

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,

On Friday 27th, we will be celebrating the contributions of our amazing educators. At St Mary's school, we are fortunate to have a great team of teachers who make sure our students receive the best education possible. This day presents an opportunity for us to express our heartfelt appreciation and gratitude towards our teachers for their dedication and efforts throughout the year. It is their passion and commitment that shape the minds and futures of our children. I'm sure you will join me in my appreciation for these staff members as we recognise the individuals who make a world of difference in the lives of our students. The students can celebrate being part of a remarkable profession by wearing a special hat on the day.



Another important theme for this week is our celebration of Children's Week. Children's Week is an annual event celebrated in Australia. The focus is aimed at the attention of the wider community on children, their rights and achievements. Children's Week celebrates the right of children to enjoy childhood. The theme for Children's Week 2023 is "Children have the right to relax, play and to take part in activities they enjoy" based on Article 31 of the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child. Click on this [link](#) to see more.

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. We really encourage as many families as possible to complete the survey, as we value your time and feedback. Please note that individualised passwords are required for the survey.

Stephen O'Shannessy
Principal

CALENDAR

TERM 4, 2023

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 10:30am All welcome EB Parent Information Meeting 5:00pm Advisory Council Meeting 6:00 pm
Thursday 2nd November	Cluster Schools Technologies Day
Sunday 5th November	Inglewood Alive Festival (10am - 2pm)
Monday 6th November	PUPIL FREE DAY (Curriculum Day) <i>*No EBT training due to Pupil Free Day</i>
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



Gospel Reading Matthew 22:34-40

The Greatest Commandment

When the Pharisees heard that he had silenced the Sadducees, they gathered together, and one of them, a lawyer, asked him a question to test him. "Teacher, which commandment in the law is the greatest?" He said to him, "'You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind.' This is the greatest and first commandment. And a second is like it: 'You shall love your neighbour as yourself.' On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets."

All Saints Day

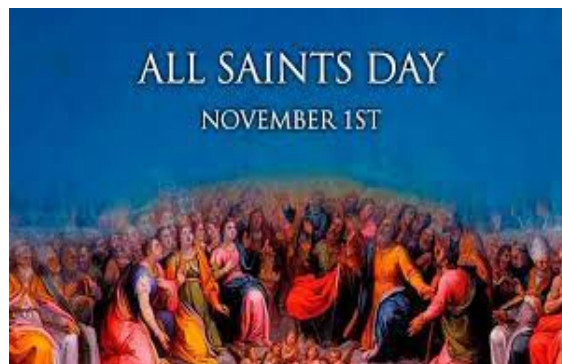
Next week, the Church celebrates two important feasts. All Saints Day and All Souls Day.

All Saints Day is a holy day celebrated on November 1st of each year. This is an occasion of great joy! Through their lives of holiness and their good works, the saints are examples for us of how we, too, can live. The saints can help us in our daily lives as we call on them in prayer to help bring us closer to

our loving God.

All Souls Day, celebrated on the second day of November, marks the beginning of a month where we remember all of the people we have loved who have died. We give thanks for the special place they have in our hearts. We also pray that they are with God and at peace.

Please join us in celebrating our All Saints Day Liturgy on Tuesday 1st November at 10:30am in the classrooms.



SCHOOL NEWS

Pupil free day/Public Holiday

Don't forget, as per the school calendar, Monday the 6th of November is a student free day and Tuesday 7th is a public holiday for the Melbourne Cup. A great chance to have a small break to prepare for a big finish to the school year and the upcoming farmers harvest.

Healthy Minds: Last Friday, students received certificates for their Loddon Healthy Minds competition entries. Michael Prowse from Community Bank Inglewood & Districts was in attendance to hand out certificates and prizes. Well done to all our students who entered.



Year F-3 Lucy Morrison For displaying persistence in her mathematics problem solving.

Year 4-6 Abby Wilson for making great connections with our focus text.

Nano Nagle Award: Kiarah McEwan for helping others achieve their best.



St Mary's Community Evening

What a fantastic turnout for our Term 4 Community evening. St Mary's community braved the wind to take part in some friendly lawn bowls. It was great to see a range of current & former students, parents, grandparents and teachers participating on the night. Thank you to Lindsey for the hire of the clubrooms and for everyone who joined us. We look forward to community functions next year.



Energy Breakthrough *Reminder no EBT training Monday 30th October due to Pupil Free Day*
 Parent information meeting Wednesday 1st November 5.00pm

How lucky are we to have so many generous sponsors! We thank the **Just Trees** for supporting us once again in our Energy Breakthrough program. **Just Trees** began their sponsorship as a family of our school, and have continued to support us again this year, reflecting the value they place on this opportunity for our students.

JUST TREES

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STUDENT NEWS

Foundation - Grade 2:

In Foundation and Year 3 pupils have been working on their text based unit. Students have been exploring the purpose of developing pre-text knowledge and what the benefits have been before exploring our main text, Nature's Toy Box (Foundation) and Little Turtle and the Sea (Grade 2-3).



BIRTHDAYS



P&F NEWS

Inglewood Alive Festival

The festival is fast approaching and it promises to be a great day for the community. The festival operates from 10am to 2pm. We are seeking volunteers on Sunday 5th November in 90 minute shifts. (8.30am-10am, 9.45am-11.15am, 11.15am-1.15pm, 1.15pm-2.45pm). We are seeking three adults per time slot, so please contact the office to pop your name down on the roster. Children are also welcome to assist, in addition to the three adults per shift.

Catering Partnership

We are excited to announce that we have been approached by the Inglewood Town Hall Hub to partner with them for future event catering. We are very fortunate to have such a wonderful Town Hall that regularly attracts theatrical and musical performances. Our delicious catering will be the perfect accompaniment to future events. Their next event is in late November, so stay tuned for more details.

P&F Meeting

November is shaping up to be a busy month, with the EBT training and race dominating for many, along with a couple of catering gigs. With this in mind, the next P&F meeting is scheduled for Monday 4 December as an end of

year 'thank you' and an informal planning session for 2024. Everyone is welcome to attend, so please mark the date in your calendar and we'll be in touch with more details.

COMMUNITY NEWS



INGLEWOOD - ST MARY'S Community Playgroup



FRIDAY | Term 4, 2023



10:00 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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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.

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JUNIOR CRICKET 1 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 7 PLAYERS 10M BOUNDARY 10M PITCH 20 OVERS 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> LEARN THROUGH PLAY UNDER 11 <small>Age is indicative only</small> 		
JUNIOR CRICKET 2 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 9 PLAYERS 15M BOUNDARY 10M PITCH 30/20 OVERS 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> PLAYING THE GAME UNDER 13 <small>Age is indicative only</small> 		
JUNIOR CRICKET 3 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 11 PLAYERS 20M BOUNDARY 20M PITCH 20/40 OVERS 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> PLAYING AND COMPETING UNDER 14-18 <small>Age is indicative only</small> 		



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

