



St. Mary's School Newsletter

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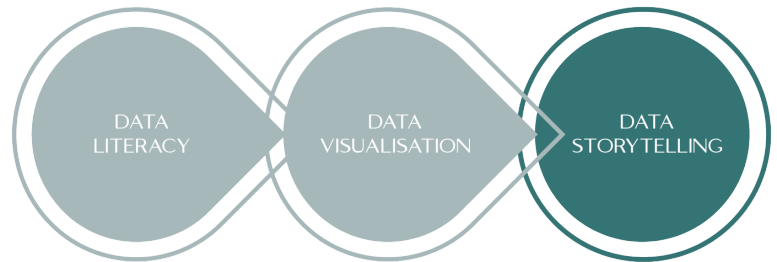
PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Dear Parents, Families and Friends,

Welcome back for another term. I trust you all enjoyed the holidays and spent valuable time with family and friends. It was great to see the students back last week and listen to all their adventures. We have certainly hit the ground running for Term 3, as we conducted our Learning Conversations this week. Students led these conversations and were able to articulate their goals and share some learning samples that they were proud of. We won't be hosting Learning Conversations again until the back end of Term 4, however, we do encourage regular contact with your child's classroom teacher.

Last week, Cath Williams and I attended a two-day conference around the use of data, hosted by Dr Seena Fisk. During the two days, Selena worked with school leaders in the Sandhurst Diocese to develop strategic approaches to the data schools collect, collate and use, so we can hold highly effective conversations to ensure our decisions being made are informed by evidence. Using feedback data from our NSIT Review in Term One,

we have created the goal of *'Developing a school-wide approach to the use of analysis of data to underpin improvement strategies.'* The school is in the process of developing our Strategic Plan for 2024-2026, which will be heavily focused on continuing to strive to embed evidence-based and best practices at St Mary's. We are using data from our School NSIT Review, evidence based pedagogy, along with students & families, staff and members of Catholic Education Sandhurst Ltd. The strategic plan will be discussed with the St Mary's Advisory Council and will be presented to the community in Term 4.



Speaking of data, we are asking for parent feedback from our 2023 Semester One Academic Reports: Please see the link to a short 5 minute [survey](https://forms.gle/zvz3TKQ1XE6C1xbZ6). <https://forms.gle/zvz3TKQ1XE6C1xbZ6>

Stephen O'Shannessy

Principal

CALENDAR

TERM 3, 2023

Tuesday 25th July	Energy Breakthrough Committee Meeting 5pm School Council Meeting 6pm
Wednesday 26th July	Division Football Tournament
Wednesday 2nd August	ASPA School Visit 9.30am - 10.45am
Monday 7th August	Radio Awareness for Kids Grades 3-6
Tuesday 8th August	Mary MacKillop Liturgy 12pm
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 - 10.45am
21st - 25th August	Book Week - 'Read, Grow, Inspire'
Wednesday 30th August	ASPA School Visit 9.30am - 10.45am
Monday 4th September	Wedderburn College Transition Day
Wednesday 6th September	Festival of the Sacred Performance at St Francis of the Fields
Friday 7th September	Spring Sports at Bridgewater
Tuesday 12th September	Science Day at Bridgewater Primary School
Friday 15th September	Last Day of Term 3 - Finish at 2:20pm.



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



First Communion Students



Over the holidays, we celebrated our First Eucharist sacramental candidates. Thank you to the community who joined us as we acknowledged this special time in the faith journey of Tyer, Jenson and Olivia.

Upcoming Masses and Liturgies

We have two masses coming up that we would like parents, families and community members to join us for:

- Tuesday 8th August - 12:00pm - **Mary MacKillop at St Mary's School**
- Monday 15th August - 9:15am - **Feast of the Assumption at St Mary's Church**

Matthew 13:24-43

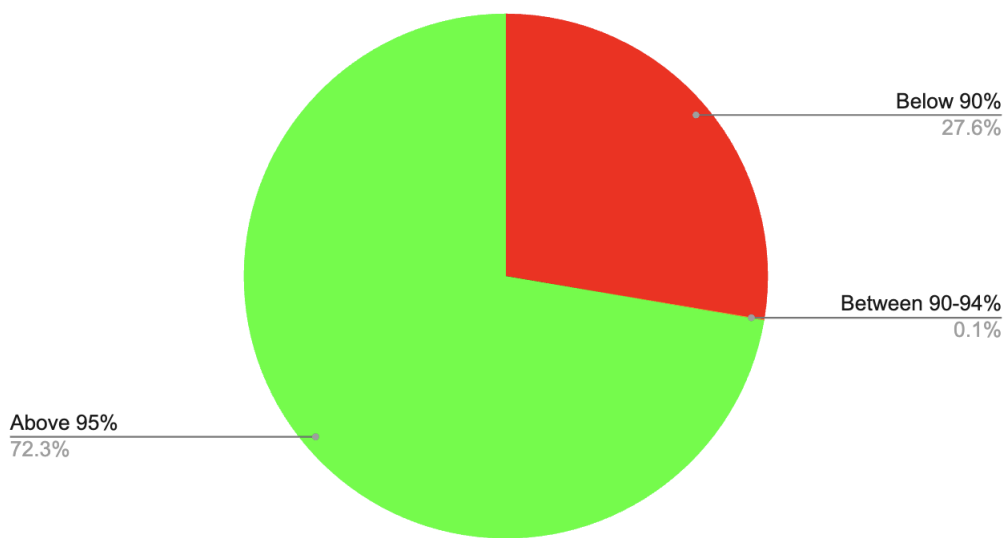
In this passage of Matthew, we are introduced to a variety of parables Jesus tells the crowds. One of these is the parable of the mustard seed. Jesus uses the mustard seed parable to describe the kingdom of heaven. When planted, the smallest of seeds grows and provides shelter for many of God's creations.



ATTENDANCE

Woohoo! Check out all that Green! Excellent start to Term 3 - let's see how we can keep it up for the rest of the term! Give your child the best chance to succeed and conquer by being at school every day.

St Mary's Student Attendance



Human Beings are Social Creatures

Let school help your young person

- flourish
- thrive
- connect
- conquer

SCHOOL NEWS

Netball:

This week, our Grade 5/6 girls and boys participated in the Sandhurst Division Netball Tournament. The reports of teamwork and sportsmanship coming as the girls mingled together was great to hear. Thanks to Miss Fenwick for training the girls and boys in the lead-up to the tournament and her coaching support on the day.



ASPA- Festival of the Sacred

During Term 3, we will be welcoming the ASPA (Australian School of Performing Arts) team to St Mary's Primary School to rehearse for the Festival of the Sacred performance. The ASPA presenters attended our school this week and introduced the students to the repertoire they will be performing which includes singing, dancing and some drama. Students have been encouraged to consider auditioning for solo roles in the performances and are welcome to add their name to Mrs Bannan's list, ready for auditions at the next ASPA visit which will occur on Wednesday 2nd August.



It was terrific to see students engaging so positively with the songs and dances and concentrating so hard on learning the lyrics and dance moves this week. ASPA will visit our school three more times this term in preparation for the Festival of the Sacred concert which will be held on Wednesday 6th September at St Francis of the Fields Primary School in Strathfieldsaye. Students will travel via bus to the concert, with more details around times and permission forms to be supplied closer to the date. Families are encouraged to come along to the concert to support the students and celebrate all of the dedication and hard work they've put in to prepare for the performance.

Art Competition

Whilst time constraints won't allow us to dedicate Visual Art lessons to the Catholic Earthcare Schools Art Competition this term, students are more than welcome to create their artwork at home and bring it to school for Mrs Bannan to email.

Catholic Earthcare Schools Art Competition

'Let Justice and Peace Flow'

Prophet Amos cries out, "But let justice roll on like a river, righteousness like a never-failing stream!" (Amos 5:24). Drawing on Amos's river imagery, the theme challenges us to act for ecological justice, creating change and speaking out with communities most impacted by rising sea levels, biodiversity losses and other consequences of climate injustice.

Artwork can be **any size** and **any still visual medium** (e.g. photograph, painting, sculpture, digital image).

Each entry must be submitted individually in an image format (JPEG, PNG or PDF).

The only rule is it **must explore the theme 'Let Justice and Peace Flow'.**

Entries close 9am, 14th August 2023.

All entries must be emailed to catholicearthcare@caritas.org.au

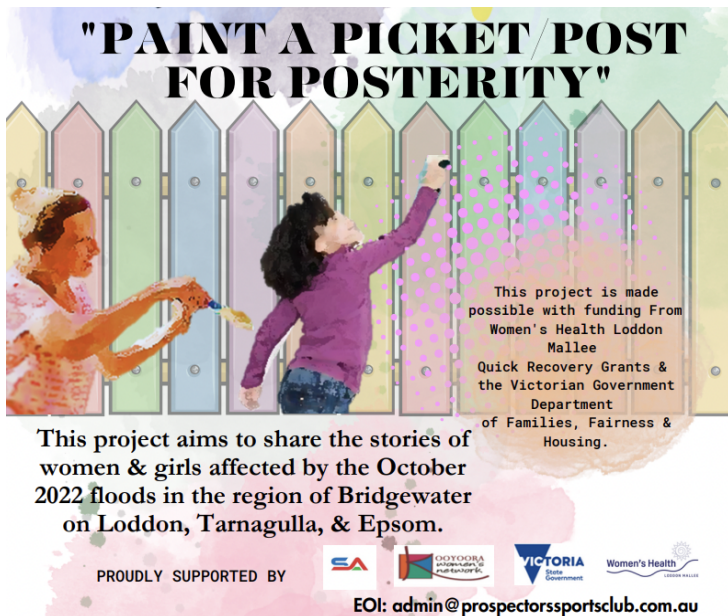
Entries must be emailed by a teacher. Details of the school, student name and year level are required as part of the entry email. Entries will be posted to [Catholic Earthcare's Facebook page](#) for judging. Finalists and winners will be announced during the Season of Creation and will feature as part of Catholic Earthcare's 2023 launch.

Winners will receive a gift voucher for art supplies!

Entries will be judged in the following categories:

Primary Students	Secondary Students
Archbishop's Choice Award	Archbishop's Choice Award
Peoples' Choice Award	Peoples' Choice Award

Peoples' Choice Awards will be decided based on number of Facebook likes before the launch date.



Paint a Picket Post for Posterity

Next Thursday, students and staff will participate in the Paint a Picket Post for Prosperity initiative. Although based around women and girls who were affected by the 2022 floods, all students will be involved. We invite our St Mary's women to join us from 11:45am-1:45pm.



Energy Breakthrough Committee Meeting

We will be holding an Energy Breakthrough meeting next **Tuesday 25th July at 5.00pm** in the senior classroom. All parents are invited to attend to discuss important organisational details of this exciting event for your children!

We look forward to seeing you then.

Refugee Week



In Week 10 of Term 2, we celebrated the immeasurable, positive contributions that refugees and people seeking asylum have made in Australia. In 2023, the theme of Finding Freedom, called us to remember the important thing is that there always be a community ready to welcome, protect, promote and integrate everyone. As a conclusion of the Year 4-6 immigration unit, the class commemorated refugee week with a Liturgy Assembly, including sharing the book 'I am Australian Too' by Mem Fox.

We also acknowledge Kiarah, Fin and Nakodah for receiving their class awards.

BIRTHDAYS



GETTING TO KNOW OUR STAFF

Name: Alice Leech

Position at School: Volunteer

What do you like about St Mary's: I love the caring and supportive ethos demonstrated at St Mary's Primary School by all students and staff. Students are therefore encouraged and supported to achieve their maximum growth and potential in a safe and stress free environment. As a volunteer at St Mary's I have a very positive association with this school.



Hobbies: In my spare time, I enjoy reading, mainly non-fiction, but I enjoy Bryce Courtney's style and the way he married fiction with non-fiction in early colonial times and settings. My other enjoyable pursuits include 'being physical, running, cycling and gardening. Writing children's stories and the recitation of Nan's bedtime originals to my five grandchildren are precious memories that are now fondly recounted by the older ones with their own added humour!

What are you looking forward to in 2023: As I anticipate the end of this year, I trust that it will be once again, a time to celebrate the traditional family Christmas gathering, and then off to the sun, sand and sea for the annual beach holiday. My mantra is *Life is a journey, but without goals and plans, the journey is like a ship that sets sail with no destination.*

Something interesting about me: My first teaching appointment at St Mary's was in 1978. The family had just returned from the annual beach holiday when my trusty neighbour called out that there was a teaching position advertised in the local newspaper at St Mary's School, 'But I think the applications close today,' she added. 'Better late than never,' I thought, and quickly organised myself for an interview, and the rest is history, 25 years later. Allan Boadle and I were the first lay personnel at the school. Now in retirement, I enjoy my voluntary work in the community, including my small role as a THASS assistant at S M's.

PARENTS and FRIENDS NEWS

Last term, St Mary's had a wonderful turnout for our P&F information session, which was held at the Bowls Club. Thank you to all of those who could attend and shared their ideas and capacity to assist when they can throughout the year. Our first official meeting for the P&F group will take place on Tuesday 1st August at the Town Hall from 6.30 pm.

Please contact Suzi on 0408 103 518 to confirm your attendance.




COMMUNITY NEWS



INGLEWOOD – ST MARY'S

Supported Playgroup



 **TUESDAY** | Term 3, 2023
 **11:00 PM - 12:30 PM**
 **St Mary's Convent**
87 Southey Street, Inglewood

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

NDCH SUPPORTED PLAYGROUP

 54510200 Email: Kinsley.Mowat@ndch.org.au
principal@sminglewood.catholic.edu.au



SportzRulz Australia

Loddon Inclusive Precinct

*Disability and Mental Health
Wellbeing Support Service.*

Opening Tuesday 11th July 2023.

Tarnagulla Community Centre

Tarnagulla Community Centre,
8 Sandy Creek Lane,
Tarnagulla Vic.



Tuesdays
9am-3pm.



Bridgewater Station LIP

Platform 1, Kooyoora Women's Network
12 Erskine Street,
Bridgewater VIC 3516.



Wednesdays & Thursdays
9am-3pm.



Holy Trinity Church

Bridgewater On Loddon
Calder Highway,
Bridgewater on Loddon VIC 3516.



Wednesdays & Thursdays
9am-3pm.



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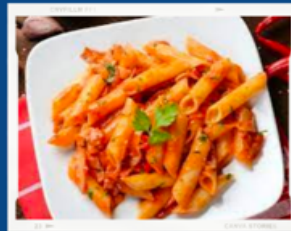
SUPPORTING GENDER
EQUALITY & RESPECT IN
OUR COMMUNITY

10 DAYS OF ACTION
EARTH MOVES & GROW VILLAGE
REVISED BY AUGUST 2023



ST JOSEPH'S PRIMARY SCHOOL ROCHESTER

CASSEROLE DRIVE



Many St Joseph's families are still displaced from their homes as we head towards 8 months post flood.

✦ This is a call for help to help us provide some hearty winter meals for our families. ✦

We would be very grateful for donations of casseroles / meals that could be frozen and distributed as needed.

Most families are functioning with a caravan kitchen and BBQ. we have facilities to heat and deliver.