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,

Academic reports and student journals are due to be sent out next week. Staff have been working thoroughly on consolidating work samples, assessment tasks, and tracking your child's progress. We encourage you to read the report and journal with students as it is a great opportunity to discuss your child's learning and celebrate their successes. This year, you will notice minor amendments to the structure of the academic reports. Teachers have now included a pastoral comment related to individual students. In the coming weeks, I will be seeking parents' feedback related to the structure and information they receive for their child's academic reports and journals.

The first of the new Catholic Education Sandhurst endorsed Child Safe Standards is "Child Safe Standard 1 – Organisations establish a culturally safe environment in which the diverse and unique identities and experiences of Aboriginal children and young people are respected and valued". As part of this standard, St Mary's conducts an annual ceremony for Year 5 students who wish to take on the responsibility of becoming a Fire Carrier. Today we celebrated Ryan and Abby's induction.

St Mary's strives to develop strong partnerships with parents and the wider community of Inglewood. We aim to work together in order to create the best learning, social and spiritual experience for your child. There are many strategic initiatives the school employs that are deliberately designed to welcome parents and community members. The school does not expect parents and friends to always be available, however, we will continue to promote opportunities over the course of the year as we value your partnerships.

We have been successful in registering for the 2023 Energy Breakthrough Challenge in Maryborough. Energy Breakthrough is an exercise that encourages participants to examine and use the latest technology while considering its impact on the environment and the way people live locally and globally. Past parents have shared what an amazing experience it was for their children to be involved in. On the 22nd-24th of November, we are offering positions to a number of senior students to take part in this experience. In order for the successful operations of the three-day program, we will be reliant on parent helpers of pupils attending. A committee will be created in the following weeks, please get in contact with me if you would be willing to volunteer.

Our last day of term will be next week, Friday 24th, and the children will be dismissed at 2.20pm. Please join us for our final assembly for Term Two at 2:00pm.

Stephen O'Shannessy

CALENDAR

TERM 2, 2023		
Friday 16th June	Student First Aid/Safety Education Excursion to IPS FIRE Carrier's Commissioning 2.30pm	
Wednesday 21st June	P&F Information Session at Inglewood Bowls Club - 6.30pm Sandhurst Soccer Gr 4-6	
Thursday 22nd June	School Photo Day	
Friday 23rd June	Last day of Term 2 (2.20pm finish) Assembly at 2:00pm	
Sunday 25th June	First Holy Communion St Mary's Catholic Church 8.00am	
TERM 3, 2023		
Monday 10th July	First day of Term 3	
Wednesday 19th July	Division Netball Tournament ASPA School Visit 9.30am	
Wednesday 26th July	Division Football Tournament	
Wednesday 2nd August	ASPA School Visit 9.30am	
Monday 7th August	Radio Awareness for Kids Grades 3-6	
Friday 11th August	PUPIL FREE DAY (Staff Curriculum Focus)	
Tuesday 15th August	Feast of the Assumption Mass 9.15am	
Wednesday 16th August	ASPA School Visit 9.30am	
21st - 25th August	Book Week - 'Read, Grow, Inspire'	
Wednesday 30th	ASPA School Visit 9.30am	

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



Sacrament Program

Our three sacramental candidates have completed their final lesson for First Communion. The group will make their First Communion on Sunday, June 25th, 8:00am at St Mary's Church. Thank you to Father Stephen for leading the children and their families through the preparation program and officiating this important sacrament. I ask that we pray for Olivia, Jenson and Tyler over the coming week.



SCHOOL NEWS

School Photos

Our school photo day is next Thursday **22nd June**. Students will be required to wear full winter uniforms on this day. Payments to MSP Photography can be made either by cash or online. Please ensure that **all** completed orders are returned to school by photo day. Family photo forms will be available at the office if you wish for a family photo.



Promoting Full School Attendance

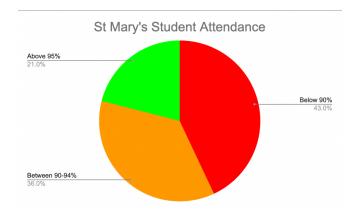
Our Wellbeing team has been focussing on whole school attendance. First and foremost checking in on a daily basis with families where students are absent *(Check and connect).*

We are also working to identify the push and pull factors of attendance and working to build partnerships with families with low attendance/school refusal issues.

Push from home Support from parents.	Pull to school Support from school.
Reassurance from parents/carers to attend school everyday	Feeling safe and supported
Little to no reward for being home on a school day	Special interests to engage students
Prepared and ready for the school day	Zen zones when overwhelmed
Calm structured morning routines	Building friendships and peer groups
Arriving at school before the bell rings to reduce anxiety	Increase predictability of the school day, use of visual timetables.

As opposed to

Pull to home	Push from school
Protecting or caring for family members	Friendship issues/ peer relationships
Spending time with family seeking connections	Learning difficulties
Safe, predictable environment	Feeling unsafe due to overstimulation, noise, movement, change of teacher
*Preferred activities	Social difficulties
Intergenerational disengagement from school	Inconsistencies
(FOMO) Fear of missing out, particularly when siblings are at home	



BIRTHDAYS







STUDENT NEWS

Australia's Gender Imbalance

In 1835 Australia needed single women because there were too many men in Australia at the time. The ratio was 6:1 yes, that's six men to every one woman! In the 1830s, England was encouraging single women with free passage and the promise of finding a good husband if they emigrated to Australia.

Who came out?

The British government granted free passage because Australia needed labourers and women. 3000 single, free women voyaged to Australia to even up the gender balance. Yet arriving in Australia wasn't quite what the brochure promised.

Why were England encouraging it?

In the 1830s, England had a high population of unemployed people, so to help with this, England gave free passage to unmarried women and labourers, which helped England by reducing the population. There was an advertisement in England: they were promised free passage and good wages, better than they were getting at home and lots of sunshine.

What happened when they got here?

The British government said that they could live on the ship for ten days while they looked for work. But when they found work, people took advantage of them and made them work hard and not get that much money.

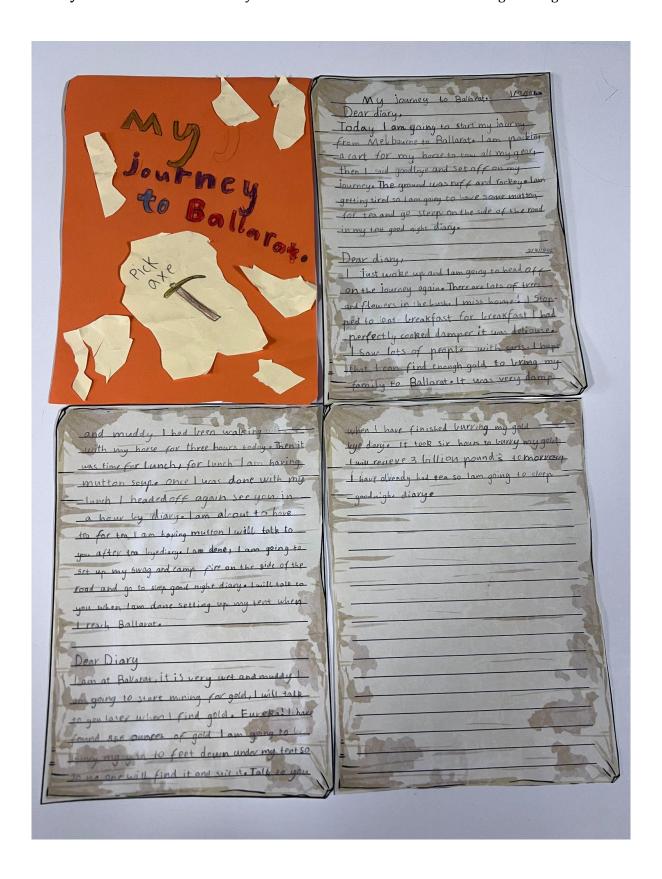
How has it changed?

In 1838, Caroline Chisholm arrived in New South Wales with her husband and children. She soon became horrified by the desperate situation of single migrant women who were exploited when they first arrived. Caroline Chisholm decided to help them. She persuaded Governor Gipps to provide accommodation in a 'Female Immigrants' Home'. She then decided to organise appropriate work for these girls and started the first free employment agency.

Many women came out from all different countries to find a good husband until Caroline Chisholm came out and changed many lives and saved lots of women.

By Ruby

Lucy: This is an extract of a diary from what it would have been like living on the goldfields.



Community Safety Day

Today, students from St Mary's teamed up with Inglewood PS, Bridgewater PS and Raywood PS to help promote and educate students on how to stay safe in an emergency. Service members from CFA, along with SES and St John's, took part in student workshops. Thank you to all those involved, including IPS for hosting this event.











GETTING TO KNOW OUR STAFF

Name: Emily Leach

Position at School: Helping out in the classroom and during PE.

Hobbies: Drawing and Playing Sports.

What do you like about St Mary's: The Community around the School and how

welcoming they all are.

Favourite Book/Music: Country music

What are you looking forward to in 2023: I am looking forward to finishing Year 12. **Something interesting about me:** I am a former student of St Mary's Primary School.



PARENTS AND FRIENDS



ST MARY'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

Would like to invite you to our Parents and Friends

INFOMATION SESSION

- Wednesday | June 21, 2023
- (1) 6:30 PM 7:30 PM
- Inglewood Bowls Club

Learn how you can be involved!

— nibbles and refreshments provided —

RSVP

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COMMUNITY NEWS



Playgroup

Wednesday 10:30 - 12:30pm

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



Inglewood St Marys Primary School

87 Southey Street, Inglewood 3517

NDCH Supported Playgroup

Sports Clinics

Looking for something to keep the kids busy these school holidays? Look no further than these amazing sports clinics held in Bendigo! The clinics include Netball (at Golden City), Netball (at Queen Elizabeth Oval Bendigo with the Sandhurst Dragons), Basketball (Dyson Daniels Development camp).

Follow the following websites or QR codes to book or for more information.

https://vic.netball.com.au/community-clinics https://loom.ly/6zCr98Q (Dyson Daniels Development Camp)

https://loom.ly/WlbEk6g (Dyson Daniels Development Camp VIP)"













