FOR THE

### Sacrament of Reconciliation

If you have a child who has been baptised and you would like them to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation this year, please contact St. Mary's Primary School to register your details.  
(Note: Students must be at least in Grade 2)

<b>ST. MARY'S PRIMARY SCHOOL</b> 	<b>Contact:</b> Marg Brohm (Principal) Phone: 54383075 Email: principal@sminglewood.catholic.edu.au
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## BOOK WEEK ACTIVITIES



On 22nd October we will be holding our Bookweek activities. This year we will create "masks" at school, as this year's theme is Curious Creatures, Wild Minds. If your child/ren has a costume that they would like to wear, they are welcome to wear this and create their mask to match their costume.



Like Nano.....



*Ethan Sheahan*

Is a Person of Daring and Action.  
When things became challenging,  
Nano Nagle still put her best foot forward each  
day.


Congratulations Ethan on the way in which  
you have returned  
to school with a  
'I Can Do' attitude!




**PLEASE NOTE:**  
*With the re-introduction of  
Stage 3 restrictions*

**ALL MASSES HAVE BEEN  
CANCELLED UNTIL  
FURTHER NOTICE**

*Father Stephen will be live streaming his  
Sunday masses every Sunday at  
10.30am. Go to  
<http://www.stliboriuseaglehawk.org.au/>*





Like Nano.....



*Lucy Rollinson*

Is a Person of Community.  
People looked up to Nano for support and  
guidance.

Lucy is a role model in our school,  
leading by example.  
Her gentle nature is  
appreciated by all  
in our school community.




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*



# STEP INTO PREP!



We're excited to announce our program for children starting school in 2021 – **'Step into Prep'**.

Commencing in Term 4, future Preps can join us each Monday from 9.00am to 11.30am.

Children will participate in classroom activities, meet new friends and become comfortable with the school environment.

**Come and experience what St Mary's can offer your family.**

**We look forward to welcoming you into our school and community.**



**For more information contact  
Margaret Brohm (Principal) on 5438 3075.**