



## Newsletter

Term 4, Week 10

Thursday December 10th, 2020



We acknowledge and respect the past and present Elders, the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people and custodians of this land the Dja Dja Wurrung people.

Thank you for protecting and preserving our land Australia in the past, for sharing it now and educating us for the future.

We pay our respects to the Elders of the past, present and future and acknowledge their spiritual connection to Country.

*Wonder* • *Persevere* • *Believe* • *Create*  
*Respect* • *Responsibility* • *Resilience*

### TERM DATES

<b>December</b> Friday, 11th	Mass - Gr. P/1 - 9:15-10:15am	Friday, 18th	Final day for staff
Friday, 11th	Grade 6 Fun Day	<b>January</b> Wednesday, 27th	Staff return for 2021
Monday, 14th	Reports available on PAM from 4:00pm	Thursday, 28th Friday, 29th	Literacy Testing - by appointment
Monday, 14th 6:00pm	Graduation Mass/Liturgy	<b>February</b> Monday, 1st	All students return for 2021 Year
Tuesday, 15th	Final day for students Gr. P/1 Advent Liturgy- 12:00pm BBQ Picnic Lunch - 12:30pm 3:15pm finish if catching buses	Friday, 5th 9:15-10:15am	Beginning Year Mass
Wednesday, 16th Thursday, 17th	Numeracy Testing - by appointment	Tuesday, 16th 7:30am	Shrove Tuesday Pancake Breakfast

Be happy at all times; pray constantly; and for all things give thanks to God, because this is what God expects you to do in Christ Jesus.

Never try to suppress the Spirit or treat the gift of prophecy with contempt; think before you do anything – hold on to what is good and avoid every form of evil. May the God of peace make you perfect and holy; and may you all be kept safe and blameless, spirit, soul and body, for the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. God has called you and he will not fail you.

*1 Thes 5:16-24*



Dear families,

The second reading for this Sunday, the 3rd Sunday in Advent, has St Paul reassuring his audience and encouraging them to behaviours and actions that are as applicable for us today as they were back then, in the time of his writing. Be happy, think before you do, hold on to what is good, God has called you and will not fail you. Such simple, yet so powerful, messages. Our humanness prevents us from doing these things all the time, yet, they are fundamental to us becoming fully human. As we prepare for not only Christmas, but the end of the school year together, the opportunity for reflection is heightened considerably.

In a time of great uncertainty, relentless challenges and struggle, the community of St Mary's has been steadfast in supporting each other. We are truly blessed to be a part of such a connected school community. Although our face-to-face connection has been limited throughout the restrictions, the desire to maintain partnerships and forge new ones is alive and in full vigor for the horizon that is 2021.

May I take this opportunity to acknowledge and thank different groups of people. Firstly, to our staff team, who work tirelessly and dedicate so much time and energy to the growth and care of the children. So often, this goes unnoticed, but we really are very lucky to have such a committed team who always put the needs of the children first.

Fr Wahid has been a wonderful support to me personally, and the school and I thank him for his commitment and interest as Governing Authority of St. Mary's. His presence, both face-to-face and virtually, as well as his advice and encouragement is always of enormous benefit and greatly appreciated.

To the parent community who engage with us in partnership, in enhancing the growth of the children in all areas from social, academic, emotional, spiritual and physical; thank you for your support and understanding, and for having the faith in us to do our best in the interests of your children. Although the year has been challenging, and in many aspects quite disconnected, thank you for your ongoing support and patience in negotiating the ever-changing restrictions. Can I make particular mention of the members of the School Advisory Council and the Parents & Friends, in thanking them for their support of myself and the entire staff team.

Finally, the children. I would like to thank them for the joy they bring us every day and for letting us be a part of their journey from toddler to adolescence. The children are the reason we do what we do, and for us as a staff team, they make our jobs our vocations.

I wish you all a very safe and peaceful Christmas time. May you feel a closeness to your god and an opportunity to celebrate all that is special to you. Enjoy the summer break. For those of you who are leaving us, please know that you are always welcome at St Mary's at any point. Our story is richer for you being a part of it. For the rest of you who are returning next year, we look forward to seeing everyone back on either the 29th or 30th of January for testing, and then February 1st for our first school day for 2021.

### **Blessing and Farewell**

A special thank you to those who were able to join us in blessing and officially opening the refurbished Mercy Building. I would also like to extend my sincerest thanks to Bronwyn Phillips for finding time to join us at this hectic time of year. It was a great occasion to offer Bronwyn our best wishes for her journey ahead, albeit belated given the circumstances of 2020. We look forward to maintaining a partnership with Bronwyn both personally and professionally in the years to come.

### **Farewell**

We extend our best wishes to our graduating grade six students: Farley, Logan, Hannah C, Naomi, Lachlan, Max, Jack, Thomas, Evie, Hannah O, Dylan, Charli, Rohan, Henry, Ben, Royce and Adeeng. These students have been a wonderful group of grade 6 students who have been great contributors to the life of St. Mary's during their time here. They have all been terrific role models and their maturity and leadership will be missed. As they move on to the next phase of their education we are confident that they will be well equipped to make their mark in their new school situations.

After many years of involvement with St. Mary's the Browne-Kerr, Cochrane, Drohan, Lenan, Nuttall, Oppermann, Pozar, Simmonds, Lucas, Vandenberg, Whitzell and Williams families are bidding us farewell. We thank them all for the significant contribution they have made over the years and wish them all the best for the future. We also bid farewell to Raphael & Clementine Nelms who are moving on to their new school in 2021 and wish them every success. All of you will always be welcome at St Mary's.

### **Congratulations!**

There is some exciting news to share! After many years' waiting, we would like to wish Alison Condliffe, James and Leo our congratulations on the adoption of a baby boy! We are all thrilled for them on this exciting new chapter in their lives.

As part of the adoption process, Alison will be taking 12 months leave. We are currently advertising a 12-month replacement position for a junior school teacher.

### **Graduation Mass**

With the updated density quotient of 1 person per 2 square meters, we can now accommodate 159 people in St Mary's Church. What a journey it has been to get to this point!

As a result, we are inviting all families to our end of year Mass on Monday 14<sup>th</sup> December at 6:00pm. To ensure we don't have to turn people away due to number, **we request that the attendees are immediate family only (parents and siblings of currently enrolled students).**

### **Reports**

A reminder that your child's report will be available on Monday 14<sup>th</sup> December from 4pm via the Parent Access Module (PAM).

### **Assessment Interviews**

Please keep an eye on your emails for allocated testing times for 16<sup>th</sup> or 17<sup>th</sup> December and 28<sup>th</sup> or 29<sup>th</sup> January. Times for the end of year and beginning of year testing should have reached your inbox.

If you have not received an email, please call Karen Williams at the office. Every effort has been made to have siblings tested at the same time to acknowledge the challenges of waiting around for extended periods.

### **Last day for students**

Our last day of school for the year is next Tuesday. The morning will be an opportunity for students to spend time together in their classes followed by our final Advent liturgy which will be presented by the P/1 class commencing at 12pm. This will be an opportunity for us as a community to come together to thank God for the many blessings given to us this year. All welcome: please sign in via the School Yard QR code. This will be followed by a BBQ at 12:30pm that has been kindly organised by the P & F. Parents are most welcome to collect their child/ren following the BBQ – please let the classroom teacher know. A friendly reminder please, that all toddlers coming along remain the responsibility of the parents, and not the teachers. There will still be supervision for students until 3:15pm to coincide with bus pick-up times.

May the miracle of Christmas bring you all peace and joy.

Kind regards,  
Ben Shields



### **Roster for Watering during holiday period**

**We are looking for volunteers over the holiday period to  
water the vegetable garden and plants.**

**If you are able to assist in any way, could you please  
email Barb Burchett on  
[barbara.burchett@smcastlemaine.catholic.edu.au](mailto:barbara.burchett@smcastlemaine.catholic.edu.au)  
with dates that you are available;  
a roster will then be drawn up.**

**Many thanks.**





*We proclaim a crucified Christ*

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9 December 2020

*Parents of children in Catholic Schools  
Catholic Archdiocese of Melbourne*

Dear Parents,

As the days rush by towards Christmas, may I write in thanks for the tremendous love and care you have given your families in such a hard year.

Many of us are joyful at the simple prospect of 2020 being over!

For parents in Catholic schools, I am grateful for the collaboration between our incredible teachers and principals and yourselves, in guiding your children through long days and weeks of learning from home, with all the ups and downs of the lockdown situations.

For a number, some heartbreak and loss has been mingled with other challenges, as well as distance from loved ones. My own prayer has been for you and your families, and I am trusting that in the time ahead the Holy Spirit will bring fresh joy and encouragement, and some well-deserved rest.

As the year comes to a close, may I also bring to your attention a significant change that has been taking place in the background this year, in which principals and parish priests have been acutely involved: the creation of a new company, Melbourne Archdiocese Catholic Schools (MACS), to govern Catholic schools in Melbourne as of 1 January 2021.

For you, as parents, you will notice no real change in your Catholic schools. It will be largely 'business as usual' as the year begins and students find their way into a new grade and new challenges. However, the day-to-day business of Catholic schools will not alter as such.

In fact, the Constitution for MACS makes it crystal clear that the parish and the school, especially through leaders such as the parish priest, principal, and the School Advisory Council, will have a responsibility to collaborate and continue to build up Catholic schools as the faith-filled, generous learning communities that they are.

If you would like to learn more, please consult the material at the following website, which has been available throughout the year as this work has developed:

<https://governance.melbourne>

For my part, the change from Catholic Education Melbourne to MACS has been the fruit of much hard work, in which the legacy of Catholic education is being upheld with gratitude for the past and much hope for the future.


Let us work together in the time ahead to continue to provide the best, the very safest, and the most generous learning environment we can for students and their families.

Catholic schools are a fruit of the Gospel and I give thanks to the Lord Jesus and his faithful disciples in Melbourne for building such schools, filled with so many gifts and diversity.

May we celebrate the birth of the Lord this coming Christmas, filled with gratitude, blessed with some time away from it all, and sharing that manifold joy with one another for which Catholic faith has always been so famous.

With appreciation, and blessings on you and your family.

Yours sincerely in Christ Jesus,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'P. A. Comensoli', with a small cross symbol to the left of the first name.

**Most Rev Peter A Comensoli**  
Archbishop of Melbourne





## Graduation/End of Year Mass 2020

This years Graduation/End of Year Mass will be held on Monday 14<sup>th</sup> December, beginning at 6:00pm.

In line with COVID safe operations, our numbers are limited in the church. This mass will be open only to students of immediate family (parents and siblings of currently enrolled students).

COVID safe practices on the night will include hand sanitizer and QR code registration on entry along with face masks while inside the church. We understand that this is a very unusual way to have our end of year mass however, it is best practice in keeping us safe. We look forward to seeing you there on this special occasion.





***Our clever artist . . . Rob Wolff showing his unknown tal-***





**Blessing of the refurbished Mercy Building . . .**









## Farewell to Bronwyn Phillips . . .



## Book Reviews by Grade 2/3

### *The One and Only Ivan by Katherine Applegate*

Book review written by: Clarissa Salvatore

*This book is called The One and Only Ivan. The setting of this book is a dirty mall with fingerprints all over the glass walls. Some of the characters are: Ivan a gorilla, Stella an Elephant, Bob a dog, Ruby another elephant, Mac the owner of the mall and Julia and her dad George the cleaner. Ivan loves painting. He lives in the mall with his other animal friends and takes part in circus activities. Ivan likes art and has great friends. Soon, another elephant called Ruby comes to the mall and changes Ivan's perspective of the outside world until both their hearts break but Ivan keeps the promise that he made.*

*The strengths of the story are the way the story kept you interested and no matter where you stopped reading you would always want to keep reading. The strengths of the characters were that they all had lots of courage and I loved the way they cared for each other.*

*The messages or morals to the story were to keep on trying and never stop believing in yourself. Honestly, I thought the story was amazing and if someone asked me how I would change the book I would have no clue how to.*

*The story made me feel: happy, sad and grateful. The characters made me feel proud, happy and scared for them. The way they dealt with things was better than I ever would have. I would recommend this book to primary school students from grade 2 to grade 6 because they would feel the emotions in this book the most.*

# **The One and Only Ivan by Katherine Applegate**

## **Book review by Emilia Morelli**

This type of writing is realistic fiction. The characters of the story are: Ivan, Bob, Julia, Mack, Stella and Ruby. They live in the grotty unclean mall. Ivan is a gorilla that lives in captivity in the mall. He meets other animals which has him remembering his family.

The story starts with Ivan in captivity and Stella the elephant in captivity too. She is very old. They become friends because Stella cared for Ivan but everything got better. The story was kept interesting by keeping me informed about animals and how they might feel. The characters were interesting and fun except Mack. Making a bit of his life story shorter. I think the message of this story is making people feel more protective of nature so the story made me feel more protective of nature. The characters made me feel ashamed and happy. I would recommend this book to people ages 7+.

# **The One and Only Ivan by Katherine Applegate**

A book review by Evie O'Sullivan

**This book is a work of realistic fiction. The characters are Ivan, Ruby, Stella, Julia, Bob & Mack. In this book, I thought the setting in this book was in closed spaces, cages, TV, unique fingerprints and a mall.**

**A broken cage, a couple of friends, a boring life just getting better. Ivan lives in a mall and is supposed to be a mighty silverback but instead he is lonely and making masterpieces and promises. I thought that this story was one of those books that has more than one strength in the story. These were inspirational, happy, sad, bright, caring and grateful. I thought that there was also more than one strength in the characters. They showed strengths as happy, caring, lesson learning, helpful, grateful and kind characters.**

**I would improve this story by making the words not so plain and making the ending come quicker, not slower. The messages and morals in the story were to believe you belong where you belong and always live up to your dreams.**

**The story made me feel happy, sad and at times, bored. I felt the same way about the characters, that some were good and some were bad because they were mean to the other characters. I would recommend this book to kids 9 and above that can cope with a little bit of sadness.**

# The One and Only Ivan by Katherine Applegate

A book review by Ailish Kennedy

This book is a realistic fiction. It is set in a dirty, interesting mall with sticky fingerprints on glass walls. Ivan is stuck in a mall along with Stella the elephant and Bob the dog. Life is normal until Ruby a baby elephant comes along and changes everything.

Ivan is in a mall with Stella the elephant and Bob the dog. Ivan loves art and draws what he sees - an old banana for instance, or an apple core. Mack (his keeper) has put a television in his domain. He watches TV most of the day but then Ruby comes . . .

The way the story was written was kind of like from a gorilla but they don't talk much and Ivan could look back on a situation really well. I thought that was important. Bob is very loyal and faithful. Julia is kind and helps Ivan to do things he loves. Stella is wise and gentle. Ruby is bright and inquisitive. I can't think of any way to improve this story. It was so good!

I think the message in the story is to always keep trying and to realise who you are. This story made me feel interested and a mixture of feelings - sad, happy and a little bit angry but that was really good. The characters made me feel good except for Mack. He made me feel bad and sad.

I would recommend this book to 9+. It's easy to read but the concept is not really for kids under 9.

## The One and Only Ivan - by Katherine Applegate

A book review by Clementine Nelms

*I really enjoyed the One and Only Ivan. I loved the way Katherine Applegate wrote it. It was a lovely story about friendship and who you are inside in your soul. Ivan and Stella are so inspiring and awesome, Julia is so kind and loving, Bob believes and Ruby is so curious. Everyday she made my day.*

*The story is about Ivan who lives in the mall and loves art. He draws everyday. Ivan has loads of friends until Ruby, the elephant, arrives in a box and changes everybody's life. It's up to Ivan to save the day.*

*The strengths of this story are the intriguing bits and it is suspenseful. The characters are remarkable, inspiring and true to themselves.*

*I would improve this story by telling people about the other gorillas. I think the message of this story is to always be true to yourself. This story made me feel stronger as the characters were amazing.*

*I would recommend this book to 8 - 10 year olds that can cope with a mix of emotions and like happy endings.*



## Week 10 learning with 4 / 5 and Miss C.

We are still busy in our class reading, questioning, creating, persisting and trying out new ideas.

This second week of Advent we shared our liturgy about John the Baptist and have been thinking about how can we be Advent people.

What can we do to help others?

We are halfway through our last Literature Circle cycle and the conversations have deepened, with more connections and sharing of ideas.



We visited the Year 6 ERP Expo and were impressed by their creative presentations, knowledge and ability to answer questions.

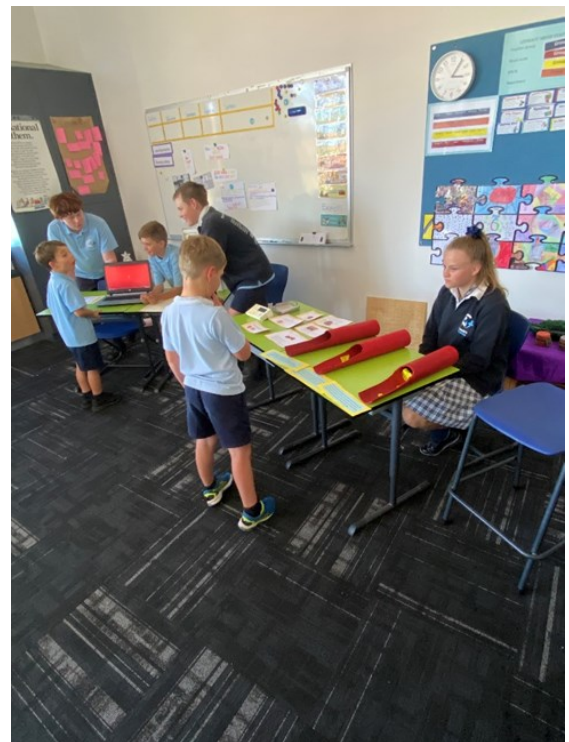




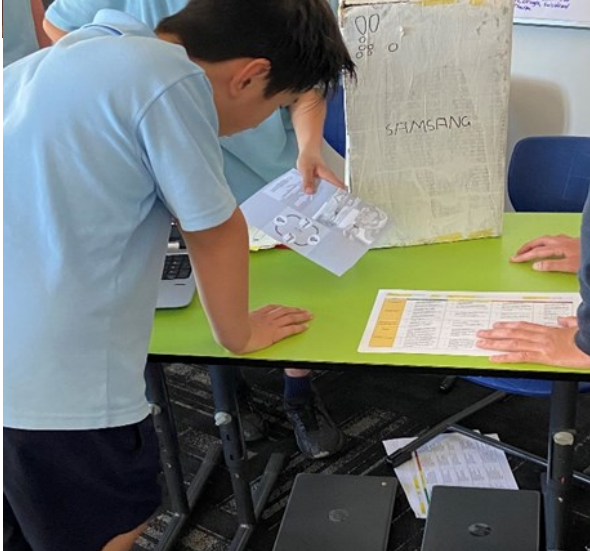
# Grade Six Legends

Our ERP expo was held on Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> and the grade sixes were very thankful to the classes that came and saw what we have been working so hard on this term.

*Here are some pictures of the EXPO*











Merry Christmas



## R.E. 2021

*Dates to remember . . .*

- Friday, 5th February, 2021 - 9:15-10:15am  
**Beginning School Year Mass**
- Wednesday, 17th February, 2021 - 9:15-10:15am  
**Ash Wednesday Mass**
- Sunday, 28th February, 2021 - 10:30-11:30am  
**First Reconciliation Commitment Mass**
- Friday, 26th March, 2021 - 9:15-10:15am  
**End of Term Mass**
- Friday, 23rd April, 2021 - 9:15am-10:15am  
**Beginning of Term 2 Mass**
- Wednesday, 28th April, 2021 - 7:00-8:30pm  
**First Reconciliation Celebration**
- Sunday, 25th July, 2021 - 10:30-11:30am  
**First Holy Communion Commitment Mass**
- Sunday, 15th August, 2021 - 10:30-11:30am  
**Feast of the Assumption Mass**
- Sunday, 29th August, 2021 - 10:30-12:30pm  
**First Holy Communion Celebration**
- Sunday, 12th September, 2021 - 10:30-11:30am  
**Holy Name of Mary Feast Day Mass**
- Sunday, 10th October, 2021 - 10:30-11:30am  
**Confirmation Commitment Mass**
- Sunday, 14th November, 2021 - 10:30-11:30am  
**Confirmation Mass**

*We would like to wish the following students a very happy birthday:*

*December 28th: Lachlan Drohan*





# HEADING TO HIGH SCHOOL? ON YOUR BIKE!



## Cycling program for teens & tweens

- Prepare for independent travel
- Brush up on your riding skills
- Understand the road rules
- Learn strategies for safe on-road riding

Places limited by Covid restrictions; our Covid safe plan will be in place.

Time  
10 – 2pm

Program Dates  
20 & 21 January

Cost  
\$10 for two sessions

Booking Essential  
[on\\_your\\_bike.eventbrite.com.au](https://on_your_bike.eventbrite.com.au)

### About the instructors

**Nicola Dunncliff-Wells** is an accredited Bike Ed Instructor and AustCycle Skills Coach. President of Bike Bendigo and mother of three, she is passionate about supporting active travel to school.

**Penny Gilbert** holds a Bike Ed Instructor certificate and has worked as an Outdoor Education Teacher. She has two children, runs CycleSafe Mount Alexander and loves her active lifestyle and seeing others enjoy the fun and freedom of riding.



– FOR SALE –

Size 4 St. Mary's uniform – **Summer Dress**

nearly new, worn only 3–4 times

Ph: 0418 718471

\$25.00

– FOR SALE –

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and School Tie – \$90 for both

Ph: 0408 010399



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One of each size, hardly worn,  
excellent condition, smoke free home.

\$30(size 14K) & \$25 (size 6K)

\$50 for both.

Please Contact :

04142739857 (Margie)

116 Duke Street, Castlemaine



Tennis Programs Victoria

## January Training Schedule

130 McLeans Road, Bundoora VIC 3083

Training programs will commence January 4<sup>th</sup> until Friday 29<sup>th</sup> 2021. Please arrive at 8:45am for immediate start at 9:00am.

Please assess the table below for an exciting full month of programs in the January Summer holidays to further enhance your tennis skills. Check your day and dates for specific programs that you would like to enrol in. Numbers are limited so get in quick!

DAY	TIME	SQUAD	PRICE (per session)
MONDAY 4 <sup>th</sup> , 11 <sup>th</sup> , 18 <sup>th</sup>	9:00am – 12:00pm	Performance all ages 2-hour intensive tennis drills 1-hour fitness	\$65
TUESDAY 5 <sup>th</sup> , 12 <sup>th</sup> , 19 <sup>th</sup>	9:00am – 11:00am	Juniors aged 6-10 2-hour tennis technical, movement patterns and games	\$40
WEDNESDAY 6 <sup>th</sup> , 13 <sup>th</sup> , 20 <sup>th</sup>	9:00am – 11:00am	Juniors aged 10-16 2-hour tennis technical, movement patterns and match play	\$40
THURSDAY 7 <sup>th</sup> , 14 <sup>th</sup> , 21 <sup>st</sup>	9:00am – 11:00am	Juniors aged 6-10 2-hour tennis technical, movement patterns and games	\$40
FRIDAY 8 <sup>th</sup> , 15 <sup>th</sup> , 22 <sup>nd</sup>	9:00am – 12:00pm	Performance all ages 2-hour intensive tennis drills 1-hour fitness	\$65

To enrol, email [paul@tennisprogramsvictoria.com](mailto:paul@tennisprogramsvictoria.com)

041 551 1150 - Paul Mick (Director Tennis Programs Victoria).c



# SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAM SUMMER 2021

## WEEK 1 4 - 8 JAN

### GAME ON

Mon 4 Jan



Get your games face on – we've got board games, party games, paper plane competitions and so much more! Could you be our game day champion?

### SUMMER FUN

Tue 5 Jan



We make the most of the Summer weather with a day filled with cool and fun outdoor summertime activities to celebrate the holidays.

### CRAZY HAIR DAY

Wed 6 Jan



There's no better way to have some fun, than having crazy hair – the coolest colours, to the wildest hairstyles, there's hours of fun to be had. Plus face painting!

### THE MAD SCIENTIST

Thu 7 Jan



Mess up your hair and become a mad scientist for the day. With heaps of fun and fascinating experiments planned, you'll have an scintillating day!

### IT'S A BEACH PARTY!\*

Fri 8 Jan



Pack your summer gear for a day of beach style fun and games! Prepare and make some yummy summer time and tropical treats to enjoy at our Beach Party!

## WEEK 2 11 - 15 JAN

### LET'S MAKE A MESS!

Mon 11 Jan



What better way to spend the day than getting creative with messy activities! Think of gooey slime, messy art projects and messy outdoor play. We will have messy games as well. Wear clothes you can get messy in!

### LIFE AT THE ZOO

Tue 12 Jan



Zoos Victoria is taking us on a virtual excursion with an expert educator teaching us all about the animals at the zoo while we get to watch them live on screen.

### CAMPING WITH A DIFFERENCE

Wed 13 Jan



Bring in your sleeping bag and camping skills as we transform school holidays into an indoor camping adventure! We'll make our own "campfire" and have cool camping activities with a twist.

### TEDDY BEAR PICNIC\*

Thu 14 Jan



Today we are hosting our teddy bear picnic! Bring your favourite soft toy along for a day of games, imaginative and creative play. We then enjoy a yummy picnic with our friends.

### CONSTRUCTION CHALLENGE

Fri 15 Jan



How big can you make a house of cards before it falls? How many dominoes can you line up? What can you make out of boxes and popsicle sticks?

\$84 per day - bookings can be made through your My Family Lounge account  
What to bring: Don't forget your broad brimmed, bucket or legionaries hat, sunscreen, snacks, lunch and drink bottle.

## CASTLEMAINE SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAM

Campbells Creek Primary School | 127 Main Rd Campbells Creek VIC 3451  
p: 0499 983 828 | e: castlemaine@ymca.org.au | w: childrensprogram.ymca.org.au



# KIDS SINGING

Group singing lessons for children 5yrs+

- Learn the fundamentals of voice
- Nurture musicality, build social skills
- Positive, age appropriate

Mondays @ 4pm - enrol now for Term 1, 2021 as places are limited. To book or for more info phone

Tara on

0418 718 471

# SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAM SUMMER 2021

## WEEK 3 18 - 22 JAN

### COLOUR PARTY\*

Mon 18 Jan



It's a colour party! Wear your brightest, favourite colours and get ready for a day of playing party games. There will be fun music and lots of dancing, plus face painting, coloured hair spray and so much more.

### RECORD BREAKERS

Tue 19 Jan



Lets break some records! Today we will be trying to beat some Guinness World Records! Do you have what it takes?

### MAKING MAGIC

Wed 20 Jan



We're learning magic tricks and discovering the secrets of performing the perfect illusion. Bring your tricks or learn some new ones.

### GARDENING DAY

Thu 21 Jan



Calling all green thumbs! Come and join us in all our gardening themed adventures as we get back to nature and reconnect with plants.

### THE DEEP BLUE SEA

Fri 22 Jan



What do you know about the oceans and the wonderful creatures who live there? Spend the day exploring the sea, creating sea creatures and learning about how we can help our oceans.

## WEEK 4 25 - 27 JAN

### CELEBRATE YOUR PET

Mon 25 Jan

Today we celebrate your furry family members. Bring along a picture and tell us what makes them special. Be inspired to make a special treat to take home for your own pet.

### CLOSED PUBLIC HOLIDAY

Tue 26 Jan

### CHILL OUT DAY\*

Wed 27 Jan

Spend the last day of the holidays chilling out in your pajamas watching movies and relaxing with your friends. We will have some other cool activities and even cooking to finish off the day. Come prepared to relax!

## Give your child an opportunity to grow and learn through new experiences.

If your child is aged between 5 - 12 years old and enrolled in primary school, they will love our school holiday program!

Our School Holiday Programs are created with the right mixture of fun, adventure, creativity and discovery; helping kids become more confident and independent. In addition to the advertised program each day we have a diverse range of indoor and outdoor activities planned to cater for each child's interests and abilities.

### What to bring

- Lunch and snack (Nutritious & NUT FREE)
- Water bottle, broad brim hat and sunscreen

### Additional needs

Children with additional needs are welcome to attend our program. Families must contact the OSHC Coordinator at least four weeks prior to the holiday program to discuss the individual needs of your child so that we ensure we have everything in place to support your child to participate in the program.

### Bookings and Fees

- All bookings are subject to availability.
- Bookings are made via the casual booking calendar.
- Bookings will not be accepted on the day unless places, adequate staffing and resources are available.
- Additional permissions are required for excursions.
- Cancellations must be received in writing seven (7) days before the last day of school term.
- A late fee of \$2 per minute applies when a child is picked up after closing time.

\* Please speak to service about any dietary requirements

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## CATHOLIC PARISH OF CASTLEMAINE

• HOLY NAME OF MARY, CASTLEMAINE • ST BRIGID'S, MALDON,  
• ST ANNE'S, NEWSTEAD • ST LAURENCE'S, SANDON

**SUNDAY 6<sup>th</sup> December 2020 – Year B**  
**SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

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Parish Priest: Rev Fr. Wahid Riad

We are proud to acknowledge the Dja Dja Wurrung people  
as the traditional owners of this land.

### CONTACT DETAILS

#### PARISH PRIEST

Rev Wahid Riad PP

Phone: (03) 5472 1900

Mobile: 0419 511 064

#### ST MARY'S PRIMARY SCHOOL

Principal: Ben Shields

Phone: (03) 5472 2270

#### Parish Secretary

BAPTISMS, MARRIAGES,  
PASTORAL CARE OF THE SICK

For details regarding the celebration  
of these sacraments, please contact  
the Parish Priest.

**ST. BRIGID'S HALL** – Bookings for  
St. Brigid's Hall are to be made  
through Elaine Lacey on 0448 009 945.

**ST. MARY'S HALL** – Bookings for  
St. Mary's Hall are to be made through  
the Parish Office on 5472-1900.

**THE CATHOLIC PARISH OF CASTLEMAINE**  
**IS COMMITTED TO THE SAFETY,  
WELLBEING AND DIGNITY OF ALL  
CHILDREN AND VULNERABLE ADULTS.**



### WORSHIP TIMETABLE

**Saturday**  
**Reconciliation** Castlemaine 5.15pm  
**Vigil Mass:** Castlemaine 6.00pm  
Rosary is prayed before Mass

**Sunday**  
**Reconciliation:** Maldon 8.15am  
**Mass:** Maldon 8.30am  
**Mass:** Castlemaine 10.30am

**Tuesday**  
**Mass:** Castlemaine 6.00pm

**Wednesday**  
**Mass:** Castlemaine 9.15am  
Rosary is prayed after Mass  
**Thursday**  
**Mass:** Maldon 11.00am.

**Friday**  
**Mass:** Castlemaine 9.15am  
Followed by Adoration

**Second Sunday of the Month**  
**Mass:** Newstead 6.00pm

**Fourth Sunday of the Month**  
**Mass:** Sandon 6.00pm

### STEWARDSHIP CORNER

*"Prepare the way of the Lord" – Mark 1:3*

We are all called to invite others  
to live holy lives. Living a  
Stewardship lifestyle, being  
grateful and generous with our  
gifts, puts us on the path to  
holiness and is an example for  
others to be holy, too. We are  
responsible not only for our own  
lives, but for the lives of others  
as well.

### MASS Timetable on YouTube Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> December

**Mass:** Premiers on Saturday 6pm

STREAMING OF THE  
WEEKEND MASS  
will be on YouTube

under St. Mary's, Castlemaine.  
Please tune in on the day.

#### Today's Readings:

Isaiah 40: 1-5, 9-11

2 Peter 3: 8-14

Mark 1: 1-8

#### Responsorial Psalm

Lord, let us see your kindness,  
and grant us your salvation.

#### Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

Prepare the way of the Lord,  
make straight his paths:  
all people shall see the salvation of  
God.  
Alleluia!

### Next Sunday readings:

Isaiah 61: 1-2, 10-11

1 Thessalonians 5: 16-24

John 1: 6-8, 19-28

### CHRISTMAS TIMETABLE Parish Reconciliation Services

St Mary's: Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> December  
6.00pm

St Brigid's: Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> December  
11.00am

#### Christmas Masses

Christmas Eve: Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> December

St Mary's:

Carols

Family Mass

Carols

Midnight Mass

5.30pm

6.00pm

9.30pm

10.00pm

St Brigid's:

Carols

Family Mass

7.30pm

8.00pm

#### Christmas Day:

Friday 25<sup>th</sup> December

St Mary's:

Mass

9.30am



## MAY THEY REST IN PEACE

Recent Deaths: Eric West

Anniversaries: Bernard Brereton  
Katherine Gilda  
Kathleen Gain

Please pray also for all those who are sick and suffering serious illness and their families and loved ones who care for them. If you would like prayers for the sick included in Masses please give the names to the office or Fr Wahid.

### STEWARDSHIP

Thank you and every blessing for your contributions last weekend

1st Collection – Presbytery:	\$850
Weekly Target:	\$1000
2nd Collection – Parish:	\$1185
Weekly Target:	\$2000

### • Stewardship Programme

To contribute to our Thanksgiving by Direct Debit, our Catholic Development Fund Bank account details are as follows:

#### • CHURCH

BSB: 083 347  
Account No: 636 421 759  
Account Name: Castlemaine Parish Church Account

#### • PRESBYTERY

BSB: 083 347  
Account No: 635 910 163  
Account Name: Castlemaine Parish Presbytery Account  
Please put your surname or Envelope Number as a reference. Thank-you.

### Orders for GOD'S WORD 2021

We are now taking orders for  
"GOD'S WORD 2021"  
Please contact Trish Bowles  
on 0419-873-693.  
Please order ASAP or you may miss out!

## ADVENT GROUP

**"Prepare Him room"**  
We are running an Advent Program, "Prepare Him Room"

on Thursdays at 2pm and 7.30pm in the Buckley Room.  
Please ring Liz on 0468-436-264 or Juliet on 0422-344-907 for further details.  
All welcome!  
Materials will be provided.

## Jesus – Gift of Love and Hope for our world

Imagine .... that after the long dark of winter of lockdown in our state, that a single unifying message of hope and love could radiate from our Catholic Parishes these Advent and Christmas seasons.

## Parish Christmas breakup

This year the Parish Christmas breakup will be held at the Railway Hotel on Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> December at 7.00pm.  
It will be nibbles and drinks at bar prices in the Beer Garden.  
Please contact Julie Farrell on 0437-715-489 ASAP, as numbers are limited due to social distancing.

## AUSTRALIAN CATHOLICS

The Summer 2020/2021 Edition is now available.  
Please take home a copy for free  
Fairwell & Welcome Assembly 160

All parishioners are invited to a special assembly at St Mary's School to farewell Ms Bronwyn Phillips who was our school principal and to officially welcome Mr Ben Shields our new school Principal on Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> December at 9.30am. Please enter via the stairs and sign in using the QR code at the gate. All welcome.

## PARISH CALENDAR

### THIS WEEK

• *Tuesday 8th December*  
4.30pm: Legion of Mary, Buckley Rm  
6.00pm: Mass, St. Mary's

• *Wednesday 9th December*  
9.15am: Mass & Rosary, St. Mary's  
7.00pm: Parish Christmas breakup, Railway Hotel

• *Thursday 10th December*  
10.30am: Rosary, St. Brigid's  
11.00am: Mass, St. Brigid's  
2.00pm & 7.30pm: Advent Program, Buckley room.

• *Friday 11th December*  
9.00am: Mass & Adoration, St. Mary's

## MASS OF ANOINTING

### OF THE SICK

St. Brigid's:  
Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> December at 8.30 Mass

## A special Invitation to all parishioners

I wish to invite all my dear parishioners to come back to Church especially to the Sunday Masses, as we can now have up to 62 people (due to density quotient) in St Mary's Church. I would love to gather the whole community to come together and pray for peace and healing for everyone.

## 2021 COLUMBAN

### ART CALENDARS

Now available for sale: \$10 each

## Sunday Mass on YouTube

I will continue recording the Sunday Mass on YouTube to reach as many people as possible. To evangelize the world with the Good News of Jesus Christ. Also, as a service for those who are unable to get to Mass. The Mass will premiere on Saturday evening at 6.00pm onwards – under St. Mary's Parish,

## FEAST DAYS OF THE WEEK

St. Ambrose:  
Monday 7<sup>th</sup> December

The Immaculate Conception of The Blessed Virgin Mary:  
Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> December

St. Juan Diego:  
Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> December

St. Damasus I:  
Friday 11<sup>th</sup> December

Our Lady of Guadalupe:  
Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> December

## St Vincent de Paul

### Christmas Appeal

This year we are requesting tins of ham. If you are able to donate a tin, please place in the basket in the Church foyer. We will also be having our annual giving tree. If you would like to donate a gift or a voucher it would be greatly appreciated.

## Job Vacancy: Parish Secretary

**Catholic Parish of Castlemaine**  
The position of Parish Secretary has been advertised on the Melbourne Archdiocese website. For further details please go to: <https://melbournecatholic.org/about/job-vacancies/2-parish-secretary-the-catholic-parish-of-castlemaine>