

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,

Welcome back to the beginning of Term 2. I hope that all families had a very enjoyable and relaxing holiday break and took time to stop and embrace the season of Easter. A lot of action has occurred both inside and outside of the classrooms since my previous address. The community spirit is well and truly alive with St Mary's students and staff taking part in this year's ANZAC day march and ceremony at Inglewood. Students completed a variety of roles throughout the service and proudly represented St Mary's Catholic Primary School. Thank you to our members who could attend this service, one I will remember for a long time.



Our participation in the Loddon Shire Landcare Revegetation Day was a huge success. Last Friday's act of service was a powerful moment for students to positively contribute towards their community. Looking back at what we had accomplished in a few hours, was a significant impact, with over 250 plants embedded. If you are driving past the old Morning Star mining site, take a look!

I would like to acknowledge and give mention to a special event taking place this Sunday, Run for Resilience. As you are well aware this event marks a special day on our St Mary's and Loddon community calendars. Although I did not get the opportunity to meet Lesley, she is still widely discussed, respected and dearly missed amongst those who I talk to in Inglewood.

As we celebrate Catholic Education Week throughout the Sandhurst Diocese, enrolments for 2024 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 activities and celebrations we do here throughout the Inglewood and Bridgewater communities.

Stephen O'Shannessy
Principal

CALENDAR

TERM 2, 2023

Sunday 7th May	Run for Resilience - Bridgewater
Tuesday 9th May	Learning Conversations
Thursday 11th	Athletics Day Flora Hill (8.15am departure)
Friday 12th May	Mother's Day Breakfast
Wednesday 17th May	Session 1 First Holy Communion preparation (3.45pm- 4.45pm)
Thurs 18th - 19th May	Grade 3-4 Camp to Sovereign Hill
Tuesday 23rd May	School Council Meeting - 6pm
Wednesday 24th May	Session 2 First Holy Communion preparation (3.45pm- 4.45pm)
Friday 26th May	PUPIL FREE DAY (Staff Professional Learning Day)
Monday 29th May	National Reconciliation Week St Mary's Sorry Day Liturgy
Tuesday 30th May	St Mary's Reconciliation Liturgy
Wednesday 31st May	St Mary's 'Story of the Referendum' Session 3 First Holy Communion preparation (3.45pm- 4.45pm)
June	
Monday 5th June	School Council Meeting - 7pm
Tuesday 6th June	Learning Conversations
Wednesday 7th June	Session 4 First Holy Communion preparation (3.45pm- 4.45pm)
Thursday 8th June	Learning Conversations
Monday 12th June	King's Birthday PUBLIC HOLIDAY
Friday 16th June	FIRE Carrier's Commissioning 2.30pm
Sunday 18th June	First Holy Communion St Mary's Catholic Church 8.00am
Friday 23rd June	Last day of term 2

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



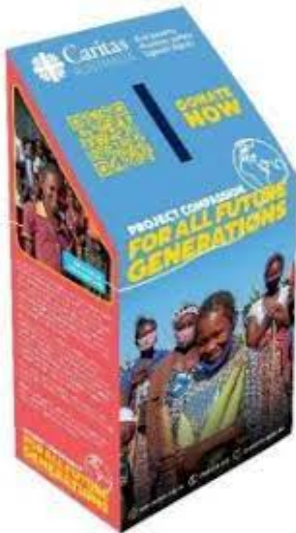
Sacramental Program

The student's sacramental program will begin on Wednesday 17th May for those making their First Eucharist. Due to changes from the parish, First Communion Mass has been postponed to the 18th June.



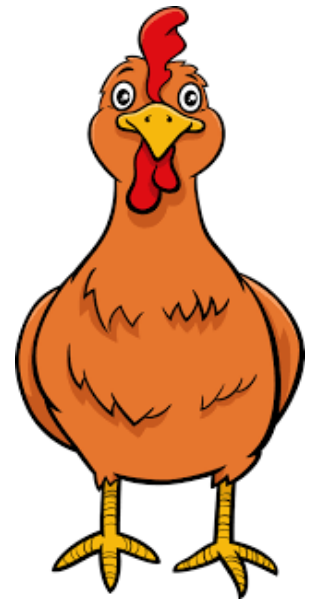
John 14:1-2

In this Sunday's Gospel reading, Jesus is reassuring his anxious disciples. A passage which is often referred to at funerals, is how Jesus tells his disciples, 'Do not let your hearts be troubled, trust in God and trust in me'. In His final moments with his followers, Jesus explains he is preparing a place for them in his father's house. How comforting these words must have been to hear. Despite some doubt, Jesus reassures his disciples that who follows him will also follow his father in heaven. As we can be managing some of our own doubts in our lives, let us take time to remember Jesus' message and continue to place our trust in him and follow in his ways this Easter season.



Caritas

Well done to our St Mary's community who were able to raise over \$380 for Caritas Australia. This equals out to \$20 being raised per student, a fantastic achievement! For those counting, this is equivalent to purchasing 54 chickens for a small community!



SCHOOL NEWS



St Mary's Catholic Primary is taking part in National Walk Safely to School Day on Friday 19 May 2023. Walk Safely to School Day encourages positive environmental action, better use of public transport with reduced car-dependency and encourages parents and carers to walk more, reducing dangerous traffic congestion around schools. Being active everyday, including walking to school, can help make a difference for many Australians. Whether you're a parent, teacher, or carer - everyone has a role to play in helping children and young people to lead active healthy lives. Remember, Active Kids are Healthy Kids so start planning your own journey for Walk Safely to School Day on Friday 19 May 2023.

Playgroup: St Mary's is host to Inglewood's first Supported Playgroup conducted by Kinsley Mowat. Kinsley is a trained facilitator who offers a free playgroup service for community members. The playgroup session offers parents a structured and deliberate program aimed at empowering mothers to build healthy relationships with their children. It is hoped that, over time, someone local will take over Kinsley's role and keep this running in the community. Kinsley will host a weekly playgroup session in the St Mary's refurbished convent every Wednesday from 10:30-12:30. All parents and children in the Loddon and Inglewood Region are welcome to attend.

Mothers Day Celebrations:

We are inviting all mothers, grandmothers or significant females in the lives of our students to attend our Mother's Day celebrations next Friday. From 8:30am breakfast will be served. Following breakfast we will take part in a Mother's Day Liturgy and conclude with a student led mothers day activity in our brand new convent space.

Can families please email through one or two photos of themselves with their child, to their classroom teachers by Tuesday for our Mother's Day slideshow.

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4-6 cwilliams@sminglewood.catholic.edu.au



Our Learning Conversations have been rescheduled with the new dates to be held in Week 7 on Tuesday, 6th June and Thursday, 8th June. These conversations will better reflect the student's goals and academic progress for Semester 1. We are still encouraging parents to meet with their teacher prior to these dates if they need to discuss their child's progress.

Pastoral Care and Wellbeing

Attendance

Leading into the colder weather, we begin to notice a decline in student attendance. This term we are looking at the 'pull to school' and the 'push from home' to encourage students to attend school regularly. We as staff will continue to engage students in their learning, provide opportunities for them to explore areas of interest and set and achieve personal learning goals. As parents we ask you to assist your children in feeling successful at school by enabling their attendance each day, celebrating in their new learnings, working with them to identify achievable goals and celebrating the achievement of these goals. On a school day students should think that school is a better place to be than at home, and that simply staying home is not an option unless they are unwell. We need your 'push' to boost your child's attendance and give them the best possible opportunity for success.

Safe Play

During Health sessions this term our focus is on 'Safe Play' in the yard. Students will work together to create learning videos to teach each other what it looks like to play safely in the school yard. By creating these videos, the students are identifying and understanding why we need these rules and that it is all of our responsibility to play by these rules to keep everyone safe.

GETTING TO KNOW OUR STAFF

Name: Franceen Innes

Position at School: Chaplain & Learning Support Officer

Hobbies: Reading stories to my grandchildren on Facetime, gardening, spinning (wool) crocheting and knitting.

What do you like about St Mary's?: There is not nearly enough room for my response. I am so blessed to be part of such a special, kind, thoughtful and compassionate community. Being part of students lives from when they start their schooling journey in Prep, all the way through to seeing them drive their car past me in their early 20's and beyond.



Favourite Book: 'I Have a Bed Made of Buttermilk Pancakes' by Jaclyn Moriarty

What are you looking forward to in 2023: The birth of our 6th grandchild in early August.

Something interesting about me: I was born in Sydney NSW. I have lived in every state in Australia apart from Tasmania and Western Australia.

ST MARY'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL



ENROLMENTS

NOW OPEN FOR 2024



CELEBRATING CATHOLIC EDUCATION WEEK
MONDAY MAY 1ST - FRIDAY MAY 5TH

PRINCIPAL LED TOURS

Friday 12th May - Wednesday 17th May



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STUDENT NEWS

ANZAC DAY

St Mary's community all met at the butcher shop to meet up for a very important day of commemoration. The students all pinned rosemary to their shirts. Rosemary is used on ANZAC day because the herb grew on the fields on the Gallipoli peninsula, in Turkey, which is where the first world war was held. Also, rosemary is a herb which

helps strengthen people's memory. As we began to march to the memorial site, Olivia and Lucy carried our school banner. Mrs Innes and I (Ruby) carried the wreath, made by Mrs McEwan. The wreath is also used as a symbol of everlasting remembrance. There were speeches from council members and the Inglewood football club.



It was time to read the ode. When I (James) stood up at the microphone, I noticed many people were focusing their attention towards me. The only noise I could hear was the bird chirping in the background. Finally, others were welcome to lay down any personal wreaths. It felt very special to have such an important role, on this commemorative day.

By Ruby and James, Year 6.

Revegetation Project



Last Friday, the whole school went to Morning Star Dam site to plant trees with the Landcare group. First we had to dig a hole, then we needed to collect a stake, tree guard and plant. Will from Landcare told us we had to make sure we patted down the plant to make the soil compact. After we inserted the stake into the tree guard, we placed this over the plant. Next, we had to hammer the stake into the ground so the plants would be safe. Finally, we all needed to water the plants. We planted over 200 trees at the dam. It was a fun day because we gotta get out of the classroom and help the community.

By Braxton and Kiarah, Year 3.



Leadership Day:



The grade 5/6 students attended a Leadership Day, held at St Mary's in Echuca. We completed four different activities during the day. Our first activity was to design a space module that transfers scientific machinery from the space subtle to Mars surface. Students tested the prototype from great heights to see if the cargo arrived safely. The second activity we took part in was a dance session with Diago, where we choreographed a battle scene with rival gangs. The third activity was religious art with Colleen. We constructed speech bubbles from air-dry clay and wrote different words which would represent a healthy community. Sadly it was soon time to go, but not before our last activity for the day, which was Kelly Sports.



Throughout the day we were able to meet many new friends from other schools. We were building our leadership skills, such as confidence, to work and play as a team alongside everybody. Thank you to Ibu Cath and Mr O'Shannesy for driving us on the bus. By Abby and Tyler, Year 5/6.

Cross Country:



Congratulations to Jordan, Abby, Kiarah, Lucy and Edmund, for representing St Mary's at the Goldfields Cross Country. We have heard many stories about your time running and representing our school. Thank you to the parents for looking after the students and driving them into Bendigo. We appreciate your support.

Wedderburn Fete: Thank you to Danny Forrest (Principal) from Wedderburn College for putting on a great Fete!



P&F NEWS

Easter Raffle: Thank you to all families who made donations for the P&F Easter Raffle. With your support we were able to raise over \$200.

First Prize: Isabelle O'Shannessy

Second Prize: Rosie Roberts

Third Prize: Tanya Rollinson

Fourth Prize: Ryan Isaac



ST MARY'S INVITES YOU TO



Mother's Day

8:30 BREAKFAST
9:00 MOTHER'S DAY LITURGY
9:30 STUDENT-LED ACTIVITY



FRIDAY 12 MAY | 8:30AM

**FOLLOWING THE LITURGY JOIN US FOR OUR STUDENT-LED
ACTIVITY IN THE REFURBISHED CONVENT**

BRIDGEWATER RUN 4 RESILIENCE

SUNDAY 7 MAY 2023



21km

Inglewood to Bridgewater
along the Bullabul Trail



10km

Loddon Riverside Trail,
Bridgewater



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Loddon Riverside Trail,
Bridgewater

Bridgewater Recreation Reserve

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21k

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Playgroup

Wednesday 10:30 – 12:30pm

- Small, friendly and FREE playgroup where
- everyone is welcome and invited to come and play.



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NDCH Supported Playgroup

GET ACTIVE KIDS VOUCHER PROGRAM

What is the Get Active Kids Voucher Program?

The Get Active Kids Voucher Program is a Victorian Government funded program which allows eligible families to receive a voucher valued up to \$200 for each child for costs associated with organised sport and recreation activities. Eligible costs include membership and registration fees.

ELIGIBILITY

To be eligible for a voucher your child must be:

- aged 0 to 18 years
- a resident in Victoria
- named on a valid Australian Government Health Care Card or Pensioner Concession Card
- named on a valid Australian Government Medicare Card.

IF YOU HAVE NOT ALREADY PAID MEMBERSHIP FEES

- Visit: <https://bit.ly/GetActiveVouchers>
- Follow the prompts to complete your application.
- Once confirmed, you will receive an email with a voucher code.
- Present your voucher code to your nominated Get Active Kids Activity Provider and they will deduct up to \$200 off your membership or registration fees.
- If membership or registration fees exceed \$200, you will be required to pay the remaining balance.

IF YOU HAVE ALREADY PAID MEMBERSHIP FEES

- Visit: <https://bit.ly/GetActiveReimbursement>
- Follow the prompts to complete your application.

For more information or to apply for a voucher, please visit:
<https://bit.ly/GetActiveVouchers>

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"The Get Active Kids Voucher Program helps eligible families get their kids involved in organised sport and recreation activities by reimbursing the cost of membership and registration fees, uniforms and equipment. Eligible children may be able to receive up to \$200 each.

Children must be aged 4 to 18 and named on a valid Health Care Card or Pensioner Concession Card and Medicare card to be eligible. Find out if you can apply, what costs are covered and how much can be reimbursed.

Vouchers are available for eligible activities provided by certain organisations.

The cost of uniforms and equipment can be reimbursed too.

Amount: Up to \$200 per eligible child

Status: Closes 10 May 2023

