

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 870) 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,

This week has certainly been different from what we could have predicted even a week ago. I thank the entire St Mary's community for the resilience and understanding you have shown during the very fast shift to and from remote learning. Our teachers spend Monday preparing for the possibility of a longer period of remote learning, so if this occurs, rest assured that we are prepared. Unfortunately, the new restrictions have meant our postponement of our Beginning of the Year Mass. This important community event will be rescheduled once restrictions ease.

The need to distribute accurate information to families in a timely manner has meant that we are currently updating our communication methods. Many families with secondary school children will be familiar with PAM (Parent Access Module) within the SIMON administration system. This week all parents will receive login details for their St Mary's PAM account. I ask all parents to log into their PAM account and to verify their email address. In time, PAM will be used so that you can notify the school of student absences, grant permission for excursions, update student medical information, view student assessment reports and book in for parent teacher interviews. For now, your verified email address in PAM will assist the school to send out school-wide emails.

CALENDAR

February

Wed 24th	Prep Rest Day Gr 3-6 Swimming / Gym
Fri 26th	School Assembly - 3pm

March

Wed 3rd	Prep Rest Day
Fri 5th	PUPIL FREE DAY
Mon 6th	LABOUR DAY PUBLIC HOLIDAY
Tues 9th	School Council Special Meeting - 7pm (All welcome)
Wed 10th	Prep Rest Day Gr 3-6 Swimming / Gym
Wed 17th	Parent Teacher Interviews

St. Mary's access to SIMON will also mean that school wide SMS's will be sent using your up to date contact details in SIMON, rather than using the school mobile phone. A family contact sheet has been sent home for you to update contact details. Please return this form ASAP. If you need to contact the school, I ask you to use the official school landline 5438 3075 rather than the mobile number.

Last week we welcomed Mrs Louise Murray to St. Mary's as a specialist teacher. Mrs Murray will teach the students for Performance Arts, Health and Physical Education.

On Tuesday 9th March at 7pm, the St Mary's School Advisory Council (formerly School Board) will be having a special meeting open to all community members. All parents are invited to attend to gain a better understanding of the important work that the council performs.

Finally, and most importantly, this week marked the beginning of Lent. Lent is a time when we try to get closer to God. The children are encouraged to think of things they could do to achieve this e.g. have conversations with God, do good deeds and give to Project Compassion. As adults we understand these acts to be FASTING, PRAYER and ALMSGIVING.

FASTING: Fasting is an ancient action linked to Lent and is considered a sacred act. The goal of fasting is connected to prayer. The pangs of hunger remind us of our hunger for God and prayer and fasting brings us to what Lent is about – a deeper conversion and relationship with God.

PRAYER: Fasting and almsgiving are merely actions we do out of tradition, if not connected to prayer. Prayer is our conversation with God. In these conversations we find the strength to fast, to develop a closer and more intimate relationship with God. This relationship makes us grateful for our many blessings and motivates us to give to those less fortunate.

ALMSGIVING: This is simply a response by us to God, a response that we have come to through prayer and fasting. It expresses our gratitude for all we have been given. We come to a realisation that we all make up the Body of Christ and with this realisation there is a responsibility. That responsibility is to all who are part of the Body of Christ. This means that our acts of charity and the promotion of justice are integral elements of the Christian way of life.

Kim Carter
Principal

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



Ash Wednesday - Lent

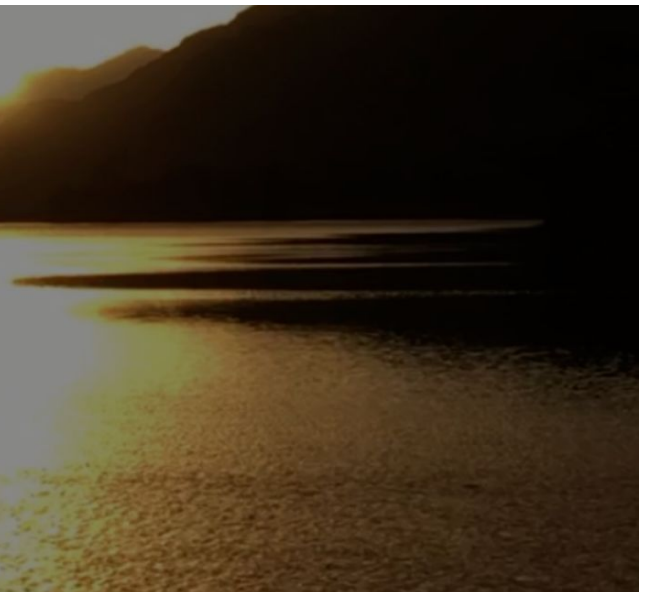
Yesterday was Ash Wednesday. This is a special day in our Church calendar, as it marks the beginning of the liturgical season of Lent.

Lent is a time for reflecting on our lives, for refocusing on God's love for us, and God's call to love and serve others, began with Ash Wednesday. Lent is a time for renewal through prayer, fasting and giving, as we prepare to celebrate the resurrection of Jesus at Easter - the most important feast in the Church's calendar. Lent provides us with an opportunity to consider how we might help those in need, rather than thinking about ourselves.

Porreca. K 2015, "Some Sundays in Lent" *Good News for Catechists* Term 1 pp. 17

A LENTEN PRAYER TO SHARE

Spirit of God, who led Jesus into the desert to fast and pray, lead us as we begin this time of Lent. Give us courage to be honest; Give us love to forgive ourselves and each other, So that, in peace and joy, we may celebrate at Easter the death and resurrection of Jesus.



SCHOOL NEWS

CONVENT CAPITAL WORKS:

Discussions have been held with Rob Papworth (Catholic Education Sandhurst) and Peter Tonkin (Y2 Architecture) regarding our capital works project on the Convent. It is likely that works will begin onsite in November, with town planning and building permits needing to occur before then.



SUNSCREEN:

All students are encouraged to apply sunscreen before school each day. The school no longer provides sunscreen to children, though children are encouraged to bring and apply their own sunscreen throughout the day.

SCHOOL FRIDGE:

The student fridge is still operational within the store room behind the bag boxes. Students are welcome to put their lunch in the fridge to keep it cool.

FEE PAYMENT:

Payments can be made either by Direct Debit fortnightly or monthly, alternatively you are able to pay your fees by cash or cheque at any given time during the school year. Family fee accounts will be generated and sent out to families by the end of next week.










COVID PREVENTION & INFECTION CONTROL:

We all have a place to play in creating a COVID-Safe space. The spaces where staff and students teach, learn and play have an important role in protecting against COVID-19 transmission, particularly surface and airborne transmission. It is important that any staff member or student who becomes unwell while at school gets tested and returns home. Where staff or students have been tested, they must isolate until they receive their test result. If there is a suspected case of coronavirus in your family please contact the school ASAP via phone 54383075 or via email principal@sminglewood.catholic.edu.au

In addition, the following is a quick reference guide to other illnesses outside of coronavirus related symptoms:

I NEED TO STAY HOME IF...

I have a FEVER	I am VOMITING	I have DIARRHOEA	I have a RASH	I have HEAD LICE	I have an EYE INFECTION	I have been in HOSPITAL
						
Temperature of 38.5 degrees or higher	Within the past 24 hours	Within the past 24 hours	Body rash with itching or fever	Itchy head, active (live) head lice	Redness, itching and/or 'crusty' discharge from eye	Hospital stay and/or ED visit

I AM READY TO GO BACK TO SCHOOL WHEN I AM...

Fever free for 24 hours without the use of fever reducing medication. e.g. Panadol, Nurofen	Free from vomiting for at least 2 solid meals.	Free from diarrhoea for 24 hours.	Free from rash, itching or fever. Student has been evaluated by a doctor if needed.	Treated with appropriate lice treatment at home.	Exclude until discharge has ceased. Evaluated by a doctor.	Released by medical practitioner to return to school.
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GRADE 3 - 6 CLASSROOM READING:

To start the year off well, please check in with child's home reading routines to ensure they have the best opportunity to meet the classroom expectations. Please note it is expected children in years 3 to 6 are reading for 30 minutes each night as part of their homework requirements. Parents and carers, please make time to listen to your child for at least 10 minutes of this time each night. Taking time to engage in book discussions is also very important to help your child think more deeply and understand the texts they are reading. It is expected that children from year 3 onwards write the title and page/ chapter numbers in their diaries themselves. If you have observed or listened to your child read, please initial that days reading next to where your child has written the title of the book in their diary. It is important that the diary comes to school each day, so have access to their online passwords. If you have any questions please don't hesitate to contact me. Thanks, Mr Starr.

Read 20 minutes a day and you'll read 1,800,000 words per year.

CHICKEN ROSTER:

Our chickens are a great asset to the St Mary's community, though they do require some care over the weekends. We are now putting the call out to families to put their name down for a weekend Chook Duty. Chook Duty involves letting the chickens out in the morning and putting them away in the afternoon on Saturdays and Sundays and checking their food and water. Many hands make light work. If all families put down a weekend, then you would only have a Chook Duty weekend twice a year! You might even want to buddy up with another family and share your weekends with them. Below is the roster. Please contact the Office if you're able to help out and with your preferred weekend.

TERM 1	TERM 2	TERM 3	TERM 4
30/31 Jan - Coffey	24/25 Apr -	17/18 July -	9/10 Oct - L Birthisel
6/7 Feb - Carter	1/2 May -	24/25 July -	16/17 Oct -
13/14 Feb - S Birthisel	8/9 May - S Birthisel	31/1 Aug -	23/24 Oct -
20/21 Feb - Coffey	15/16 May - L Birthisel	7/8 Aug -	30/31 Oct - Carter
27/28 Feb - Morrison	22/23 May -	14/15 Aug -	6/7 Nov -
6/7 Mar -	29/30 May -	21/22 Aug -	13/14 Nov -
13/14 Mar -	5/6 June -	28/29 Aug -	20/21 Nov -
20/21 Mar -	12/13 June -	4/5 Sept -	27/28 Nov -
27/28 Mar -	19/20 June -	11/12 Sept -	4/5 Dec -
Holidays - McEwan	Holidays - McEwan	Holidays - McEwan	11/12 Dec -
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STUDENT NEWS





Explaining Absences

Report your child's absence before school commences

Provide a reason for your child's absence

Notify the school of any upcoming absence

CHILDREN'S CHATTER MATTERS

In order to prepare for the language & learning demands of the school environment, children need ample time and opportunity to engage in meaningful interactions with their family.



Ten activities will be provided over this term targeting phonological awareness skills. Phonological awareness is one of the key building blocks for reading and writing. It is listening to, and thinking about the sounds in words.

1. As you read a story with your child, practice breaking up sentences into words. Say a sentence, and encourage your child to repeat it out loud. Then, ask your child to tap, jump or count on his/her fingers the number of words in the sentence. This is important to help your child hear and discriminate word boundaries. For example, 'Tap for each word you hear in this sentence: "It is racing after me". (5 taps).

For older kids, say a sentence out of their reader/book and see if you can reorder the words to make new sentences. For example, the sentence "I can run fast and swim far" can be reordered to make: "I can run far and swim fast" or "can I run fast and swim far?"

Here are some sentences to start you off (remember to choose sentences from your child's book/reader):

- a. Mike has a red lolly and Sarah has a blue ball.
- b. She went to the shops after she went to the pool.
- c. Please move quickly to the door.
- d. Lucy painted a picture of Mike while he rode his bike.



WANTED

JUNIOR FOOTBALL & NETBALL PLAYERS

The Inglewood Football Netball Club are looking for Players and Support Staff for the 2021 Season.

Established in 1876, we are one of the oldest continually active clubs in Country Victoria and are proud to provide a great day of family sport each Saturday.

Located just 35 minutes from the Bendigo CBD, this is a great opportunity to be part of a local sports club with an emphasis on Fun and Junior Development.

We are looking for players for:

- ✓ **UNDER 18'S FOOTBALL**
- ✓ **17 & UNDER NETBALL**
- ✓ **15 & UNDER NETBALL**
- ✓ **13 & UNDER NETBALL**

We would also welcome people looking to fill Match Day Volunteer roles, as well as Sports Trainers (Paid) and Netball Umpires (Paid)

CONTACTS

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(Under 18s Coach) **0437 108 809**

Netball: Tammie Macartney

(Netball Operations) **0431 515 400**

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