

St. Mary's Primary School Newsletter

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Term: 4 - Week: 10

School Notices

Yard Supervision:

Morning: 8:30 - 8:55am

Afternoon: 3:20 - 3:35pm

Bell Times:

School Begins 8:55am

Recess: 11:10-11:30am

Lunch: 1:30 - 2:20pm

Finish: 3:20pm

Student Absences:

Please phone the office by 9:00am if your child will not be at school on 57 521808.

Or mark absence on PAM.



Term 4

Monday 30th September

Tuesday 19th December

Last day for all students

MASS TIMES

Myrtleford

Saturday @ 6:00pm

Sunday @ 9:00am

Bright

Sunday @ 11:00am

St Patricks Whorouly

Last Sunday of the

Month @ 5:00pm



Click on the link



God of our waiting,

We light this candle to remind us that Mary accepted your invitation to be the mother of God.

We pray that you may deepen our spirit of joy so that we may carry the light of hope into dark places of our world.

Thank you for all the time and effort that went into preparing for the Christmas concert. All the students were engaged, and their performances were outstanding. We've received plenty of positive feedback from parents, who loved the theme and the catchy carols.

A big thank you also goes to the staff who took care of the catering between performances. Our gratitude extends to the Marian students for their assistance with lighting and sound - it was a top team effort once again. Kitty also mentioned that she heard the concert was great! Well done, everyone.

We practised an emergency bushfire drill on Monday. The drill was conducted successfully, with all students and staff remaining calm, following instructions, and gathering safely in the McMahon Centre. Well done, everyone. We conduct practice emergency drills for different scenarios and situations each term.

Our water awareness swimming programme is going along nicely. Well done to the students for being organised, having everything ready to go each day. We are looking forward to the St Mary's Swimming Carnival on Monday, 11th December - it's always a great day.

Statewide Transition Day is on Tuesday, 12th December. This will be a great day for students and teachers to establish connections and routines in preparation for the 2024 year.

The SLC student class placement process is nearly finalised. SLC student class placement letters will be sent home on Monday, 11th December.

The Year 6 students are excited about their end-of-year big day out and graduation night Tuesday, 19th December. It will be a lovely night to celebrate and say farewell and wish them the very best for the future.

I am proud of our school, students, staff, and parents, and how we've coped and supported each other in Kitty's absence. I'd like to wish Kitty all the best with her health and recovery.

Ruth Lamb will be taking a year off from St Mary's in 2024. Ruth has been our tutor in the Middle and Senior Units, as well as the role of Wellbeing officer. Ruth has done a fantastic job with the tutoring in the MLC and SLC areas. The children have made great progress under her guidance. We also thank her for all the nurturing of students and families she has done in her role as the Wellbeing Officer. Ruth will be missed by us all. We wish her all the best as she does some travelling with her husband. We look forward to her returning in 2025.

Wishing everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. May you be with family, rested, and ready for an awesome 2024.

Leigh Corcoran

Acting Principal

St Mary's Primary is committed to students experiencing a sense of inclusion that is respectful of their giftedness, abilities, culture and contexts. Our student's experience learning and teaching in a child safe environment that is engaging and liberating.

SIGNING YOUR CHILD IN & OUT & LATE TO SCHOOL PROCESS

All Children who arrive at school after 8:55am or leave school before 3:20pm MUST be signed in/out at the office.

If for any reason, you need to take your child out of school during school hours, please come to the office to sign your child out.

STUDENT ABSENCES

If your child is absent from school for any reason, it is vital that you notify the school prior to 9am, giving the reason for the absence e.g. If your child is sick, attending an appointment, family holiday etc.

- Mark absence on PAM.
- Send a note with your child on their return to school, or beforehand if you know in advance
- School answering machine is on out of hours, so you can leave a message 57521808



CHILD SAFE STANDARDS

You can access information about the Child Safe Standards and St. Mary's commitment to the implementation of these standards, including resources, policies, procedures and links, via the school website (www.smmymrtleford.catholic.edu.au).

SCHOOL NEWS

DATES TO REMEMBER

DECEMBER	
Friday 8 th	Swimming Program Day 3
Monday 11 th	Swimming Carnival
Tuesday 12 th	State Wide Orientation Day
Thursday 14 th	End Of Year Whole School Mass 9:30am (Families welcome to come along)
Monday 18 th	JLC LETI Expo 9:15-40:15am in the Year 1/2 Rooms
Monday 18 th	Final Assembly EMPAC 2:30pm
Tuesday 19 th	Year 6 Graduation Mass 6pm St Mary's Church
Tuesday 19 th	Last Day of Term for all students 3:20pm finish
Wednesday 20 th	Pupil Free (Staff Planning Day for 2024)
JANUARY 2024	
Monday 29 th	Office will be Open
Tuesday 30 th	Pupil Free Day (Staff doing First Aide)
Wednesday 31 st	Students In Year 1 to 6 First Day of School
FEBRUARY 2024	
Thursday 1 st	Foundation First Day of School
Wednesday 7 th	No Foundations at School
Wednesday 14 th	No Foundations at School
Wednesday 21 st	No Foundations at School
Tuesday 27 th to Thursday 29 th	SLC Camp Canberra
Wednesday 28 th	No Foundations at School
MARCH 2024	
Wednesday 6 th	No Foundations at School
Monday 11 th	Labour Day Public Holiday
Wednesday 20 th	School Photos
Thursday 28 th	End of Term 1

SCHOOL APP

The school Team App allows us to inform parents about events that are happening in our school and to send reminders to families about upcoming excursions or notes required to be returned to school.

Follow the steps below to access St. Mary's Team App:

- 1 - Download Team App (<http://teamapp.com/app>).
- 2 - Launch Team App and search for St Mary's Primary School.
- 3 - Sign-up to Team App. You'll be sent an email to confirm your registration.
- 4 - Search for St Mary's Primary School and request access to group(s) that apply to you.



CONGRATULATIONS HARRISON

We love to celebrate those who go beyond to always do their best in all areas of schooling. Congratulutions to Harrison Wood as he recived our highest school award 'In Deeds, Not Words.' Every day Harrison models our motto in his natural ability to welcome and help others. We are very proud of you.

TUTORING AND WELLBEING 2023

Stepping out of the classroom this year and into the new role of Tutoring and Wellbeing was a new adventure for me, and one that I have greatly enjoyed.

It has been a privilege to work with students and families from both wellbeing and tutoring. Students who attended tutoring sessions worked with a strong determination to further develop their skills and understanding. It has also being lovely to watch students grow as they worked through social/emotional issues.

Having enjoyed and valued this role, I am somewhat torn with my decision to take a year's leave. However, I'm sure I will enjoy travelling in a campervan with my husband exploring some great places in Australia.

With thanks and best wishes

Ruth Lamb

JUNIOR NEWS

We invite all families to our JLC end of year LETI expo on Monday, 18th December from 9:15-10:15am in the Year 1/2 classroom. All LETI items will need to be taken home on this day.



FOUNDATION

As we wrap up our year in Foundation, it's wonderful to look back at all we've achieved this year. They are all well and truly ready for the big jump into Year One!

If any parent has questions about their child or wants to catch up before the end of the year, please don't hesitate to let me know.

Ashley

YEAR 1

A note from Mrs May

I have enjoyed my week with the Year One students. They have worked hard, and we have enjoyed getting to know each other a bit better. We welcome Miss Deith back on Thursday.

YEAR 2

Well, what a year the Year 2 students have had!!!! They have given 100% and worked hard all year, and their progress is a credit to them. I have thoroughly enjoyed teaching these beautiful children all year and know that they will continue to excel with Mrs Nannipieri next year. I can't thank the students enough for such a lovely year. I also would like to thank our wonderful parents and families for your support.

Jo

FOUNDATION 2024 ORIENTATION DAY

The new Foundation students enjoyed playing and getting to know their buddies. We look forward to seeing them next Tuesday 12th December, for the State Wide Orientation Day.



Have a fantastic week,
Ashley, Carolyn, Jo, Sonia and Sandra

MIDDLE NEWS

END OF YEAR

We'd like to take this opportunity to say a huge thank you to our students and families for a wonderful year in the MLC. We have loved teaching your children and wish you all a beautiful Christmas and a safe and enjoyable holiday season.

We wish our Year 4 students all the best as they move to Year 5 and can't wait for our new students from Year 2 to join us in the MLC.

CAMP REFLECTIONS

*My funniest moment was when Izzy drew Ned Kelly (Claye). **By Clare***

*My happiest moment was when we were in the courthouse role playing. **By Ben***

*We went to the Telegraph Station and we learnt how to do Morse Code. During the same place, we used typewriters that actually work! **By Skyler***

TIMES TABLES - TIMES TABLES ROCK STARS (TTRS)

Congratulations to this week's Rock Star Champions:

Lexi, Carlos and Thomas in 3/4AN - Hazel, Cameron and Enzo in 3/4JH.

This was based on these students making the biggest increase in answers over the past week.

We are seeing excellent progress with the children who are using this program both at home and at school.



CHRISTMAS CONCERT

What a fabulous and fun concert we had last week! Thanks again for all the props and materials that were brought in to create our amazing costumes!



STUDENTS AT WORK

Here are a few photos of our wonderful MLC students working hard this week.



POOL FUN

We love Swimming Awareness Week and here are some photos from our time in the pool this week. Thanks to Mr Davis, Mrs Bennett and Mr Corcoran for all their work in preparation of these great sessions in the pool.



Have a lovely week.
Julie, April, Anna and Lucia

SENIOR NEWS

As we continue into a busy Term 4, the students are still working hard on consolidating their learning in English and Math. The students are still working on their Inquiry on Space, creating, writing and developing some excellent work.

SCHOOL CONCERT

What a fantastic night it was with two performances taking place. We are so proud of the SLC students who learned new lines, songs and dances in a week! This goes to show the excellent calibre of students we have at St Mary's, nothing is too challenging. They just got on with what they had to do and did it well. Congratulations to our Year 6 students who introduced each of the acts.



TRANSITION DAYS

The Year 6's had their Orientation Day at Marian College on Tuesday, where they were able to get to know the school surroundings and teachers. Students will be receiving their book lists that will have a due date. Please be mindful of this. During the state-wide transition day, the Year 6's will work with Mr Davis on their Year 6 art project.

The Year 5's have had a 'slide up' day where they were able to mix with the Year 4's and got to know the Foundation students for next year. They have been allocated a buddy to look out for next year. They are very excited about this and have been matched up with personalities and the needs of the Foundation students in mind. They have all created beautiful cards for their new buddy, ready to present to them on the Statewide Transition Day.

CLASS PARTY

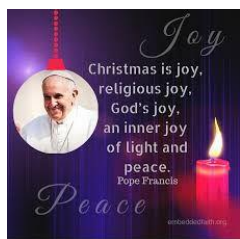
A note has gone home to all students inviting them to a class party for all the SLC students. It will be held on Thursday 14th December before lunch. The invitation asks for all students to bring in a plate of food to share, bring something Christmassy to wear and a small wrapped gift for a Silly Santa game we will play. This gift is to be worth no more than \$5 or it can even be something funny from home. This is not compulsory so if your child doesn't want to participate that is completely fine. There will be lots of games to take part in and it should be a very fun afternoon!!

YEAR 6 GRADUATION

The Year 6's have all sent in their photos, which is fantastic and Miss Wall is busy putting slides etc. together. Their Big Day Out is on Tuesday 19th December and a permission and information letter will go out on PAM this week. The Year 6 Mass will also be on Tuesday 19th, at 6:00pm at St Mary's Church.

Have a great week
SLC teachers

CATHOLIC IDENTITY NEWS



All families are invited to attend our End of Year Mass on Thursday December 14th at 9:30am.



The Year 6 Graduation Mass is being held on Tuesday December 19th at 6pm.

PRESENTATION DAY

On the 23rd of November, we celebrated Presentation Day with a mass, activities and treats. The students created amazing artwork in response to the theme 'Be the light', which has been on display at the back of the church for the last few weeks.

Have a lovely week and a joyous Christmas,
Jo Bennett
Catholic Identity Leader



"A VERY AUSSIE CHRISTMAS CONCERT"

A Very Aussie



Christmas











