

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's hard to believe that since our last newsletter, we've been in and out of lockdown. It was wonderful to welcome our students back on site. Again, we feel like we are in a world that can change at the drop of a hat. It is important to remember we cannot control the current changes COVID-19 brings. We can, however, be aware of the support and assistance available to us when changes are in play.

As a school community we may be aware of children or families who need extra support during the current ever-changing environment. If you are aware of a family, child or student in need of support or assistance, please make contact with Franceen Innes (wellbeing) or myself. Support can be provided in many forms and we are more than willing to explore the best support available for the family at the time of need. As always, we will continue to monitor the COVID situation and be guided by government and Catholic Education guidelines and restrictions.

This week our Grade 5 & 6 children participated in a three day camp at Billabong Ranch in Echuca. I've enjoyed hearing about all the fun activities they participated in whilst on camp - pedal boating, horse riding, archery and mini golf were certainly favourites. Thanks to Mr Starr and Ibu Cath for taking the time away from their families to give our students this experience.

CALENDAR

August

Mon 23rd - Fri 27th	BOOK WEEK Dress Up Day: 26th Aug
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Mon 23rd	School Council Meeting - 7pm
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September

Fri 3rd	Father's Day Afternoon: 2:45pm
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Wed 8th	Gr3-6 Festival of the Sacred
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Sat 11th	Lion's Country Market
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Fri 17th	LAST DAY OF TERM 3 2.20pm finish
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Our Grade 5 & 6 students were given the opportunity to reflect on camp today and their responses can be found further on in the Newsletter.

Last Sunday was a special day in the Church calendar. Each year, on the 15th of August, we celebrate the Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary. This commemorates when Mary, the mother of God, was assumed body and soul into heaven and reunited with her son Jesus.

What wisdom and insight does Mary offer us as we navigate an uncertain future steeped in opportunity, grace and wonder?

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



*Holy Mary, Queen of heaven, as children of St Mary's, guide us in our daily work and play,
with your gentle love.*

Amen

SCHOOL NEWS



Attending the Early Years = Greater chance of success

- establishes positive habits
- builds positive relationships
- maximises opportunities to learn
- supports problem solving skills

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!!!

CONVENT RENOVATIONS UPDATE:

Works are almost ready to begin for the renovation works on the Convent. The Architect for the project is Y2 Architecture and, following a tender process, Searle Bros. have recently been appointed as builders. A special mention and a very big thank you to St Mary's Parish who have made a financial contribution towards the refurbishment of the shared Community Room and Kitchen. Thanks also to Suzi, Tania, Gabbi and Micah who have helped with the clean out of the Convent.



SIGNING CHILDREN IN/OUT:

Any student who needs to be picked-up for whatever reason must be collected by the designated adult from the Office. Similarly, if you are dropping off your child late or returning from an appointment etc, please come to the Office with your child to sign in. If you have any questions or concerns please contact the Office.

STUDENT NEWS

GRADE 5 & 6 CAMP REPORT:

What was your favourite part about camp at Billabong Ranch?

Bella: I liked when we had to groom and saddle the horses and when we got to ride them along the road.



Ethan: I quite enjoyed being in the pedal boats because it was fun to steer and fun to be with Ryder.

Xander: Riding the horses and doing archery. I liked how you got to hit the targets.





Zavier: I liked mini golf a lot because I play golf with my Dad. The food was really good and delicious.

Lucy: My favourite part was probably horse riding because of how gentle and steady the horses were. I'm very tired now!



Mack: I liked horse riding because it was fun and we got to saddle up the horses and they had their own individual name. I rode Joey.

Brooke: I enjoyed archery because I've always wanted to do it and it felt like I'd done it before. I also enjoyed horse riding for the first time.



What was your favourite part about camp at Billabong Ranch?



Seth: Archery. The way you pulled the bow back with such force was incredible. To see the speed it was going as it flashed before your eyes towards the target was an experience I'll never forget.

Ruby: I liked the pedal boats because you could pick flowers along the way as souvenirs. I also liked mini golf. I wasn't even looking one time and got a hole in one.



Addie: I liked horse riding because it was fun. I also liked the pedal boats because we worked together as a team and it was really fun.



SUPPORT YOUR CHILD THROUGH COVID:

The past 18 months have been challenging for many of us. With lockdowns and restrictions, changes to day-to-day routine has impacted the lives of our children. If your child is feeling stressed or worried, let them know they're not alone. The Kids Helpline has resources available, including a handy guide that can help parents understand children's feelings during times of uncertainty and what you can do to provide support. You can find this here: <https://kidshelpline.com.au/stress-and-anxiety-during-covid> ...

If your child wants to talk to someone independent, they can call the Kids Helpline on 1800 55 1800 any day, any time. Or get online and check out the range of resources www.kidshelpline.com.au

DIVISION NETBALL TOURNAMENT:

Last Friday St Inglebridge fielded teams in the Divisional Netball Carnival. The players did a great job and played beautifully as a team. Thank you to Ibu Cath and Isobella Rollinson for their assistance.



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:

4. Make your own riddles

Constructing riddles requires flexible thinking, but it can be done once a structure has been provided. The steps are as follows:

1. Think of a common object such as a school bag
2. Describe what it looks like and what it does (carry it to school, zip it, has a handle, straps, made of fabric)
3. Convert to the following format:

I can ... but do not ...

I ... but am not ...

I ... but am not ...

4. What am I?

Example:

I go to school but never learn.

I am made of fabric but cannot be worn.

I have a handle but am not a door.

What am I?

I am a bag.

P&F NEWS

Fathers Day Stall

St Mary's is hosting a
Fathers Day Stall on
Friday 3rd September
Each item we are selling
is \$5.00

Please send your child's
money along to school if they
wish to purchase a gift for
their special person



COMMUNITY NEWS

SAVE THE DATE - SATURDAY 11th SEPTEMBER:

St Mary's Primary School and Inglewood Primary School have teamed up and have been successful in receiving a Community Activation Grant courtesy of the Loddon Council. We have booked Farmer Darryl's Mobile Animal Farm for the Inglewood Lion's Country Market for **Saturday 11th September**. Farmer Darryl will be in attendance with 70 of his "friends". Children will be able to enter the Animal Farm free of charge.



Inglewood Lions Country Market

