

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,

The Matildas fever has definitely made a positive impact on our students. Children are playing in the yard, calling out 'Sam Kerr' when they score a goal in our new soccer nets. Regardless of Wednesday's result, these women have united a country as we are all celebrating for the same team. The potential impact on future generations is not lost. To see sold-out crowds at each event, and thousands in attendance at live sites around the country is a huge achievement. These professional athletes are gaining high praise and respect for their talents, which has often not been the case for female athletes in previous years.



On Wednesday, students participated in the Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary Mass. This feast day commemorates that Mary, the mother of God, was assumed body and soul into heaven and reunited with her son Jesus. In this Sunday's Gospel, Mary visits her cousin Elizabeth. Mary, who has just found out she is to be the mother of God's son, is excited for Elizabeth, who has been wishing for a child for a long time. Mary's acceptance of the news, along with her humility and faith in God are reflected in her prayer of praise, known as The Magnificat.

**My soul magnifies the Lord  
And my spirit rejoices in God my Savior;  
Because He has regarded the lowliness of His  
handmaid;  
For behold, henceforth all generations shall call me  
blessed;  
Because He who is mighty has done great things for  
me,  
and holy is His name;  
And His mercy is from generation to generation  
on those who fear Him.  
He has shown might with His arm,  
He has scattered the proud in the conceit of their heart.  
He has put down the mighty from their thrones,  
and has exalted the lowly.  
He has filled the hungry with good things,  
and the rich He has sent away empty.  
He has given help to Israel, his servant, mindful of His  
mercy  
Even as he spoke to our fathers, to Abraham and to his  
posterity forever.**

During our school closure last Friday, staff came together to deepen their understanding of Catholic Social Teaching, Science of Reading and review our School Improvement Plan for 2024-2026. Catholic Social Teaching draws on Scripture, tradition, reason and experience to address issues of social, economic and ecological justice. It provides principles for reflection, criteria for judgement and guidelines for action that help us to build up the Reign of God in the world. Today, we mainly focus on seven principles of Catholic Social Teaching. These principals will be introduced to students in our upcoming Source of Life - Religious Education Units.

## CATHOLIC SOCIAL TEACHING



Catholic Social Teaching principles (CST) cover all spheres of life- the economic, political, personal and spiritual. The principles are inspired by scripture and the writings of the Pope and other Catholic leaders about social issues. **Caritas Australia's work is shaped by the tradition of Catholic Social Teaching.**

### HUMAN DIGNITY

We believe that every person is created in God's image and that all human life is sacred. We believe in the dignity of each person.

### SOLIDARITY

We believe we are part of one human family and have a responsibility to help each person achieve their full potential.

### THE COMMON GOOD

We believe in working towards the common good and looking beyond our own personal interests.

### PREFERENTIAL OPTION FOR THE POOR

We believe in prioritising the women, men and children most vulnerable to extreme poverty and injustice.

### SUBSIDIARITY

We believe in every person's right to participate in the decisions that affect their own lives.

### PARTICIPATION

We believe that every person can be the architect of change in their own life.

### CARE FOR OUR COMMON HOME

We believe that care for our common home is vital for the common good of all people. We believe a true ecological approach is a social approach. We are to be protectors of creation and of one another.

This year's theme for Book Week is Read, Grow, Inspire. St Mary's will be hosting their annual book week parade, followed by activities and games on Wednesday, 23rd August. This is a community event, and we invite all parents and friends to dress up for the occasion and join us at 9:00am. If you know of any little ones in our region who like to come, please invite them along.

Finally, our Program Support Group (PSG) meeting will be held on Monday, 4th September, from 8:30am to 4:00pm. The aims of a PSG meeting are to ensure that those with the most knowledge of and responsibility for the student, work together to establish shared goals for the children's educational future. Educators plan, monitor and evaluate reasonable adjustments for students to access the curriculum and participate in their education. Bookings are now open via PAM.

*Stephen O'Shannessy*  
Principal

# CALENDAR

## TERM 3, 2023

Wednesday 23rd August	Book Week - 'Read, Grow, Inspire' Dress up as your favourite character All welcome at 9.00am
Monday 28th August	P&F Meeting @ 6.30pm (venue TBC)
Wednesday 30th August	ASPA School Visit 9.30am - 10.45am
Friday 1st September	Father's Day Breakfast from 8.30am Liturgy/Photo Reflection 9.00am Activity 9.20am
Monday 4th September	Wedderburn College Transition Day PSG Meetings
Wednesday 6th September	Festival of the Sacred Performance at St Francis of the Fields
Tuesday 12th September	Science Day at Bridgewater Primary School
Friday 15th September	Last Day of Term 3 - Finish at 2.20pm

## TERM 4, 2023

Monday 2nd October	First Day of Term 4
Friday 6th October	Spring Sports Day at Bridgewater Oval
Thursday 12th October	Learning Conversations
Monday 16th October	School Council Meeting @ 7pm
Tuesday 17th October	Wedderburn College Transition Day Learning Conversations
Friday 27th October	St Mary's Trivia Night @ Inglewood Golf Club
Sunday 5th November	Inglewood Alive Festival
Monday 6th November	PUPIL FREE DAY (Curriculum)
Tuesday 7th November	PUBLIC HOLIDAY (Melbourne Cup Day)

## 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



On Wednesday, our school community came together to celebrate the Feast of the Assumption. The Gospel reading for this day highlighted Mary's faith. Mary's faith enabled her to recognise the work of God in history and in her own life. Mary is a wonderful role model for our community - prepared to say 'Yes' to God's will, even though that puts her in a very vulnerable position. She was then generous enough to visit her cousin Elizabeth in her time of joy and need and acknowledged and praised God's goodness to her. May we become more like Mary, open and cooperative toward God's plan for us and able to reflect upon and praise God for the many things God has gifted us. If we are open and trusting like Mary, God can and will, do wonderful things in our lives, too.



## SCHOOL NEWS



Join St Mary's in celebrating Book Week!  
Wednesday 23rd of August 2023

Dress up as your favourite  
book character.

9:00- 9:15am: Parade

9:15 - 10:30am: Activities

10:30 - 11:00am: Play & Eating





**Wednesday 6 September 2023, 1pm**  
**St Francis of the Fields Primary School – The Shed**  
*Featuring Grâde 5 and 6 students frôm*  
 St Francis of the Fields PS Strathfieldsaye  
 Holy Rosary PS Heathcote • St Liborius' PS Eaglehawk  
 St Mary's PS Inglewood • St Monica's PS Kangaroo Flat  
**This is a FREE event for all families and friends**  
**of our school communities.**  
 Bookings essential: [forms.gle/YvsMCPNvoXo8APf98](https://forms.gle/YvsMCPNvoXo8APf98) (or scan QR code).  
 Please allow time to locate parking.



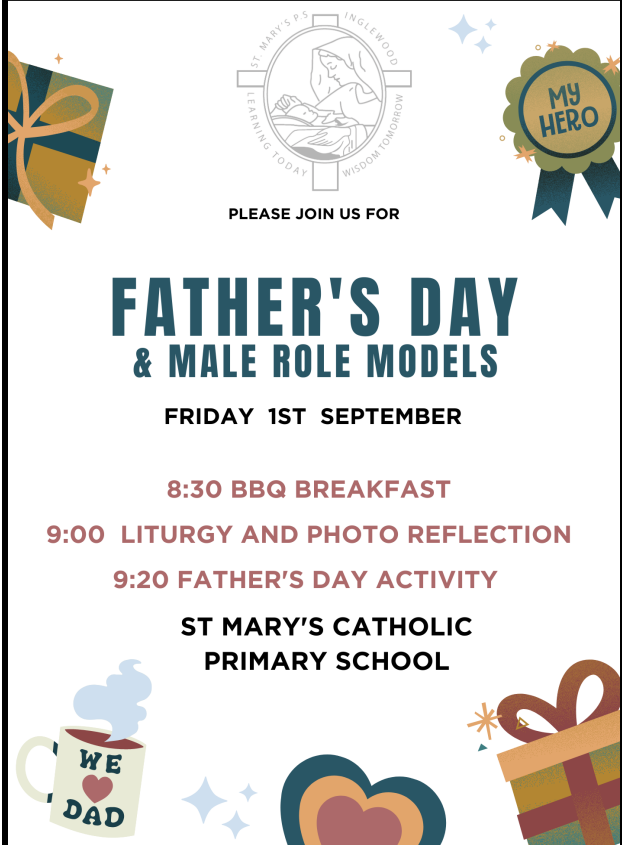




**Father's Day Morning Friday 1st September:**

We invite Dads, Grandfathers or male influences to join us for our Father's Day Breakfast and Liturgy. The BBQ will be on from 8:30 am for dad to enjoy some bacon & egg sandwiches. This will be followed by our Father's Day Liturgy and slideshow reflection. We will finish the celebrations with a special activity for fathers and their children to create. We are currently in partnership with Men's Shed to assist us with preparing this activity.

**Could families please email a photo of dads (and father/grandfather/male role model) and their child for our slideshow to: [tfenwick@sminglewood.catholic.edu.au](mailto:tfenwick@sminglewood.catholic.edu.au)**

PLEASE JOIN US FOR

**FATHER'S DAY & MALE ROLE MODELS**

FRIDAY 1ST SEPTEMBER

8:30 BBQ BREAKFAST  
 9:00 LITURGY AND PHOTO REFLECTION  
 9:20 FATHER'S DAY ACTIVITY

ST MARY'S CATHOLIC  
 PRIMARY SCHOOL

# STUDENT NEWS



Thank you, Miss Fenwick, for successfully gaining funds through the Sporting Schools Grant program. With this funding, we have ordered the school a pair of soccer goals. Students have been playing goalie non-stop since their arrival this week.



## Radio News

What an entertaining time we had with John from Radio Awareness for Kids! The students created scripts including Comedy, Sports, Weather, Advertisements and News, and recorded their 5 min breakfast show, complete with sound effects and canned laughter!



Scan on the QR-CODE below to enjoy the dulcet tones of the "Cooked Bacon", "Ice Cream Radio", "Lucky Lambo", and "Scrambled Eggs" breakfast shows!

**To Listen to the radio shows please use these QR codes**



**The Cooked Bacon Show**



**The Ice Cream Show**



**The Lucky Lambo Show**

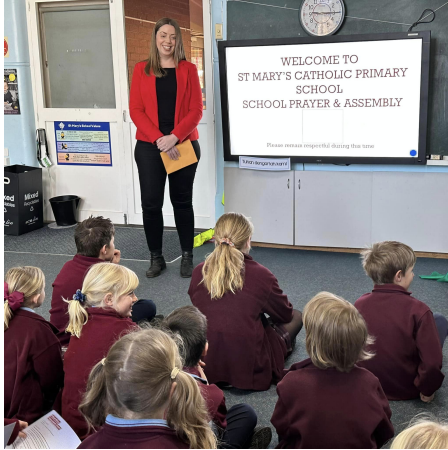


**The Scrambled Eggs Breakfast Show**

## **Martha Haylett**

Last Thursday, Ms Martha Haylett, MP for Ripon, attended our awards assembly. Martha presented students who participated in the local competition with a certification of participation. She was generous with her time and asked students what they would like to see in our school. Although requesting an inground pool is not an option for the near future, never say never!

We also congratulate, Olivia, Harry, Edmund and Jenson for receiving school awards






## COMMUNITY NEWS



### INGLEWOOD – ST MARY'S


### Supported Playgroup



 TUESDAY | Term 3, 2023  
 11:00 AM - 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

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# 150<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY

**CELEBRATING 150 YEARS OF  
BRIDGEWATER ON LODDON PRIMARY SCHOOL  
~ EST. 1870 ~**

**IT'S OUR BELATED 150TH BIRTHDAY**

**WE'RE INVITING ALL PAST AND PRESENT STUDENTS, FAMILIES,  
TEACHERS AND THE COMMUNITY TO HELP US CELEBRATE  
AND TAKE A TRIP DOWN MEMORY LANE!**

**SATURDAY 21ST OCTOBER 2023  
BRIDGEWATER ON LODDON PRIMARY SCHOOL  
10:00 AM - 2:00PM**

**CLASS PHOTO - MEMORABILIA - LUNCH - KEEPSAKES - BIRTHDAY CAKE**



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