

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,

The Gospel this weekend recalls Jesus telling us that loving God completely, loving our neighbors, and loving ourselves are our highest commandments. Every time we make a considerate decision, we teach ourselves to be caring. Every time we make a moral choice, we teach ourselves to have integrity. Every time we do the right thing, we feel more confident, we like ourselves more, and we respect ourselves more. During this COVID-related time of challenge and uncertainty, let us show our love towards God, our neighbours and ourselves.

The changing landscape of being a COVID safe school means we are prepared for a possible case within the school population. At the end of the newsletter is a document outlining the process should this occur. In addition, we are aware that it can take some time to get tested at the moment and that students may miss school.

It is unreasonable to expect that teachers who are teaching onsite will be able to provide remote learning material so we ask you to refer to the fortnightly update in this newsletter for content that will be covered at school. We recommend that students continue to work on Reading, Writing and Number skills if they find themselves at home.

### CALENDAR

#### November

Mon 1st	<b>PUPIL FREE DAY Report Writing</b>
Tue 2nd	<b>Melbourne Cup Public Holiday</b>
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
Sat 13th	Lion's Country Market (Farmer Darryl)
Mon 15th	School Council Meeting - 7pm
Wed 17th	Flying into Foundation
Wed 24th	Flying into Foundation

Last week, we were very excited to receive the news that the Prep-Grade 2 swimming program could begin. With the increase in vaccination rates and the easing of Government restrictions, I am hopeful that more excursions and community events will be able to be held later on in the year. Judging by the tired smiles of the Prep-Grade 2 children, they had an awesome day at the pool.

After a thorough feasibility study and consultation process, a letter was sent home to families who utilise the Bridgewater private bus service last week announcing the conclusion of the bus service at the end of 2021. A copy of this letter has been included at the conclusion of this newsletter. I thank the School Advisory Council, parents, staff and Catholic Education Sandhurst for their support of the bus and the bus review process that has been ongoing throughout the year.

Last week the school Leadership Team and the School Advisory Council met to discuss the development of an interim Strategic Plan for 2022. Given the postponement of the National School Improvement Tool (NSIT) Review, we were advised to delay the development of a new strategic plan until the NSIT review has been conducted. The new Interim Strategic Plan has been developed based on further enhancing the goals of our current Strategic Plan. A copy of the new Interim Strategic Plan will be sent home to families in the coming weeks.

A reminder that there will be no school on Monday 1st November (Staff Report Writing Day) and Tuesday 2nd November (Melbourne Cup Day Public Holiday). I hope you enjoy your long weekend.

Finally, we are steadily making preparations for 2022 and I would appreciate families letting me know should you be leaving St Mary's for any reason. It is important in our planning to know who will begin the year with us.

*Kim Carter*  
Principal

## CATHOLIC IDENTITY

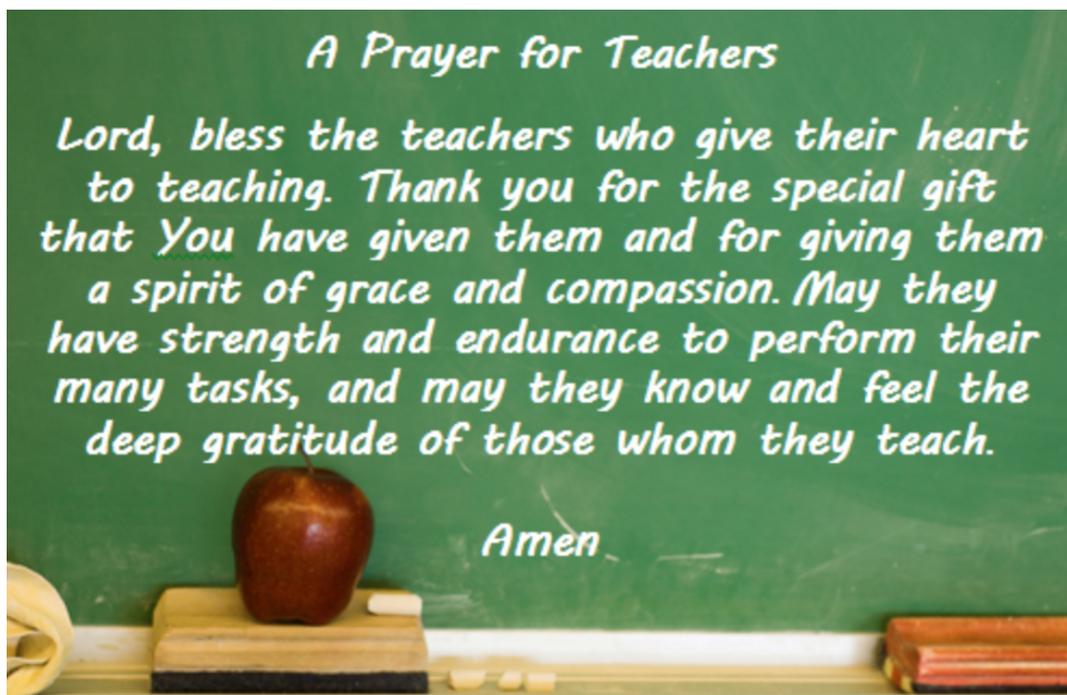
### MASS TIMES

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

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



*Friday October 29th, 2021*



## SCHOOL NEWS

### 2021 Loddon Healthy Minds Network Art Competition:

The network was very pleased to have St Mary's Primary School participating in this year's competition. The event would not be possible without the support of students and their teachers who have guided them through production of their artworks, and the network would like to extend its appreciation for their hard work and support of the event.

104 entries were received this year, and the quality of the work presented shows that there is exceptional talent within our Shire.

This year's judges were very impressed with the way entrants produced their artwork to the themes and the network would like to congratulate all participants in the competition, and announce the following winners from St Mary's Primary School:

- Grades 5 - Yr 8 Themes: Be Your Own Definition of Amazing or Be Kind
  - 1st Prize Ruby Scolafi Be Your Own Definition of Amazing - Space Animals
- Grades 3 - 4 Colouring Poster Theme: I Am Awesome
  - 1st Prize Abby Wilson
  - 2nd Prize Emily Birthisel
- Grades Prep - 2 Colouring Poster Theme: Bee Kind
  - 1st Prize Kiarah McEwan
  - 2nd Prize Jordan Pickering



Head to <https://www.loddonhealthyminds.com.au/events-2/2021-art-competition> to see the competition results and view all the artworks.



<b>What's happening this fortnight in PREP - GRADE 2</b>	
<b>Religion</b>	"Sharing with others - Our call to Mission" Who are the groups in our community involved in sharing resources with people in need?
<b>English</b>	Writing a procedure
<b>Maths</b>	Collecting and displaying data in graphs
<b>Personal Learning</b>	Forces and Energy What is gravity? How does it affect us?
<b>RRRR</b>	Stress Management
<b>Performance Arts</b>	Music- Copy and Respond. Listening to a song or musical tune and imitating the exact sound and rhythm.
<b>Visual Arts</b>	Voice over & Sound Effects and Imagining Images
<b>Health</b>	The Great Outdoors. We will begin planting.
<b>Digital Tech.</b>	This week we looked at the various technologies in our lives and how they affect us.
<b>Sport</b>	Swimming
<b>Indonesian</b>	Pakaian (Clothing) Apa memakai saya? What am I wearing?



## What's happening this fortnight in GRADE 3 - 6

<b>Religion</b>	Early Church in Australia - Students have been learning about the key events in the life of Australia's first Catholic Saint Mary MacKillop
<b>English</b>	We have been looking at the reading strategy of 'Transforming' and how the world around us is viewed by what we know. We have read the stories 'Miss Rumphius', 'Those Shoes' and 'The Invisible Boy'. We are also continuing our focus on procedural texts in preparation for our BIG WRITE every Thursday.
<b>Maths</b>	We are just finishing our unit on time, students have been learning about and revising their telling the time skills, calculating elapsed time and reading and making timetables.
<b>Personal Learning</b>	We are exploring the concept of Energy and the different forms it takes. This week we have looked at both electrical and heat energy.
<b>RRRR</b>	We are learning strategies to problem solve friendship disagreements looking at various options using a daisy map.
<b>Performance Arts</b>	Music- Copy and Respond. Listening to a song or musical tune and imitating the exact sound and rhythm. Don't forget the invitation to bring your own instrument to school or prepare a song to sing for the class.
<b>Visual Arts</b>	The Two Feuding Volcanoes - Storyboard & Sounds
<b>Health</b>	The Great Outdoors. We will continue with our gumtree illustrations and lead the school in ways to reduce waste.
<b>Sport</b>	Cricket- Practising the skill of catching and bowling
<b>Indonesian</b>	Sandhurst Diocese Languages Film Festival How can we be friendly, show love and respect? International Year of Peace and Trust (2021)



A big welcome to *Emilia Tomasina Leahy*  
born 19th October weighing 3.7kg!  
Congratulations to Ebony, Garry,  
Tia and Addie



## Unexplained Absences



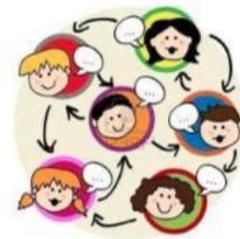
If a student is absent without reason, the school will contact the parent

If contact cannot be made with the parent, the emergency contact/s will be contacted to ensure the safety of the student

## 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:

#### 3. Background knowledge

Get your child 'warmed- up' for a particular activity or conversation topic by activating their background knowledge. This will help them make connections with new knowledge and help to get it into their long- term memory.

Get your child to tell you words related to the upcoming activity/ topic/ book. Use the following colourful semantics cards as prompts:



Example: Going to Grandma's house

Who will be there: Grandma, maybe Uncle Jim, our family, we might see the neighbour Denise.

Where: Birchip, north of here, Grandma's house, backyard, Happy Street.

When: for the weekend

What doing words: Grandma might be *cooking*, play cricket in the backyard, talking, driving

What like (describing words): The drive will be *long* and *boring*, it will be *hot*, Grandma's house is *old*, *cluttered*, *cracked* paths.



**HAPPY  
BIRTHDAY**

**October**

28th ~ Edmund Wilson

30th ~ Ciara McLean

**November**

3rd ~ Emmett Hodge



**WHEN I'M AT SCHOOL  
MY FUTURE  
IS BRIGHTER**



**5 MISSED DAYS PER TERM = 1.5 YEARS  
OF LOST LEARNING OVER 13 YEARS**

Catholic Education Sandhurst  
Attendance Matters

## P&F NEWS

### FARMER DARRYL'S ANIMAL FARM - SATURDAY 13th NOVEMBER:

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 13th November**.



## COMMUNITY NEWS

### REGIONAL SWIM CLINICS - INGLEWOOD

Dear Families,

Katrina van Eyk from Regional Swim Clinics will be running swimming lessons at the Inglewood Swimming Pool on Thursday afternoons.



If your family would like to participate in the lessons this Summer, please contact [regionalswimclinics@outlook.com](mailto:regionalswimclinics@outlook.com) for more information or for registration forms and return them by the 8th of November, and you will be placed in the queue to be allocated a position.

Lessons cost \$80 for the 8 weeks at one lesson a week.

Lessons begin on the 22nd of November and payment must be made before the child can take part in their lesson.

Lessons will break for Christmas from the 14th of December 2021 to the 24th of January 2022.

You can book by sending the registration forms back and making payment via Paypal.

I would like to welcome back to the teaching team for the 2021-22 season Mikayla Gibson and introduce our new teachers Jorja and Sammi Moon. Please make them welcome this season as we strive to help your children work towards our goal of water safety and water fitness.

Regards,  
Katrina van Eyk  
Regional Swim Clinics



Inglewood Community  
NEIGHBOURHOOD HOUSE

**Please note that the *Free Children's Week Activities*, presented by the Inglewood Community Neighbourhood House, has been rescheduled to the week of;  
Monday 15th November until Thursday 18th November**



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Thursday 21st October 2021

Dear Parents & Guardians,

As you are aware, throughout 2021 St Mary's Primary School has been participating in a review of our Bridgewater private bus service. The review, undertaken by Catholic Education Sandhurst Ltd., considered the community, financial, staffing and risk implications of this service.

A presentation entitled *Bus Service Feasibility Report* was given to the St Mary's Primary School Inglewood: School Advisory Council on Monday 23rd August 2021 by Ashley Marsh, Catholic Education Sandhurst - Principal Consultant: Primary (Western Deanery).

Following this presentation, an additional briefing paper considering more detailed financial implications of the bus service was presented and discussed at the School Advisory Council meeting on Monday 18th October.

Following this meeting, the decision has been made that St Mary's Primary School will cease the Bridgewater private bus service at the conclusion of the 2021 school year and the bus asset sold.

I welcome the opportunity to work with the school community to seek alternative means of transportation for current and future students who would have utilised the bus service and encourage suggestions and conversations with families.

I would like to formally thank Micah Hodge, who has undertaken the role of School Services Officer (Bus Driver) since November 2020. I would also like to thank the St Mary's school community for their support of the bus service since its commencement in 2019.

Regards,

Kim Carter  
Principal

## Standard process for Positive COVID cases on the school site:

The CECV has been working with the Department of Education and Training and the Department of Health (DH) to revise and streamline how COVID-19 cases will be managed in schools.

As a school community, we need to be mindful and respectful of the privacy of any families who have tested positive to COVID-19.

### **The revised process is set out below:**

As soon as a school becomes aware that a person who was onsite has tested positive to COVID-19, but only where the case was onsite within 48 hours prior to the onset of symptoms consistent with COVID-19, the following process would be enacted;

1. The school may be required to close for an initial period of time to allow for identification and notification of primary close contacts (PCCs). This will be done in consultation with Catholic Education Sandhurst.
2. The Principal will ensure that a spreadsheet (supplied by CES) is completed to identify Primary Close Contacts. This is forwarded to the relevant local public health unit of the Department of Health.
3. The Principal will then ensure that the identified PCCs are contacted with instructions that PCCs should stay at home and get tested as soon as possible.
4. Schools/Principals will use mud maps to analyse possible high-risk zones which may be contaminated following access by a confirmed Covid Case. Identified contaminated areas will be isolated until cleaning is completed.
5. Schools/Principals will contact their cleaning contractors after any contaminated areas have been identified as requiring additional cleaning.
6. The Department of Health will send an SMS to the Primary Close Contacts advising them of their quarantine, testing and release dates (this may take some days).
7. Primary school student PCCs will be asked to isolate until they clear a Day 13 test.
8. Adult PCCs will be informed that if they are vaccinated, they should isolate for seven days and may be able to return to school after a Day 6 test, depending on local school arrangements. If the adult PCCs are unvaccinated, they will be required to isolate for 14 days and can return to school after a Day 13 test.
9. Families/households of PCCs will no longer be required to limit their movements or stay at home.
10. When any necessary cleaning has been arranged and PCCs identified and contacted, schools will then notify all other students they should return to school the following day. The school can reopen the following day without requiring further notification.

### ***Please note:***

***Schools are not required to report confirmed positive cases of school community members if those individuals were not onsite in the 48 hours prior to the onset of symptoms consistent with COVID-19. There is no action required by the school in this situation.***