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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.



*"Everything is possible for one who believes"*  
- Mark 9:23

**Term 4 - Thursday 22nd October 2020**

Dear Parents, Families and Friends,

As Paul Kelly says....*"From little things, big things grow!!"* We received some very exciting news this week that we have been successful in a grant application for \$445,000!! Back in February, I placed an application for a capital grant to renovate our convent to create a creative arts room, a music centre, community meeting facility and a history walk to honour those from the past who have had a large impact on the development of our school, for so many years. In addition, some of these funds will help us update our current classrooms areas, turning them into flexible learning spaces. What an amazing opportunity for our school and our wider community! This will enable our school to provide very high quality learning environments for our students to learn and thrive in!

This was just the news that we all needed to hear! This was a timely reminder of the importance of having *'hope'* during these challenging times. Hope brings the possibility of something better, a better future for all. It is more than just *'wishing'*, but rather an active approach to life. Despite the fact that it will not be me leading this fabulous opportunity, my hope for St. Mary's is that all of our students have the best opportunities to learn and grow to the best of their potential. After all, that's what we all *hope* for.

*Marg*

October	
Fri 23rd	<b>PUBLIC HOLIDAY</b> Grand Final Day
Mon 26th	Step Into Prep Program School Advisory Board Meeting 7pm
Thur 29th	School Photos
November	
Mon 2nd	<b>PUPIL FREE DAY</b> Report Writing Day
Tue 3rd	<b>PUBLIC HOLIDAY</b> Melbourne Cup
Mon 9th	Step Into Prep Program
Fri 13th	Mary MacKillop Art Exhibition (Online)
Mon 16th	Step Into Prep Program
Mon 23rd	Step Into Prep Program

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



*Dear God,  
When I stand at the beginning of a new day,  
Bless me with the vision to see  
the best of things to come.....  
Wisdom to make good decisions.....  
And most of all, faith, that You are walking  
with me every step of the way.  
Amen.*

### **Return to School**

Whilst, on the whole, most students have returned to school with confidence and have settled into the routines well. During this time, it is so important to make sure that the students are eating well and getting plenty of sleep each day to prepare them for the day ahead. We have noticed that many students, in particular the younger ones, are very tired and some are showing resistance about coming to school each day. These are often the behaviours that we are used to seeing by about Week 3 or 4 in Term 1 of a school year. So given the year that we have had, these behaviours are not surprising.

As parents, we ask you to encourage your child to be at school every day to make the most of this term's face-to-face learning. Be strong and have this expectation of your child. Although they may leave you upset in the mornings, the usual pattern is that they are fine once they settle into the classroom. (We would always ring you if they did not settle). And can I ask that you don't suggest to your child that if they are feeling worse throughout the day, get your teacher to ring home. You can put money on it that they will be feeling worse!! It might be an idea to send me a text to let me know that your child is not 100% so that we know and can keep an eye on them for you.

Of course, as our Schools Operations Guide states that parents are asked to keep your child at home if they are not feeling well, even with the mildest symptoms. But if they are well, we need them here, at school every day. Their friends need them here, as well as their teachers, so that we can finish off what has been a year with a difference!

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## INSIGHT SRC Survey

**TOMORROW!!!!**

**IS THE LAST DAY FOR YOU TO COMPLETE YOUR INSIGHT SRC SURVEYS ONLINE!**  
**I STRONGLY ENCOURAGE YOU ALL TO PARTICIPATE IN THIS SURVEY AS WE REALLY**  
**VALUE YOUR FEEDBACK.**

**THIS FEEDBACK PROVIDES US WITH INFORMATION TO MAKE OUR SCHOOL A**  
**WONDERFUL PLACE WHERE STUDENTS LEARN AND GROW**  
**IN A SAFE, STIMULATING ENVIRONMENT**

## Welcome

In the absence of Dianne Wayman, we welcome Lesley Morrison as a temporary cleaner until Di returns. Lesley has indicated that she is very keen to continue these arrangements in 2021 as Di will be retiring at the end of the year. Our best wishes are with Di as she continues to recover, over the coming weeks.

## School Photos

I am pleased to say that we are now allowed to take school photos! I have made contact with our photography company and these will now be taken on **Thursday 29th October**. Please return all photo order forms prior to this date. Family group photo order forms are available from the office upon request.

## Pupil Free Days - Term 4, 2020

Each year, schools are given 7 Pupil Free Days for professional learning, planning and preparation. Although we have not utilised all of our allocation, it is our intention to have the students at school, in the classrooms, as much as possible this term, given that we have missed so much time at school this year.

There are two public holidays coming up:

**FRIDAY 23RD OCTOBER** (Grand Final)

**TUESDAY 3RD NOVEMBER** (Melbourne Cup)

In addition to these days, I have given teachers a report writing day on

**MONDAY 2ND NOVEMBER** (Pupil Free)

Students finish the term on Wednesday 16th December and staff finish on Friday 18th December. On these last two days, staff will be planning and preparing for 2021. Please put all of these dates on your calendars.

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### Gym and Swimming - P - 2

The decision about this program for our Juniors is still pending government regulations. I am keeping in constant contact with the Catholic Education Team for updates. I will keep you informed of any changes that will allow this program to take place.

### Around Australia Challenge

A reminder for everyone to join us on our school community challenge to see how far we can make it around Australia. We will keep you updated each Monday as to where we have made it to. So dust off that lycra, shake out those sneakers, search for those sweatbands and enjoy the challenge with us. (Remember to write your kms in your child's reader diary)!!

**CHALLENGE YOURSELF!!!**


**St. Mary's  
40 Day Fitness  
Challenge**

**19th October - 5th December**

We are challenging all family members to join us on this challenge to get active together and get as far around Australia as we can get!!

Record your total kms  
OR  
12mins of exercise = 1km  
Record your efforts in one of your child's reader diaries, each day.

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**HAPPY BIRTHDAY**

**October**  
28th ~ Edmund Wilson  
30th ~ Ciara McLean

**November**  
3rd ~ Rebekah Maxwell



**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)


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Like Nano..... 

*Brooke Anderson*



Is a Person of Community.  
I am sure that Nano really enjoyed being around other people.  
Since being back at school, Brooke has really enjoyed the company of her teachers and her friends.  
Welcome back, Brooke!!



Like Nano..... 

*Ethan McEwan*

Is a Person of Daring and Action.  
Nano faced all challenges with courage and strength.  
Lately, Ethan has shown that he has a lot of strength and courage when he has been faced with a challenge.  
These are great skills to have in life, Ethan.



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## BOOK WEEK ACTIVITIES



### **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/>*

### **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*

