



St. Mary's School Newsletter

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PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Dear Parents, Families and Friends,

Last week, we welcomed the return of students who were eager to discuss their break. It feels like we picked up where we left off in Term 3, as pupils were able to dust off any holiday fatigue quite quickly. This is due to the fact that we hit the ground running in our classrooms and conducted structured lessons prepared by our staff. As you are aware, Term 4 is filled with many great learning opportunities and extracurricular activities. Feast Days, Energy Breakthrough, Inglewood Alive, Bowls Social Evening, Graduation and sporting events are some of the exciting events taking place. For Year 6 students, this will be the last term in which they can impact St Mary's with their leadership skills. We also look forward to welcoming our newest school members to Foundation next year and will run several transition days to help them prepare for 2024 at St Mary's. For returning families, if there are any changes in your intentions for 2024, please let me know at your earliest convenience.

I wanted to take this opportunity to inform you about some important changes we are making to our teachers' work patterns, conditions and benefits. These changes have been carefully considered and are necessary due to various factors, including how all Victorian schools are required to allocate a teacher's workload.

These changes deliver several positive modifications for both our dedicated staff, including enhancing their wellbeing and work-life balance and the overall functioning of our school. We continue to ensure the quality of Catholic education persists and to maintain a safe and nurturing environment for our students, this remains our top priority. However, implementing these changes will mean that an additional pupil-free day will be taken this term on Monday 27th November. This day will focus on maximising student learning in multi-age classrooms.

We appreciate your understanding and support with this matter. Our commitment to your child's education, experiences and wellbeing remains, and we will continue to communicate any updates or adjustments as they occur. Thank you for your continued partnership as we strive to provide an outstanding education for our students.

Those of you who will be voting on Saturday regarding the important referendum can find locations at Inglewood Primary School and Bridgewater Recreation Reserve.

Stephen O'Shannessy

Principal

CALENDAR

TERM 4, 2023

Monday 16th October	Energy Breakthrough Session (Maiden Gully 4-6pm)
Tuesday 17th October	School Council Meeting 6pm Wedderburn College Transition Day
Friday 20th October	Awards Assembly 2:50pm All Welcome
Monday 23rd October	Energy Breakthrough Session (Maiden Gully 4-6pm)
Tuesday 24th October	St Mary's Community Bowls Social Night - Family and Friends are welcome to join
Thursday 26th October	Lions Club Vision Screening
Friday 27th October	World Teachers Day
Monday 30th October	Energy Breakthrough Session (Maiden Gully 4-6pm)
Wednesday 1st November	All Saints Day Liturgy 10:30
Thursday 2nd November	Cluster Schools Technologies Day
Sunday 5th November	Inglewood Alive Festival (10am - 2pm)
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	Energy Breakthrough Session (Maiden Gully 4-6pm)
Monday 20th November	Energy Breakthrough Session (Maiden Gully 4-6pm)
Tuesday 21st November	School Feast Day - All welcome 10am
Tuesday 22nd November	Transition Day (New Foundation Students)
Wednesday 22nd - Friday 24th November	Energy Breakthrough at Maryborough Grades 4-6
Monday 27th November	PUPIL FREE DAY (Multi-age Teaching and Learning)
Wednesday 29th November	St Mary's Transition Day (New Foundation Students)
Friday 1st December	Milo Cricket Grades 4 & 6

	Caritas Grade 5 Leadership Day @ St Kilians
Tuesday 5th December	Marist 2024 Orientation Day Learning Conversations School Council End of Year Dinner - 6.30pm
Wednesday 6th December	Wedderburn College Transition Day St Mary's Transition Day (New Foundation students)
Thursday 14th December	End of Year Mass @ 6pm Graduation awards and dinner to follow
Friday 15th December	Grade 6 Big Day Out
Monday 18th December	STUDENTS LAST DAY
Tuesday 19th December	PUPIL FREE DAY - 2024 Staff Planning Day
Wed 20th December	PUPIL FREE DAY - Staff Last 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



The month of October is dedicated to the Holy Rosary, one of the best known of all Catholic devotions. This month the Church celebrated the Marian advocacy of "Our Lady of the Rosary" on October 7th.

As we approach the upcoming harvest season, many community members have and will be reliant on suitable weather and market conditions. The stresses of the unknown and the business of farming families may arise for some.

We can pray to Mary and use the Rosary as a way of handing over to God. Globally some countries are in conflict with each other. Being so far away from the impact of these conflicts, we can feel there is nothing we can do. By turning to Mary and praying the Rosary, we can share our petitions and pray for those in need and for leaders to show compassion and mercy, especially with civilians.



The Rosary

- 1 Make the **Sign of the Cross** and pray the **Apostles' Creed**
- 2 Pray an **Our Father**
- 3 Pray three **Hail Marys** and one **Glory Be**
- 4 Announce the mystery and pray the **Our Father**
- 5 Pray 10 **Hail Marys** and one **Glory Be**

Repeat until you have completed the circle.
Pray the **Hail, Holy Queen**.

The Joyful Mysteries
(Mondays and Saturdays)

- The Annunciation
- The Visitation
- The Nativity
- The Presentation
- The Finding in the Temple

The Glorious Mysteries
(Wednesdays and Sundays)

- The Resurrection
- The Ascension
- The Descent of the Holy Spirit
- The Assumption
- The Coronation

The Sorrowful Mysteries
(Tuesdays and Fridays)

- The Agony in the Garden
- The Scouring at the Pillar
- The Crowning of Thorns
- The Carrying of the Cross
- The Crucifixion

The Luminous Mysteries
(Thursdays)

- The Baptism of Jesus
- The Wedding at Cana
- The Proclamation of the Kingdom
- The Transfiguration
- The Giving of the Eucharist



2023 School Surveys

It is that time of year again - it comes around so quickly! An email has been sent home to each family with a survey link attached. This survey is designed to assist our school in gaining an understanding of your perceptions, as parents, of your child's experience at St. Mary's. The feedback from this survey is very valuable in providing us with ways to improve our school. I strongly encourage all families to take the time to complete this survey, and thank you all for your support with this.

Hats Reminder

A reminder that all students should be wearing a hat by now for recess, lunch and any outdoor activity. The compulsory wearing of hats is part of our Sunsmart Policy which can be accessed on our school website. If students do not have a hat, they will be asked not to partake in some activities and/or play in the undercover area near the bag boxes. Please ensure that all hats are named clearly and encourage your child to be responsible for their own hat by putting it in their bag when they are not wearing it.

Convent Update

Works are underway with the grounds surrounding the convent. We look forward to this completion in the coming weeks, allowing builders to continue vital refurbishments of our convent learning space. Once all works are completed, we will host our long-awaited opening and invite the community, former staff members and Catholic Education Sandhurst employees who have contributed to this project.

Cardboard boxes and paper towel rolls.

In the coming weeks, we have a technologies day planned with IPS and Bridgewater Primary. To make this day a success, we are requesting families bring in empty packing boxes, card cereal/food packaging and empty paper towel rolls. We would need them to be approximately A4 size and larger to allow students the required space for the activities. Please, no toilet paper rolls as this is a hygiene risk.

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, 9th, 16th, 23rd, 30th October & 6th, 13th, 20th November). We will be seeking Year 4-6 parent helpers to supervise and nominate a week or two so 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.

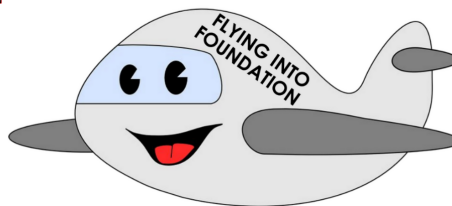


Next Monday, Chris Earl from the Loddon Herald will be in attendance to capture the students and write an article for his newspaper.

Foundation Transition Program



**ST. MARY'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL,
INGLEWOOD, ARE LOOKING FORWARD TO
TAKING OFF FOR THE 2024 SCHOOL YEAR.**



2023 Foundation (Prep) Transition Dates

Wednesday 22nd November 2023

Wednesday 29th November 2023

Wednesday 6th December 2023



Student Transition Session Times:

9:00am - 11:40am



Parent Information Session Times:

11:00am - 11:40am



What do children need to bring?

A hat, fruit snack, lunch and drink bottle.

For transition or enrolment information, please contact

principal@sminglewood.catholic.edu.au

'Learning today, wisdom tomorrow!'

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Term 4 Social Event

ST MARY'S COMMUNITY BOWLS

Tues: 24th October 5-7pm



St Mary's Catholic Primary welcomes all parents and their families to our Term 4 social event at Inglewood Bowls Club.

**THE SCHOOL WILL COVER THE PLAYING FEES & WISHES TO THANK
THE SMINGLEWOOD COMMUNITY FOR A GREAT YEAR AND
SUPPORT IN 2023**

**BYO
PICNIC DINNER
Refreshments to
be paid at the bar**



RSVP

principal@sminglewood.catholic.edu.au

Energy Breakthrough

Huge thank you to our generous sponsors! We thank the Bendigo Bank for their continued support of our Energy Breakthrough program. Bendigo Community Bank has been with us since the beginning of our EBT journey, supporting our students with the opportunity to be involved in this exciting and rewarding event.



BIRTHDAYS



STUDENT NEWS

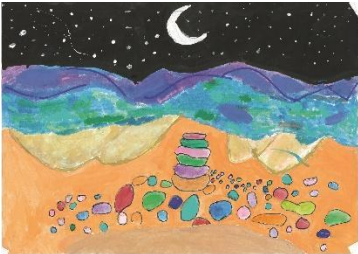
2023 Loddon Healthy Minds Network Art Competition

The network was very pleased to have St Mary's Catholic Primary School participating in this year's competition. The event would not be possible without the support of students and their teachers, who have guided them through the production of their artworks, and the network would like to extend its appreciation for their hard work and support of the event. 305 entries were received this year, and the quality of the work presented shows that there is exceptional talent within our Shire.

This year's judges were very impressed with the way entrants produced their artwork to the themes, and the network would like to congratulate all participants in the competition and announce the following winners from St Mary's Catholic Primary School:

Grades 5 – Yr 8 Themes - Be kind to your mind or Just don't give up

1st Prize Ruby Scolari Theme - Be kind to your mind – Artwork title – Glass Pebble Beach in California.
Relax your mind.

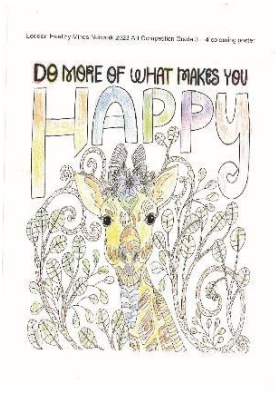


2nd Prize Ryan Isaac Theme - Just don't give up- Artwork title – Minecraft Farmer. Don't give up playing Minecraft

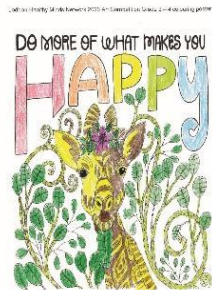


Grades 3 - 4 Colouring Poster Theme: What makes you happy

1st Prize Olivia Morrison

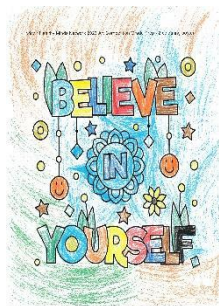


2nd Prize Lucy Morrison

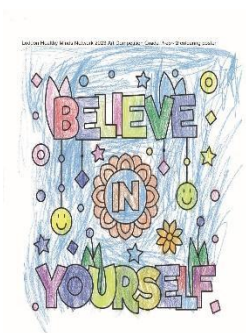


Grades Prep - 2 Colouring Poster Theme: Believe in you

1st Prize Emmett Hodge



2nd Prize Nakodah McEwan



Head to

<https://www.loddonhealthyminds.com.au/events/2023-loddon-healthy-minds-network-art-competition-results>
to see the competition results and view all the artworks.

Energy Breakthrough



Students, parents and staff have been preparing for the upcoming Energy Breakthrough Challenge using the Bendigo Karting Club track in Maiden Gully. Each Monday from 4 p.m., students are developing greater endurance and bike skills required to equip them with the conditions they may face during the EB challenge. Over the next fortnight, participants will learn how to use the gears effectively, change tyres and make minor modifications to their vehicle.

Opportunity for Holiday Camp



Doxa
YOUTH FOUNDATION
Holiday Camps
2024

DATES
Malmsbury Camp: Monday 8th - Friday 12th January
City Camp - Monday 15th - Friday 19th January

MALMSBURY	CITY
Located in an idyllic bush setting in Central Victoria	Located in the heart of the Melbourne CBD
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> High Ropes Activities	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Big Bash & Aus Open
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Canoeing & Swimming	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pool & Beach
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Archery & Orienteering	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Melbourne Zoo & Museum
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Night Walk, Movie Night, Trivia	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Eureka Skydeck, Movie Night, Trivia



TRANSPORT
Malmsbury: Doxa facilitated bus transport provided from Melbourne & Bendigo
City: Doxa facilitated bus transport provided from Traralgon / Pakenham & Bendigo

COST
Our holiday camps are FREE.
Holiday camps are funded by our amazing donors and philanthropic ventures.

The Doxa Youth Foundation will be running holiday camps for children from 10 to 12 years old during the 2024 summer school holidays.

Doxa will be providing these camps free of charge for children who meet the selected criteria.

St Mary's has the opportunity to refer students to the camp. If you are interested and would like further information, please contact Steve O'Shannessy or email principal@sminglewood.catholic.edu.au



P&F NEWS

Inglewood Alive Festival

The Inglewood Alive Festival is back! On Sunday 5 November, the Festival will again stop traffic along the Calder as visitors and locals come to town to enjoy a great day out. This is a good opportunity for local community groups and traders to participate in a community wide event and generate some fundraising dollars. St Mary's have been proud to be involved in the Festival since its inception and we're looking forward to being part of the excitement again this year.

The P&F will be operating a Baked Potato stall between 10am and 2pm in the food precinct near the Town Hall. This is a chance for parents and students to work together and be part of this great community event.

There are two ways to get involved. There will be preparation work required on Friday 3rd November. We'll also need volunteers to staff the stall on Sunday 5th November, between 9am and 2.30pm.

Please contact Steve O'Shannessy to add your name to the roster in a time slot that suits your schedule. Thank you.

Catering Updates

We have a corporate catering job for the LEAD Loddon Murray Community Leadership program coming up in November. This is a great fundraiser, as it allows members of our school community to contribute by baking, without needing to attend the event. All ingredients will be provided by St Mary's in advance to assist those who are able to share their talent by cooking for this fundraiser.

Their two-day retreat will be held at the Inglewood Golf Course on 17th and 18th November. We are seeking volunteers to assist by providing cakes, slices and salads for this event.

If you are able to assist, please contact Suzi Birthisel.

Trivia 2024

After a break, we are excited to announce the long awaited Trivia Night will return in 2024! Stay tuned for details of the great night out, which will be held in Term 1.






COMMUNITY NEWS




INGLEWOOD - ST MARY'S Community Playgroup



 **FRIDAY | Term 4, 2023**
 **100:0 AM**
 **St Mary's Convent**
87 Southey Street, Inglewood

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

CONTACTS FOR COMMUNITY PLAYGROUP

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INGLEWOOD BOWLING CLUB



"BLACK PEPPER" FASHION PARADE

TUESDAY 17TH OCTOBER, 2023

COMMENCING AT 1.00PM

TO BE HELD AT THE
INGLEWOOD BOWLING CLUB ROOM

\$ 10.00 PER PERSON

includes High Tea

Lucky Door Prize

R.S.V.P. by 15th October

Pam: 0428 333 142

Chris: 0427 383 262





FUN IS IN FULL SWING!

Join Woolworths Cricket Blast
A safe way to have fun and stay active for kids of all abilities.

Bridgewater Cricket Club
Starting Tuesday 17 October 5pm to 6pm
<https://www.playhq.com/cricket-australia/register/9ef58d>




JUNIOR PATHWAY



From Woolworths Cricket Blast through the Junior Cricket stage, all kids can advance their skills and discover how awesome it is to be part of a team through fun game-based activities. The stages have been developed based on academic research, testing and community feedback.



This includes consideration for physical, mental and emotional development. Participation and progression through the stage is based on ability level, therefore the ages are indicative only. Players are encouraged to participate at a stage appropriate for them.

Woolworths Cricket Blast	SKILLS BASED FIRST CRICKET EXPERIENCE	DURATION 60-90MINS	LEARN THE SKILLS THROUGH GAMES UP TO 10 YEARS
	LEARN THE SKILLS THROUGH FUN, MODIFIED GAMES		Age is indicative only
	PREPARE KIDS FOR JUNIOR CRICKET		
JUNIOR CRICKET 1	7 PLAYERS 10M PITCH 20 OVERS	40M BOUNDARY DURATION 20RS	LEARN THROUGH PLAY UNDER 11 Age is indicative only
JUNIOR CRICKET 2	9 PLAYERS 10M PITCH 30/20 OVERS	40M BOUNDARY DURATION 2-20RS	PLAYING THE GAME UNDER 13 Age is indicative only
JUNIOR CRICKET 3	11 PLAYERS 20M PITCH 30/40 OVERS	50M BOUNDARY DURATION 2.5-40RS	PLAYING AND COMPETING UNDER 14-19 Age is indicative only



Q Play Cricket

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ST MARY'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL
INVITES YOU TO CELEBRATE THE EUCHARIST
AT OUR SCHOOL'S FEAST DAY



**JOIN US FOR THE FEAST OF THE PRESENTATION
OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY**

TUESDAY 21ST NOVEMBER 10AM
ST MARY'S CHURCH



