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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.

*“I have learnt that people will forget what you said, people will forget what you did, but people will never forget how you made them feel” - Maya Angelou*

**Term 4 - Thursday 3rd December 2020**

Dear Parents, Families and Friends,

It is with some sadness that I have the realisation that this is my final newsletter to our school community. As I reflect upon the past four years with you all at St. Mary's, there is so much to ponder...so much that I want to say....too much for words.

Many people have asked me if I will miss being a principal. That is a hard question to answer as I do not know. To be perfectly honest, there are some parts that I will not miss (!!)

but I do know that I will miss the people at St. Mary's. You are like a family to me. You embraced me as your leader and welcomed me with open arms. Together, we have created an amazing learning environment for our students and a supportive community for our families. We have brought the concept of 'a village' to reality. I feel very honoured to have been given the opportunity to be a part of this.

To staff, students, parents and parish members, I thank you all for allowing me to lead you, walk alongside you and make lasting memories that I will cherish. I just hope that I have given you as much as you have given me. I wish each of you a very happy and blessed Christmas and every success for 2021.

Take care and farewell,

*Marg*

### December

Wed 9th	Junior Fun Day/Gym 3/4 Activity Afternoon and Dinner
Thurs 10th	Grade 6 Big Day Out
Wed 16th	Students Last Day of Term 3.30pm finish Graduation 6pm
Thur 17th	PUPIL FREE DAY
Fri 18th	Staff Last Day of Term



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

### **My Wish For You at Christmas....and always**

*I wish you happiness -  
The kind that is deep within your soul and shines through your eyes.*



*I wish you serenity and a sense of perspective -  
that calms you and lends you understanding  
in the most difficult times.*

*I wish you success in every facet of your life -  
Satisfaction and contentment in everything you do.*

*I wish you dreams with the promise of their fulfillment.  
A lifetime of extraordinary memories  
and a path that leads to beautiful tomorrows.*

*From Marg*

### **Welcome Back Everyone!!!**

It is with much excitement that we can now have parents visiting our school!!! There are no longer any limitations as to who can visit our school - Yay!!!! Visitors to school grounds must comply with physical distancing and face mask advice and practise good hand hygiene. According to our advice and in line with our regular practise, if you are going to be in the school for more than 15 minutes, we do ask that you sign in and out at the office.



### **Anaphylaxis Student**

One of our students has recently been officially diagnosed as being anaphylaxis. This student has an allergy to cashews and possibly, pistachio nuts. Whilst it is not recommended that we become a 'nut free' school, I am asking all families to be mindful of this situation to protect the wellbeing of all students in our school.

### **Hats**

As you would all be aware, Term 4 is the time when we enforce our "No Hat, No Play" policy. Please make sure that your children have a school hat at school every day.

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**Graduation Plans - Wednesday 16th December.**

With the times changing so quickly, it has been difficult to keep up-to-date with the regulations surrounding this event. The closer we get to the time, the more scope we seem to have, which is great. We will be having a Graduation / End of Year Mass, followed by a Picnic Tea on the school grounds. However, we are required to stay within spacing guidelines and practise safe socialising practices. Letters were sent home yesterday, requesting an indication of attendance and numbers so that we can plan the best celebration to meet the needs of all. Please send back your intentions as soon as possible so that we know the numbers that we are dealing with - thanks!

**Weeks 10 & 11**

Our last couple of weeks are very busy! Somehow, we are going to try to achieve a sense of normality!!! There are a number of activities taking place so I have tried to provide a summary below for your reference.

EVENT	WHEN	WHO	PERMISSION NOTE REQUIRED
East Loddon	Mon 7th - Fri 11th Dec	Grade 6 Students (enrolled at East Loddon)	No
Marist Transition Day	Wednesday 9th December	Grade 6 Students (enrolled at Marist) Families to make their own way there More details via email from Marist	No
P/1/2 Junior Fun Day	Wednesday 9th December	Grade P/1/2 students Cath Williams Marg Brohm	Yes
3/4 Activity Afternoon and Dinner	Wednesday 9th December	Grade 3/4 students Nathan Starr Marg Brohm	Yes
Grade 6 Big Day Out	Thursday 10th December	Grade 6 students Nathan Starr Marg Brohm	Yes

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### **Healthy Heart of Victoria - Bingo Adventure**

Adventure Bingo invites community members to collect or download an Adventure Bingo booklet, head out on one of six walks and spot points of interest listed on the Bingo card along the way. Once three items have been checked off in a straight line, you've got Bingo!

Adventure Bingo aims to encourage physical activity across our local region in a fun and simple way, especially for children and families. It's a free, COVID-safe way to get outdoors and have some fun! Simply send a photo of your completed Bingo card to [hhv@bendigo.vic.gov.au](mailto:hhv@bendigo.vic.gov.au) along with your name and phone number and you're in the draw to win in our weekly sporting equipment prize draw!

For more information, visit their [Facebook](#) page.

The image shows a map of the Loddon Shire area with a trail starting at the Nardoo Trail in Wedderburn. The trail is marked with a red dashed line and passes through various locations including Soldiers Memorial Park, Dandemon Park, and several streets like Tenthra St, Winton St, Rial St, and Chavel St. A red arrow points to the 'START' location. The map includes a scale of approximately 1.1km and a note that it can be done twice. To the right of the map is a bingo card titled 'ADVENTURE Bingo!' with a 3x3 grid of icons and their corresponding descriptions: a magpie, someone walking a dog, a drinking water fountain, a place to sit, soldier statues, outdoor exercise equipment, someone playing sport, The Kangaroo Chair, and a place to play. A small text box at the bottom right of the map area acknowledges the Traditional Custodians of the land.

The poster features a black background with colorful geometric shapes (triangles) containing icons for drama, music, and dance. The text reads: 'Sandhurst Arts on Show ONLINE 2020'. To the right, it says: 'Catholic Education Sandhurst invites you to view Sandhurst Arts on Show Online from Wednesday 9 December 2020 @ 10.00am www.ceosand.catholic.edu.au includes students from Eaglehawk, Quarry Hill, Yarrawonga, Numurkah, Inglewood, Tatura, Myrtleford, Strathfieldsaye & Bendigo'.

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### Wellbeing

I would like to wish all families a very happy, healthy and Holy Christmas. May we all enjoy the special time that we share with friends and family.

Thank you for your continued support and I look forward to seeing you all in 2021.

*Peace, love and blessings to you all*

**Franceen Innes**



### KK's

Today your child/ren received their KK's. This is an opportunity for the children to show acts of kindness for the remaining 2 weeks. We ask that you remind your child to keep their KK a surprise until the 16th December when we will meet as a group and share gifts.

We ask that each student brings in a wrapped gift to the total of \$5.00 with a tag that reads.

**To: KK**

**From: \_\_\_\_\_ (Your Child's name)**

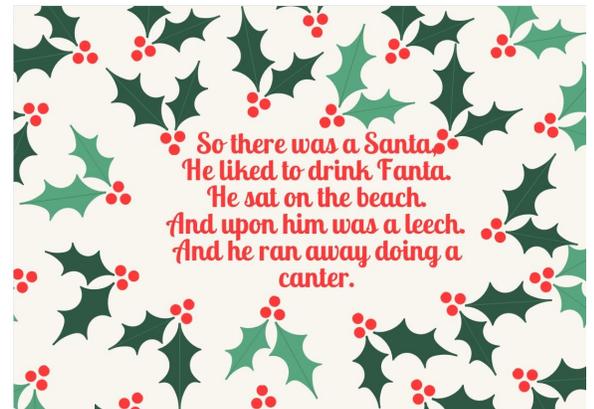
If at any time you or your child are unsure of who their KK is, please call me and I will be able to help you.

**Franceen Innes**

### Christmas Poetry (Created by the students)



Sleigh  
Awesome  
Night  
Tinsel  
Adventure



There once was a grinch.  
He had a flinch.  
He got a present, that was descendant  
but it gave him a pinch.



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**PARENTS AND FRIENDS NEWS**



**Saturday 19th December  
Epsom Store**

The P&F are holding a Bunnings BBQ Fundraiser

We require helpers for the following time slots;

8.30am to 11.00am

11.00am to 1.30pm

1.30pm to 4.00pm

Please phone the office if you are able to volunteer on this day  
If you would like more information, please contact Suzie, on behalf of the  
P&F Committee

**December**

1st ~ Halle Birthisel

4th - Ethan Sheahan

21st ~ Seth Scolari

23rd ~ Adelle Sheahan

31st ~ Brooke Anderson

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Like Nano.....



*Zavier McLean*

Is a Person of Compassion and Justice.  
Nano made it a goal for herself to make sure  
that no-one was left behind or left out.  
Zavier makes sure that everyone is treated  
fairly and has their turn,  
whether this be in the  
classroom or out on  
the yard.  
Thanks Zavier.



Like Nano.....



*The Staff*

Are People of Community  
Nano surrounded herself with people who  
would support her and make her be the best  
person she could be.  
At St. Mary's, we are very lucky to have people  
in our school who care  
about each and every  
individual.



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*

