

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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PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Dear Parents, Families and Friends,

It was great to have everyone back on site after the disruption of our most recent lockdown. The children and staff returned to face to face teaching incredibly well and it was wonderful to see the smiles on faces and enthusiasm shared across the school.

A big thank you to Mr Starr and the Grade 3-6 students for their work seeking sponsorship for Energy Breakthrough. Unfortunately, this week we received the news that the Energy Breakthrough event has been cancelled for the second year in a row due to COVID restrictions. We're currently investigating school-based opportunities or events that could be held later on in the year in place of the official event. If you have any suggestions, please let Mr Starr know.

Congratulations to the St Inglebridge Football Team for your efforts yesterday at the Division Football carnival - going down in their Division Grand Final against Axedale. Awesome efforts from the players and their coach Mr Starr!

Thanks also to families for your support in following the new COVID guidelines. It's been fantastic everyone checking in using the QR Codes in the Office.

CALENDAR

August

Mon 9th	Pupil Free Day
Fri 13th	Olympic Casual Clothes Day 2pm - P&F Meeting (Offsite) 3pm - Assembly (Facebook)
Mon 16th - Wed 18th	Grade 5 & 6 Camp to Billabong Ranch, Echuca
23rd - 27th	BOOK WEEK Dress Up Day: 26th Aug
Mon 23rd	School Council Meeting - 7pm

September

Fri 3rd	Father's Day Afternoon: 2:45pm
Wed 8th	Gr3-6 Festival of the Sacred
Sat 11th	Lion's Country Market
Fri 17th	LAST DAY OF TERM 3

This Sunday is the Feast Day for St Mary MacKillop. "Mary MacKillop is not only the first Australian to be recognised by the Church as a Saint, she is truly a very Australian saint. She characterises the spirit of the Australian mythology. She was a hard worker who put the needs of others before herself. She exhibited something of the larrikin spirit: constantly in dispute with authority but pressing on, regardless. She used the strengths of others but also didn't tolerate those who were not genuine. Her commitment to the schooling of children from poor and rural communities established a model of Catholic education that continues to today. A Saint for and of Australia!" - Greg Sunter

Kim Carter
Principal

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



PROJECT COMPASSION 2021:

PROJECT COMPASSION 2021 concluded at the end of the financial year. Last year, Project Compassion 2020 was cut short and as expected, donations were well down. This year has seen the campaign almost restored to 2019 (preCOVID) levels and more so in Sandhurst. Nationally, Project Compassion raised \$10.1 million which is a little over 5% less than the \$10.7 million in 2019. Sandhurst Diocese can be very proud of its contribution of \$526,000 which is an increase of over 6% compared to \$496,000 in 2019. THANK YOU for your particular part in this.

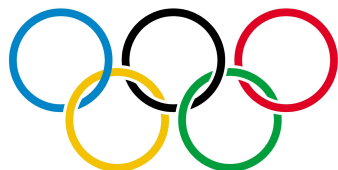
Lord God,
You called Saint Mary MacKillop to serve you.
She spent her life caring for and teaching kids
and inspired others to join with her.
Through your love
she lived a life which gave people hope.
Today we share that hope.
Bless all who continue her work
And may they and Mary MacKillop continue to be
a source of hope for us all.
We ask this through Jesus Christ. Amen.



SCHOOL NEWS

PUPIL FREE DAY - MONDAY 9th AUGUST:

Monday 9th August is a Pupil Free Day. Staff will be working with Craig Simpson from Catholic Education Sandhurst Ltd. regarding the Science of Learning. Throughout the day Staff will look at current cognitive-science research on how students learn, and connect it to their teaching.



OLYMPIC CELEBRATIONS:

To celebrate our Olympic themed unit, students are invited to come to school on **FRIDAY 13th AUGUST** wearing the colours of the country they've been researching or dressed as an athlete from their favourite Olympic sport.

BOOK WEEK CELEBRATIONS & ACTIVITIES:

We are excited to announce that this year's Book Week preparations are underway. We're hoping that COVID restrictions will ease prior to this day which may allow parents and the Inglewood Kinder to join us as we celebrate BOOK WEEK 2021

Theme: Old Worlds, New Worlds, Other Worlds.

When: Thursday 26th August 2021

Time: 8.45am- 11.30am

Dress as your favourite book character or using this year's theme, **Old Worlds, New Worlds, Other Worlds.**

Outline for the day:

- 8.55am- 9.10am Book Week Parade
- 9.10am-9.45am Book Week activity rotation 1
- 9.45am-10.20am Book Week activity rotation 2
- 10.20am-10.55am Book Week activity rotation 3
- 10.55am-11.00am Whole group story



DAD! - SAVE THE DATE:



As a follow up to our successful Mother's Day Pamper Session, we're planning something special for the St Mary's Dads, Grandpa's, Uncles and Special Gents. **At 2:45pm on Friday 3rd September**, St Mary's Dad's are invited to come to school for a special afternoon - Don't forget to bring a hammer!!!

ENERGY BREAKTHROUGH:

The Energy Breakthrough Management Group made the decision Monday (02/08/2021) to cancel the 2021 Maryborough Energy Breakthrough Festival, due to the ongoing health risks of COVID-19 and their impact on public events. The event was due to be held from the 17th to 21st November 2021. The post "2021 Energy Breakthrough Festival Cancelled" appeared first on Energy Breakthrough (<https://www.eb.org.au>) and (<https://www.eb.org.au/2021/08/04/2021-energy-breakthrough-festival-cancelled/>). Although this is disappointing news for a second year in a row, it is not entirely unexpected given the current unpredictable COVID circumstances. Nathan Starr will be in contact with businesses and individuals regarding the return of donations and sponsorship.

Due to cancellation of Energy Breakthrough, we are looking at the possibility of conducting our own event for the Grade 6 students only. At this stage we are proposing a day of training at the Bendigo Go Kart Track to get students familiarised with the vehicle. Then a day/evening where the Grade 6 students can participate in a day to see how many laps they can complete. Ideally this will involve parent participation as spectators and volunteers on the day. Due to the current uncertainties, many of the details are unable to be confirmed. Details of the proposed event will become available early in term 4. Please contact Mr Starr if you have questions.

EXTRA TRAFFIC:

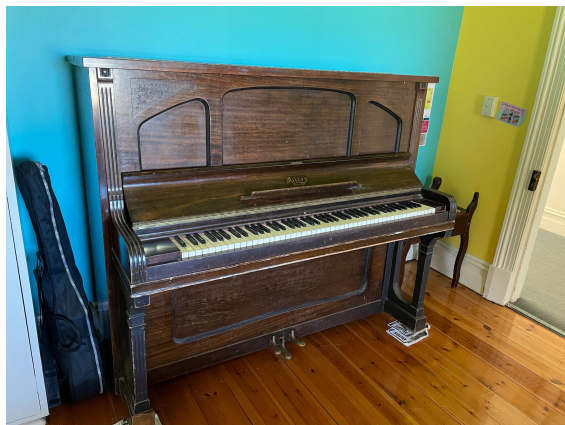
Parents and children are reminded to be vigilant when walking, riding and driving past the school. Building works across the road have increased the amount of traffic in Southey Street. Now is a good time to remind children of road safety practices. The following is a great website with Road and Pedestrian safety tips:



<https://raisingchildren.net.au/toddlers/safety/car-pedestrian-safety/pedestrian-safety#pedestrian-safety-and-road-safety-for-kids-nav-title>

LAST CALL FOR THE CONVENT:

As the cleanout of the convent progresses, we have a number of items that are no longer required. In the Parents Room, there are several toys, candelabras and props from previous trivia nights and productions. We also have several small fabric covered classroom chairs, a drum kit and a piano that are not required. If you would like to collect any previously donated items or are interested in any of the other items, please feel free to visit the school. Any items that are left over in the next couple of weeks will either be thrown out or donated to charity.





Attendance in Early Years Matters!

- attendance matters full stop!
- what is your child's attendance at? 95% is the target

STUDENT NEWS

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.



VOCABULARY DEVELOPMENT ACTIVITIES:

3. Audiobooks

Audio books and podcasts can be used to boost exposure to the spoken word. It also enables children to access stories with more complex vocabulary than they are able to read.

Listen to audiobooks with your child and show your enjoyment. Talk about what is happening. Stop once in a while and predict what might happen next. If you miss a bit, ask your child to explain. Draw pictures of what you think characters and places might look like. Discuss similarities and differences. Act out exciting parts.

Next, choose a word that you heard in the audiobook. Talk about its meaning and write it somewhere. Challenge everyone in the family to use and listen out for it. At the end of the day, say it in a new sentence.



**HAPPY
BIRTHDAY**

August

6th ~ Suzie Ngo

17th ~ Jamie Sheahan



COMMUNITY NEWS



Tuning in to Kids

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

Children with emotional intelligence have greater success making and keeping friends, are more able to calm down when upset or angry and have better concentration at school.

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

✓ Connection ✓ Emotions ✓ Self Esteem

Workshop date & location:

Location Name – Zoom (Bendigo)

Dates: Thursdays, 12th August to 16th Sept 2021
Arrival and Registration – 6:45PM
Session: 7:00PM – 9:00PM

This Program has 6 weekly sessions

Fees apply, please discuss when booking

Groups are subject to maximum and minimum numbers determined seven working days prior to the commencement date. Early registration is encouraged

RSVP:

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



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