

# St. Mary's Primary School Newsletter

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**Date: 7<sup>th</sup> March, 2024 Newsletter No: 3**

**Term: 1 - Week: 6**

## 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,

A warm welcome back to the senior students, teachers and support staff attending the 2024 Canberra Trip. From all accounts it was a great success with interesting sites visited and wonderful speakers. No doubt we will hear and see more from the participants in the following pages! Thank you to Mrs. Jackson, Mr. Corcoran, Mrs. Wall, Mr. Davis and Mrs. Sharp for all their preparation and time into making the Camp such a success.

As we enter the third week of the Lenten season we are reminded of Jesus' gifts and sacrifices for us. During this time we need to be outward focussed – thinking about those we ignore and aim to be more generous to others through our words and actions.

It is also a time when we at St Mary's focus on a fund-raising effort for Term 1 to support the school through the **Easter Raffle**. This is organised between the school and the **Parents and Friends Association**. Children are asked to bring in their family contributions for the prizes to school over the next 2-3 weeks. A small contribution could include ONE item from the following: Easter egg, a colouring book, pencils or a soft toy with an Easter theme.

We will have the draw of several small prizes on Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> March at 9am. There will also be an **Easter Hat Parade** in the morning. Hats are to be made at home. This is just for fun - No entry fee required. Encourage your child to be as creative as possible. Money raised from the raffle will contribute to resources for the school – possibly in the upcoming building project in the McMahon Centre.

A reminder that we are still gathering volunteers for the Parents and Friends and the Advisory Council. Please complete the volunteer form listed.

The Leadership and Staff group have completed a consultation process to develop our Draft School Improvement Plan and Annual Action Plan. We will present these documents to the School Advisory Council and then share with the wider school community. The priorities and goals listed demonstrate a response to the reviews undertaken throughout late 2022 and early 2023.

Kind Regards

Trish

(Acting Principal)

### **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

*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.*

## SCHOOL ADVISORY COUNCIL MEETING TUESDAY 12<sup>TH</sup> MARCH, 6PM STAFFROOM

I warmly invite parents to join the School Advisory Council. The St. Mary's Advisory Council is the leading consultative and advisory group for the Principal and is an active forum for parent and community participation, providing support and advice principally in strategic planning and school improvement. The St. Mary's Advisory Council is intended to:

- Provide a voice for members of the school community.
- Actively support, in collaboration with the local Parish, the Vision and Catholic Identity of the school.
- Provide input and support for strategic planning and directions for the future of the School.
- Provide input and contribute advice in the processes of school improvement and school Review.
- Support the Principal in meeting responsibilities and accountabilities for educational outcomes, effective stewardship of resources and annual reporting.
- Actively support the Principal in the encouragement of parent/guardian engagement.
- Support the ongoing sustainability of the Council and its members in its succession and learning.

All members of the Advisory Council must hold a current Working with Children Check. Members of the Council are bound by the School's Child Safe policies, and Child safe Code of Conduct. Council members are also required to complete a Fit and Proper Statutory Declaration.

The meetings are once per term. If you would like to be a member on the Advisory Council please e-mail me on [merlo@smyrtleford.catholic.edu](mailto:merlo@smyrtleford.catholic.edu) and I will contact you to discuss this further.

The St Mary's Advisory Council members will elect a chair at our first meeting on the 12<sup>th</sup> March.

## 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). This can be done via a few ways:

- 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 on 57521808



## SCHOOL NEWS

### DATES TO REMEMBER

MARCH	
Monday 11 <sup>th</sup>	Labour Day Public Holiday
Tuesday 12 <sup>th</sup>	School Advisory Meeting Staff Room
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>	School Photos - Full Summer Uniform
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
Tuesday 23 <sup>rd</sup>	School Advisory Council Meeting 6pm
Wednesday 24 <sup>th</sup>	Reconciliation Parent Information Night
Thursday 25 <sup>th</sup>	ANZAC Day Public Holiday
MAY	
Thursday 2 <sup>nd</sup>	JLC Area Mass 9:15am
Monday 6 <sup>th</sup>	Assembly EMPAC 2:30pm
Friday 17 <sup>th</sup>	MLC Area Mass 9:15am
Monday 20 <sup>th</sup>	Assembly 2:30pm EMPAC
Tuesday 21 <sup>st</sup>	Reconciliation Celebration 6:30 – 7:30pm
Friday 24 <sup>th</sup>	Pupil Free Day ( Staff PD)



## 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.



## SCHOOL PHOTOS 2024 - ST. MARY'S PRIMARY SCHOOL

Annual school photos including sibling photos will be taken by Arthur Reed Photos on Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> March 2024.

There is no need to return any forms or money to school.

Unique image codes will be issued to all students on/after photo day so families can register online to view images when they become available in the webshop.

Registration is simple, just follow the 3 simple steps on your child's personalised flyer once you receive it and remember to add the codes for all your children attending this school.

Even if you registered last year, it's important that you do again this year using your child's 2024 image code to link their images for the current year with your contact details.

When images are ready to view and in the webshop, all parents who have registered will be notified by SMS and email.

Once registered, please wait for notification that 2024 images are online to view before making your purchase.

### SCHOOL PHOTOS 2024 - Important Registration Information

*School Photographs will be taken at*  
**St. Mary's Primary School**  
Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> March 2024

There is no need to return any forms or payment to school before photo day

**Flyers with Unique Image Codes will be issued to all students on or after photo day**

When you receive your child's 2024 image code  
**Follow these 3 simple steps -**

- 1 Go to [order.photos.com.au](http://order.photos.com.au) and enter your child's 2024 image code
- 2 Tap on 'Add another child' to enter the image codes of any siblings
- 3 Fill in your contact details & review before confirming your registration\*

**That's it!**  
It's important to register each year to link your child's NEW images to your contact details. When 2024 images are ready to view in our secure webshop you'll be notified by email and SMS.

\* Create photo packages with any layout & YOUR choice of images • Multiple image Downloads  
• Order on any mobile device • Share the images with family & friends for FREE

\*\* Please wait to receive notifications that new images are online **BEFORE** ordering for 2024\*\*

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### Third Week of Lent

(Week beginning Monday 4<sup>th</sup> March)

Samoa may be a country surrounded by water, but access to clean drinking water is scarce in some areas, with many families facing extreme hardship as a result.

Leaia lives with her five children, husband, brother and sister-in-law on the island of Upolu in Samoa. Not having access to a reliable source of clean water caused Leaia a lot of worry.

Their home is not connected to a piped water system, so they had to rely solely on rainwater collected in old fridges. When their water ran out, Leaia had to walk with her young children to collect water in buckets and containers from a neighbour down the street.

With the support of Caritas Australia's local partner, Caritas Samoa, a water tank was installed at Leaia's home. She and her family now have a steady supply of clean drinking water at home. Next year, they will also have a toilet built, with the support of Caritas Samoa, which will further improve their health and living conditions.

"We are very thankful and grateful for the water tank. It has helped us so much and made our daily life easier," Leaia said.

### Please donate to Project Compassion by sending in your donation boxes with any spare change.

Together, we can help vulnerable communities face their challenges today and build a better tomorrow *for all future generations*.

### AREA MASSES FOR TERM 1

Each Learning Community will be having their Area Masses this term on the following dates.

JLC - Liturgy- 21<sup>st</sup> March at 10am

MLC - Friday March 8<sup>th</sup> at 9.15am

SLC - Tuesday March 26<sup>th</sup> at 9:15 am, this is also the whole school end of term Mass.

All families and parishioners are welcome to attend any of these masses.



### END OF TERM MASS FOR TERM 1

Our End of Term Mass will be on Tuesday March 26<sup>th</sup> at 9:15am, all families are welcome to attend. This Mass will be planned and run by the SLC.

### SACRAMENTAL DATES 2024

**Reconciliation Parent Information Night:**

**Reconciliation Celebration:**

**Confirmation and First Eucharist Parent Information Evening:**

**Sacramental Masses:**

24<sup>th</sup> April at 6:30pm

21<sup>st</sup> May at 6:30pm

23<sup>rd</sup> of July at 6.30pm

14<sup>th</sup> September at 6pm and 15<sup>th</sup> September at 9am

Jo-Ann Bennett  
Catholic Identity

23 <sup>RD</sup> MARCH	<b>PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD</b> 6.00PM - MYRTLEFORD
24 <sup>TH</sup> MARCH	9.00AM - MYRTLEFORD 11.00AM - BRIGHT
28 <sup>TH</sup> MARCH	<b>HOLY THURSDAY OF THE LORD'S SUPPER</b> 6.00PM - BRIGHT
29 <sup>TH</sup> MARCH	<b>GOOD FRIDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD</b> 10.00AM MYRTLEFORD ECUMENICAL STATIONS OF THE CROSS Starting at St Mary's Church, via other Churches in Myrtleford, finishing at the Myrtleford Piazza with an Ecumenical Service. 10.00AM - WHOROUPLY (LAY LED SERVICE) 3.00PM - BRIGHT
30 <sup>TH</sup> MARCH	<b>SATURDAY EASTER VIGIL IN THE HOLY NIGHT</b> 7.00PM - MYRTLEFORD
31 <sup>ST</sup> MARCH	<b>EASTER SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD</b> 9.00AM - MYRTLEFORD 11.00AM - BRIGHT

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## PHYSICAL EDUCATION NEWS

Students have been developing their cricket skills during PE lessons this term. They have engaged in skills and drills sessions, followed by a modified version of cricket for kids known as T-20 Blast. This version of cricket is played in pairs and gives every player an opportunity to bat, bowl, field, and wicket keep. It has been great to see the students' skills and confidence with the game of cricket grow over the past few weeks.



### O & M DIVISION SWIMMING

Congratulations to the St Mary's swimming squad who represented our school last Friday at the Ovens & Mitta Division swimming event in Wangaratta.

Our swimming squad consisted of the following students:

#### 9/10-Year-Olds

Heidi Murray, Spence Reynolds, Maisie Fitzpatrick, Heidi Barry

#### 11-Year-Olds

Lucy Howell, Aviva Lovelle, Mackenzy Reynolds, Lila Murray, Claye Corcoran

#### 12/13 Year Olds

Mitch McMasters, Willow Szaraszek, Hunter Szaraszek

It was a great day for swimming (sunny and hot!). Despite the heat and our SLC students being very tired from their Canberra camp, we achieved some great results. The following students qualified for the Hume Region event, which will in Shepparton:

Spence Reynolds: 2<sup>nd</sup> Freestyle

Claye Corcoran: 2<sup>nd</sup> Backstroke, 1<sup>st</sup> 4x50 Freestyle Relay, 1<sup>st</sup> Medley Relay

Willow Szaraszek: 2<sup>nd</sup> Backstroke, 2<sup>nd</sup> Breaststroke, 1<sup>st</sup> 4x50 Freestyle Relay, 1<sup>st</sup> Medley Relay

Hunter Szaraszek: 2<sup>nd</sup> Freestyle, 2<sup>nd</sup> Backstroke, 1<sup>st</sup> 4x50 Freestyle Relay, 1<sup>st</sup> Medley Relay

Mitch McMaster: 1<sup>st</sup> 4x50 Freestyle Relay, 1<sup>st</sup> Medley Relay.

Adam Davis (PE)



## JUNIOR NEWS

Wow, how are we in Week 6 already???

The JLC students have achieved so much already this term and we are very proud of them.

***We will be having our Term 1 Area Liturgy on Thursday March 21<sup>st</sup> at 10am.***

*Don't forget that students still need a hat each day for this term. **'No hat, No play.'***

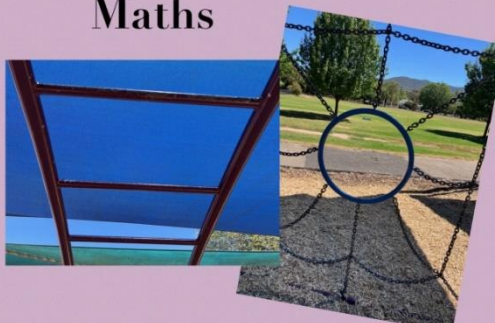
### FOUNDATION

This week is the last week for the Foundation students to rest at home on a Wednesday. Miss Deith has almost finished all of the initial testing and has seen very pleasing results! A reminder that all correspondence goes home in your child's blue reading bag and it is essential that your child brings it to school every day.



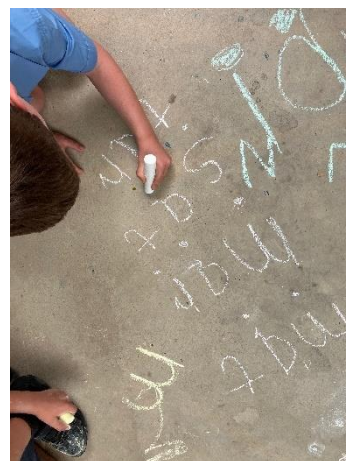


## Maths



## LITERACY

There has been a great deal of excitement in our classroom of late due to the reading and writing achievements being made! Students have mastered the letters and sounds for 's/a/t/p/m/' and have been able to do some dictation; sounding out the words 'sat, mat, pat, Sam, Pam and tap'. Learning to recognise the sounds letters make is fun in Foundation! We have been singing songs, doing craft, writing with chalk outdoors and using our whiteboards. It is amazing how quickly the students are learning!



## MATHS

In maths, students have been learning about 2D shape and patterns. It is amazing how many patterns and shapes we can recognise around us! Students went on a shape hunt in the school yard and experimented with different patterns in a storybook and small group activities.

## BLUEARTH

In Bluearth our focus this term has been on eye/hand and eye/foot coordination, fitness, balance, locomotion and eye-tracking skills using a variety of equipment and focuses on engaging students in moderate obstacle course stations and the playground equipment. The program is called Perceptual Motor Program (PMP). Students have been climbing ladders, swinging on monkey bars, using wobble boards and balancing on beams.

## RELIGION

We have finished our unit on 'I am special'...it has been delightful to see students create collages with images cut from magazines that they love...it is very easy to see how each and every one of your children are individually special in these pictures. Students discussed why their names are special and why their parents may have chosen their names; the comments they made were beautiful:

*'I have the exact same name as my Dad' - Rikkie Barnes*

*'My Dad has a Dad and his name is Pa' - Beau Masin*

*'I think my name is the name of a place, an Indigenous place' - Marlo Curtis*

*'My Mum loves Izzy and Isabel' - Izzy Brett*

*'I think my name was popular at the time' - Oscar Revrenna-Haw*

*'Aria had a teddy called Olli, when my Mummy found out she had a baby in her tummy she said she wanted to call her baby Olli' - Olli Carroll*

*'My Great Grandfather was William. I used to be Billy, but now I'm Bill' - Bill Howman*

## INQUIRY

The learning from Inquiry is becoming more and more evident. Students have been working on construction to show their understanding of the key outcomes: maps, special places and everyone being different in different places. Lots of ideas are being shared between each other and some are bringing in projects that they have been working on at home. We have maps of airports, race tracks, space, our own hometown and dioramas of coffee shops and miniature houses!





## YEAR 1

The Year 1 students have continued to work hard this fortnight and this is showing in their progression. We have continued our daily work on phonemic awareness and phonics and are looking at the digraph 'ch' as in chair this week. Next week we will be looking at 'ang, ing, ong and ung'.

We have also been studying 'Continents, countries and maps' in our literacy work. We are reading and writing in response to the topic, and have learned about the importance of maps. Last week we studied the book Mr Archimedes Bath and turned fragments into sentences.

The Year one students have read Mr Archimedes Bath and were given a sentence fragment that they were to change into a full sentence. The fragment was 'The animals all....'

*The animals all stared at the water while Mr Archimedes measured the water. **Oscar***

*The animals all hopped in the bath and Mr Archimedes went in the bath. **Eve***

*The animals all had a bath with the man. **Lucas***

*The animals all jumped in the bath. **Eila***

*The animals all hopped in the bath. **Shayla***

*The animals all hopped in the bath then the bath overflowed, then Mr Archimedes measured it. **Summer***

*Mr Archimedes bath overflowed. **Victoria***

*The animals all went in the bath and played. **Harper***

*The animals all are looking at the measurement of Mr Archimedes bath. **Christian***

*The animals all looked at the measurement because the bath overflowed. **Tia***

*The animals all looked in the bath. **Luka***

*Mr Archimedes bath always overflowed because he always put too much water in it. **Hazel***

*The animals all gathered around the bath. **Archer***

*The animals all went into the bathtub and then one animal got out of the bathtub, it's the kangaroo, said Mr Archimedes. **Bailey***

*Mr Archimedes put a little bit of water in the bath like everyday. **Bill***

*The animals all jumped in the bath. **Bodie***

*Mr Archimedes made all the animals get out of the bath and don't come back. **Logan O***



Logan came to say Hello on Tuesday.

In Maths, we have continued to use place value to read, write and draw numbers to 20 and above. We are also starting on 'time' this week and next week. We have been playing games by Michael Minas which allow us to use the skills that we are learning in game format. <https://www.lovemaths.me/number-f-2>

We have been practising our handwriting and starting numbers and letters from the correct starting point.

In Religion, we have written and published special prayers as our final assessment for our Unit on 'We can pray in different ways.' We have now started our Unit on Lent and Easter, and are creating art pieces for Lent.



## YEAR 2 - LITERACY

The Year 2s are reading one of our all time favourite books 'Oh the Places You'll Go!' By Dr Seuss as our class text. We will continue with this book for the next couple of weeks so if you have an old copy at home be sure to get it out and get your child to read it to you. There's lots of interesting vocabulary and rhyme in this book.

## SPELLING PROGRAM

It's wonderful to see so many students going above and beyond with their spelling homework. Our spelling homework booklets are filling up with some great work. Please remember these are due on Fridays along with yellow reading journals. These are both checked by the teacher and stay at school in readiness for the next week. Then on Mondays new spelling lists go home. Thank you to families helping support this at home.

## MATHEMATICS

We are continuing to explore Months and Seasons in our calendar. We have been looking at how the calendar works with the days following on from each other. We have also been gathering data about our birthday months and favourite seasons, tallying results and interpreting graphs.

## RELIGION

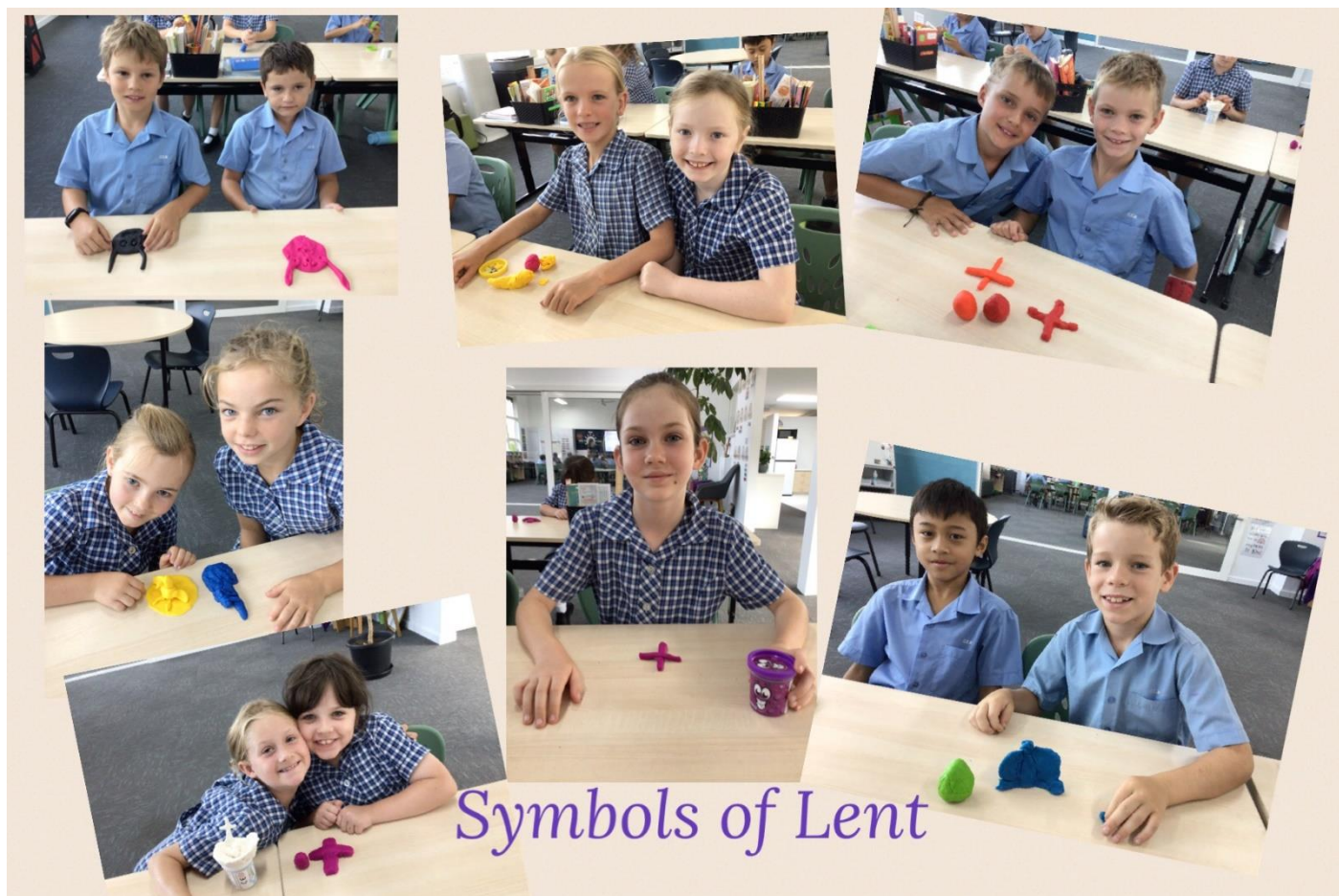
Our class has further explored the types of prayers. Last week we wrote some of our own beautiful prayers.



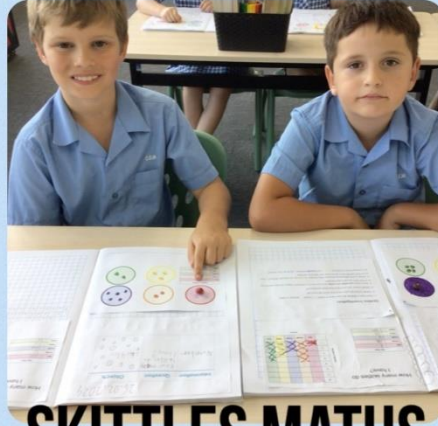
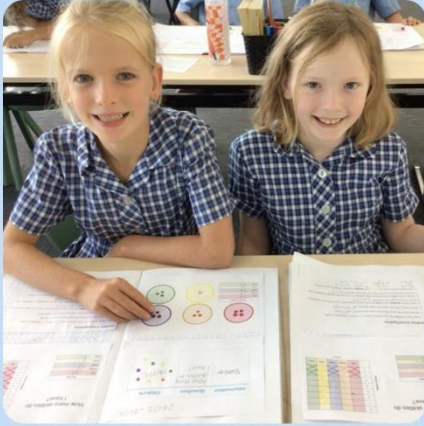
Have a fantastic week,  
Carolyn, Jo, Kelly, Nicole, Sandra and Sonia.



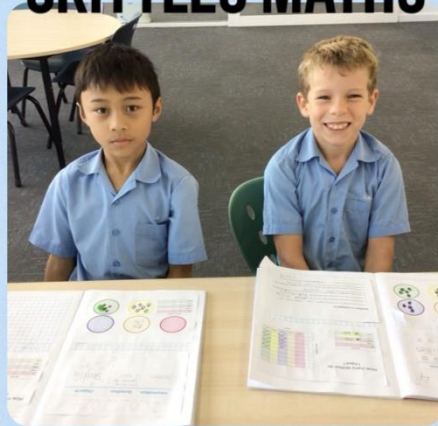
## MIDDLER NEWS







## SKITTLES MATHS





### NAPLAN

Grade 5 students will next week undertake several NAPLAN assessments. The first will be on Wednesday the 13<sup>th</sup> March at 11:30am. All of the Grade 5 assessments will be at 11:30am, unless it is otherwise arranged due to student absences. These assessments are an indicator of how students are traveling academically. Even though these results are valuable, students should not put too much pressure on themselves as teachers look at many different aspects of learning to determine how they are progressing.

### CAMP

Congratulations to our students for helping create a wonderful experience while in Canberra. Your contributions, peer support for each other, positivity at taking on all the challenges added to our camp being successful.

Thank you to Sandra Sharp, Hannah Wall, Adam Davis and Leigh Corcoran for their work. Each one of us had a specific role to play and this is what makes St Mary's a great place to work, every team member pulls their weight. Thank you also to our bus driver Merv Shepherd who did a great job getting us around Canberra effortlessly, and for also giving us an excellent 'embassy drive tour', even the bad 'dad' jokes were ok.

#### ***Student reflections about different aspects of the Canberra Camp:***

*On the way to Canberra, we sat in a bus for about five hours and thirty minutes. We watched Shrek II and Jumanji. The movies took our mind off how long the trip was. Our first stop was at Holbrook, there was a big submarine we climbed on to check out the surroundings. Then we arrived in Canberra a little bit later. On the return trip we watched Finding Nemo and the rest of Jumanji, finally we pulled back into Myrtleford. Sleeping was my favourite bit of the travel.*

*At camp we had a brilliant time, our favourite part was the Sportex experience at the AIS. The most engaging activities at Sportex were the goal kicking challenge for footy and rugby, the reaction test, and the 1v1 basketball court. The goal kicking challenge for footy was fantastic because it would give us a score out of 10 on how accurate our kicking was.*

*On Thursday we went to the National Archives and learnt about the emu war on the 2<sup>nd</sup> of November in 1932. We used interactable boards to find all the information about the emu war that we needed to know. There were three soldiers with a machine gun sent to farms in Western Australia to cull emu numbers because they were eating all the crops and destroying the fences. There was a telegram sent to the Prime Minister, from a woman, to put an end to the cruelty.*

*At the National Archives we learnt about how hard it was for immigrants to come to Australia. They had to sit a near impossible dictation sentence with lots of tricky words to spell and difficult grammar. Even if they passed the first one in English they had to sit a second test in another language. How unfair!*

*My eyes lit up when I saw the Questacon shop. It was all fidgets and activities. The slime was calling my name and I could just see the lava lamps bubbling in my mind. I was going crazy because there were endless choices and I only had \$30 to spend!*

*On the Canberra camp we went to Parliament House and happened to meet Costa from Australia Garden Junior, who told us to help create new ideas and present them to our local member of Parliament. After that we were lucky enough to meet Helen Haines and participated in a House of Representatives roleplay. Benji was the speaker, Lexi was the Prime Minister, Chayse was the Opposition Leader, Enzo was the clerk, and the rest of us were voting about whether animals should be allowed to be in the circus. The government won easily!*

*When we entered Parliament House, we were greeted and shown around by our tour guide Luke. The first house we saw was the House of Representatives. We entered when it was about the end of question time and saw the politicians discussing price gouging. Bob Katter had everyone in stitches with his passionate speech about affordability. Then we moved on to the Senate where they were also talking about the price of living and how Coles and Woolworths have been raising their prices.*

*On the Second day of Canberra camp, we went on the ANZAC Parade Walk in the main streets of Canberra, it was also the passageway from Parliament House and The War Memorial. Our guide showed us the Kemal Ataturk Memorial Statue which was made for the Greeks and was constructed from one of their famous columns cut with a cross. Our Guide explained to us about The Royal Australian Navy Memorial Statue, and he said the sailors on the statue represented different jobs in the navy.*

*At about 7:30pm we hopped onto the bus and drove to the indoor swimming complex in Canberra. When we arrived, we shot down a massive water slide. Unfortunately, it had a huge line up to go down, but it was worth it. When you walked up the top there was a red and green light, when it was green, we were free to go. At the end of the water slide there was a little pool that the water shot out of if you raced down quickly.*

*"Welcome to the War Memorial", our tour guide said, "let's get started."*

*She led us through the aircraft museum area and into a room with seats, a projector and a white screen. She said that we will be meeting a past soldier soon but let's watch a little clip first. We watched the clip that explained about the memorial and there's an unknown Australian soldier buried at the Memorial to remember all the unidentified fallen soldiers. The veteran walked in and said that his father died in war, and he was a member of the Air Force. They were called the boys in blue, because the Air Force uniform was and still is blue.*

*Then we saw the honour boards of people who died in all the wars Australia has fought in. We saw an old war boat and a poster advertising for people to join the army, some dioramas of the war. We learned about Doctor Grace who saved many lives in the war. We saw a massive painting of a city with ghost soldiers surrounding it. It was painted in just one sitting, one sitting! How like how!*

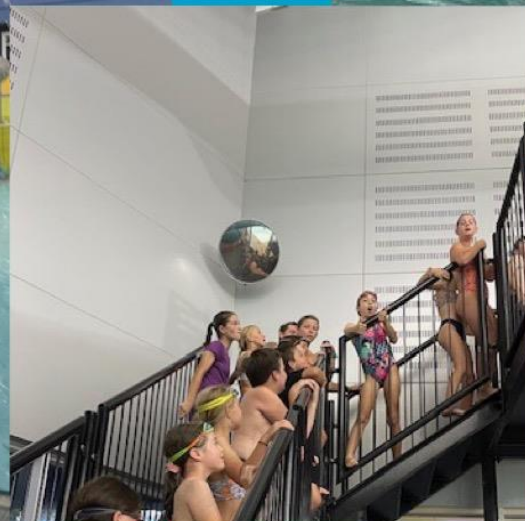
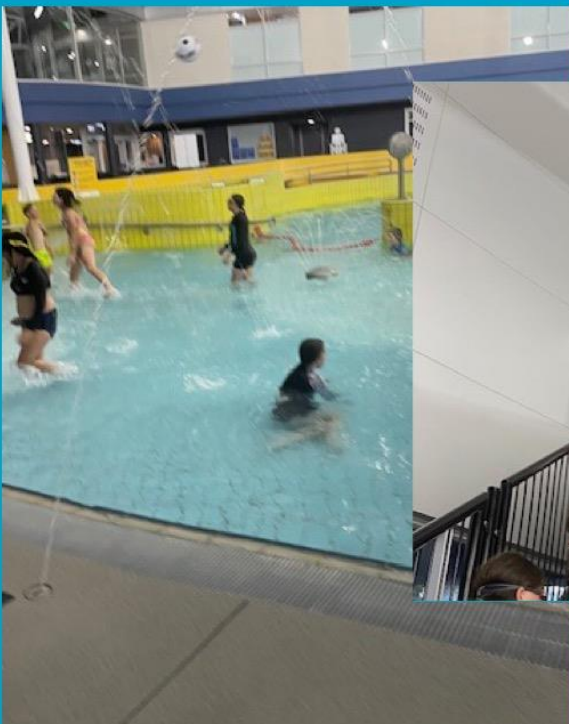
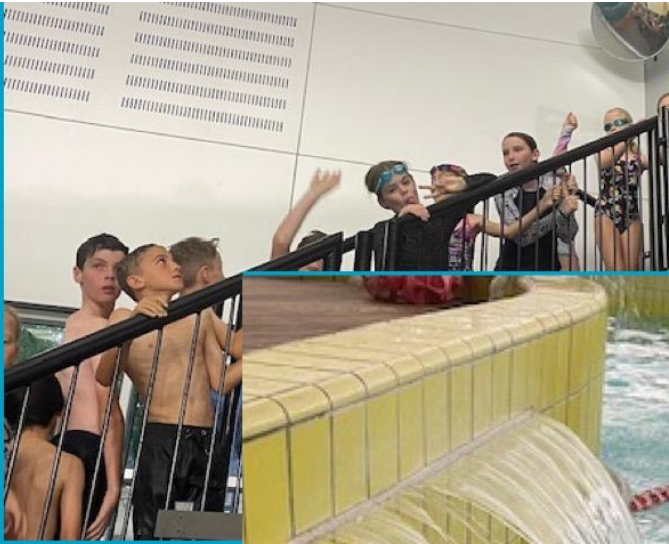
*On the first night at Peewee Lodge we had snags, mash potatoes, peas, corn and honey soy chicken. The chicken was ok and the snags were surprisingly good. The peas and corn were not too bad either. For breakfast we had eggs on toast with bacon. The eggs just made the toast soggy but the bacon was good.*

Have a fabulous week  
SLC Teachers

## PHOTOS FROM OUR CANBERRA CAMP











Questacon



War  
Memorial







# CANBERRA CAMP







Meeting  
Costa Georgiadis  
at Parliment





### **G.R.O.W. UP! MARIAN COLLEGE PRODUCTION (Staring St Mary's Year 3 Class)**

This year's Marian College production performance is aimed at children, but great for the whole family! The show follows the story of Umberto and Polly (brother and sister) who are asked to stay home to consider the calibre of their behaviours at school in and out of the classroom. Whilst isolated in their respective rooms to reflect, they imagine fantastical worlds which help them learn lessons about Generosity, Respect, Ownership, and Wholeheartedness. With courage, patience and a newfound perseverance, they take on the responsibility of their actions and finally return to school to make the most of their learning.

What could they learn from a 'Cat' in a hat or a 'Wild Thing'? What could they glean from young 'Madeline' in Paris, or Baloo and King Louis in the Jungle?

What lessons could be taught in 'Wonderland' or in the Chocolate Factory with 'Wonka'?

Will they survive a Bear Hunt or know which way is home in 'Munchkinland'?

Feast your eyes and let your imaginations run riot in this show ... who knows, maybe you too will learn something!

This year the Grade 3 students from St Mary's Primary will be involved in the production!

All enquiries regarding the show can be directed to Vicky McGowan

[vicky.mcgowan@mcm.vic.edu.au](mailto:vicky.mcgowan@mcm.vic.edu.au)

**Title:** G.R.O.W Up!

G= Generosity, R=respect, O=Ownership, W= Wholeheartedness,

U=Umberto and P= Polly

A show for the WHOLE FAMILY - especially children

**Dates:** 8th, 9th and 10th May

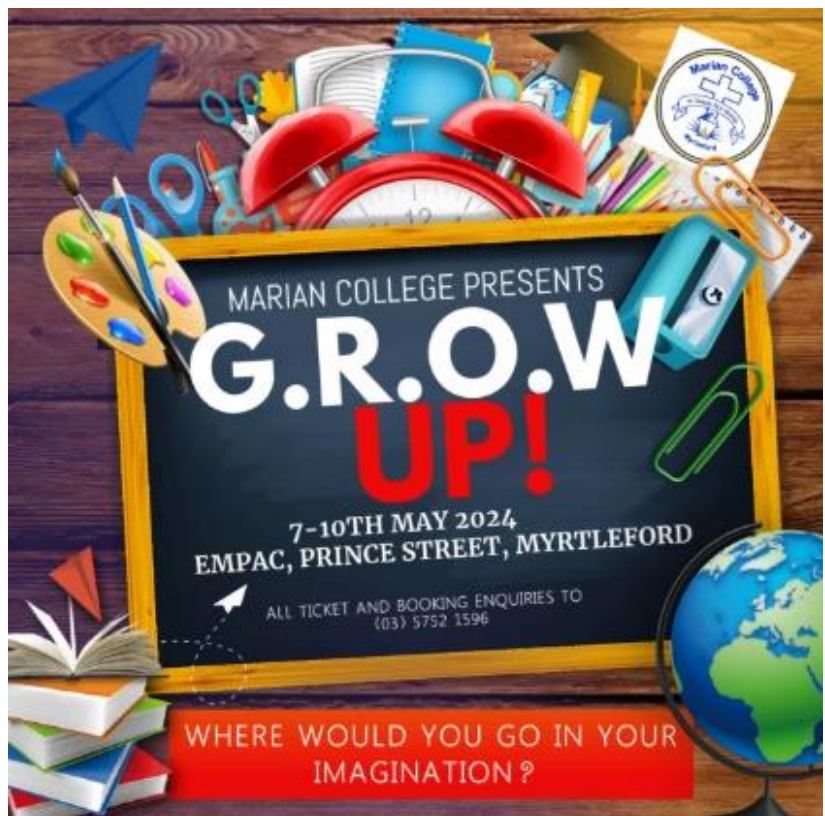
8th - Feeder Schools' Show Day

9th - Opening Night 6pm

10th - Primary School Show 1.30pm

- Closing night 6pm


Tickets will be available from the General Office @ Marian College in term 2.






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SHIRE COUNCIL

# THE MONSTER OBSTACLE!!



**MONDAY 18 MARCH: LES PEART OVAL, MOUNT BEAUTY**  
**TUESDAY 19 MARCH: EVENTS LAWN, PIONEER PARK, BRIGHT**  
**WEDNESDAY 20 MARCH: MEMORIAL PARK, MYRTLEFORD**

**IT'S FREE | 5:00 - 7:30 EACH DAY | BYO PICNIC RUGS | FOOD VANS ONSITE**



Scan for more info

#themonsterau

Hosted by Inflatable Fun Park

"This project is jointly funded by the Australian and Victorian Governments under the Council Flood Support Fund and the DFSA."

Australian Government

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State Government

Save the Date!

Sat 23 March 2024

## ALPINE COLOUR FUN RUN 2024

Myrtleford Showgrounds

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ALPINE YOUTH

If you, any young people/families/young at heart would like to come on by, have some fun and a run/jog/walk/skip/shuffle, we'd love to have you join us!

- Community event and open to all
- Al's Skate Co will be joining us with accessibility friendly skating equipment & a grip art workshop.
- We'll have music entertainment, lawn games, health & wellness providers present and something to snack on
- Free event, registration for participants

Please see the event times below:

Event length:	09:00 – 13:00
Bump in:	08:30
Fun run start:	10:00
Bump out:	13:30

We are also looking for volunteers to man the stations or roam around on the day. We would love to involve as much of the Myrtleford community as I can. The colour stations would be 'in operation' from 9:45am till approx 11:30am.

EVENTBRITE LINK TO SIGN UP COMING SOON!

## Registrations Now Open

Visit [Myrtleford Netball Club Facebook Page](#)  
 or email: [myrtnetball@gmail.com](mailto:myrtnetball@gmail.com) for registration links and further information

Woolworths net set go

For all children aged 5 to 9 years old (children must have turned 5 by 30/4/24)  
 Commencing Wednesday 17th April  
 Cost: \$90 (includes participant pack)

### Junior Netball Competition

This competition is for girls & boys in grade 3\* and above.  
 Commencing 17th April 2024 @ RC McNamara Reserve  
 Cost: \$90 (incl \$66 VNA insurance)  
 Registrations close **Thursday 28th March 2024**  
 \*Please email [myrtnetball@gmail.com](mailto:myrtnetball@gmail.com) prior to registering if the player has not previously participated in NetSetGo or Competition.

### Senior Netball Competition

Commencing 16th April 2024 @ Myrtleford Indoor Stadium  
 Cost: \$170 (incl. Insurance, Stadium Entry & Umpires)  
 Individual & Team Registrations close **Thursday 28th March 2024**

**myrtleford netball.**



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## Have your say!

### Cundy Park Concept Designs

As a much-loved park in the Myrtleford community, it's important you have your say on what you'd like to see included in concept designs for a revamped Cundy Park.



Scan me to fill out the survey!

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