

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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**Term 2 - May 18th 2023 No.7**

## **PRINCIPAL'S REPORT**

Dear Parents, Families and Friends,

This week we celebrated World Education Support Day. We thank our support staff at St Mary's and honour and recognise their extraordinary contribution to our school. Support Educators often work above and beyond their roles to ensure students thrive in a safe and supportive environment. On behalf of St Mary's Catholic Primary and Catholic Education Sandhurst, we thank you.

**Covid Update:** As you are aware, the Inglewood community has experienced a rise in COVID-19 cases over the past fortnight. As of today, we have been informed of a positive case at St Mary's CPS. We continue to pray for all our families affected by COVID so they can make a speedy recovery and re-join us back at school. Please make sure you are continuing to monitor for symptoms and let the school know if you or your child has tested positive. Hand sanitiser and optional wearing of masks will be encouraged. Although the government no longer mandates it, the recommendation for those who have tested positive for COVID-19 is to stay at home for 5 days. Thank you for your cooperation and understanding during this time.

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 things we do here throughout the Inglewood and Bridgewater communities.

On Monday 29th May, we celebrate National Sorry Day, followed by National Reconciliation Week. The official dates for these events remain the same each year; 27th May to 3rd June. These dates commemorate two significant milestones in the reconciliation journey: the successful 1967 referendum and the High Court Mabo decision respectively. Reconciliation lives in the hearts, minds and actions of many Australians as we move forward, creating a nation strengthened by respectful relationships between the wider Australian community, and Aboriginal and

Torres Strait Islander peoples.

We have a role to play when it comes to reconciliation, and in playing our part, we collectively build relationships and communities that value Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples, histories, cultures, and futures.

Finally, a reminder next Friday 26th May, we have a pupil-free day scheduled for staff to begin St Mary's Catholic Primary School's Strategic Plan and complete First Aid/CPR training.

*Stephen O'Shannessy*

Principal



# CALENDAR

<b>TERM 2, 2023</b>	
Thurs 18th - 19th May	Grade 3-4 Camp to Sovereign Hill
Tuesday 23rd May	Wedderburn College Info Session 6pm
Wednesday 24th May	Session 2 First Holy Communion preparation (3.45pm- 4.30pm)
Friday 26th May	PUPIL FREE DAY (Staff Professional Development Day)
Monday 29th May	National Reconciliation Week St Mary's Sorry Day Liturgy Martin Vale Dental Van visiting Inglewood Primary School
Tuesday 30th May	St Mary's Reconciliation Liturgy
Wednesday 31st May	St Mary's 'Story of the 1967 Referendum' Session 3 First Holy Communion preparation (3.45pm- 4.30pm)
Thurs 1st - 2nd June	Martin Vale Dental Van visiting Inglewood Primary School
Monday 5th June	School Council Meeting - 7pm TBC
Tuesday 6th June	Learning Conversations
Wednesday 7th June	Session 4 First Holy Communion preparation (3.45pm- 4.30pm)
Thursday 8th June	Learning Conversations
Monday 12th June	King's Birthday PUBLIC HOLIDAY
Friday 16th June	Student First Aid Education Excursion FIRE Carrier's Commissioning 2.30pm
Sunday 18th June	First Holy Communion St Mary's Catholic Church 8.00am
Thursday 22nd June	School Photo Day
Friday 23rd June	Last day of Term 2 (2.20pm finish)
<b>TERM 3, 2023</b>	
Monday 10th July	First day of Term 3

# 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



## Mother's Day/Role Models

Last week, our school was host to a wonderful Mother's Day event. It was very pleasing to see how every child had at least one visitor to celebrate this occasion in our refurbished convent area.

The students who participated in the Liturgy read, sang and performed wonderfully.

Our Mother's Day slideshow was well received and was posted on facebook. The arts and crafts, along with breakfast, created a buzz, and I'm sure our parents felt acknowledged.



## Matthew 28: 16-20

Some of the most important messages of the bible take place on mountains. This is a deliberate gesture to emphasise the significance of what was being spoken. Like Moses, Jesus also stands on a mountain to inform his apostles to go make disciples of all nations, encouraging spreading the word of God to all societies. In Matthew's Gospel, you can see where the origins of the Trinity are written in Scripture. In this passage, Jesus states, 'All authority in heaven and earth has been given to me'. He also tells his disciples to baptise people in the name of the Father, the Son and of the Holy Spirit making the three seen as equal.



## PASTORAL WELLBEING



### Values Blitz!

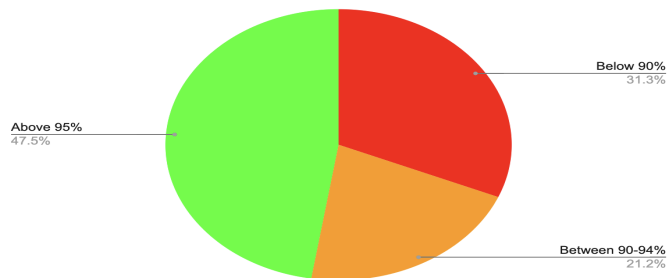
This week our blitz is on “Looking after our equipment”. Our peer mediators are on the lookout for students using our school equipment safely and appropriately, and putting it away after use. In doing this, we are ‘Caring for our community’ by making sure the equipment is ready for everyone to use when they want to.

### Attendance

Huge congratulations to Finley Hodge for his 100% attendance in Term One! Fin has shown he is committed to getting the best out of his learning time. Will you be our most regular attendee for Term Two??



St Mary's Student Attendance



**Attendance Matters**

Attending the Early Years = Greater chance of success

- establishes positive habits
- builds positive relationships
- maximises opportunities to learn
- supports problem solving skills

better health • better future • better outcomes

A graphic for 'Attendance Matters' featuring a stylized sun with five handprints in different colors (purple, green, yellow, blue, red) arranged in an arc above it. The text 'Attendance Matters' is written in pink below the handprints. To the right, a blue-bordered box contains the text 'Attending the Early Years = Greater chance of success' and a bulleted list of benefits. Above the list, the text 'better health • better future • better outcomes' is written in a curved path.

## SCHOOL NEWS

### Martin Vale Dentist Van

The mobile dental van will again be visiting Inglewood Primary School. The dates will be **Monday 29th May, Thursday 1st June and Friday 2nd June**. Treatment will be bulk billed through Medicare for eligible students. If families are interested in their children being seen please return the consent forms that have been sent home.

**MARTIN VALE**  

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**DENTISTRY**

## WE'RE TAKING IT IN OUR STRIDE ON FRIDAY 19th MAY 2023

Well it's that time of year again when our school seriously starts talking about walking! Walk Safely to School Day asks that we all consider our transport habits and try to incorporate more walking as part of a healthy, active way to get around. And although walking all the way to school isn't realistic for many of us, it's quite easy to figure out how you can build a walk into your family's daily routine.

You can teach your child the healthy habit of walking more by:

- Walking with them the whole way to school
- If they get the bus or train, walk past your usual stop and get on at the next stop
- If you have to drive, park the car a few blocks away from the school and walk the rest of the way.

Regular exercises like walking with your child not only helps them (and you!) beat chronic problems like obesity, heart disease, behavioural and mental health issues and diabetes. It also allows you to teach your child safe ways to behave around roads and traffic.

For more information, visit [www.walk.com.au](http://www.walk.com.au)

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## 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



### FOR MORE INFORMATION

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## BIRTHDAYS



## GETTING TO KNOW OUR STAFF

**Name:** Stephen O'Shannessy

**Position at School:** Principal

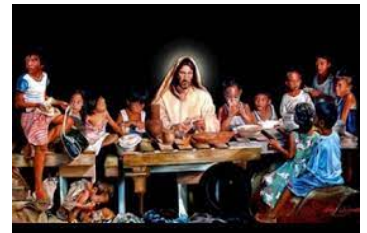
**Hobbies:** Chasing waterfalls in National Parks, participating in social sports on weeknights, attending markets, barracking for the Collingwood Football Club.

**What do you like about St Mary's?:** I like many great things about St Mary's, the first being the relationships. Students treat each other like family. I was impressed by how they conducted themselves during recess and lunch, organising individual games and activities without teacher assistance. I like how being a member of St Mary's means you are more than a student, teacher, educator or administrator; you are part of a tight community that supports one another. The staff are passionate and care about each individual member of our school. Parents want what's best for their child and are active members in the daily life of our school.



**Favourite Book/Music:** My favourite books mostly relate to biographies or personal life stories. My top two are *Ghost Boy* - Ghost Boy is about a healthy South African teen who develops a rare condition that makes him unable to move or talk. After 10 or so years of being in a vegetative state, a therapist noticed a spark in his eye. From here, after lots of support, the boy, now a man, eventually regained the ability to communicate through the aid of technology. He then wrote about his experience when everyone thought for many years he couldn't hear or understand what was happening around him, however, he remembered everything and shared this in his biography!

*'They Have Jesus'* by Joey A. Velasco, is a true story depicting the children's individual lives captured in this image. Based in the Philippines, the book discusses the poor conditions and circumstances of these street children. The author found that despite their challenges, there is still a strong faith in Jesus. Velasco originally painted this image for his own children to be more appreciative of what they have.



My third all-time favourite book is 'The Twitts'. Royal Dahl has a wonderful way of capturing children's interest through grotesque adult characters.

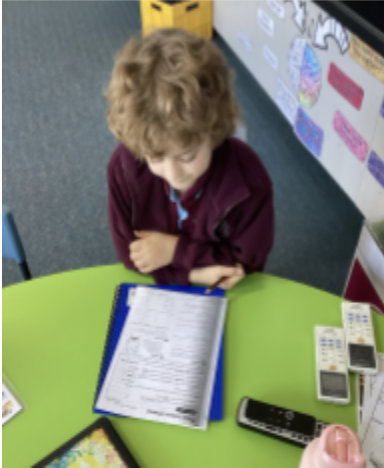
**What are you looking forward to in 2023:** I am looking forward to seeing students continue to challenge themselves both academically and socially throughout the year. I am also looking forward to Collingwood being on the right side of a premiership.

**Something interesting about me:** Youngest of six kids, I was born in St Arnaud. When I lived in Darwin, I was in a band for three months called Jam Jars, where I played guitar and drums.

# STUDENT NEWS

## What's been happening in Foundation - Grade 3

### Reading



"In reading we are currently editing a story. We are looking where to place full stops, add capital letters and exclamation marks. We have also looked at fixing spelling mistakes"  
**Braxton Grade 3**

### Religion



"We have been focusing on celebrations and we made posters about different celebrations we may celebrate throughout the year. We are learning how to compare these to the 7 sacraments within the Church."  
**Lucy Grade 3**

### ICU



"We have been creating comic strips about trading during the Gold Rush. We have learnt lots about the Gold Rush before we go to Sovereign Hill."  
**Harry Grade 3**

### Maths



"We have been playing a game of Buzz to help us practice with our Skip Counting. We have been using counter to help us with our skip counting."  
**Kiarah Grade 3**

### Writing



'I am learning how to write a diary entry about a digger going to the Goldfields and their experience.'  
**Edmund, Grade 3**



'I am learning how to write sentences about what I do in a day'  
**Nakodah, Foundation**

## 2023 Athletics Day

Thank you to all of the students and staff that came and participated at the Athletics day last Thursday! The students had a magnificent day competing and trying their best at every activity that was put towards them. A special thank you to the parents that came along and supported the students as well as assisting the staff, we appreciate it all.

Tayla Fenwick - PE Coordinator



## PARENTS AND FRIENDS NEWS

### RUN FOR RESILIENCE, FITTY'S 5

On Sunday 7th May, our school community came out in force to support the Active Farmers Bridgewater Run for Resilience and Fitty's 5. This event was very dear to Lesley Morrison's heart, as a proud Active Farmer herself. It was wonderful to see so many of our students, teachers and community participating in Fitty's 5 to honour Lesley. We'd like to thank our wonderful volunteers for cooking the delicious BBQ for the event. It's a pleasure to be involved in such a well run (pardon the pun) community event. Congratulations to the Active Farmers Bridgewater team. With the BBQ sizzling away, we raised over \$740 in cash sales. Although this money is intended for the school, it would be only fitting to donate a portion back to this fantastic charity event.





# 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