



St Mary's Newsletter

TERM 4, WEEK 8 - THE LAST MONTH OF THE YEAR

It is Week 8 in Term 4, which means we now enter the final month of the school year. This coming weekend also marks the beginning of Advent where we start to prepare to celebrate the birth of Jesus.

I won't yet begin to reflect on the year because we still have so many memories to make in these coming 18 days of school. When we do take time to look back on the year, I am sure that last Friday's 'Grandparent's Day' will be one of the top highlights. It was wonderful to see so many extended families come through the doors.

As I said on Friday - please pass on the message that 'everyday is grandparent's day at St Mary's' - meaning that grandparents (like parents) are welcome everyday at our school. Thank you to the Parents and Friends Committee for our delicious morning tea, and to the staff for the excellent variety of activities and the running of the morning.

Tonight (Monday night) I look forward to our final P&F meeting of the year where we will have the opportunity to thank Kelsey and her team for the support they continue to provide to our school. One example of this support is the recently purchased BBQs using funds raised by the P&F that will benefit our school community ... and will be put to good use at the swimming carnival!!

Please keep the Gr3/4 learners in your thoughts and prayers as they, and their teachers, spend Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday of this week on school camp at Campaspe Downs near Kyneton.

Thank you to Julianne, Julie, Marie and Meg for giving up time with your families to accompany these learners on what I am sure will be an amazing experience. An extra thanks to Meg who has spent countless hours leading the planning for this camp.

Take care and have a wonderful week.

Jarrod Mullavey (Principal)



DATES AHEAD

- Monday 21/11 - Wednesday 23/11 - Gr3/4 Camp Kyenton
- Monday 21/11 - P&F Meeting @ 6:30pm
- Friday 25/11 - Prep Transition Day #6



St Mary's is a Child Safe School.

We promote the safety, wellbeing and inclusion of all children.

A PRAYER

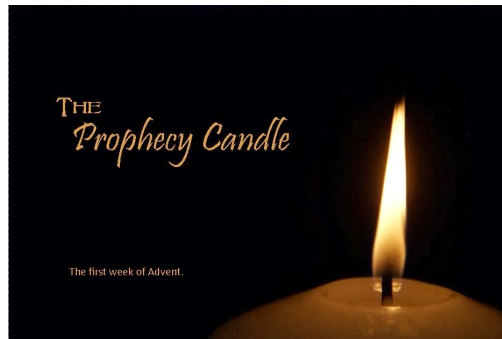
This upcoming weekend we will begin the liturgical season of Advent. Advent is a time of preparation as we wait for the coming of the birth of Jesus Christ.

The first week of Advent we light the first candle, the **PROPHECY CANDLE OR CANDLE OF HOPE**. The 1st Sunday of Advent symbolizes Hope with the 'Prophet's Candle' reminding us that Jesus is coming. We can have hope because God is faithful and will keep the promises made to us. Our hope comes from God.

Canteen

Lunch orders must be placed before 8:45am in the mornings. The new cut off time for lunch orders is 8:45am!

Please note: If your child is absent and has a canteen order placed, please contact the school before 11am on the day so we can cancel this order.



An Advent Blessing

Follow, where the Spirit of Hope leads you.

Listen, as the Child of Peace cries for you.

Rejoice, as the Love of God embraces you

and go now, with Hope, Peace and Love in your hearts and the blessing of the Creator,

Your Spirit forever with you.

Amen.

Richard Becher

PBIS

Our focus for the start of Term 3 is :-

Looking after your own belongings.



St Mary's acknowledges and pays respects to the traditional custodians of the land on which we meet; the Barrapa Rappa People, and pay respects to elders both past and present.



Flying Doctor School Dental Program

The Flying Doctor Dental team will be visiting St. Mary's on **WEDNESDAY 23RD NOVEMBER** & will return on **THURSDAY 24TH NOVEMBER** to see our grade 3/4's who will be back from camp this day to provide FREE dental check-ups and education about healthy teeth and gums. Please be aware that this dental check-up is a basic evaluation and does not take the place of a full comprehensive dental examination. After your child's check-up, the dental team will send home a report. If your child requires follow-up treatment this will be stated in the report. The mobile public clinic will be in town shortly after and your child can have their treatment completed at no cost, or you can visit your nearest public or private practice. If you require any further information please contact Flying Doctor Dental Team on (03) 8412 0444 or dental@rfdsvic.com.au.

Junior School Team

We had a fantastic day celebrating and welcoming our grandparents and special people into the school on Friday. Our year 1/2's proudly read the grandparents poem as a part of the grandparents liturgy.

We are witnessing great collaboration in Inquiry with our Preps and Year 1/2 forming groups to investigate an experiment in preparation for our Term 4 learning expo.

Our learners are enjoying 'writers notebook' every Friday where learners are given a prompt to explore. Our learning will be showcased at this week's Assembly in the church on Friday afternoon.

Senior School Team

What a wonderful time we had on Friday celebrating with our grandparents and special friends. Thanks to everyone who made the morning such a success.

This week the Year 3/4 's have headed off to their camp, full of excitement for the no doubt excellent time they will have! Watch out on SeeSaw and social media for updates on how they are going!

The Year 6's continue to prepare for their Graduation, which seems to be coming up very quickly! As part of their celebrations, they will have a Big Day Out to Echuca in the coming weeks. A permission note will be sent out soon for this.

The Year 5's are getting themselves ready to be the leaders of the school next year, preparing their leadership speeches for different roles, and learning what it takes to be a good leader.

All senior classes continue to work on their Inquiry science experiments, which will demonstrate their understanding of the concept of matter which we have explored this term.



MACHILLOP ART EXHIBITION

L-R: Kookaburra, Jason Kelly, Yr 5 and Budgerigar, Bella Cail, Yr 5, St Theresa's PS Kennington - 2021 Winners General Primary Group Art Award (P-6)

OPENING AND AWARDS CEREMONY
Fri 11 November 2022
Remembrance Day 🇺🇸
6pm - 8pm
Sacred Heart Cathedral Bendigo
Booking: trybooking.com/BKFWG
(or scan QR code)
Livestream: links.powerav.com.au/civ

OPEN FOR VIEWING
11-27 November 2022
Open Wed-Sat | 10am - 4pm
People: selected from WWF, Red Cross, Yr 5, St Mary's PS Mooropna

ONLINE
From Mon 14 November 2022
ceosand.catholic.edu.au

VOTE FOR PEOPLE'S CHOICE AWARDS
until Sun 27 November 2022

ENQUIRIES
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The Term Ahead - Term 4 - 2022



Week	Dates & Items
6	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Tuesday 8/11 - Leitchville Kinder visit Wednesday 9/11 - Sacrament of Reconciliation @ 6pm Thursday 11/Friday 12 - Yr2 Camp Friday 11/11 - Jarrod out - Principal's Network Friday 11/10 - Prep Transition Day #4
7	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Monday 14/11 - SAC Meeting @ 7pm Tuesday 15/11 - Georgia Donat (Speech) Thursday 17/11 - Jarrod out - Director's Briefing Friday 18/11 - Grandparent's day Friday 18/11 - Prep Transition Day #5
8	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Monday 21/11 - Wednesday 23/11 - Gr3/4 Camp Kyenton Monday 21/11 - P&F Meeting @ 6:30pm Friday 25/11 - Prep Transition Day #6
9	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> P-6 Swimming lessons (all week) Friday 2/12 - Prep Transition Day #7
10	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> P-6 Swimming lessons (Monday, Wednesday & Thursday) Welcome Daisy McGlone (work experience week) Tuesday 6/12 - Community Step Up Day Tuesday 6/12 - CSC transition session 9am-1pm Tuesday 6/12 - Prep Transition Day #8 Wednesday 7/12 - Learning Conversations (9am-4pm) Thursday 8/12 - St Mary's Feast Day Thursday 8/12 - End of Year Mass @ 6pm (TBC) Friday 9/12 - Prep Transition Celebration #9 Friday 9/12 - P-6 St Marys Swimming Carnival & Pool Party
11	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Tuesday 13/12 - Grade 6 Graduation Dinner (Bower Tavern) Tuesday 13/12 - Yr6 CSC transition day Wednesday 14/12 - Learner's last day Thursday 15/12 - Staff 2023 Planning Day

Term Dates for the Year:

TERM 1: 28th January - 8th April (Learners Start on 28th Jan)

TERM 2: 26th April - 24th June

TERM 3: 11th July - 16th September

TERM 4: 3rd October - 20th December