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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.



" The prayer of a righteous man is powerful and effective"
- James 5:16

Term 3 - Thursday 10th September 2020

Dear Parents, Families and Friends,

Two weeks ago, following a suggestion from one of our families, we began making time to come together as a school community for prayer. I thank those families and staff members who have supported this initiative so far, and in particular, I thank Father Stephen for leading us in prayer each week.

Growing up, I had the blessings of a Mum who had great faith. As a young mother, she went through some challenging times, losing her husband and the father of three little girls under 5. One thing that she depended upon then, and still does now at 86 years of age, is her faith in God as her protector. As a family, we went to Mass every Sunday and sat in the second row from the middle section - otherwise known as the 'Coleman' seat. When someone needed our prayers, we prayed the rosary together. Prayer was something that was a part of our lives.

Each day at school, we spend some time in prayer together. As a school, we celebrate Mass together. These times are very sacred and provide us with a sense of strength and support from our school community and our God. It is comforting to know that our faith is something we can rely on during such times of uncertainty.

I would invite all families to take 30 minutes out of their weekend to join us at 6pm on a Sunday night, in prayer, for the wellbeing of all in our school community.

Marg

September

Fri 11th	PUPIL FREE DAY
Sun 13th	School Prayer Time 6pm
Fri 18th	Last day Term 3

October

Mon 5th	First Day Term 4 Remote Learning
Mon 12th	Return to Onsite Learning
Mon 19th	School Photos

School Community
Prayer Time

All Welcome

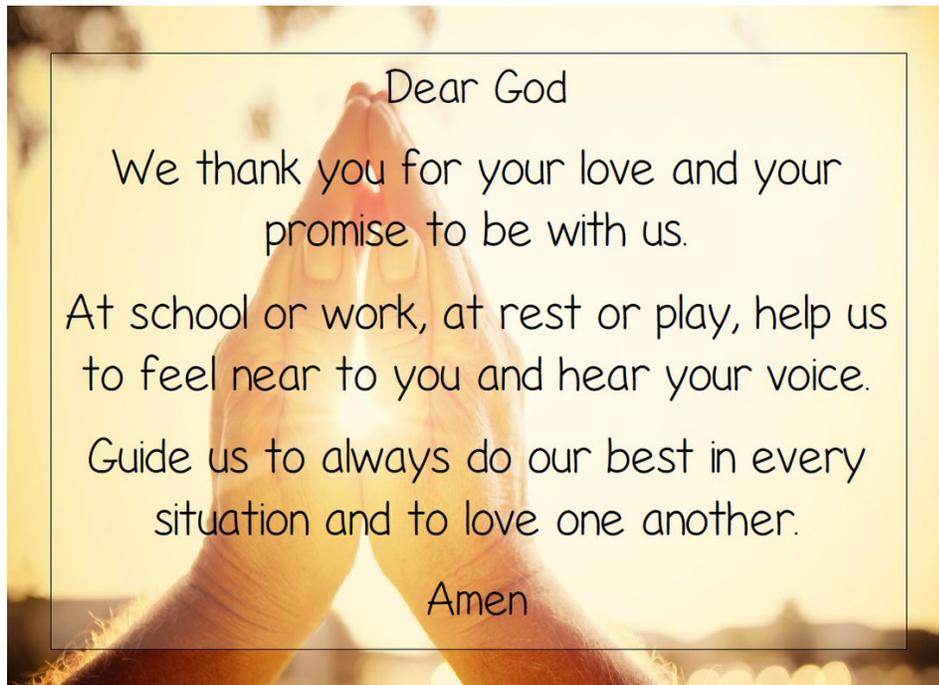


Sunday, 6pm

(Check Emails for Google Meet invite)

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RE News & Prayer for the Week with Mrs Brohm



Road Map Back to School

What a ride we have all been on! Although still in the distance, I have faith that there is a light at the end of the tunnel, as they say! According to all sources, it is expected that onsite learning will commence Week 2, Term 4. This is the week commencing October 12th. This is a summary of the information that we have been given by our director at the Catholic Education Office, at this point in time:

REGIONAL VICTORIA- RETURN TO ON-SITE LEARNING **(OCTOBER 12 ONWARDS)**

All students (from Prep to Year 12) return to full-time on-site schooling by Friday 16 October.
Schools can stagger the return of different year levels as appropriate during this week.
This decision can be made by individual schools or networks/clusters of schools.

After discussing this information with staff, it was agreed that the best thing for our school and students is for **ALL STUDENTS TO RETURN TO ONSITE LEARNING ON MONDAY 12th OCTOBER**. I will certainly keep you all updated with any further information as it comes to hand.

Thanks

A big thank you to Brooke Smyth for organising the Father's Day gift packs last week. I am sure that all of our Dads really enjoyed their goodie bags!

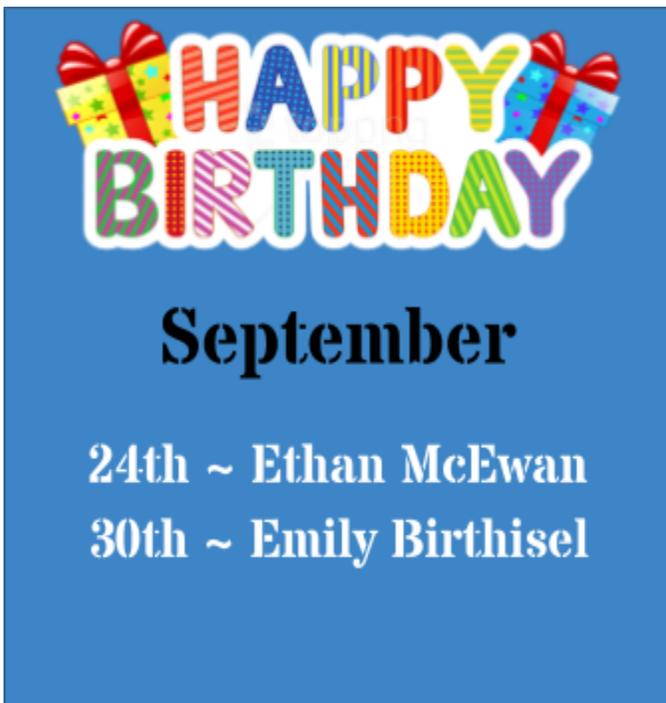
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School Board Meeting Outcomes

Our school board met last week and I want to thank all members for their efforts with the Google Meet structure that we have had to implement for the past two meetings. It was decided that our school community needs to know more about those members of the school board. We plan to interview our members and share their insights with our school community.

FRIDAY 11TH SEPTEMBER PUPIL FREE DAY

Staff will be participating in an online professional development day, learning about how to use student's writing to assess, inform and analyse spelling errors.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY

September

24th ~ Ethan McEwan
30th ~ Emily Birthisel



CALLING FOR EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST
FOR THE

Sacrament of Reconciliation

If you have a child who has been baptised and you would like them to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation this year, please contact St. Mary's Primary School to register your details.
(Note: Students must be at least in Grade 2)

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Like Nano.....



Ciara McLean

Is a Person of Action.
From all that I know about Nano Nagle, I think that she would have been a very positive person.
Ciara has approached all her work with positivity and it has certainly showed in her results.
Well done.



PLEASE NOTE:
With the re-introduction of Stage 3 restrictions

ALL MASSES HAVE BEEN CANCELLED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE

Father Stephen will be live streaming his Sunday masses every Sunday at 10.30am. Go to <http://www.stliboriuseaglehawk.org.au/>



Like Nano.....



Halle Birthisel

Is a Person of Compassion and Justice.
Nano Nagle looked for ways, each and every day, to make the lives of those around her, a bit brighter.
Lately, Halle has been bringing joy to the lives of others through her beautiful artwork.
Thanks Halle.



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



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STEP INTO



PREP!

We're excited to announce our program for children starting school in 2021 – **'Step into Prep'**.

Commencing in Term 4, future Preps can join us each Monday from 9.00am to 11.30am.

Children will participate in classroom activities, meet new friends and become comfortable with the school environment.

Come and experience what St Mary's can offer your family.

We look forward to welcoming you into our school and community.



For more information contact
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Library Books and Board Games

If you or your child would like to borrow books or games from the library please give the office a call and I can have them ready for you. Especially during the school holidays, it might be fun to have a few board games and stories to share.

Just a small selection of the new books that have arrived.

