

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,

At the beginning of this week, we welcomed all students back on site! It was so lovely seeing everyone walk through the gates after a prolonged period of remote learning. The students, staff and parents are all congratulated on the efforts that you all put in to ensure a continuation of learning during the most recent period of remote learning.

The return to school this term has come with further public health orders and Government and Catholic Education mandates. I appreciate that vaccinations and face mask directives have caused some distress and frustration for some families. Please know that this is not a school based decision. We are required to implement the rules and guidelines as directed. St Mary's has a duty of care to provide a safe working environment for staff as well as students. Adhering to the public health orders is a key way in addressing this duty of care during a pandemic.

Much of Term 4 remains uncertain in regards to school events. Unfortunately, due to the current COVID restrictions, our planned Trivia Night has had to be cancelled this year. I will endeavour to keep families up to date as decisions are made based on guidelines at the time for other events such as Big Day's Out, St Mary's Energy Breakthrough activities and our End of Year Mass and Graduation.

CALENDAR

October

Mon 18th	School Council Meeting - 7pm
Thurs 21st	P-2 Gym & Swimming
Thurs 28th	P-2 Gym & Swimming

November

Mon 1st	PUPIL FREE DAY - Report Writing
Tue 2nd	Melbourne Cup Public Holiday
Thur 4th	P-2 Gym & Swimming
Wed 10th	Flying into Foundation
Thur 11th	P-2 Swimming & Big Day Out
Fri 12th	MacKillop Art Exhibition Opening

On happy news, I wish to congratulate Nathan Starr on his appointment as a Classroom Teacher at St Peter's Primary School, North Bendigo. I'm sure you will join me in thanking Nathan for his hard work and commitment to St Mary's school over the years. Nathan has been a part of the St Mary's community since 2013 and has made the decision to shift his employment to further develop his career and for family reasons. I'm hopeful that we will all have an opportunity to say thank you and farewell to Nathan later on in the Term. Over the next few days, I will begin the appointment process for a new Classroom Teacher to join the St Mary's community.

This weekend's gospel finds Jesus informing James and John that real prominence is found in service. Some thoughts to consider during the week... Jesus says anyone who wants to be first has to be a servant. What does this mean? How can we be servants of others?

Kim Carter
Principal

CATHOLIC IDENTITY

MASS TIMES

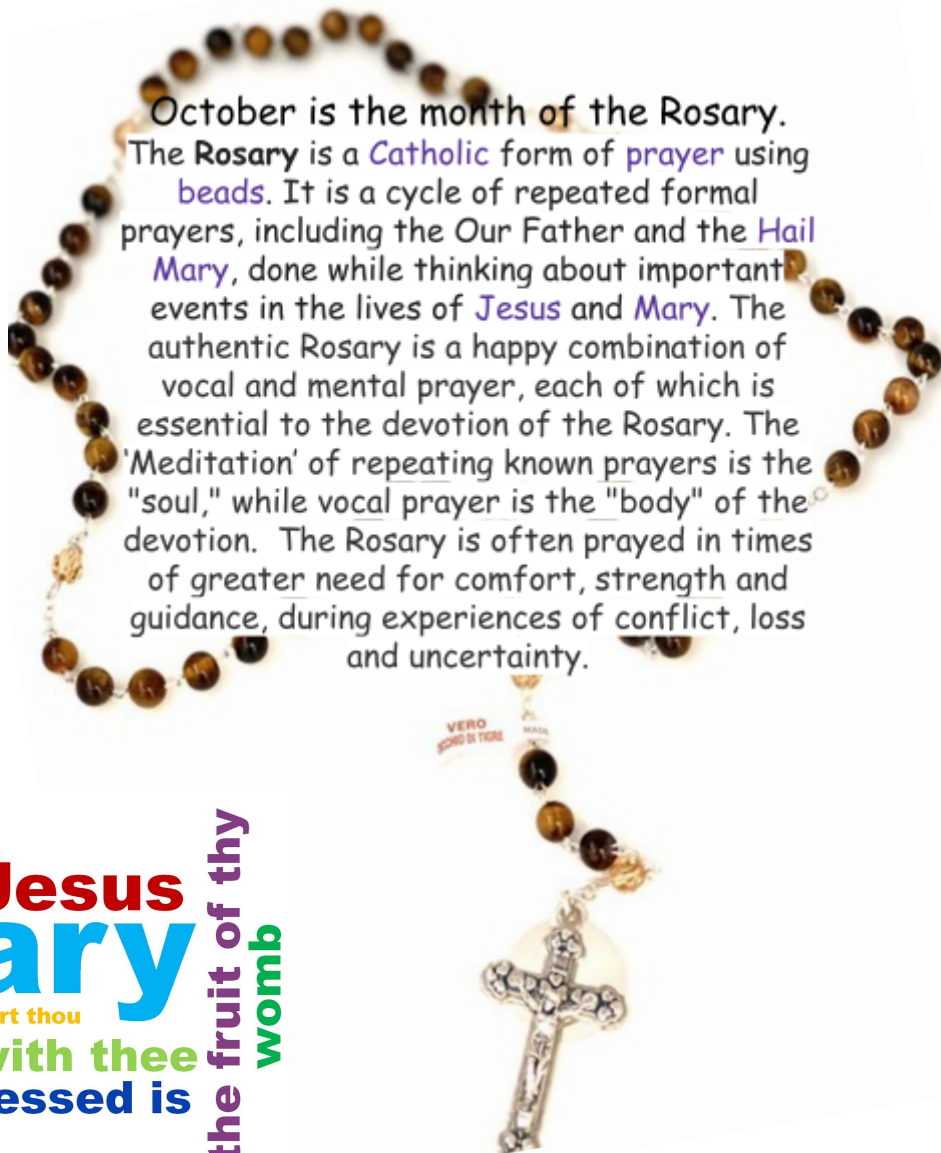
St Peter's, Bridgewater
1st Sunday of the Month, 8:00am

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



October is the month of the Rosary.

The Rosary is a Catholic form of prayer using beads. It is a cycle of repeated formal prayers, including the Our Father and the Hail Mary, done while thinking about important events in the lives of Jesus and Mary. The authentic Rosary is a happy combination of vocal and mental prayer, each of which is essential to the devotion of the Rosary. The 'Meditation' of repeating known prayers is the "soul," while vocal prayer is the "body" of the devotion. The Rosary is often prayed in times of greater need for comfort, strength and guidance, during experiences of conflict, loss and uncertainty.



full of Grace
Amen
now and at
the hour of our death
pray for us sinners
and
Jesus
Hail Mary
blessed art thou
among
holy women
the Lord is with thee
blessed is
the fruit of thy womb
God

FACE MASKS:

As students return to onsite learning, we have implemented key measures to maintain the health and wellbeing of students and staff.

One of the most important and effective things we can do to help maintain onsite learning is to wear masks to help minimise COVID-19 transmission risk.

When worn properly, masks can play an important role in reducing the transmission risks of COVID-19 that could happen from common activities in school.

We know COVID-19 can be transmitted amongst children, and between children and adults. When teachers, staff, and students consistently and correctly wear a mask, they help protect themselves and others from COVID-19.

As per last weeks State Government announcement and updated CECV Guidelines, the following safety measures now apply:

- Face masks are required for students in Grade 3 to Grade 6, only when indoors on school premises, unless an exception applies.
- Face masks are highly recommended for students in Prep to Grade 2.
- School staff must wear face masks while teaching wherever practicable, except where removal of a face mask is necessary for effective communication.
- It is a recommendation that all children wear face masks when travelling to and from school on public transport, taxis or rideshare vehicles.

For more information on when to wear a face mask or exemptions to the mask wearing mandate, please head to:

<https://www.coronavirus.vic.gov.au/face-masks-when-wear-face-mask>



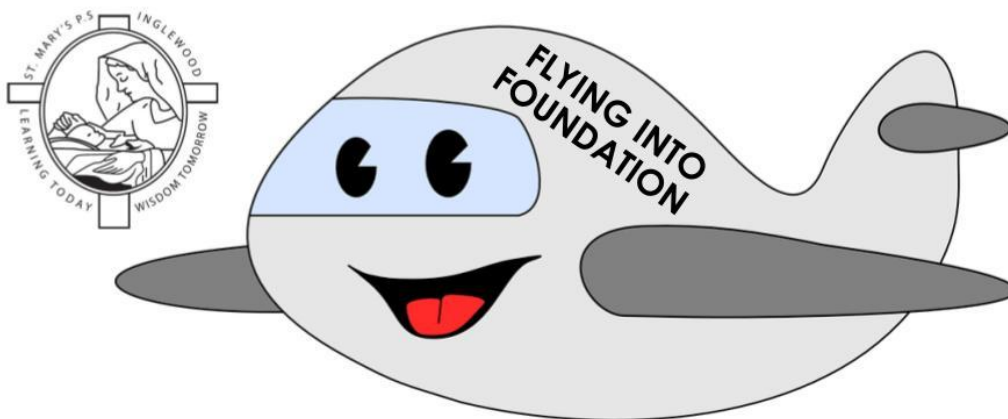
Source: <https://lifesciences.byu.edu/five-common-misconceptions-about-face-masks>

PREP - GRADE 2 SWIMMING:

We continue to hold out hope that approval will come through from the City of Greater Bendigo for the YMCA Pool to open up for school swimming programs. Our last communication from the YMCA said that they too have their fingers and toes crossed that some form of our planned program can go ahead. We will continue to inform parents each Wednesday whether or not the swimming program will commence the next day. In the meantime, we are investigating sporting incursions that could be held at school in place of Gym and Swimming if current restrictions allow.

SUMMER UNIFORM:

We are now reaching the end of our uniform transition period. From next week, all students are asked to wear their Summer uniform to school. Sports uniform should only be worn on allocated days (Prep-Grade 2: Thursday and Friday; Grade 3-6: Monday and Friday). Please contact Sandra in the Office if you need to purchase any additional uniform items.



St. Mary's Primary School, Ingleswood are looking forward to taking off for the 2022 school year...

2022 Foundation (Prep) Transition Dates:

Wednesday 10th November 2021
Wednesday 17th November 2021
Wednesday 24th November 2021
Wednesday 1st December 2021
Tuesday 7th December 2021

Student Transition Session Times:

9:00am - 11:40am

Parent Information Session Times:

11:00am - 11:40am

What do children need to bring?

A hat, fruit snack, lunch and drink bottle.

For Transition session or enrolment enquiries, please contact Principal, Mrs Kim Carter on 54383075.



Talk to school if:

Your child is not wanting
to attend school

You need support getting your
child to school

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.



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:

2. Length and rate of speech

When speaking to your child, try to keep your sentences to about 8 words in length. Get to the point and 'cut the fluff'. Too many words will take up crucial processing time for your child and they may not get the intended message. Try to speak at a slightly slower speed to assist processing also.

e.g. Ok now Betty, we are going to the park so can you please get your pink hat and the sunscreen (20 words).

vs.

Betty. We're going to the park. Get you pink hat and sunscreen (13 words, 3 different sentences).

COMMUNITY NEWS

A big welcome to *Piper Kathryn Sheean* born on September 26th weighing 3.5kg! Congratulations to Zoe who taught many of our students here at St Mary's and to her husband Jayden on their precious arrival. All going well!





Inglewood Community
NEIGHBOURHOOD HOUSE

CHILDREN'S WEEK ACTIVITIES

This year Children's Week is on from 25th to 28th October and we intend to celebrate by providing After School Activities we are sure you will enjoy.

Monday 25th - Dancing with Gabbi

Tuesday 26th - Biscuit Decorating

Wednesday 27th - Games, Puzzles or Craft

Thursday 28th - Movie Afternoon

All activities go from 3.30pm to 4.30pm

Please let us know which activity or activities you want to attend via our facebook page or calling us on 5438 3562.

Mum, Dad or your Carer will need to complete a permission form on the day.



This Children's Week activity is presented by the Inglewood Community Neighbourhood House in partnership with the Victorian Government.



Contact us TODAY on 54 383 562 or email info@icnh.org.au to find out more.

OPENING HOURS: 9am to 4.30pm | MONDAY, TUESDAY, WEDNESDAY & THURSDAY
Inglewood Town Hall Hub, 20 Verdon Street, Inglewood. 3517

What's On across the Region.

Welcome to our *What's On* newsletter for Term 4, 2021. Below we have the following parent groups and workshops available.

Bendigo Face to Face Term 4

Kids and Worry

When: Thursday 7th October
Time: 6.30pm - 9.00pm
Cost: Free
Where: Marist College **Bendigo**, Community Centre
 95 Golf Links Roads, Maiden Gully
Contact: Sandra O'Connor on 5400 1252
 soconnor@marist.vic.edu.au

Its about the Kids (Post-separation parenting)

When: Thursdays, 14th Oct- 11th Nov (5 weeks)
Time: 12.00pm - 2.30pm
Cost: \$60 (\$30 concession)
Where: 176-178 McCrae St, **Bendigo**
Contact: Reception on 5438 1300

Regional Face to Face Term 4

Self-Care for Parents and Carers

When: Monday 18th October
Time: 10.00am - 12.00pm
Cost: Free
Where: Cohuna Community Meeting Room,
 (Ganawarra Shire Council)
 25 King Street, **Cohuna**
Contact: Sir John Gorton Library on 5452 1546

Zoom Sessions Term 4

Self-Care for Parents and Carers

When: Monday 11th October
Time: 10.30am - 12.30pm
Cost: Free
Where: Online Zoom Session
Contact: Reception on 5438 1300

Zoom Sessions Term 4

Dads Tuning into Kids

When: Mondays, 11th Oct - 22nd Nov (7 weeks)
Time: 7.00pm - 9.00pm
Cost: \$60 (\$30 concession)
Where: Online Zoom Sessions
Contact: Reception on 5438 1300

Its about the Kids (Post-separation parenting)

When: Tuesdays, 12th Oct- 9th Nov (5 weeks)
Time: 7.00pm - 9.00pm
Cost: \$60 (\$30 concession)
Where: Online Zoom Sessions
Contact: Reception on 5438 1300

Tech Boundaries for Families (Day Session)

When: Wednesday 20th October
Time: 11.30am - 1.00pm
Cost: Free
Where: Online Zoom Sessions
Contact: Reception on 5438 1300

Tech Boundaries for Families (Evening Session)

When: Thursday 16th November
Time: 4.00pm - 5.30pm
Cost: Free
Where: Online Zoom Sessions
Contact: Reception on 5438 1300

Tuning into Teens

When: Wednesdays, 3rd Nov - 8th Dec (6 weeks)
Time: 7.00pm - 9.00pm
Cost: \$60 (\$30 concession)
Where: Online Zoom Sessions
Contact: Reception on 5438 1300

Bookings are essential for all of our programs

Workshops and Programs advertised as Face to Face will be run via Zoom if COVID restrictions do not allow meeting in person. Details provided by organiser if required.

Individual parent consultations are also available
 for further information please contact Reception on 5438 1300 or email@ccds.org.au

Book now! Groups are subject to minimum and maximum numbers.

GET ACTIVE KIDS

VOUCHER PROGRAM

The Get Active Kids Voucher Program helps eligible families get their kids involved in organised sport and recreation activities by reimbursing the cost of membership and registration fees, along with uniforms and equipment essential for participation. Eligible children may be able to receive up to \$200 each per round.



WHO IS ELIGIBLE?

- To be eligible for a voucher your child / dependant must be:
- aged 0 to 18 years
 - a resident in Victoria
 - named on a valid and issued (at the time of your application) Australian Government Health Care Card or Pensioner Concession Card, or your child is named on their own valid Health Care Card **and**
 - named on a valid Australian Government Medicare card.

You can apply for more than one voucher if you have more than one eligible child/dependant.

Special consideration applies for children residing in Care Services as well as temporary or provisional visa holders, undocumented migrants or international students.



FUNDING DETAILS

You can be reimbursed up to \$200 for costs related to:

- membership, registration or general fees to participate at an affiliated sport or active recreation club, association or program
- equipment (new or second hand) required to participate in the nominated activity
- uniforms and clothing (new or second hand) required to participate in the nominated activity.

You must pay for the membership, registration fees, equipment or uniform first.

You must have incurred membership expenses within eligible expenditure dates to claim uniform and equipment expenses.

You will then be reimbursed for part or all of the cost up to the value of \$200.

ELIGIBLE ACTIVITIES

- the activity or program must be affiliated to a Victorian Government recognised Victorian State Sporting Association or Victorian State Sport and Recreation Body
- activities or programs should be a minimum of four sessions
- organised sport or outdoor recreation programs or camps involving multiple sessions of activities which may be conducted over one or more days will be eligible

WHEN CAN YOU APPLY?

There are specific dates (claim periods) when you can apply. You must have incurred your expenses within specific dates too. Please refer to the table below:

ELIGIBLE EXPENDITURE DATES	CLAIM PERIODS (applications open)
1 Jan 2021 - 11 Apr 2021	1 Mar 2021 - 11 Apr 2021 NOW CLOSED
1 Jan 2021 - 30 July 2021	31 May 2021 - 30 July 2021 NOW CLOSED
1 Jan 2021 - 30 Nov 2021	4 Oct 2021 - 30 Nov 2021
30 Nov 2021 - 15 Apr 2022	7 Mar 2022 - 15 Apr 2022

MORE INFORMATION

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