

St. Mary's Primary School is committed to the safety and welfare of all children, within a secure environment. All children have a right to be treated with respect and to be protected from abuse and harm. This school supports the Child Safe Standards (Ministerial Order 870) and actively seeks to ensure that all students are kept safe from all forms of harm at all times.



## St. Mary's School Newsletter

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**Term 2 - May 13th 2021 No.7**

### PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Dear Parents, Families and Friends,

I trust that everyone had a great day last Sunday for Mothers Day. A special time where we celebrate the remarkable contribution Mums make to their children. Thanks to everyone who joined us for our pampering afternoon. It was wonderful to see so many back at school, something that is so important to the St Mary's community.

This Sunday, the Church celebrates the Ascension of the Lord, marking the ascent of Jesus Christ into heaven on the 40th day after his Resurrection. This was the time that Jesus directed his disciples to "Go into all the world and proclaim the good news to the whole creation" (Mark 16:15-20). How do we share the Good News? How do we live out the good news and find creative ways to be good news to the whole community?

This week our Grade 3 and Grade 5 children participated in the NAPLAN testing program. Whilst we are bombarded by the media about the testing regime, please understand that all children have been supported throughout the process. We congratulate all children involved in the process and look forward to continuing to work together to achieve learning and growth in all areas of the curriculum.

*Kim Carter*  
Principal

### CALENDAR

#### May

Mon 17th	School Dentist Visit
Thurs 20th	LDSSA Athletics Prep-Grade 6
Fri 21st	P&F Meeting - 2pm Assembly - 3pm
Mon 24th	CMC Transition Session
Thurs 27th	Australia's Biggest Morning Tea

#### June

Tue 1st	Whole School Photo Day
Mon 14th	PUBLIC HOLIDAY
Fri 18th	P&F Meeting - 2pm Assembly - 3pm
Fri 25th	Last Day of Term 2 - 2:20pm finish

## CATHOLIC IDENTITY

### MASS TIMES

**St Peter's, Bridgewater**  
1st Sunday of the Month, 8:00am

**St Mary's, Inglewood**  
Each other Sunday of the Month, 8:00am



## SCHOOL NEWS

### WALK SAFELY TO SCHOOL DAY

Friday 14th May is Walk Safely to School Day! This is a great initiative to promote the health benefits of walking and to help children develop vital road crossing skills.

Families are urged to walk to school on Friday - this could be done by walking to school from home, walking to the bus stop or by parking a block away from the school/bus stop and walking the rest of the way.

### GRADE 3-6 PARENT TEACHER CONVERSATIONS

Bookings for the Grade 3-6 Parent Teacher Conversations are now open and can be made using your PAM account. The Grade 3-6 Parent Teacher Conversations will be held on Wednesday 26th May and replace the postponed Conversations from Term 1.

Parent Teacher Conversations are a great opportunity for you to meet with your child/ren's classroom teacher to discuss student progress so far this year, as well as to set some learning goals for Semester Two. Student attendance is optional at these conversations. Students will be supervised by another teacher for the afternoon session on this day to enable conversations to get started prior to 3:20pm.

If you experience any difficulties accessing your PAM account, please contact the school.

**ACTIVE KIDS ARE  
SMARTER KIDS**



**FRIDAY 14 MAY 2021**

Until they're ten, children must always hold  
an adult's hand when crossing the road

**WALK.COM.AU**

Facebook: @walksafelytoschool, Instagram: @walksafelytoschool, Twitter: @walksafelytoschool #WSTSD  
SUPPORTED BY THE AUSTRALIAN GOVERNMENT AND ALL STATE, TERRITORY AND LOCAL GOVERNMENTS

## LDSSA ATHLETICS - THURSDAY 20th MAY

Next week, all students will be attending the LDSSA Athletics carnival at the Bendigo Athletics Centre in Flora Hill. If any parents are available to be group supervisors or scorers on the day please let Mr Starr know ASAP. Just a reminder we will be leaving school at 8am and getting back to school approximately 4pm. There will be no Bridgewater bus service in the morning or afternoon. Don't forget to complete the permission form on PAM.

## BRIDGEWATER BUS UNAVAILABILITY

Our Bridgewater Bus service is unable to run in the morning on **Monday 31st May**. Families are asked to arrange their own transport to school that morning. We apologise for any inconvenience this may cause. The afternoon Bridgewater Bus run will go ahead as normal.

## STUDENT LEARNING JOURNALS

Families are asked to return Term 1 Student Learning Journal folders to school ready for more work samples to be added in Semester 2.

## ABSENT STUDENTS & STUDENTS LATE TO SCHOOL

A reminder to call the Office on 54383075 or put in a Parent Notified Absence on PAM if your child is going to be absent. All unexplained absences will be followed up. Any students who arrive late to school (e.g. arrive after 9am) need a parent/guardian to sign them in at the Office.

## SCHOOL PHOTOS

Photo envelopes were sent home today to all students. Payments to MSP Photography can be made either by cash or online. Please ensure that all completed envelopes are returned to school by Monday 31st May. Full winter uniform will be required to be worn on this day.



The graphic features a central illustration of a yellow sun with three hands (purple, green, and blue) reaching up towards it. Above the sun, the text 'better health', 'better future', and 'better outcomes' is written in a curved path. Below the sun, the words 'Attendance Matters' are written in pink. To the right of the illustration, the text 'Why is regular attendance at school important?' is written in green, followed by a paragraph in black: 'Coming to school every day means when leaving school, you will earn more money, have better job opportunities and will be generally healthier.'

**Attendance Matters**

**Why is regular attendance at school important?**

Coming to school every day means when leaving school, you will earn more money, have better job opportunities and will be generally healthier.

## CHILDREN'S CHATTER MATTERS

In order to prepare for the language & learning demands of the school environment, children need ample time and opportunity to engage in meaningful interactions with their family.



Ten activities will be provided over this Semester targeting phonological awareness skills. Phonological awareness is one of the key building blocks for reading and writing. It is listening to, and thinking about the sounds in words.

8. When learning to read and spell words, children also need to be able to segment, or break words into sounds. For example, the word 'sack' can be split into s – a – ck. It has 3 sounds. Help your child to 'find' sounds and 'break up' a word into sounds through practice, using words from their book/around the room. Start with simple words, with two or three sounds. Your child might need to use fingers/blocks to support.

For students in Grade 2+, who are capable of breaking simple words into sounds, practice with words that have consonant blends at the start. Consonant blends are two or three speech sounds together that are not vowels, for example: sm, sn, tr, bl, cr, gl...

## STUDENT NEWS



**HAPPY  
BIRTHDAY**

**May**

**21st ~ Tia Keats**



# 5 tips to keep your family safe online



Parents and carers can use a combination of strategies to help young people build their digital technology skills and have safer experiences online.

## 1. Start the chat

Get into the habit of talking about online safety as a family, so your child feels comfortable coming to you if they ever need help working out an issue. It's never too early to introduce [good online habits](#) such as respect, empathy, critical thinking, responsible behaviour and resilience. As your child grows older, eSafety's advice about [hard to have conversations](#) will help with some of the tricky topics like sending nudes, online pornography and contact from sexual predators.

## 2. Create a family technology agreement

Creating a Family Technology Agreement can help you and your kids decide together when and how digital technology will be used at home. As a family, brainstorm easy-to-follow rules and display them where everyone will see them. Your agreement could cover things like: time limits, apps your kids are allowed to use and online behaviour. Families with younger children can [download](#) a template to guide the conversation.

## 3. Set up parental controls

Parental controls let you monitor and limit what your child sees and does online. It's best to use them in combination with the other online safety strategies listed here. [Taming the technology](#) can help you understand your options. Grab a device and get started with our guides to setting up parental controls on [devices and accounts](#) or in [social media, games and apps](#).

## 4. Choose games and other apps carefully

Use eSafety's [App checklist for parents](#) to think about the positives and negatives when your child asks to download a new game or other app. The checklist covers things like age ratings, managing privacy settings and reporting abuse in-app. You can also use [The eSafety guide](#) to check and set up safety features with your child.

## 5. Use digital technology together

Exploring or playing on devices or online with your child can be a positive experience that promotes learning and development. Ask questions, be curious and get involved. To learn more, read our blogpost [How to encourage good screen practices for your child](#).

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## *Hello*

*You are invited to our Australia's Biggest Morning Tea. Let's get together and enjoy some tasty treats so we can support those impacted by cancer.*

*Host: St Mary's Primary School*

*Where: 87 Southey Street, Inglewood*

*Date: Thursday 27th May, 2021*

*Time: 10.30am*

*Please join us for a community get together to raise funds for the Cancer Council*

*RSVP by 24th May, 2021*

*Phone/Email Sandra on 5438 3075*





***National Volunteer Week***



# NATIONAL 17-23 MAY 2021 VOLUNTEER RECOGNISE. RECONNECT. REIMAGINE. WEEK

National Volunteer Week commences on Monday and this year's theme is Recognise. **Reconnect. Reimagine.**

At St Mary's Primary School we have a long and proud history of volunteerism. It's one of the many aspects of what makes our school community such a special and welcoming place.

We **recognise** our volunteers are one of our most valuable assets. The sense of teamwork that has been evident already this year is outstanding, and the can-do approach is always on display. It's a credit to everyone who gives so generously of their time for the betterment of our students, school and broader community.

The teaching team and students are looking forward to **reconnecting** more with our dedicated volunteers as we plan events and activities throughout the year.

Our students understand the importance of volunteering, and feel proud to be part of activities that support our wider community. Their efforts are already **re-imagining** the future of volunteering, with a new generation so willingly giving their time at working bees, sausage sizzles, the Inglewood Fire Brigade, the Inglewood Alive Festival, Auskick and more.

So to our community of volunteers, a big thank you for everything you do for our school and the broader community.

## VOLUNTEERS

**V**ery important people

**O**utstanding role models

**L**ove to be helpful

**U**nderstand our community

**N**eeded for many things

**T**each by example

**E**nthusiastic and committed

**E**njoy teamwork and helping others

**R**eady at a moment's notice

**S**pecial people we value greatly

**Thank you to all the volunteers  
in our community**

## COMMUNITY NEWS



### Boys Brains

This workshop aims to help parents better understand their boys; it will provide practical strategies for how to connect with them and support them to succeed.

✓ Understanding   ✓ Differences   ✓ Practical Strategies

#### Workshop date & location:

**Location Name** – Zoom (Bendigo)

**Dates:** Thurs, 27<sup>th</sup> May 2021 @ 7:30PM – 9:00PM  
Thurs, 17<sup>th</sup> June 2021 @ 11:00AM – 12:30PM

Please note this is a single session workshop only

There is a no cost for these workshops

#### RSVP:

Reception | CatholicCare Victoria  
T (03) 5438 1300 | E email@ccds.org.au

Please remember your mask. We ask that all participants follow social distancing and face mask regulations.



Boys Brains  
176 – 178 McCrae Street, Bendigo VIC 3550  
T (03) 5438 1300

www.ccds.org.au

### MUNICIPAL PUBLIC HEALTH & WELLBEING 2021 - 2025 SURVEY

The Council is currently preparing its Public Health and Wellbeing Plan and invites you to help shape its development.

Through consultation with community and local service providers, the plan will identify and set out the main health and wellbeing priorities for our community for the next four years.

To help develop a plan that responds to challenges facing local communities, they are keen to know what you think the main health and wellbeing issues facing our community are.

It will only take five to ten minutes to share your thoughts with us and we thank you for your time.  
<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/XC99XY5>



Megan Simpson  
presents

# Courage & Crowns



A one-hour workshop designed for  
**Grade 6 Girls & their Mums/Aunties/Carers/Grandmums**  
to explore the ideas of:

**SELF LOVE • SELF WORTH • HIGH STANDARDS**

All women will leave this workshop with  
a greater understanding of:

- ♡ How to work with strong emotions.
- ♡ Self-love as the foundation for great choices.
- ♡ How to create a healthy relationship with self & others.

Thursday 3rd June, 7:30pm  
Community Centre  
St Francis of the Fields Primary School  
46 Blucher St, Strathfieldsaye



*"If you have a daughter who has forgotten how to love themselves, send them along to Megan. The genre of music will change in your house in no time!"*



With 28 years experience in wellbeing, Megan is passionate about teaching women of all ages how to cultivate self-acceptance & self-confidence,

## ENQUIRIES & TICKETS:

Megan Simpson - Creating Connections  
Via Facebook

[www.megansimpson.com.au](http://www.megansimpson.com.au)