

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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**Term 2 - May 5th 2022 No.6**

### PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Dear Parents, Families and Friends,

Welcome to Term 2. Since our last newsletter the St Mary's students have had many fantastic experiences. Our school community began the term in prayer with a liturgy focusing on Nano Nagle, the founder of the Presentation Sisters. Our Grade 5/6 children spent Monday in Echuca with other Catholic schools learning all about leadership, friendship, living the Good News and challenging oneself and our Grade 3/4 children had a fantastic time away at Camp Weekaway (a special thanks to Ibu Cath and Mrs Williams for escorting the children to camp). Let's not forget our Werribee Zoo excursion at the end of Term 1 which was a highlight for all.

Enrolments for 2023 are now open! Existing families who have a child that will begin Foundation next year are invited to collect an Application for Enrolment pack from the Office. We'd appreciate it if you could spread the word about enrolling at St Mary's and all of the fantastic things we do here throughout the Inglewood and Bridgewater communities.

Next week our Grade 3 and Grade 5 children will participate in the NAPLAN testing program. Whilst we are often bombarded by the media about the testing regime, please understand that all children will be supported throughout the process. We congratulate all children involved and look forward to continuing to work together to achieve learning and growth in all areas of the curriculum.

### CALENDAR

#### May

Fri 6th	Division Cross Country 2:30pm - Mothers Day Afternoon
<del>Mon 9th</del>	<del>School Council Meeting</del>
10-16th	NAPLAN
Fri 13th	Athletics Carnival
Sun 15th	Run for Resilience Bridgewater
24-26th	NSIT Review
Fri 27th	2:00pm - P&F Meeting 3:00pm - Assembly
Mon 30th	<b>PUPIL FREE DAY</b>

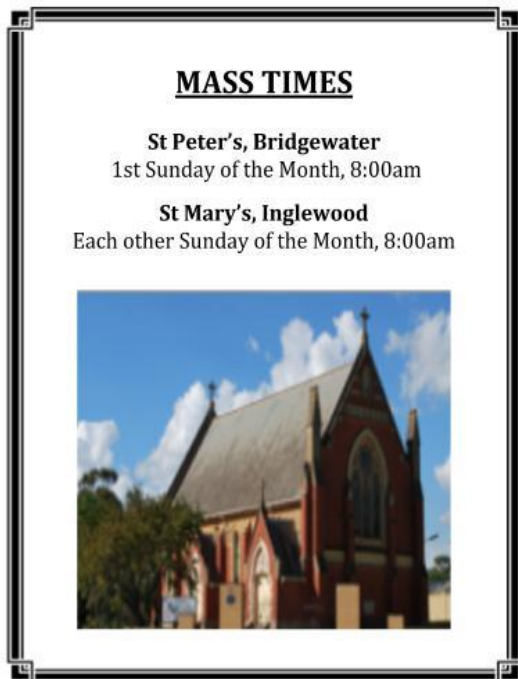


Between the 24th and 26th May, St Mary's will participate in a school review using the National School Improvement Tool (NSIT). NSIT focusses on school improvement in teaching and learning and is designed to assist schools to review and reflect on their efforts to improve the quality of teaching and learning and improve outcomes for students. NSIT facilitates school-wide conversations with parents and families, local communities, staff, school governing bodies and students about current practice, areas for improvement and evidence that progress is being made. The reviewers are wanting to speak to as many parents as possible throughout the review process. If you are available for a short period on the 25th or 26th May, please let me know and I'll schedule you into the timetable when it is created.

As you are aware, I have been on leave so far this term. In addition to recovering from the surgery announced last term, I am now also undergoing treatment for medical complications stemming from an illness contracted during the holidays. Ibu Cath Williams remains in charge on site during my absence, supported by Ashley Marsh and Catholic Education Sandhurst.

*Kim Carter*  
Principal

## CATHOLIC IDENTITY



### First Reconciliation:

Following a sacrament preparation program that occurred throughout Term 1, Tyler, Olivia and Jenson participated in their First Reconciliation. In the words of Pope Francis, "The Sacrament of Reconciliation calls us back to God, and embraces us with his infinite mercy and joy. May we allow his love to renew us as his children and to reconcile us with him, with ourselves and with one another".



*"If I can be of any service...  
In any part of the globe,  
I would willingly do all in my power..."*  
- Nano Nagle



# SCHOOL NEWS



## What's happening this fortnight in PREP - GRADE 2

<b>Religion</b>	Lent and Easter
<b>English</b>	<b>Reading:</b> Expressing and developing ideas about a text <b>Writing:</b> Narratives: Fairy tales <b>Spelling:</b> 'i' as in Tin and 'k' as in Kitten
<b>Maths</b>	Subtraction Subitise / partitioning / Place Value
<b>Personal Learning</b>	Design and technologies: What can we do to protect our planet?
<b>RRRR</b>	Positive Coping
<b>Performance Arts</b>	Jungle Book- The next two weeks we are learning the choreography to two songs The Jungle Prologue and Trust in Me.
<b>Visual Arts</b>	Production set design
<b>Health</b>	Keeping Myself Healthy
<b>Sport</b>	Athletics Practice
<b>Indonesian</b>	Binatang (Animals)

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

<b>Religion</b>	How can Lent transform our lives?
<b>English</b>	Narrative writing Asking and answering questions in our reading
<b>Maths</b>	Addition and subtraction
<b>Personal Learning</b>	ANZAC
<b>RRRR</b>	Positive Coping
<b>Performance Arts</b>	Jungle Book- The next two weeks we are learning the choreography to the two songs <b>The Jungle Prologue and Trust in Me</b> . The Main characters will be bringing home their books next Monday with a letter explaining the schedule for their ' <b>At Home Rehearsal. Practice</b> '. This includes memorising their lines and dance steps.
<b>Visual Arts</b>	Production set design
<b>Health</b>	Healthy Eating and Exercise - Fit for Life
<b>Sport</b>	Athletics Practice
<b>Indonesian</b>	Binatang Indonesia (Animals)

### Head Lice:

We have reports of Head Lice at school. Many head lice do not cause an itch, so you have to look carefully to find them. We ask all parents to please check their children's hair regularly, especially at change of seasons and treat it if necessary. Once hair has been treated, children can be returned to school. Anyone can get head lice and, given the chance, head lice move from head to head without discrimination (washed or unwashed hair, it does not matter). Children get head lice from direct hair to hair contact with another person who has head lice. This can happen when children play, hug or are working close together. They do not have wings or jumping legs so they cannot fly or jump from head to head. They can only crawl.



### Cross Country & Athletics:

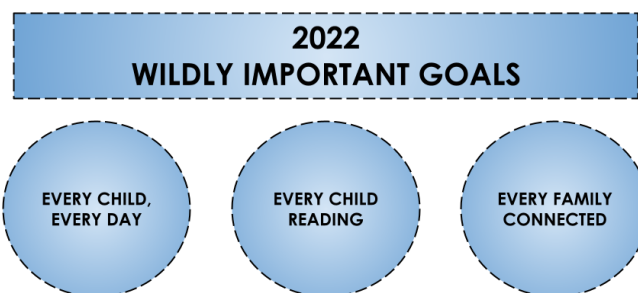
The Division Cross Country was postponed until Friday. We wish all of the St Mary's competitors the best as they hit the track tomorrow. Our Athletics day is scheduled for Friday 13th May. Please check your PAM account for details and let Miss Fenwick know if you have any questions or if you are able to volunteer on the day.

### School Council Meeting Cancelled:

Our School Advisory Council meeting scheduled for Monday 9th May has been cancelled. We look forward to coming together again on Monday 6th June.

### Wildly Important Goals:

We have received awesome feedback relating to our Wildly Important Goals. We continue to promote the importance of school attendance. Our Community Reading sessions and focus on student reading skills help address our Every Child Reading goals and are working to improve student learning outcomes, and our Community Reading Sessions and Friday Afternoon Catch Ups are helping to connect every family to St Mary's. All community members are invited to our Community Reading Sessions and Friday Afternoon Catch Ups.



### Book Donations:

Schools across the Diocese of Lismore have been devastated by recent floods. School libraries have been damaged and most books destroyed. How can you help? A container from Catholic Education Sandhurst will head north in late May. Any books no longer required in your school or your home can be added to our gift to Lismore schools. If you have any donations, please drop them into the Office.

Attendance Matters

### Explaining Absences

Report your child's absence before school commences

Provide a reason for your child's absence

Notify the school of any upcoming absence





## STUDENT NEWS

### NANO NAGLE AWARD



THIS IS AWARDED TO

### Cruze Morley

who is a person of Action and Daring! Cruze has been working hard within class time and actively participates in games with others during break time. Keep up the awesome effort Cruze!  
Friday 25th March 2022

Kim Carter  
PRINCIPAL

### NANO NAGLE AWARD



THIS IS AWARDED TO

### Addison Keats

who is a person of Community! Addie always welcomes others into the games that she's playing on the yard and checks in with students who may be playing by themselves.  
Friday 25th March 2022

Kim Carter  
PRINCIPAL

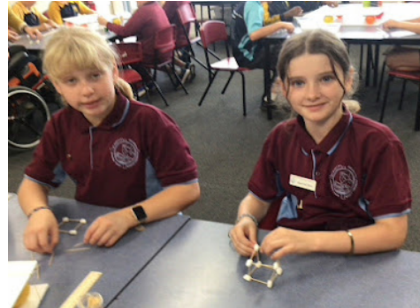


## Camp Weekaway





## Grade 5/6 Leadership Day in Echuca



## P&F NEWS

### **Easter Egg Raffle:**

Thankyou for your Easter Egg donations and raffle ticket sales towards last term's Easter Raffle. The school raised a total of \$365.

The Prize winners were;

Emily Rollinson, Scott Morrison, Ruby Scolari, Archie Barnes, Col Pickering and Harry Patterson



Dear Parents and Guardians,

We are excited to announce that St Mary's is participating in Jump Rope for Heart this year – a fantastic fundraising and physical activity program by the Heart Foundation.

By participating in Jump Rope for Heart this term, we are expecting to get our students moving. We'll have ropes to school very soon and are encouraging everyone to help raise funds for lifesaving research and support programs.

Over the coming weeks your child will learn new skills, increase their physical activity, and learn about heart health. And the program will end with our school wide 'Jump Off Day' on **Friday 10<sup>th</sup> of June** where your child gets to show off their new skipping skills to their friends.

When you register your child online you'll get access to additional skipping resources to help give your child a great reason to get away from the screens and get outdoors. Register and create your own secure webpage at [jumprope.org.au/parents](http://jumprope.org.au/parents)

By signing up online, you and your child can:

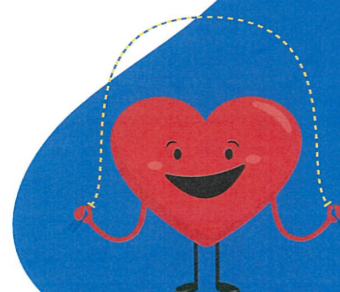
- Easily raise funds online
- Track skipping skills progress and earn virtual badges along the way
- Post updates to your page so family and friends can follow their progress
- Access additional skipping resources

Your child should have a 'fundraising guide' flyer to take home this Friday 6<sup>th</sup> of May which includes further information on the program. If you didn't receive this, visit [jumprope.org.au/parents](http://jumprope.org.au/parents) for all the information that you need.

Thank you for getting involved in Jump Rope for Heart!

Yours sincerely,  
Mrs Murray

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## 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:

##### 11. Read Books

Reading with your child provides an opportunity to address many skills. Talk with your child about what has happened on the page you have just read and make predictions about what you think may happen on the next page. Ask a range of wh- questions such as who/what/when/where to build story comprehension.

## COMMUNITY NEWS

Wedderburn Community House

### HOSPITALITY CERTIFICATES

#### Food Hygiene Certificate Responsible Serving of Alcohol

SUNDAY 24th APRIL, 2022

Discounted cost if you register for both courses \$230



##### FOOD HYGIENE CERTIFICATE SITXFSA001

Sunday 24th April, 2022  
11am-4pm  
Cost: \$130 includes lunch

##### RESPONSIBLE SERVING OF ALCOHOL CERTIFICATE SITHFAB002

Sunday 24th April, 2022  
6pm-9pm  
Cost: \$120

To book your place  
call (03) 54943489

Full payment required prior to course



(03) 5494 348

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## FIRST AID AND CPR TRAINING

**CPR \$80**  
**First Aid \$150**  
CPR Thursday 28th April  
First Aid/CPR Friday 29th April

**Join us today and Get Certified**  
Contact us if you are interested in doing Anaphylaxis or  
Asthma Awareness courses

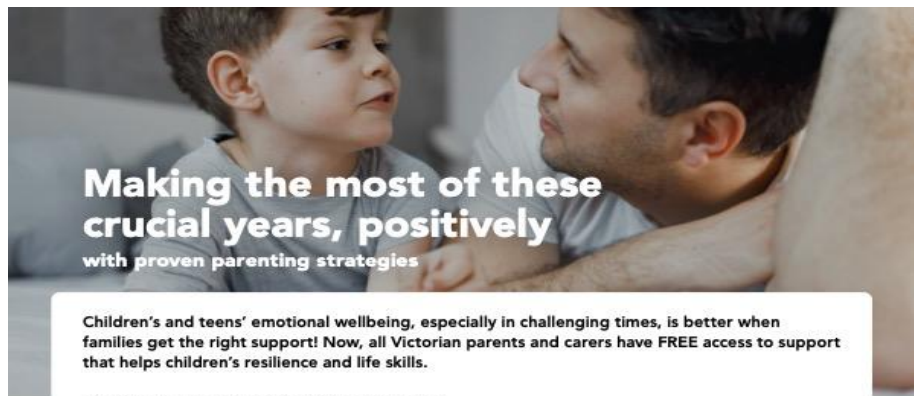
**April 2022**

Book your place on (03) 54943489, email or  
through our website

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## Making the most of these crucial years, positively

with proven parenting strategies

Children's and teens' emotional wellbeing, especially in challenging times, is better when families get the right support! Now, all Victorian parents and carers have **FREE** access to support that helps children's resilience and life skills.

The Triple P – Positive Parenting Program helps with:

Child and teen anxiety | Encouraging resilience and confidence | Building a stronger bond with your children

There are 3 free Triple P Online programs available across Victoria, so choose what works for you, to help give your children key life skills and help the whole family stay calm and positive!

- Interactive, easy-to-use online programs with videos and activities and a downloadable workbook
- Each module only takes about an hour or less, and you can do just a few minutes at a time
- Positive caregiving during COVID-19 and beyond

**Choose a program and do it at your pace, and at your place!**

#### FEAR-LESS TRIPLE P ONLINE | 6 MODULES

for parents/caregivers of children 6-14 years who are often anxious

- Understand anxiety and fear and what can be done about it
- Know what's within your control to change
- Help children develop a toolkit of coping skills
- Know what to do when a child is anxious or upset

#### TRIPLE P ONLINE | 8 MODULES; OR TEEN TRIPLE P ONLINE | 6 MODULES

for parents/caregivers of children 0-12 yrs; or 10-16 yrs (Teen Triple P Online)

- Create the best environment for your children
- Feel confident to handle each new age and stage
- Know how to address child behaviours, promote new skills and help emotional self-regulation
- Raise happier, more confident and capable children
- Improve your relationship with your children

#### START YOUR FREE PROGRAM TODAY

[www.triplep-parenting.net](http://www.triplep-parenting.net)

We acknowledge the Traditional Custodians of the land on which we live and work, and pay our respects to Elders past, present and emerging.

Free & online Triple P is funded by the Victorian Government



**McLean's Martial Art**

Presents

**SAY "NO" TO STRANGERS**

*Let's Help Our Children Say "NO" to Strangers.*



**WHEN: Saturday 7th of May 2022**

**Times : 10:30am to 12:30pm**

**Where : 24 High Street ,Eaglehawk. Victoria 3556**

**Cost FREE**

**Certificate of participation will be handed out. Parents, grandparents and guardians are required to participate in the exercises.**

**All children 4-13 welcome**

**For more information phone 0431-315-520**

