



Newsletter

Term 2, Issue 1

Thursday April 16th, 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

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Persevere

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Believe

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Responsibility

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Resilience

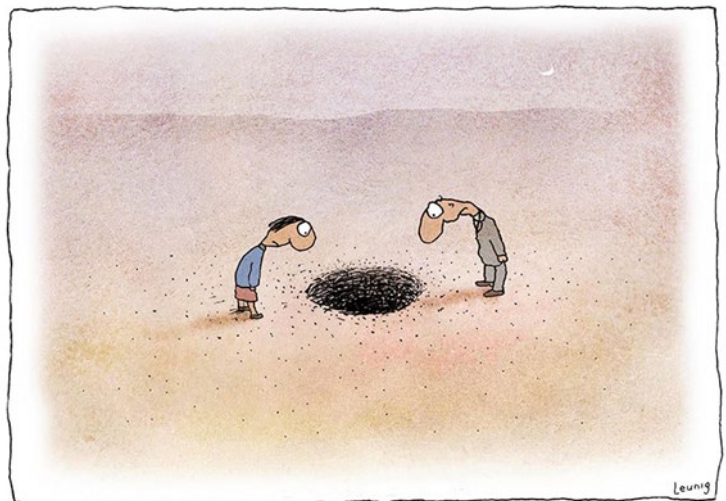
The parable of the hole ~ Portia Nelson

*I walk down the street.
There is a deep hole in the sidewalk.
I fall in.
I am lost... I am helpless.
It isn't my fault.
It takes forever to find a way out.*

*I walk down the same street.
There is a deep hole in the sidewalk.
I pretend I don't see it.
I fall in again.
I can't believe I am in the same place.
But, it isn't my fault.
It still takes me a long time to get out.*

*I walk down the same street.
There is a deep hole in the sidewalk.
I see it is there.
I still fall in. It's a habit.
My eyes are open.
I know where I am.
It is my fault. I get out immediately.*

*I walk down the same street.
There is a deep hole in the sidewalk.
I walk around it.
I walk down another street.*



Dear Families,

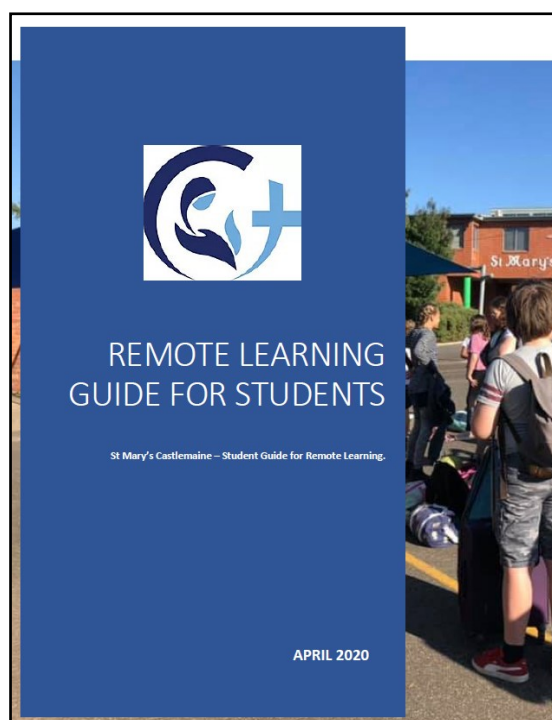
As we begin our journey together in term 2 we are faced with a world in great crisis and, as a result, suffering. We are inexorably confronted by the challenges of change and adaption. The byproduct of change is uncertainty and fear. Our current climate hinges upon fear more than most changeable circumstances we've faced in our lives because we can no longer predict and control the outcomes. The parable of the hole is a great example of how easy it can be to maintain the status quo by remaining in our comfort zone. As learners, we constantly experience change and repetitively encounter mistakes. The attitudes towards error making are the key to growth and development. Edison once said, "I have not failed. I've just found 10,000 ways that don't work." It is this mentality that we wish to continue to instill in our learning community. We, too, are going to make numerous mistakes. What we are being asked to do together has never been done.

Remote Learning

The teachers are exceptionally keen to begin their remote learning programs with students commencing next Monday. A selection of tasks have been offered on an optional basis this week to ensure they're adequately prepared with devices, materials etc. for next week. If you haven't had a chance yet, I recommend casting your eyes over the parent and student remote learning guides and discussing the arrangements with your children. The primary point of contact for your child's learning programs is Google Classroom. If you have any queries about learning programs, activities or materials during this time, the best contact is your child's classroom teacher/s.



Please make yourself familiar with the following publications that were recently sent out on FlexiBuzz:



Learning times

It is unrealistic to attempt replicating a regular daily program with students following the 9:00-3:15 routine. Family arrangements differ vastly and we aim to provide you with a program that is as flexible as possible.

The recommended times for corresponding levels are as follows:

- For students in Prep to Year 2, schools should engage in learning programs that include the following:
 - literacy activities that take a total of about 45–60 minutes
 - numeracy activities of around 30–45 minutes
 - additional learning areas, such as Religion, Inquiry and Specialists of about 30–45 minutes
- For students in Years 3 to 6, students should engage in learning programs allocated as follows:
 - literacy: 45–60 minutes
 - numeracy: 30–45 minutes
 - physical activities: 30 minutes
 - additional curriculum areas such as Religion, Inquiry and Specialists: 90 minutes.

Fees

I would like to reassure families impacted financially by COVID-19 that we want to assist you in every way possible to continue your child's enrolment at St Mary's. As many in our school community grapple with unprecedented changes to finances, emotional wellbeing and physical health, we have taken a clear position on enrolments.

No parent or guardian who wishes their child to receive a Catholic education at St Mary's will be denied the opportunity to do so because of financial circumstances. If you have concerns about your financial situation, please feel free to contact me so we can explore a confidential financial support arrangement to enable your child's ongoing education at our school.

We are absolutely committed to working with our families as we get through these challenging times.

Kind regards,
Ben Shields.

2020 School Closure Dates

Each year we are allowed four Pupil Free School Closure Days. This enables time for Whole Staff Planning for School Improvement and for Professional Development. We are mandated by law to accumulate 100 hours of Professional development over a five-year period. This year our school will have these pupil free days on the following dates:

Staff School Improvement Planning: **Thursday June 4th**

Staff School Improvement Planning: **Friday June 5th**

Monday 8th June Queens Birthday Public Holiday

Staff Report Writing & Data Analysis: **Monday November 2nd**

School Photos . . .

School Photo Day 2020 – St Mary's Primary School, Castlemaine


Annual school photos will be taken on Thursday, **20TH AUGUST, 2020** (please note new date) when sibling photos will also be taken by request.

IMPORTANT - To ensure a sibling photo is taken on photo day, please complete your request online before midday on the day before photo day.

- Grab your phone and go to arphotos.typeform.com/to/T22aSR
- Enter the name and class of the eldest child to be in the photo
- Enter the names of all other children to be included in the photo

There is no need to return any forms or payment to school for photos before photo day however if you do not have internet access you may contact the school for an order form or use the one handed out to families earlier this week.

Important Information - School Photos 2020



School Photographs will be taken at

St Mary's Primary School / Castlemaine
23 March, 2020

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

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

When you receive the individualised flyer for your child, follow the instructions to register your details online and receive SMS and email notifications when images can be viewed in the webshop (approx. 10 days after photography is completed).


Registration is required each year to link your child's images for the current year with your contact details.

Sibling Portrait Photos


If you would like a sibling photograph taken, request one **BEFORE** photo day

3 easy steps ...


1. Grab your phone and go to arphotos.typeform.com/to/T22aSR



2. Enter the name and class of the eldest child to be in the photo




3. Enter the names of all other siblings to be included in the photo



IMPORTANT - Sibling Photo requests close at midday on the day before photo day

CAN'T GO ONLINE? - CONTACT YOUR SCHOOL FOR AN ORDER FORM

If you are not able to register online but would still like to order school photos, please contact your school and request an order form. CASH orders can only be accepted up until photo day.



Arthur Reed Photos Pty. Ltd.
A.B.N. 48 528 494 590
(03) 5243 4390
customerservice@arphotos.com.au

SCHOOL PHOTO ORDER FORM

If you wish to purchase school portraits but do not have online access, you may complete the relevant form below and return to school on photo day with your payment in a clearly labelled envelope. Cash payments can only be accepted up until photo day.


More package options with choice of image plus discounted prices and home shipping options - available online only.

Student portrait packages

CAN'T ORDER ONLINE? - COMPLETE THIS SECTION (only if you are unable to register and order online)
Complete details on a separate form for each child and return to school on photo day in an envelope WITH CORRECT PAYMENT ENCLOSED. Label envelope clearly with 'SCHOOL PHOTOS' and your children's names. ENVELOPE ORDERS CAN ONLY BE ACCEPTED UP UNTIL PHOTO DAY.


A PARENTS CHOICE - \$54

1-30 x 20 cm B&W portrait
1-30 x 20 cm portrait




B VALUE - \$42

1-Group photo
2-18 x 13 cm 3-Wallet size



C PORTRAIT ONLY - \$27

2-18 x 13 cm 3-Wallet size



Student First Name _____

Year Level (✓ actual year level not class) _____

Prep / Foundation 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12

Student Last Name _____

I'd like to order package - ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D

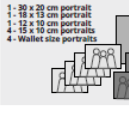
Total Cost of Order - \$ _____

Sibling portrait packages

CAN'T REGISTER OR ORDER ONLINE? - COMPLETE THIS SECTION
Complete form below and return with payment to school on photo day in an envelope labeled 'SCHOOL PHOTOS' with your children's names. ENVELOPE ORDERS CAN ONLY BE ACCEPTED UP UNTIL PHOTO DAY.

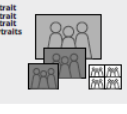
FA FAMILY VALUE - \$44

1-30 x 20 cm portrait
1-18 x 13 cm portrait
1-12 x 10 cm portrait
1-12 x 10 cm portrait
4-Wallet size portraits



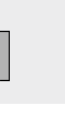
FB STANDARD - \$38

1-30 x 20 cm portrait
1-18 x 13 cm portrait
1-12 x 10 cm portrait
4-Wallet size portraits



FC PORTRAIT ONLY - \$27

1-30 x 20 cm portrait



Name of eldest child in sibling photo _____

I wish to order a sibling photo package - ☐ FA ☐ FB ☐ FC

Class _____


Total Cost of Order \$ _____

Go online BEFORE photo day to request a sibling photograph!


SIBLING PORTRAIT PHOTOGRAPHS

requesting a sibling photo is as easy as 1 2 3


1. Grab your phone and go to arphotos.typeform.com/to/T22aSR



2. Enter the name and class of the eldest sibling



3. Enter the names and classes of all other siblings to be included in the photo



Sibling Photograph requests close at midday on the day before photo day

Community News . . .

Sacred Heart College Kyneton

Learn. Care. Flourish.



Have you enrolled your child?

**Enrolments close on 31 July 2020
for Year 7 entry 2022
(students currently in Grade 5)**

Visit our College website for tour dates and bookings or contact our College Registrar for enrolment enquiries.

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CASTLEMAINE DISTRICT NETBALL ASSOCIATION

NETBALL WINTER 2020 SEASON

**WEDNESDAY EVENINGS FROM 5:30PM;
11&U MIXED, 13&U MIXED,
15&U MIXED, 17&U MIXED AND OPEN A & B**

**NETSETGO PROGRAM FOR 11&U
WEDNESDAYS 4PM**

INFORMATION NIGHT
WEDNESDAY APRIL 15 FROM 7PM
@WESLEY HILL STADIUM

WINTER SEASON COMMENCES
WEDNESDAY APRIL 22

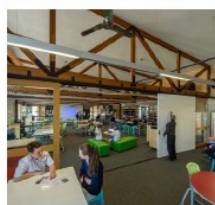
IF YOU WANT AN INFORMATION KIT
CONTACT US VIA EMAIL AT
CASTLEMAINENETBALL@HOTMAIL.COM



ENROLMENTS NOW OPEN

YEAR 7 ENROLMENTS FOR 2021

FOR ENROLMENT APPLICATION FORM AND INFORMATION VISIT
WWW.MARIST.VIC.EDU.AU/WP/ENROLMENTS





Mount Alexander Community Pantry

In response to the current coronavirus (covid-19) crisis many local organisations are working together to support our community members with what they need.

In particular, the Community Pantry will support you by providing two types of services: frozen pre-prepared meals and food packages, made with community spirit, care and strict standards of hygiene, delivered to your door!

To order pre-prepared meals or food packages, contact us via the details below. Phone & email requests will be taken between 9am-3pm, Monday to Friday.

Phone: 0472 537 866

Email: mtalexcommunitypantry@gmail.com

Web: www.cch.org.au/communitypantry

Orders are available via pick-up (appointment only) or delivery.

- **Pick-Up:** Church of Christ, 66 Blakeley Road Castlemaine. 10am-1pm, Monday to Friday.
- **Delivery:** 10am-1pm, Monday to Friday.
- **Maldon Frozen Meal Delivery:** 9.30am-11.30am, Tuesday and Friday.

We will contact you with an appointment or delivery time.



For emergency food relief contact Chris on 0419 154 392 (after-hours only)

Want to make a monetary donation? Contact Kelsey on 0472 537 866.

(Tax deductible donations available on request, min \$20.)

Food donations provided by: FoodShare, Second Bite, Lions Club Rotary, SuperCold Coolrooms & Local Businesses.



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