

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 1359) 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 flood disaster that has been so close to us has certainly been a challenge for those involved - I appreciate your understanding during our school closure days. In addition, we also recognise the uncertainty and apprehension that may impact on the children with friends and relatives directly affected. We continue to keep those in need, in our thoughts and prayers.

This week's Gospel reading tells the parable of the Pharisee and the Tax Collector. This parable encourages us to be a people of prayer and humility. As the Pharisee praises his own prayer efforts and puts others down, Jesus notes how choosing humility and knowing one's own vulnerability is so much more important. It is in this space where God is truly present. I have certainly been buoyed by the images and stories online which show this sense of endurance, community, humility and hope in the midst of disaster, destruction and disorientation.

A reminder that there will be no school on Monday 31st October (Staff Report Writing Day) and Tuesday 1st November (Melbourne Cup Day Public Holiday). I hope you enjoy your long weekend.

At our assembly next week, we will be welcoming Michael Prowse. Michael is the Branch Manager at the Community Bank Inglewood & Districts, who

CALENDAR

October

Mon 31st PUPIL FREE DAY

November

Tue 1st PUBLIC HOLIDAY

Fri 4th School Assembly - 3pm

Wed 9th Flying into Foundation

Fri 11th MacKillop Art Exhibition - 6pm
Cuppa Catch Up - 2.30pm

Mon 14th School Council Dinner -
6:30pm

Wed 16th Flying into Foundation

Wed 23rd Grandparents & Special
Friends Day - 8.45am - 11am

Fri 25th Caritas Leadership Day Gr 5
Cuppa Catch Up - 2.30pm

Wed 30th Flying into Foundation

sponsored the Loddon Healthy Minds Network Art Competition and will be presenting prizes and certificates to students who entered the competition. The whole St Mary's community is invited to join us for our assembly at 3pm on Friday 4th November.

We have a few uniform items that have been in our lost and found for a long time now. At our next assembly, these items will be placed on a table outside and can be collected or "purchased" for a gold coin donation.

Finally, we are steadily making preparations for 2023 and I would appreciate families letting me know should you be leaving St Mary's for any reason. It is important in our planning and budgeting to know who will begin the 2023 school 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
Wednesdays, 9.15am



St Vincent de Paul Society - Victorian Flood Appeal:

The St Vincent de Paul Society has established a Victorian Flood Appeal. Contributions can be made by:

Call 13 18 12

Visit <https://donate.vinnies.org.au/appeals-vic/>

You can also make a monetary donation through any one of our Vinnies Shops at point of purchase

Via your local IGA where the purchase of a token supports the recovery of Victorians devastated by these recent floods.

PRAYER FOR FLOOD VICTIMS

In Psalm 46, we read these words of encouragement and comfort:
"God is our refuge and strength, an ever-present help in distress."

Almighty God, Creator, and preserver of our world. We ask you to hear our humble prayers for all those afflicted by our recent storms and flooding.

Protect both life and property and in your mercy, bring relief to all affected areas.

Heal those broken in body and spirit. Protect all those who are most vulnerable. Turn the hearts of all to you, the God of all comfort.

AMEN.

**PLEASE HELP US
SUPPORT THOSE AFFECTED
BY THE FLOODS**

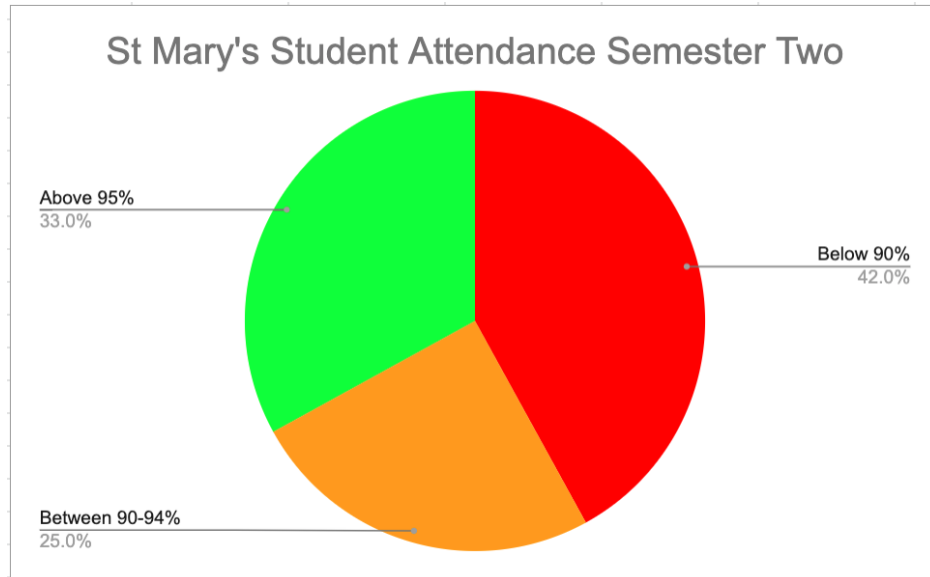
Your support can provide financial and emotional assistance to families currently affected.

**WE ARE
HERE**

DONATE NOW

Please call 13 18 12, visit vinnies.org.au or scan the QR code.

St Vincent de Paul Society
VICTORIA *good works*



Attendance Matters

Education is a Partnership

Young Person + Family + School
= Emotional Success

Work with your school to support
your young person

Extreme Weather Watch Continues:



Thank you to everyone for their cooperation and understanding of the frustrating weather situations we have been experiencing. Unfortunately we seem to be in an unusually wet spring rain pattern at the moment which is expected to continue. Please note that if parents feel that due to their circumstances and location it is better to collect their children or keep them home please contact the front office to let us know. Please think safety first at all times. You know your local conditions better than anyone else. Please don't take massive risks and drive through flood water; make your decisions early. We will continually update you via our different platforms, using the current advice from Catholic Education Sandhurst and Emergency Services.

Helping Children and Young People After Natural Events:

After a flood, children may need comfort, reassurance and support, and to know that they are safe and are being looked after.

- Find out what they know of the flood
- Listen to any concerns they may have
- Monitor exposure to media stories of the flood
- Be aware of how you talk
- Look after yourself
- Seek additional support if required

[Adapted from: Australian Psychological Society fact sheet]



ZOOPER DOOPERS

The year 5-6 students will be selling Zooper Doopers on Tuesdays at 2nd break from the kitchen.

Zooper Doopers are 50 cents each.

As the weather becomes hotter Zooper Doopers will be sold on Tuesdays and Fridays.

GRANDPARENTS & SPECIAL FRIENDS DAY

Dear Grandparents & Special Friends,

You are invited to help us celebrate our Presentation Sisters charism during our Grandparents and Special Friends Day on **WEDNESDAY 23rd NOVEMBER 2022** from 8:45am-11:00am.

- 8:45am: Community Reading - Classrooms
- 9:15am: Whole School Mass - St Mary's Church
- 10:00am: Literacy & Maths Extravaganza - Classrooms
- 10:40am: Morning Tea (if you'd like to bring a plate to share, that would be fantastic!)

St Mary's is a Child Safe School and are committed to the safety and welfare of all children. Please sign in at one of the sign in tables when you arrive.

I hope you can make it.

Love, The St Mary's Students



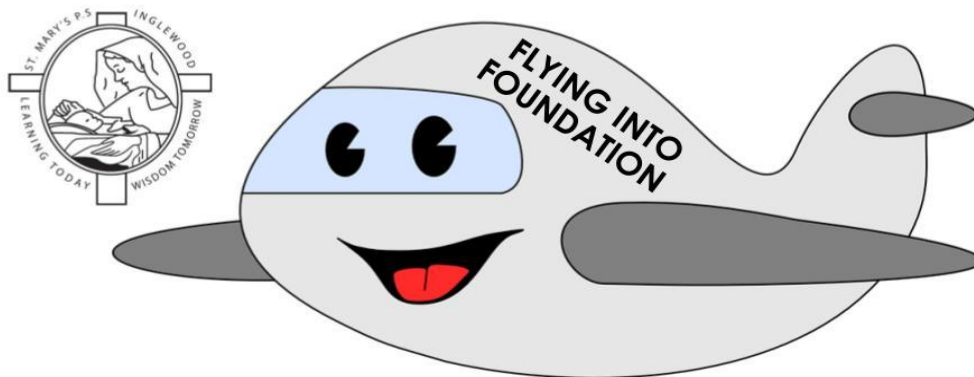
Cyber Safety:

This week we share with you some useful tips to staying safe online. Given the current situation with personal data being breached, it is important we all revisit how to stay safe online and share our knowledge and safety habits with our children.

Helpful hints to stay safe online

There are a few simple things you can do to try to keep safe online:

- **Be careful of requests** – only accept ‘friend’ requests from people you know in real life. This reduces the chance of getting into an unsafe situation.
- **Block anyone you’ve had contact with that was negative or unsafe** – this stops them from having contact with you and from seeing your profile.
- **Think before you upload and share photos** – post photos that show you and your friends in a positive way. Once it’s uploaded, it’s no longer private and could be viewed by friends, family, teachers and strangers.
- **Be mindful of what you write to others** – you never know who will read these comments and how they might interpret them.
- **Think carefully about sharing links to other sites** – the content could be embarrassing, upsetting or hurtful to others.
- **Keep your online friends online** – never agree to meet someone you’ve only known online on your own. Take one of your parents with you and meet in a public place. If they are who they say they are, they’ll be happy to do this.
- **Think about your privacy** – avoid sharing personal information online that could be misused by someone in real life. Check your privacy settings and make sure your account is secure.
- **Protect your identity** – pick a username that isn’t your real name and a profile picture that doesn’t show any personal information.



St. Mary's Primary School, Inglewood are looking forward to taking off for the 2023 school year...

2023 Foundation (Prep) Transition Dates:

Wednesday 9th November 2022
Wednesday 16th November 2022
Wednesday 23rd November 2022
Wednesday 30th November 2022
Tuesday 6th December 2022

Student Transition Session Times:

9:00am - 11:40am

Parent Information Session Times:

11:00am - 11:40am

What do children need to bring?

A hat, fruit snack, lunch and drink bottle.

For Transition session or enrolment enquiries, please contact Principal, Mrs Kim Carter on 54383075.

| What's happening this fortnight in PREP - GRADE 2 | |
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| Religion | I am special and so are you |
| English | Reading: Author's purpose Writing: Information Reports |
| Maths | Multiplication Location and transformation |
| Personal Learning | Earth and Space |
| RRRR | Help seeking |
| Performance Arts | Music Of The Past- Elvis Presley. We are listening to his songs and learning about this famous musician's life. |
| Visual Arts | Introduction to Stop Motion Animation |
| Health | Water Safety-Kids Alive Do The Five |
| Sport | Lawn Bowls |
| Indonesian | Wayang Kulit |

| What's happening this fortnight in GRADE 3 - 6 | |
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| Religion | Relationships |
| English | Descriptive Writing Text structure and organisation Word endings le, el, al, il |
| Maths | Division |
| Personal Learning | Earth's place in the Solar System |
| RRRR | Help Seeking |
| Performance Arts | Music Of The Past- Elvis Presley. Who was he? What made his music so special? Why is his music still popular after all these years? |
| Visual Arts | The Year That Was - PART 1 (News Station) |
| Health | Farm Safety with a particular emphasis on water. |
| Sport | Lawn Bowls |
| Indonesian | Languages Film Festival - "How can we look after our marine life?" |

STUDENT NEWS

Grade 5/6 Camp Reflection:

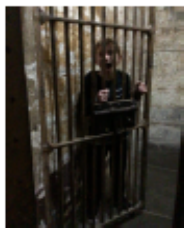
This term we have been using adjectives and similes in our descriptive writing to create an image of the text in our reader's mind. Here's Tyler's Descriptive Writing piece about Gr 5/6 Camp. Enjoy!

We walked onto the bus and found our seats. Then we went into Bendigo to pick up the St Liborius kids and headed to Melbourne. When we got to Melbourne we got off the bus and made our way to the train station. Once the train got to the train station we got on and made our way to our first destination.



This place was the first place we went. As we walked towards this big place, it looked as old as a dinosaur, the stairs were as tall as a double decker bus and at night it was as noisy as a train horn. This place was where we stayed. It is the Clairmont house.

I saw the tallest place I've ever seen in my life. The elevator felt like we were going up to the clouds. It was as high as a plane. The outdoor section was as cold as Antarctica and as scary as a tiger. But this place is as fun as a roller coaster once you get used to it. The Eureka sky deck is the 2nd tallest building in Melbourne.



This place is one of the last things we saw. It is as scary as a graveyard. As interesting as a Rubiks cube, bigger than a two story house and as cold as an ice block. The Melbourne Gaol was home to the most dangerous criminals.

At the end of our trip we got on the bus and headed for home. I was so tired that I laid back and played truth or truth. Once the St Liborius kids got off it was really quiet so we all rested. Once I got home I sat down on the couch and told mum about my amazing camp.



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.



Expressive Language


We speak and write for many reasons; To tell a story, to recount an event, to question, to argue, to socialise, to describe etc. Children need to develop the skills to communicate for a wide range of purposes, verbally and in their writing, in order to succeed in life.

Activities:

5. When your child brings home pictures from school that they have drawn, make up a story to go with it. Try to include the seven parts of a story (Setting, Problem, Feelings, Plan, Action, Solution, End). Use the following questions to help:

- Who is in the story?
- Where are they?
- When is the story happening?
- What happened to the characters?
- What was the problem?
- How did this make the characters feel?
- What did the characters plan to do?
- What did the characters actually do?
- What happened next? What was the solution?
- How will the story end?





**HAPPY
BIRTHDAY**

October

28th ~ Edmund Wilson

30th ~ Ciara McLean

November

3rd ~ Emmett Hodge



COMMUNITY NEWS



Friday Community Catch up
Fortnightly Friday afternoon's at 2.30pm
we join together as a community
at St Mary's Primary School
for a cuppa and a chat.

If you are available, please come along and join us.



Find the help & support you need

The Orange Door is a free service for adults, children and young people who are experiencing or have experienced family violence and families who need support for the wellbeing of children.

The Orange Door in Loddon

1800 512 359

loddon@orangedoor.vic.gov.au

57 View Street,
Bendigo 3552



Courage & Crowns FOR MUMS



HEY, MUMS OF GIRLS!

This workshop is for you if:

- You know how damn precious your daughter is & you want to see her thrive.
- You feel confused about how to help her with her big feelings.
- You are worried about her sadness, anger, or the amount of time she spends in her room.
- You'd like to teach her how to negotiate rather than shut down conversations.
- You want to teach her she CAN face ANY challenge in life.
- You'd love your relationship with her to feel more connected.
- You've been to **Courage & Crowns** with your daughter & you know it will be FUN, & amazing learning.
- *You'd like to relax into loving her, rather than worrying about her.*



FRIDAY 11TH NOVEMBER
7 PM - ONLINE

TICKETS @ EVENTBRITE VIA:

Facebook:
Megan Simpson - Creating Connection

Instagram:
[meganjsimpson](#)