### St. Mary's School Newsletter



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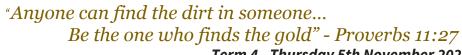
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We acknowledge and pay respect to the Jaara people as the original and ongoing custodians of the land we meet on.

We commit ourselves to actively work alongside Aboriginal people for reconciliation and justice.



Term 4 - Thursday 5th November 2020



Dear Parents, Families and Friends,

Like our students, our school also has adopted a mantra this term and I must say, it is one of the easiest mantras that I have implemented!



Do you know how easy this is at St. Mary's?? Everywhere I turn, every day, I see goodness in our classrooms and in our yard. And we all get a kick out of someone telling us that we are good, don't we?

But what does it do for yourself, when you "look for the good" in others? When we notice others being good, we become more positive and experience happiness more deeply. Every person has something to inspire us or teach us, despite who we are or what we do. We learn how to listen - when we seek to understand first and be understood second, we cannot help but see the good in others.

When we look for the good in others, we suddenly find that we are not alone. When we look for the good in others, more often than not, we find the good in ourselves too.

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November		
Fri 6th	Health Checks for Preps	
Mon 9th	Step Into Prep Program	
Wed 11th	Gym Program - P/1/2	
Fri 13th	Mary MacKillop Art Exhibition (Online)	
Mon 16th	Step Into Prep Program	
Wed 18th	Gym Program - P/1/2	
Mon 23rd	Step Into Prep Program	
Wed 25th	Gym Program - P/1/2	
December		
Wed 2nd	Gym Program - P/1/2	
Wed 9th	Gym Program - P/1/2	

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



Dear God,

Help me to love the life I live, right now.

Show me the good things I often overlook
and help me be content with what I have.

Forgive me when I compare myself to others and
forgive me for longing for things outside of
You and Your Kingdom.

Thank You for loving me, right where I am.

Help me keep my eyes on You.

In Jesus' name,
Amen.

#### Welcome

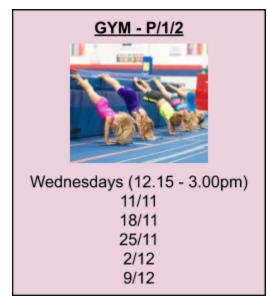
This week, we warmly welcomed a new family to our school community. Eadie (Grade 1) started with us yesterday, and her brother Mack (Grade 5) will commence on Monday. We know that Katie and her family - Mack, Eadie, Hazel and Peggie - will be a wonderful asset to our school community and will be welcomed with open arms. We wish both Eadie and Mack all the very best with their transition to their new school.

#### **Exciting News!!!**

Our Gym program for our P/1/2's is going to kick off next week!! This is so exciting for these little ones as I know that they will be looking forward to an excursion or two. Participating in gym sessions falls within the current guidelines under which we are operating and after speaking with Jets this week, they are certainly doing what they can to ensure the environment is safe and secure for everyone. Students will be hand sanitising before and after leaving the gym, all students and staff will have their temperature taken on arrival and deep cleaning is undertaken on a regular daily basis.

<u>Permission forms were sent home with these students today. Please</u> return them as soon as possible.

At this stage, it is unlikely that we will be having swimming lessons this year.



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#### **Change to PE Days**

In order to accommodate our Gym Program for the P/1/2 students and our Life Relationships Program for the Grade 5/6 students, we need to make the following changes for the remainder of this year.

PE Days for P/1/2	Wednesdays Thursdays
PE Days for 3 -6	Mondays Wednesdays

#### **Convent Renovations Update**

As you would all know by now, we will be conducting a rather large renovation of the Parish convent next year, thanks to a government grant that we were successful in achieving. These renovations include a double Art classroom, new Music centre, a community room and a history walk to acknowledge those who have had a large influence in the school's history. Andrew Smith and Brett McEwan, from the school board, have offered to be parent representatives on this building committee. We thank both of these gentlemen for their support with this initiative.

#### **School Fees for 2021**

Information regarding the school fees for 2021 will be sent home in the coming weeks. At our board meeting last week, board members passed and approved the setting of our school fees. Some parts of our fees have increased slightly due to the CPI increase, however, some levies have remained the same as this year.

#### **Congratulations**

Congratulations to Addison Martin and Halle Birthisel for their winning entries in the 2020 Loddon Healthy Minds Network Art Competition. Out of 76 entries, both girls should be very proud of their achievements.



1st Prize Aged 9 - 14 Addison Martin "Stretch Your Mind, Stretch Your Body"



2nd Prize Aged 9 - 14 Halle Birthisel "How Pets Help Us"

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#### **Around Australia Challenge**

What an amazing effort by our whole school community over the long weekend - between us all, we clocked up over 1,000kms!!! We are now enjoying the sights of Brisbane - let's hope we get some good beach weather!!! We are on a roll - let's keep moving - I have always wanted to visit Uluru!!! (Remember to write your kms in your child's reader diary)!!



#### <u>Inglewood and Districts Health Service Strategic Planning Survey</u>

Inglewood and Districts Health Service Board recently commenced its Strategic Planning Process. As part of the process Board Directors are seeking the perspectives of the community in relation to priorities the health service should focus on over the next three years.

This survey seeks to gain insight into your thoughts of the direction of Inglewood and Districts Health Service. Responses to this survey are kept confidential and will be used as input into the Inglewood and Districts Health Service Board Decision Making Forum.

The Survey will take less than ten minutes to complete online at <a href="https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/IDHScommunity">https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/IDHScommunity</a>

If you have any queries in relation to your participation, please contact Claire Edwards via hello@claire-edwards.com

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Like Nano......



# **Braxton Barns**

Is a Person of Compassion and Justice.
Like Nano, Braxton enjoys being with his
friends at school. Braxton always plays nicely
with his peers and treats others fairly.
He always welcomes everyone to
play in his games.







Like Nano......



# Oscar Terry

Is a Person of Daring and Action.
Not everything came easy to Nano Nagle.
She had to work hard to achieve what she did.
It has been very pleasing to hear that Oscar has been working very hard during spelling



lessons to achieve some excellent results.
Well done, Oscar!



### **PLEASE NOTE:**

ALL MASSES ARE NOW RESTRICTED TO 20 PEOPLE

## <u>MASS TIMES</u>

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



### **Scholastic Book Fair 2020**

St Mary's Primary School- Scholastic Book Fair starts on Monday 9<sup>th</sup> November until 20<sup>th</sup> November 2020. As you would be aware, we cannot have an open fair this year however I will be taking photos of books with prices attached and forwarding them home to you.

We will have our book selection set up in the Library and students will view the Book Fair during Library time and lunchtimes. Students will be asked to make a Wish List with the title and cost of each book and bring their Wish List home for you to discuss.

If you would like to make a purchase go to: www.scholastic.com.au/payment

- \* click Book Fairs
- \* enter the amount and pay
- \* record the receipt number on the back of your child's Wish List
- \* ask your child to return the Wish List to Mrs Innes

Orders and payments need to be completed and forwarded to me before 3pm Thursday 19th November 2020.

Any families looking to purchase books without children knowing (*Stocking fillers, Birthdays etc*) can do so by forwarding the receipt number, payment amount and book choice to my email <a href="mailto:innes@sminglewood.catholic.edu.au">innes@sminglewood.catholic.edu.au</a> I can then have the books put aside for you to collect at a convenient time.

