

# St. Mary's Primary School Newsletter

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**Date: 22<sup>nd</sup> February      Newsletter No: 2      Term: 1 - Week: 4**

## 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 1

Wednesday 31<sup>st</sup> January  
Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> March

### Term 2

Monday 15<sup>th</sup> April  
Friday 28<sup>th</sup> June

### Term 3

Monday 15<sup>th</sup> July  
Friday 20<sup>th</sup> September

### Term 4

Monday 7<sup>th</sup> October  
Friday 20<sup>th</sup> December

### 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

Dear Families,

Many parents/guardians have participated in school initiatives:

- Shrove Tuesday – pancake breakfast;
- Our opening school Mass;
- The first Parents and Friends Meeting;
- Attended assemblies and interviews;
- or have sent in volunteer forms.

Each of these actions build on the ongoing partnerships between families and school. We recognise that families are the most influential educators and that students thrive when families are engaged in their children's learning.

We aim to improve upon our commitments to 'educate the whole child, spiritually, physically, socially and academically' through that partnership, quality learning and teaching and our Catholic Identity. We look forward to

determining further opportunities for family engagement.

Throughout Wednesday the Leadership Team continued their work with Kim Butler (Catholic Education Sandhurst – Principal Consultant) on the St Mary's School Improvement Plan in setting priorities and goals for our school. The draft document will be shared and refined with staff and then the School Advisory Council and families. This will guide our future direction.

The senior students and teachers are currently involved in their preparation for the Canberra Camp in Week 5. We wish them a safe and enjoyable trip.

A big 'shout out' to our Literacy/Learning Diversity Leader, Ashley Pasqualotto, in the successful Sharing Best Practice High Country Conference held on Saturday at EMPAC and St Mary's. Keynote speakers involved well known educational leaders Pamela Snow, Nathaniel Swain and David Morkunas with numerous well-researched breakout sessions including Jo Bennett and Hannah Wall. Each building teacher knowledge through evidence-based practices. With just under 100 participants attending, there was a buzz demonstrating passion for learning. Thank you to Ash and her team for making this possible in our area.

Kind Regards  
Trish

### **LEADERSHIP TEAM**

Acting Principal/Child Safety  
Deputy Principal  
Catholic Identity Leader  
Literacy/Learning Diversity/Mental Health & Wellbeing Leader  
Data Leader  
Numeracy Leader

Trish Merlo  
Leigh Corcoran  
Jo-Ann Bennett  
Ashley Pasqualotto  
April Nannipieri  
TBC

### *A Prayer for Lenten Grace*

Loving God,

During the sacred season of Lent, bring me closer to you. Prepare a place in my home and heart for silence and solitude, so that I may re-discover the grace of a prayer-full life.

Enlarge my heart so that I give to those in need and, in so doing, re-discover the grace of gratitude and generosity.

Help me to fast from those things that threaten the well-being of body and soul, remind me of the grace and simplicity.

May this season be grace-filled time to rekindle my love for and faith in you.

*Amen.*

[www.ShareCatholic.com](http://www.ShareCatholic.com)

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

## SCHOOL NEWS

Our fortnightly newsletter is available on:

- St Mary's Team App
- Via e-mail
- Hard copy on request
- St Mary's Website at <https://www.smmyrtleford.catholic.edu.au/>

Please let Lucia Southern know if you are not receiving the newsletter via email: [southern@smmyrtleford.catholic.edu.au](mailto:southern@smmyrtleford.catholic.edu.au)

### DATES TO REMEMBER

FEBRUARY	
Tuesday 27 <sup>th</sup> to Thursday 29 <sup>th</sup>	SLC Camp Canberra
Wednesday 28 <sup>th</sup>	No Foundations at School
MARCH	
Friday 1 <sup>st</sup>	O & M Division Swimming - Wangaratta
Monday 4 <sup>th</sup>	Assembly EMPAC 2:30pm
Wednesday 6 <sup>th</sup>	No Foundations at School
Wednesday 6 <sup>th</sup>	Swimming – Hume Region Shepparton
Monday 11 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Labour Day Public Holiday</b>
Monday 18 <sup>th</sup>	Assembly EMPAC 2:30pm
Wednesday 20 <sup>th</sup>	Tennis (Singles) O & M Division Wangaratta
Wednesday 20 <sup>th</sup>	<b>School Photos - Full Summer Uniform</b>
Tuesday 26 <sup>th</sup>	End of Term Whole School Mass 9:15am
Thursday 28 <sup>th</sup>	End of Term 1- Finish at 2:20pm
APRIL	
Monday 15 <sup>th</sup>	Start of Term 2
Monday 22 <sup>nd</sup>	Assembly EMPAC 2:30pm
Thursday 25 <sup>th</sup>	ANZAC Day Public Holiday

### 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.





## JUNIOR NEWS

A reminder that Term 1 is a hat term and all students must have a hat on to play outside during recess, lunch and sport (“**NO HAT, NO PLAY**”). If you could please ensure your child’s hat is clearly labelled, we would greatly appreciate it.

### PARENT TEACHER INTERVIEWS

Thank you to all the families that came along to parent teacher interviews last week. It was wonderful to meet with everyone and discuss your children and their learning needs.

### FOUNDATION - LITERACY

Students have been singing alphabet songs and doing activities that involve rhyming words, syllables, beginning and ending sounds in words and substituting parts of words (eg. changing bedroom to bedtime). The letters and sounds we have learned are /s/ and /a/. The students have been enthusiastically identifying these letters and sounds in our everyday routines. Students are also learning to read decodable books and write the letters /s/ and /a/. It is amazing to see how fast this learning is happening!

### MATHS

In maths we have been learning to count individual quantities and count two quantities ‘altogether’. Students have been modelling this with blocks and counters. They have practised with card games and outdoor group activities. Students have been doing rainbow tracing to practise the number formation.

### BLUEARTH

In Bluearth sessions we have had a focus on motor skill and balance. Students have been doing bilateral movement exercises such as cross over walking, figure eight walking and changing directions.

### INQUIRY

Students are demonstrating their geographic learning by using directional language and identifying places on the world map. We have been reading Jeannie Baker’s ‘Window’ book and making our own maps with photographs from the story. This learning has transferred into LETI where students are working on independent projects such as making volcanoes erupt, fairy garden maps, mermaid and unicorn maps, airport maps and army maps.



## RELIGION

In religion we are learning about what makes us special. Students have made posters about themselves using magazine cutouts that show what makes us all individual.

## YEAR 2 - LITERACY

We've had another great week, lots of learning about Australia with our class text 'Are we there yet?' by Alison Lester. This has brought up some interesting and funny stories about camping trips and road trip holidays. We've looked at vocabulary from the book and wrote about our own special places we've visited. Next week we move onto our new class text 'A Year On Our Farm' by Mel Hunter.



Our spelling program is up and running with new word lists going home on a Monday in our spelling homework booklets. We expect words to be practised each night along with home readers and returned to school on Friday morning to be checked. Students have activities glued on the inside cover of their booklets they can use for different ways of completing their homework. This week's focus is /ew/ as in few.

Home reading is off to a great start and we'd love to see this continue. Students are expected to change their readers when arriving at school and read with a teacher if it is their news day however ALL students are welcome to join in for before school reading from 8:30am.

## MATHEMATICS

We have been getting our Essential Assessment completed this week and working on our Place Value up to 1000 and beyond, counting by 2s, 5s, 10s and 3s, and review the months and seasons of the year. If you like to practise at home here are some links:

LoveMaths Michael Minas:

<https://www.lovemaths.me/number-f-2>

Place Value by Numberrock:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=a4FXI4zb3E4>

## INTERVIEWS

Thank you for coming along to our get to know you interviews and filling in the surveys. It has been great to meet you all. We have a couple to reschedule for next week due to some illness. We will be in touch about this, thank you for your patience.

## RELIGION

Last week was Ash Wednesday and the beginning of Lent. We made Lenten Promises to get ourselves ready for Easter. We encourage you to chat with your child about these, especially as we noticed lots of Lenten Promises involved helping out around home :)

Have a fantastic week,

Carolyn, Jo, Kelly, Nicole, Sandra and Sonia.



MIDDLE NEWS



Year 4  
Class  
Working  
hard





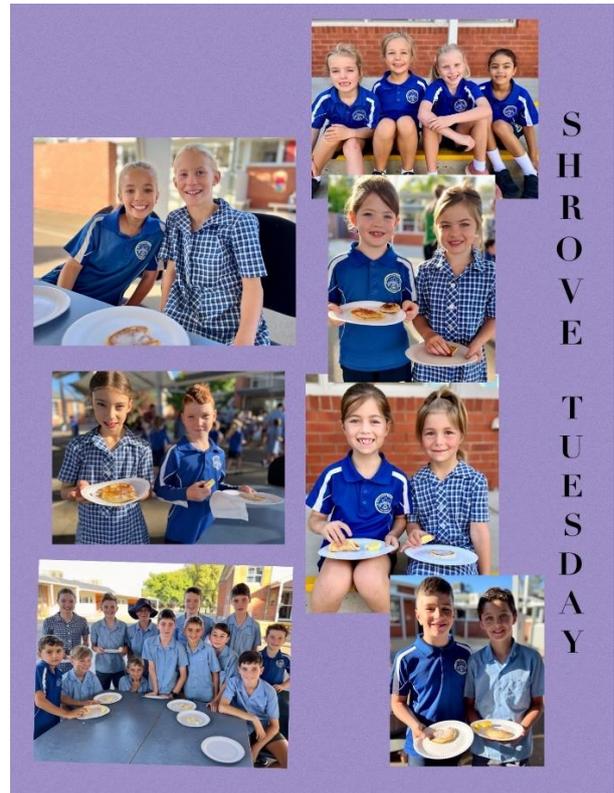
## HOMEWORK

A reminder that homework is due on Fridays for Mrs Ivone. Homework is usually a comprehension piece and a math activity. Reading for about 20 minutes regularly and practicing times tables, if you aren't completely confident, is also very important.

Have a great week, we are looking forward to going to camp next week, it's very exciting.  
SLC teachers

## CATHOLIC IDENTITY NEWS

We celebrated Shrove Tuesday last week with our students, parents and guardians, serving pancakes prepared by St Mary's staff. Attendees gave a gold coin donation, raising \$262.00 for Project Compassion, a fundraising campaign by Charity Caritas Australia. It was lovely to see so many families come along.





**MINIROOS STARTS 16<sup>th</sup> MARCH**

MiniRoos is the junior soccer program for boys and girls aged 4 to 11yo. Registrations for the 2024 program are now open, starting Saturday March 16th. Go to [www.playfootball.com.au/register](http://www.playfootball.com.au/register) and follow the prompts. For those eligible with a Health Care Card or Pension Card don't forget to take advantage of the Get Active Victoria vouchers. Register by Friday (23/2) to get your free kit on time for kick-off. For any questions please contact MSSC registrar Pene Cook on 0409 545 583 or via email at [registrar@myrtlefordsoccer.com.au](mailto:registrar@myrtlefordsoccer.com.au)

**WOMENS SOCCER 'COME AND TRY' SESSIONS**

Are you inspired by the Matildas? The Myrtleford Savoy Soccer Club is running 'Come and Try' sessions for girls aged 10 to adult, Wednesday nights 5.30pm to 6.30pm during February. Why not come down and get fit, make a new friend or two and be a part of the MSSC in season 2024. Raine, Sukey and Leanne will all be on hand to answer any questions you may have. To express your interest please click the link below.  
<https://form.jotform.com/240141292061039>

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**MINIROOS**

**LEARN TO PLAY SOCCER!**

**MiniRoos starts 16th March 2024**

4 to 11yo: Saturday 9:00am – 10:00am (all age groups)  
9 to 11yo: Wednesday 4:30pm – 5:30pm  
(additional session for older age group)

Register now to receive your free kit in time for kick-off.  
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**JOIN THE FUN!**

**NAB AFL AUSKICK MYRTLEFORD AUSKICK CENTRE**

Registrations open now!  
20th April 2024 - 22nd June 2024

**REGISTER NOW**

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**MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER Weekend**  
**“Live Your Best Married Life in Love”**

Every relationship is a journey and the grind of everyday life can cause you to lose touch with your spouse.

This experience gives married couples the tools to keep your passion alive in a gentle, nurturing environment, away from pressures and distractions of daily living.

The weekend is based around Catholic values and couples of all faiths are welcome.

**Please check our website for more details.**

**12-14 April 2024** in Melbourne

Information/Bookings: Phone **Mercy & James 0409 183 676** or

Email: [vicbookings@wwme.org.au](mailto:vicbookings@wwme.org.au) Website: [wwme.org.au](http://wwme.org.au)