



Newsletter

Term 2, Week 3

Thursday May 6th, 2021



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

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| MAY Friday, 7th | Gr. 5/6 Class Mass - 9:15am | Wednesday, 26th | Gr. 3/4 Class Mass |
| Monday, 10th | Assembly - 2:45pm Gr. 3/4 to lead | Friday, 28th | Tabloid Sports Day - Foundation & Gr. 1/2 |
| Tuesday, 11th to Friday, 14th | NAPLAN | JUNE Wednesday, 2nd | Open Morning - 9:00 - 11:00am |
| Friday, 14th | Men's Night 7:00pm in Buckley Room (please see P & F News for Further information) | Monday, 14th | QUEENS BIRTHDAY PUBLIC HOLIDAY |
| Thursday, 20th | P & F Meeting - 9:30am All welcome | Friday, 25th | Last Day of Term 2 - 2:30pm Finish |
| Monday, 24th | Assembly - 2:45pm Gr. 1/2 to lead | | |

O Virgin Mother,
In the depths of your heart you pondered the
Life of the Son you brought into the world.
Give us your vision of Jesus and ask the
Father to open our hearts, that we may always
see his presence in our lives, and in the power
of the Holy Spirit, bring us into the joy and
peace of the kingdom, where Jesus is Lord
forever and ever. Amen



We pray for all our mothers and for those who perform a motherly role in our lives.

May your energy of gentleness, love and compassion guide us in our roles to be all that we can be as mothers and mother figures.

May we all show our mothers the honour and respect that they deserve.

Bless them all this Mother's Day, and always.

We pray for all those who do not have a mother or whose relationship with their mother is broken; and give thanks for the people who play a motherly role to those in need. May the legacy left by Mother Teresa continue to touch the lives and uplift the spirits of others through the tireless work of her sisters and volunteers.

Dear families,

What an important occasion it is for us to celebrate our mothers and the motherly figures in our lives. The first relationship we have is with our mother and it can often be the strongest. I hope all mums can enjoy a special day on Sunday, full of blessings and thanks for the role they play in our lives.

School Office

Thank you for your understanding with the limited access to the school office this week. Please be aware that Karen will also be out for professional development for a couple of days over the next two weeks also.

NAPLAN

Next week the students in Years 3 and 5 will participate in NAPLAN. NAPLAN is undertaken by all Year 3, 5, 7 and 9 students in Australia, it includes reading, writing, language conventions and numeracy.

There is a significant amount of conjecture throughout the country about the purpose of standardised testing such as NAPLAN. There is merit for both sides of the argument. At St Mary's we believe it is simply a test to gain some further data and insights into student learning. It provides a snapshot of academic skills in the life of a student on one given day. It doesn't account for the social-emotional wellbeing of the individual nor their disposition towards testing situations.

I am confident that all our students will do their best on the day/s – what more could we ever ask?

Social Media

Following on from the SeeSaw message sent out on Monday, the new Facebook and Instagram pages are now live. If you would like to follow on either of the platforms, please follow **@smcastlemaine**



The majority of the posts will not contain images of students until the Photograph/Recording Permission form is returned.

Cross Country

Congratulations to the students that represent St Mary's so well at the Division Cross Country. It sounds like you had a fantastic time and that the weather was superb.

Condolences

On behalf of the St Mary's community, I would like to send our condolences to Anne Maree and her family on the recent passing of her father. May we keep them in our thoughts and prayers.

Wishing you a happy and safe week ahead.

Kind regards,
Ben Shields.



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

Alex Tolevski : 9th May



S U S T A I N A B I L I T Y



‘Sustainability is our SUPER POWER!’

World Migratory Bird Day

Saturday, 8th May

“Sing, Fly, Soar - Like a Bird!”

is the theme of this year’s World Migratory Bird Day, an annual global campaign dedicated to raising awareness of migratory birds and the need for international co-operation to conserve them.

The 2021 World Migratory Bird Day theme is an invitation to people everywhere to connect and reconnect with nature by actively listening to - and watching birds - wherever they are.

Birds connect habitats and they connect us, reminding us of our own connection to the planet, the environment, wildlife and each other. Through their seasonal movements, World Migratory Day 2021 is therefore not only a celebration of birds, it is also an important moment to reflect on our own global relationship with nature and to highlight our collective desire to do more to protect birds and nature in a post-pandemic world.

Celebrated across the world on two peak days each year - on the second Saturday in May and second Saturday in October - World Migratory Bird Day is the only international awareness-raising and education program that celebrates the migration of bird species along all the major flyways of the world.



Start collecting your empty bread bags and tags, St Mary's is collecting!

Help to do your bit for the environment, as well as get St Mary's in the running for some new playground equipment. Collect your bread bags and tags, and we will have boxes for you to submit them into soon!

Wonder Recycling Rewards is a fun and easy program we've created to collect and recycle bread bags and bread tags at school. Once collected, Wonder is going to turn the plastic into wonderful things like school play equipment!

As a registered school, your recycling efforts will earn you rewards points to redeem **new sports equipment from RHSports.**

PLUS

you are now in the draw to **WIN one of five exercise circuits** made from the recycled plastic we collect!

This Starter Pack contains all the information you will need to get the program up and running in your school.



MEN'S NIGHT:

Come along on Friday, 14th May at 7:00pm in the Buckley Room to meet other dad's, grandfathers and to watch St. Kilda v Geelong! BYO drinks and snacks. *Pencil this date in.*

TUESDAY'S FRUIT MORNING:

P & F purchase a box of fruit for the children to eat every Tuesday morning. This has been well received by all of the students.

SUSHI LUNCH ORDER DAY:

A reminder that sushi lunch order day is now on a Friday. Please order before 5pm each Thursday to ensure your order is placed *and please remember to put your child's grade, as orders are going to other classes.* Thank you!

BREAKFAST CLUB:

Toast with healthy spreads will be available for those who need it from 8:40am from the kitchenette near the school library.

Thank you to those who have kindly volunteered their time - we had a great response! If you would like to assist one morning per week please email Clare at c-majella@hotmail.com and you can be added to the roster.

NEW GARDEN BEDS:

We are seeking volunteers to offer their time and skills to help with the construction of some new garden beds for the school vegetable garden.

We will be holding two working bees - Wednesday, 19th May from 2:30pm onwards and Saturday, 22nd May from 10:00am onwards with a sausage sizzle supplied for lunch! If you are able to assist please come along!

TERM 2 STUDENT SPECIAL LUNCH DAY:

Later this term students will have the option of ordering a pie/sausage roll/pastie. Date to be announced soon!

NEXT MEETING: Thursday, 20th May at 9:30am. All welcome!





Discover, Create

Learn

Open Evening

Tuesday 18 May, 4pm – 8pm

Book Online: shckyneton.catholic.edu.au

Hands on activities, information sessions
and displays – something for everyone.

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Sacred Heart College Kyneton

Growing up Online

Members of the local community are invited to attend this Cyber Safe Event.

Guest Speaker: Susan McLean
(CyberSafety Solutions)

An educational & entertaining session for parents and carers, covering the positive benefits of technology as well as what parents need to be aware of. Topics include:

- Cyberspace 101
- What are kids doing online
- Online Grooming
- Cyberbullying
- Problematic Gaming
- Exposure to damaging content



When: Tuesday 25 May
Time: 7:00 pm - 8:30 pm
Where: Mary Moloney Theatre
Sacred Heart College, Kyneton
Tickets: This is a free event but seats must be booked via www.trybooking.com/BOYKU



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Parent Engagement Partnership

Road Safety Message from the School Crossing Team

Welcome back to another School Term. Whilst the weather is starting to turn colder, we are still seeing lots of people out and about walking and on bikes. So, here are just a few safety tips to keep in mind.....

- When riding a bike on the road, you must follow the same road rules as other vehicles. This means you must stop at the School Crossing when the Supervisor is on the Crossing with the Stop sign displayed.
- When walking on roads where there are no footpaths, it is best to walk on the side of the road with the traffic coming towards you. This may seem strange, but it is the safer way as it means you can see the traffic coming without having to continually be checking behind you.
- Always use the School Crossing when the flags are displayed.
- Always check the parking signs around schools and ensure you are parked legally.



ENROL NOW FOR YEAR 7, 2022



Join us in Year 7 as a part of our Montagne Learning Experience.

You will always be
known and loved at Marist.



Book a Principal Learning Walk, or Register for Transition Day on Wednesday 12 May 2021

Visit our website for full enrolment details

www.marist.vic.edu.au

ENROLMENTS CLOSE FRIDAY 4 JUNE