



St. Mary's School Newsletter

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PRINCIPAL'S REPORT



Dear Parents, Families and Friends,

Ms Kate Fogarty, current Principal of Marist Assumption College, Kilmore, was last week appointed as our new Director of Catholic Education Sandhurst Ltd. Ms Fogarty is returning to Sandhurst Dioceses, which she is well familiar with, as she had previous roles, including principal at St Joseph College Echuca and Director of Catholic Identity at Catholic College Bendigo. Ms. Forgarty replaces Paul Desmond, who, after nine years, will retire from his position. We congratulate Kate on her appointment and wish Paul all the best in his next chapter.

Last week, I had a front-row seat to witness the Festival of the Sacred performance for Western Deanery schools. The ASPA (Australian School of Performing Arts) led students as they sang, danced and performed drama routines. Students were encouraged to consider auditioning for solo roles in the performances. It was terrific to see the children engaging so positively with the songs and dances. The Festival of the Sacred provided an outlet for students to showcase their leadership skills and build resilience through the performance of Art. Many adults from different schools, along with staff from the Catholic Education Sandhurst office, commended our students for their participation, behaviour and performances. After providing this feedback to the children, several students also mentioned how a range of adults gave them verbal praise on the day. The pupils and staff really do represent our school proudly, and it shows on days like these. Thank you to Mrs. Bannan for all your preparation this term to make this a huge success.

During the holiday period, important irrigation works will take place around the convent building and front areas of our school. At times, this may restrict entry to the premises. Following the holidays, work will continue on site, and it is hoped the restrictions will be minimised to the oval area. These works are essential to reduce the flow of water and direct drainage away from the foundations of the convent.

With the end of term three, our sights now turn to term four and further on towards 2024. We are currently in the process of looking at staffing, budgets and school priorities for the 2024 school year. Parents who have any requests

or changes in family circumstances are asked to contact me. This is also a good time to remind friends and community members that we're still taking enrolments for the 2024 school year.

Today is National R U OK? Day. It is a day of action to remind us that we can all do something about supporting those in need. We often get caught up in the hustle and bustle of life and forget that such a question can make a difference in the life of someone we know. Having a conversation and commenting on the changes you've noticed can have a big impact. If they are not okay, then you can support them by helping them manage the load. If they are okay, then you are being that person who cares enough to ask.

For more information, please follow this link www.ruok.org.au

How could I forget to mention good luck to all the AFL finals teams? Go Pies!

Stephen O'Shannessy
Principal



CALENDAR

TERM 3, 2023

Friday 15th September

Footy Colours Day - Gold Coin Donation
Assembly - 2pm
Last Day of Term 3 - Finish at 2.20pm

TERM 4, 2023

Monday 2nd October

First Day of Term 4
Energy Breakthrough Session (Maiden Gully 4-6pm)

Friday 6th October

Spring Sports Day at Bridgewater Oval

Monday 9th October
Monday 16th October

Energy Breakthrough Session (Maiden Gully 4-6pm)

Tuesday 17th October

School Council Meeting 6pm
Wedderburn College Transition Day

Monday 30th October

Energy Breakthrough Session (Maiden Gully 4-6pm)

Sunday 5th November

Inglewood Alive Festival

Monday 6th November

PUPIL FREE DAY (Curriculum Day)
Energy Breakthrough Session (Maiden Gully 4-6pm)

Tuesday 7th November

PUBLIC HOLIDAY (Melbourne Cup Day)

Monday 13th November
Monday 20th November

Energy Breakthrough Session (Maiden Gully 4-6pm)

Tuesday 21st

School Feast Day - All welcome 10am

Wednesday 22nd -
Friday 24th November

Energy Breakthrough at Maryborough
Grades 4-6

Friday 1st December

Milo Cricket Grades 4 & 6
Caritas Grade 5 Leadership Day

Tuesday 5th December

Learning Conversations
School Council End of Year Dinner - 6.30pm

Thursday 14th December

End of Year Mass @ 6pm
Graduation awards and dinner to follow

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



This weeks Gospel looks at Matthew 18:15-20

FOR WHERE TWO OR THREE
ARE GATHERED IN
MY NAME,
THERE AM I AMONG THEM.
-MATTHEW 18:20

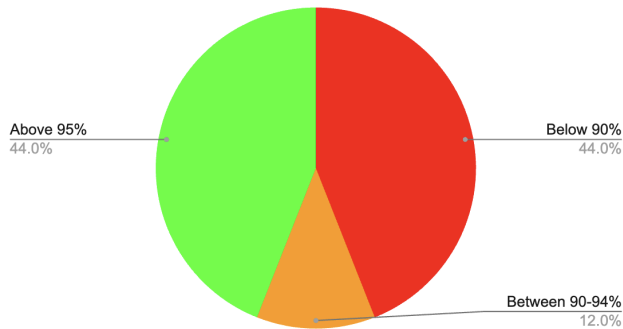


PASTORAL WELLBEING

Attendance Term Three

Term Three has seen some nasty coughs and colds which have been difficult to shake! Thank you to those who have taken the time to recuperate rather than share their symptoms, and well done to those who have been able to soldier on with their learning. Special mention to **Ryan Isaac** for his **100% attendance** this term!

St Mary's Student Attendance



SCHOOL NEWS

Footy Colours Day

For the last day of term we are going to be running our footy colours day. All students are asked to wear their favourite sporting colours and bring a gold coin donation. All profits will be going towards the Rochester community, who are still struggling after the devastating 2022 floods.



School Fees & Statements

If you would like to sign up for direct debit, please contact the Office to obtain an authority to direct debit form so we can enter the details into the system. Statements have been sent out this week. If you have any difficulties with payments, please give us a call/email. It is important that outstanding balances are cleared as soon as possible before the end of this year to allow for accurate planning and budgeting for next year.

Energy Breakthrough

With support from our sponsors' donations, we have used a small amount of funds to hire the Bendigo Kart Club in Maiden Gully for the first eight Mondays of Term 4 between 4-6pm (2nd, 9, 16, 23, 30th October). We will be seeking Year 4-6 parent helpers to supervise and nominate a week or two they can transport our Energy Breakthrough vehicle to and from the event. Please get in touch with Stephen O'Shannessy if you have a specific date you would like to help out. A roster will be sent out via email.



Energy Breakthrough Sponsorship

Huge thank you to our generous sponsors so far!



F.P. Nevins have been major sponsors of our Energy Breakthrough program since we began in 2013 - ten years ago! Their continued support has enabled us to give more students this fantastic opportunity to develop their knowledge of forms of energy, technology, fitness and teamwork.



Sun Smart

The UV is well and truly on the rise (even if the temperature isn't). It is important that our school community protects itself and is sun smart. Regardless of the weather, remember to SLIP, SLOP, SLAP, SEEK and SLIDE whenever UV levels reach three or more.

1. To help create a barrier between your skin and the sun's UV, SLIP on clothing that covers as much skin as possible.
2. For any skin you can't cover with clothing, SLOP on SPF30 (or higher) broad-spectrum, water-resistant sunscreen. Apply 20 minutes before going outside and reapply every two hours. Students are advised to bring their own sunscreen to school and apply it themselves whenever necessary.
3. Protect the delicate areas of the head and face and SLAP on a sun protective hat. Make sure it has a wide brim that provides good shade to all areas. Caps do not provide enough UV protection so are not a suitable alternative.
4. Consider built, natural and temporary UV protection and encourage children to SEEK shade whenever possible. Set up activities in shaded areas.
5. If appropriate for your situation, SLIDE on wrap-around sunglasses labelled AS1067 to help protect the eyes from UV.



STUDENT NEWS

Uniforms

During the first two weeks of Term 4, we will transition to our summer uniforms. A reminder that children have Sport on Tuesday and Friday - these are the only two days that students should be in sports uniform.

Summer uniform consists of;

School Uniform Requirements		
The school summer uniform is listed and should be worn at all times unless otherwise noted		
Please ensure that each item of your child's clothing is clearly labeled		
Girls	Summer	Maroon, blue and white check dress
		Navy sports briefs
		White socks
		Black sandals
		Maroon slouch or bucket hat
	Sport	Navy shorts, track pants or skorts
		Ice blue/maroon polo shirt
		White socks
		Runners
Boys	Summer	Navy shorts
		Ice blue/maroon polo shirt
		Navy socks
		Black Shoes
		Maroon slouch or bucket hat
	Sport	Navy shorts or track pants
		Ice blue/maroon polo shirt
		White socks
		Runners

STEM Cluster Day

On Tuesday morning we caught the bus with Inglewood Primary School and travelled to Bridgewater Primary School for our Science Day event. We were grouped into grades and moved through four different rotations.

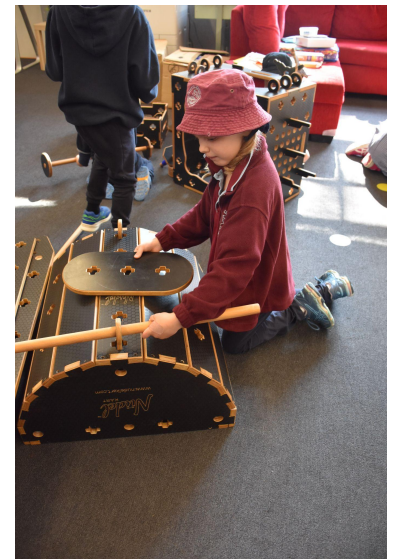
Surface tension - How many drops of water fit onto a 5c piece? Can you make a paper clip float?

Paper planes- The great paper plane competition.

Nüdel Carts- Nüdel resources are deconstructable, mobile play carts that can be reconfigured in endless ways to encourage self-directed learning.

River Detectives- Waterbugs. Identify and name macroinvertebrates found in the Loddon River. We had so much fun playing at break time and enjoyed a sausage sizzle for lunch with all of the students.

Finley, Jordan and Olivia



COMMUNITY NEWS






Become A Lion!





Junior Cricket
 Blasters, Junior Girls and Boys
 Contact Jess at
juniordoordinator@mgmcricket.club



FLYHI SPORTS
FLYING INTO ACTION



Jenny's
Early Learning Centre



S&R ENGINEERING AND CONSTRUCTION

JUNIOR CRICKET PLAYERS WANTED!

Bridgewater Cricket Club
is seeking junior players
for season 23/24. Girls &
Boys most welcome.

**FOR MORE INFO CONTACT:
BRAD WICKHAM
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LITTLE ATHLETICS

FUN · FAMILY · FITNESS

SEASON STARTS
Friday October 6th

Ages 5 years - 16 years

FREE TRIAL
Oct. 14th & 21st

Register now:
lavic.com.au/centres/bendigo

Learn the fundamentals of
Running · Jumping · Throwing

ALL ABILITIES WELCOME

Bendigo Regional Athletics Complex
Cnr Cook St. & Retreat Rd. Flora Hill

Questions or information email bendigo@lavic.com.au

Registration fee \$135

