

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 1 - March 17th 2022 No.4**

### PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Dear Parents, Families and Friends,

I hope that everyone enjoyed the extra long weekend last weekend. Last Friday, the St Mary's staff gathered with members of Catholic Education Sandhurst for an Aboriginal Education - Spirituality and Aboriginal Perspective Day. The day included an Aboriginal Spirituality and Child Safe Standards presentation as well as an afternoon immersed in Aboriginal Art.

2022 will see the introduction of the new Child Safe Standards. Along the lines of Child Safe reminders, parents are asked to please sign their children in at the Office any time children arrive after the 9am bell. In addition, any changes to afternoon routines (e.g. a different adult collecting your child at the end of the day) need to be communicated to the school by calling the Office on 54383075. There has been some miscommunication and confused children at the end of the day when the school hasn't been informed of changes.

A highlight of last week was the children discovering that we're going on a whole school excursion to the Werribee Zoo. Not only will children learn more about animals and their habitats, they will also get to see and hear how animals move and interact in preparation for our whole school production, The Jungle Book.

### CALENDAR

#### March

Fri 18th	Wear a touch of orange for Bullying No Way Day
Wed 23rd	Learning Conversations
Fri 25th	2pm - P&F Meeting 3pm - Assembly
Tues 29th	Learning Conversations
Wed 30th	Learning Conversations  Sacrament Preparation Meeting #4
Thurs 31st	Gym & Swimming Program

#### April

Fri 1st	Gr3-6 Cross Country & Junior Fun Day
Mon 4th	Casual Clothes Day
Tues 5th	Werribee Zoo Excursion

We have a few different excursions coming up (including our trip to Werribee Zoo and Cross Country), please keep an eye on your PAM account for excursion permission forms. All children should have an up to date medical profile on PAM.

Miss Fenwick is also looking for some parent helpers and volunteers for the LCDSSA Cross Country and Junior Fun Day which is going to be held on Friday 1st April in Marong. If you're able to help out, please contact Miss Fenwick via phone or email [tfenwick@sminglewood.catholic.edu.au](mailto:tfenwick@sminglewood.catholic.edu.au)

A reminder that there is no Gym and Swimming next week. Our final session is Thursday 31st March.

Finally, Learning Conversation bookings are now open and can be made using your PAM account. With termly Learning Conversation this year replacing written comments on reports, participation in these conversations is vital to ensure clear communication between home and school and ensuring an ongoing focus on the learning outcomes and progress of your child/ren.

*Kim Carter*  
Principal



**Have you booked in for  
your Parent Teacher  
Learning Conversations?**

## 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



### **Sacrament Program:**

Due to unforeseen circumstances, our First Reconciliation sacrament preparation program and Liturgy has needed to be postponed.

Please note the following new dates in your calendar:

- Wednesday 30th March: 3:30pm-4:30pm - Sacrament Preparation Meeting #4
- Wednesday 6th April: 3:30pm-4:30pm - First Reconciliation Liturgy

### **Project Compassion:**

Thank you to families who have donated coins to our Project Compassion boxes ready for our coin line on Thursday 7th April. Remember, if each child donates \$1 per week throughout Lent, our school will be able to raise \$130 for those less fortunate.

**PRAYER**

**PROJECT COMPASSION FOR ALL FUTURE GENERATIONS**

**Caritas AUSTRALIA** End poverty. Promote justice. Uphold dignity.

Loving God,  
 We thank you for the gift of our lives and for the life of every person, both near to us and far away.  
 We thank you for the wonder of all your creation. Through fasting, almsgiving and prayer may this Lent draw us deeper into the warmth and light of God's love.  
 May we see the world more clearly, Especially those who are often overlooked.  
 May we come closer to your heart, Which you showed through the cross of Jesus.  
 May we be full of hope for all future generations.  
 We ask this in Jesus' name  
 Amen.

**SUPPORT PROJECT COMPASSION 2022**

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 WITH PROJECT COMPASSION STORIES

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 1800 024 413  
 #projectcompassion

## SCHOOL NEWS

### PASTORAL WELLBEING

### National Day of Action against Bullying and Violence

**KINDNESS CULTURE**  
 • IT STARTS WITH YOU •

**National Day of Action against Bullying and Violence**  
**Friday 18 March 2022**

Join us on Friday 18 March 2022 for the National Day of Action against Bullying and Violence (NDA). Australia's key bullying prevention initiative celebrates 12 years of action, connecting schools and communities to find workable solutions to prevent bullying.

The theme for 2022 is Kindness Culture. By building Kindness Culture together, we can promote inclusion, respect and community belonging for all students in schools across Australia.

This **Friday 18th March** we invite students to wear a **touch of orange** to show their awareness of Bullying No Way day. During the day we will also be creating a "Kindness Wall" to remind us of how we can build a "Kindness Culture" at St Mary's.

# Be kind online

The new animation series for the 2022 National Day of Action against Bullying and Violence, Be kind online, encourages young people to block content, report it, and support each other if they see or experience cyberbullying.

The series communicates to young people that it is important they know that they are not alone and help is always available.

Share these videos with your child and start a conversation to help identify, understand and respond to cyberbullying.

## For Years 3 to 6

### Gaming and cyberbullying



Watch the video [🔗](#)

Be Kind online. Bullying No Way!

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=GL8jlfz9Kyl&list=PL8UeNKK-858eh8ruaON9PnKM-vNgmufww&index=4>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pxNGrDY5CDM&list=PL8UeNKK-858eh8ruaON9PnKM-vNgmufww&index=4>

### Video platforms and cyberbullying



Watch the video [🔗](#)

**CAN YOU HELP?**  
We're currently looking for volunteers who can help at the Cross Country and Junior Fun Day. If you have a spare few hours on Friday 1st April, please contact Miss Fenwick.



### What's happening this fortnight in PREP - GRADE 2

<b>Religion</b>	Lent & Easter
<b>English</b>	<b>Reading:</b> Text structure <b>Writing:</b> Recount writing - Final copy <b>Spelling:</b> E & ck
<b>Maths</b>	Addition
<b>Personal Learning</b>	<b>Personal and Social capabilities:</b> My feelings
<b>RRRR</b>	Personal Strengths
<b>Performance Arts</b>	<b>The Jungle Book Auditions.</b> This Friday will be the second of three Auditions for the main characters. We welcome Claire Sexton to join Mrs Murray for these Auditions.
<b>Visual Arts</b>	Painting clay and pom poms
<b>Health</b>	<b>My Feelings.</b> We are learning about strong feelings like being angry or worried and how we can manage them.
<b>Sport</b>	<b>Moving the Body-</b> Following, repeating and responding to different movement sequences. Demonstrating changes in speed and direction.
<b>Indonesian</b>	Greeting Conversation

### What's happening this fortnight in GRADE 3 - 6

<b>Religion</b>	Lent
<b>English</b>	Making connections to our reading
<b>Maths</b>	Fractions
<b>Personal Learning</b>	Food and Fibre Production
<b>RRRR</b>	Personal Strengths
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<b>Health</b>	<b>Healthy Relationships.</b> This week we are learning about Kindness. What does the word mean and why is it an important part of a healthy relationship?
<b>Sport</b>	<b>Moving the Body-</b> Performing different movement skills in correct sequence and unison with a partner or group.
<b>Indonesian</b>	Islands of Indonesia

**HAPPY  
BIRTHDAY**

**March**

20th ~ Abby Wilson  
23rd ~ Ruby Scolari  
27th ~ Xander Wilson

### 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.



### Receptive Language (Language Comprehension)

Receptive language, or “what goes in”, is the ability to understand what people are saying. This includes individual words as well as the sentence type/ structure. Receptive language skills underpin all areas of the school curriculum including literacy, numeracy and social and personal capabilities.

#### Activities:

##### 9. Simon Says

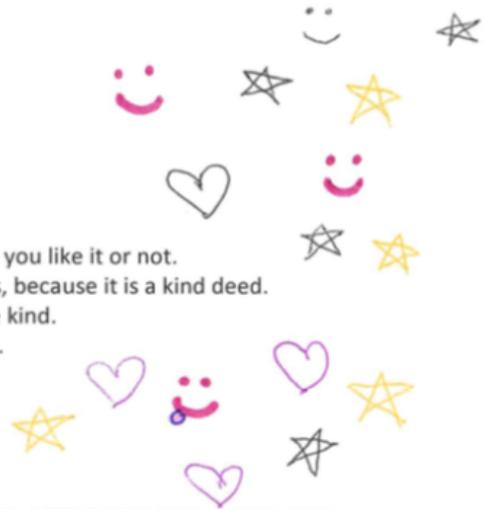
Simon Says is a simple but great way to target following directions. You can adjust the length of the instruction for your child and increase the difficulty as the game progresses. You can start with a basic direction such as ‘touch your toes’ and increase your instructions to something such as ‘spin around, clap your hands and touch the floor’.

## Kindness Culture

Kindness is orange because it is the colour of sunset and the sun.  
It looks like people sharing when someone has nothing to play with.  
It sounds like manners when someone gives you something whether you like it or not.  
It feels like people are picking things up for others if they drop things, because it is a kind deed.  
It smells like your favourite treat when someone gives it to you to be kind.  
It tastes like sharing a meal with your friend to save money and time.  
It makes me feel safe to know that someone is looking after me.

Brooke

KINDNESS



Kindness is a rainbow.

It looks like people smiling when they are playing and chatting.  
It sounds like people laughing and talking and really enjoying their conversations.  
It feels like holding someone's hand, because they are helping you up.  
It smells like the roasting fire of a campfire and the smell of gooey marshmallow while gently talking to your friends.  
It tastes like chocolate ice-cream with a friend.  
It feels like a warm, fuzzy feeling flowing through my heart when I get a gift.

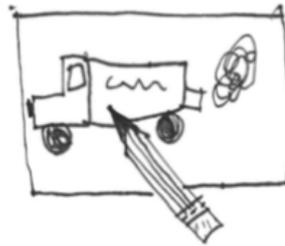
Addie



Kindness Culture is orange

I see people happy and not fighting.  
I hear people laughing and not saying bad words.  
I feel the warmth of other's love.  
I smell fresh air in my quiet place.  
I taste hot chocolate when mum makes it for me.

Jimmy



It sounds like caring for others

It looks like being friendly.

It feels like being safe when it is your worst day.

It smells like friendship and chocolate and love because someone has the heart to give it to you.

Liv.



# KINDNESS IS FREE

*Sprinkle that stuff  
everywhere*

 SmallThingsOverTime.com

## Friday Afternoon Catch Up

This is a wonderful way to finish the week with a cuppa, chat and a laugh. There was lots of talk at the last meeting about the building changes that have happened over the years. Photo albums will be out this Friday dating from the 80's and 90's. We look forward to seeing you. Feel free to wear a touch of orange.



## Attending the Early Years = Greater chance of success

- establishes positive habits
- builds positive relationships
- maximises opportunities to learn
- supports problem solving skills

## Benefits of a strong parent-school relationship

As a parent, you know your child better than anyone else does. Your child's teachers will want to get to know your child too.

When you have a strong and respectful relationship with your child's school and teachers, you're in a good position to **give them information to help your child get the most out of education.**

You and your child's teachers can work together to support your child's learning and wellbeing.

Raising Children.org.au

## P&F NEWS



**Easter Raffle  
& Casual Day**

Students are invited to wear casual clothes on **Monday 4 April** and bring along an Easter egg donation for our raffle.

The raffle will be drawn on **Friday 8 April**.

Tickets \$1 each, 3 for \$2  
3 prize baskets

Raffle books due back 6 April  
Thank you!

### Upcoming Events

There are several events on the horizon for the P&F including the Easter Raffle, Womens on Farms Gathering, the Run for Resilience and Mother's Day. If you're available to help out in any capacity, please contact Suzi Birthisel. Many hands make light work!

### Many Hands Make Light Work



Thank You For Being So Kind

## COMMUNITY NEWS



**DISCOVER CMC IN 2023**  
WE'RE WITH YOU ALL THE WAY!

**OPEN HOUSE**  
Wednesday 23 March, 4.30-7pm  
Coolock Campus, Mclvor Hwy, Junortoun

**REGISTER ONLINE NOW**

**COLLEGE TOURS:** Tue & Thu: 29 & 31 March; 5 & 7 April; 3 & 5 May. Book online now!  
**ENROLMENTS OPEN FOR YEAR 7, 2023:** Wed 23 March 2022. Apply online!  
**'DISCOVER CMC' DAYS:** Mon 2 - Fri 6 May. For Grade 6 students at Coolock Campus.  
**ENROLMENTS CLOSE FOR YEAR 7, 2023:** Tue 10 May 2022.

ENROLMENT ENQUIRIES: Audra Petri College Registrar ☎ 5445 9100 ✉ enrolment@cmc.vic.edu.au 🌐 www.cmc.vic.edu.au  
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