

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,

2022 has flown by and it seems pretty incredible that we have now reached the end of the 2022 school year. As such, this is my final newsletter as Principal of St Mary's Primary School.

I will speak more at our Graduation Ceremony next week, but I just want to take the time now to formally thank everyone who has supported the incredible work that we do here at St Mary's throughout 2023.

To Father Stephen: Thank you for your spiritual guidance and support. Our school community has benefited from your wisdom and prayerfulness during your regular visits to the school and the many opportunities we have had throughout the year to pray together.

To Suzi Birthisel, as our School Council Chair, and the entire School Council, P&F, parents and volunteers: Our school is all the richer for your efforts and dedication. Parents and families are integral members of our school community and are partners in improving children's learning and wellbeing outcomes. As we move into 2023, please remember our Wildly Important Goal - Every Family Connected.

To the amazing St Mary's Staff, Cath, Tayla, Louise, Franceen, Adele and Sandra: Your efforts throughout the year have certainly been appreciated.

CALENDAR

December

Fri 9th	Grade 6 Big Day Out
Tue 13th	End of Year Mass - 6pm
Wed 14th	Students Last Day 3.20pm finish
Thur 15th	Staff Planning Day
Fri 16th	Last Day for Staff

January 2023

Thur 26th	PUBLIC HOLIDAY
Fri 27th	First Day for Staff
Mon 30th	First Day for Students



Your hard work and dedication was evident throughout the year as was your commitment towards being student-centred and improving student outcomes. Our school community is lucky to have you working with us.

A final word to the St Mary's students: Thank you for all your hard work throughout the school year. I have been so honoured to be your principal; you made me proud to be a part of the St Mary's community and you have filled me with laughter and energy each day. I am grateful for your joy, caring attitude and amazing talents.

I wish everyone a safe and Merry Christmas and holiday break; and wish you a future filled with love, laughter and learning.

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



Living the gospel

Prepare Ye!

John the Baptist's call to "Prepare the way of the Lord" is a summary of the purpose of the season of Advent. Every year, as we celebrate the Nativity, we celebrate once again the presence of God in our world. God became incarnate in the world through Jesus but also always was and continues to be incarnate in the world through each person. If we are to accept this reality and live it out, we need to remind ourselves this Advent to prepare the way for the Lord to be present in and through us every day of our lives.

A special thank you to everyone who donated food items for our St Vinnies Christmas Appeal





K.K Gifts.

K.K. gifts will be given out on Tuesday 13th December. Please send the gift in by Monday 12th December.

The tag should read.

To: K.K.

From: (your child's name)

2023 CLASS STRUCTURES & STAFF ROLES:

On Tuesday, our students enjoyed a morning focusing on transitioning to 2023. Throughout 2023, staff will be investigating a range of pedagogical approaches and teaching structures, such as team teaching.

2023 Classes:

- Foundation - Grade 3: Miss Tayla Fenwick
- Grade 4 - Grade 6: Ibu Cath Williams

2023 Staff:

- Mr Stephen O'Shannessy: Principal, Learner Diversity, Religious Education Leader and Curriculum Leader
- Ibu Cath Williams: Grade 4-6 Classroom & Indonesian Teacher and Pastoral Wellbeing Leader
- Miss Tayla Fenwick: Foundation - Grade 3 Classroom & PE Teacher and Sports Coordinator
- Mrs Carly Bannan: Performing and Visual Arts Teacher and Leadership Release Teacher
- Mrs Franceen Innes: Learning Support Officer and Pastoral & Wellbeing Support (Chaplain)
- Mrs Adele George: Learning Support Officer
- Mrs Sandra Coffey: Office Administrator

KEY DATES FOR 2023:

2023 TERM DATES	2023 PUPIL FREE DAYS
<ul style="list-style-type: none">● Term 1: 27th January - 6th April<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ First Day Staff: 27th January○ First Day Students: 30th January● Term 2: 24th April - 23rd June● Term 3: 10th July - 15th September● Term 4: 2nd October - 20th December<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Last Day Students: 18th December○ Last Day Staff: 20th December	<ul style="list-style-type: none">● Friday 27th January (Staff Planning Day)● Thursday 9th March (Staff Spirituality)● Friday 26th May (Learner Diversity)● Friday 11th August (Curriculum Focus)● Monday 6th November (Report Writing Day)● Tuesday 19th December (2024 Planning Day)● Wednesday 20th December (Staff Last Day)

OFFICE HOURS:

Our Office will be open from Friday 27th January for any parents who would like to purchase any last minute uniform items before school commences for students on Monday 30th January.

PAM UPDATES:






Throughout the Summer holidays, PAM will be undergoing some major updates. Please keep a lookout in the new year if there is anything that needs to be done on your end to get PAM up and running again in 2023.

iPAD & KEYBOARD CHARGERS:

Next week our lease will end for our current batch of technology. All iPads, chargers, keyboards and cases will be returned. This is a last chance for you to have a look at home for any St Mary's chargers and cords that may have been left over from COVID-related remote learning. Your help is greatly appreciated.

STUDENT REPORTS & ATTENDANCE GOALS:

Our student reports will be sent home and released on PAM on Tuesday 13th December. Please take the time to read your child's report. All students should be proud of their efforts this semester. The end of semester reports also provide an attendance summary. Please consider where your child's attendance percentage sits within the table below... Remember, every day counts!

		Your Child's attendance is above 95% They are likely to be a "Star Performer" as well as an excellent attendee. They will almost certainly achieve the best grades for their ability and have real opportunity in further education, or in the world of work.
		Your Child's attendance is 90-94% "GREEN for GO" for good attendance, they are likely to achieve grades that will give them real opportunities to continue their studies, or in the world of work
10 days Missed= 2 weeks		Your Child's attendance is 85-89% "AMBER- Take Care" as students will be missing up to 20 days each year and this will make it very difficult for them to achieve their best.
		Your Child's attendance is 80-84% "RED light -Be Alert" as students are missing so much school that it will be very difficult for them to keep in touch with lessons or with work.
		Your Child's attendance is below 80% "AT RISK-Immediate Action Needed" as students are missing so much time from school that it will be almost impossible for them to keep in touch with lessons or work.

****Check your PAM account for your children attendance percentage****

STUDENT NEWS

GRADE 4/5/6 MILO CRICKET:

On Friday the 2nd of December our Grade 4/5/6 students embarked to compete in the Loddon Calder District Milo Cricket Competition. Our students had been practising their cricket skills at school before competing against 2 other schools. St Mary's won all 3 games in the lead up to the grand final, we were the only team to win all 3 games. It was a tough grand final losing to the other team, but at the end of the match we all came out with smiles on our faces and with the knowledge that we had done so well for the day after not having done Milo cricket since before Covid. Congratulations to all of the grade 4/5/6 students on an awesome day!

~ Miss Fenwick



JUNIOR FUN DAY:

On Thursday the 1st of December the Grade 1 / 2 students left St Mary's to go on their big adventure into Bendigo for their Junior Fun Day. The students had so much fun going bowling, for many of the students it was their first time playing ten pin bowling. We then walked down to Rosalind Park and enjoyed our lunch in the sun while admiring the local bats and playing some games. We walked around the park and admired the historic conservatory and all of the plants inside. We also found the big Christmas tree and sleigh that was set up across the road from the fountain. Before arriving at our final destination of the art gallery, we climbed up the poppet head that is in the middle of Bendigo. We were all so puffed when we reached the top but in all the pain it was exciting as so many students faced their fear of heights. We all had such a lovely day in Bendigo and I would like to say a massive thank you to all the junior students for being absolutely amazing on this excursion. I received so many compliments from the bowling alley and the art gallery about you all.

~ Miss Fenwick



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:

10. Take a photo from an outing – a holiday, the park, a takeaway shop. Use this as the beginning of a story. E.g. One hot summer's day my family went to the swimming pool. Use the trigger sentence – "Then all of a sudden..." Get your child to think of silly problems and events that might happen in the story. You can make it as humorous or as far-fetched as you like, most importantly it has to be fun! Make sure you include the following important parts;

The setting, a problem which arises in the story or a kick off event

Feelings: how the character feels about the problem,

A plan: action and solution to the problem,

And an ending.

**HAPPY
BIRTHDAY**



December

23rd ~ Adelle Sheahan

31st ~ Brooke Anderson

COMMUNITY NEWS

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



JUNIOR NETBALL & FOOTBALL EXPRESSION OF INTEREST



**Join the Woodies
in 2023!**



More info:
Nat Rodwell
0409 402 900
Shasta Maher
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**Teamwork
Fitness
Friendship
Fun
Performance
Success**

**We welcome new
players**



More info:
Leigh Lamprell
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Term 1, 2023

Regional Parenting

What's On In Term 1?

All programs are delivered by our qualified and passionate facilitators.

Tuning in to Kids | 6 Sessions, Tuesdays

For parents with kids aged under 12

Kids with emotional intelligence have better concentration, make friends more easily, and are better able to regulate emotions. In this program you'll learn to help your child understand and manage their feelings.

Tuesdays, 7pm-9pm, 7 Feb - 14 Mar

Online

\$60 (\$30 Concession)



Circle of Security | 6 Sessions, Mondays

For parents with kids aged under 10

This program is about attachment with your child and will help you better understand your child's emotional world by learning to read emotional needs.

Mondays, 10am-12pm, 6 Feb - 20 Mar

CatholicCare Victoria - Bendigo

\$60 (\$30 Concession)



Bringing Up Great Kids | 6 Sessions, Thurs

For parents with kids aged under 12

This program uses mindfulness and reflection to help parents examine and improve communication with their children. Through respectful and positive interactions, parents and carers can support their child's development and positive identity.

Thursdays, 10am-12pm, 9 Feb - 16 Mar

CatholicCare Victoria - Bendigo,

\$60 (\$30 Concession)



Register at www.catholiccarevic.org.au/register

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Our Kids | 6 Sessions, Tuesdays & Thursdays

This program explores how ongoing parental conflict affects children, how you can support your children through changing family relationships as well as how to develop effective communication with your co-parent.

Tuesdays, 6pm-8pm, 21 Feb - 28 Mar

Online

Thursdays, 12:30pm-2:30pm, 23 Feb - 30 Mar

CatholicCare Victoria - Bendigo

\$150 (\$60 Concession)



Understanding Toddlers

For parents with kids aged under 4

This free workshop for parents and carers of toddlers covers the developmental stages of toddlers, as well as how you can connect, communicate and manage difficult behaviours in toddlers.

Tuesday, 9:30am-11:30am, 21 Feb

CatholicCare Victoria - Bendigo

Thursday, 10am-11:30am, 23 Mar

Online

Free



Knowing Your Teen

Parenting teenagers is not easy, it requires creativity, determination, and patience! It is a tough phase for everybody, but you are not alone. Join us to look at the latest research around teenage brain development, discuss peer relationships, and gain tips for having a positive relationship with your teen.

Tuesday, 6:30pm-8:30pm, 21 Mar

CatholicCare Victoria - Bendigo

Thursday, 10am-11:30am, 30 Mar

Online

Free



**Free Parent
Consultations**

Single Session parent consultations are also available, Monday - Friday, 9am - 5pm, via phone, Zoom, or face to face. Please contact the office for information.



Register at www.catholiccarevic.org.au/register

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