



## Newsletter

Term 4, Week 1

Thursday October 7th, 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

<b>OCTOBER</b> Tuesday, 12th & Wednesday, 13th	Gr's. 3/4 return onsite (2 days only)	Wednesday, 24th	Foundation 2022 Transition Morning - 9:00am - 10:30am
	Gr's 5/6 return onsite (2 days only)		
Thursday, 14th Friday, 15th			
Wednesday, 20th	Confirmation Preparation Evening - Denise Arnel - 7:00pm	<b>DECEMBER</b> Wednesday, 1st	Foundation 2022 Transition Morning - 9:00am - 10:30am
Tuesday, 26th	All students return onsite P - 6 - TBC	Friday, 3rd	SCHOOL CLOSURE - Staff PD
<b>NOVEMBER</b> Tuesday, 2nd	MELBOURNE CUP PUBLIC HOLIDAY	Tuesday, 7th	Going Up Day - Gr's Prep - 5 Including Foundation 2022
Tuesday, 9th - Thursday, 18th	Book Fair	Wednesday, 8th	School Sports Carnival
Friday, 12th	SCHOOL CLOSURE - Staff PD	Monday, 13th	Reports Released
			EOY/Graduation Mass - 6:00pm
Sunday, 14th	Confirmation Mass - 10:30am	Tuesday, 14th	Sausage Sizzle Lunch
			Last Day of Term 4
		Wednesday, 15th Thursday, 16th	Numeracy Testing

# Peace Prayer of Saint Francis

Lord, make me an instrument of your peace:  
where there is hatred, let me sow love;  
where there is injury, pardon;  
where there is doubt, faith;  
where there is despair, hope;  
where there is darkness, light;  
where there is sadness, joy.

O divine Master, grant that I may not so much  
seek to be consoled as to console,  
to be understood as to understand,  
to be loved as to love.  
For it is in giving that we receive,  
it is in pardoning that we are pardoned,  
and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life.  
Amen.



Dear families,

Welcome to Term 4. It was lovely to see our Prep, Year 1 and Year 2 students arriving ready to start the term together. Thank you to parents for the supportive way you are dropping off and picking up your children – it is very much appreciated by the staff. This week, with the help of some students who are learning onsite, we have prepared two outdoor classrooms. We have relocated the large picnic tables to the area under the blue sails and the student's helped to design the learning space in the area below the library. Both spaces are now great options for outdoor teaching, giving us all opportunities for natural light and fresh air. We will rotate classes through the spaces so that everyone gets a chance to utilise these areas. We are so lucky at St Mary's to have access to large open areas and to have options for teaching spaces.







Next week we will have our Years 3 and 4 onsite on Tuesday and Wednesday and our Years 5 and 6 on Thursday and Friday. Please remember to check that your child/children have their school hats as our sunsmart policy requires everyone to wear a hat in Term 4 when outside.

### **Staff Professional Development (Closure Days)**

As with many aspects of school life in 2020/2021, we have had to postpone both of our scheduled professional development days (Science of Learning/Leading Teams) due to the restrictions on gathering.

Our current dates (subject to restrictions at the time) are:

Science of Learning with Dr Jared Cooney-Horvath: Friday 12<sup>th</sup> November

Leading Teams: Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> December

### **MACSSIS**

In 2021, our school is participating in Melbourne Archdiocese Catholic Schools – School Improvement Surveys (MACSSIS). MACSSIS is an annual process whereby schools listen to the thoughts and feelings students, families and staff have about how their school can improve. These surveys help inform the ongoing improvement of schools across the Archdiocese of Melbourne.



## **MACSSIS**

Imagine if, in about 20 minutes,  
you could help improve your  
child's school.



The MACSSIS family survey is open 7 October – 28 October 2021.

Have a happy and safe week ahead. We're looking forward to seeing you all again face-to-face!

Kind regards,  
Therese and Ben.

## *P & F News . . .*

*Please be advised that Sushi Lunch Orders will not resume until all students are back onsite learning.*

*We would like to wish the following student a very happy birthday for next week:*



*Alastair Lane : 11th October*

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY!**

## *Community News . . .*

**YAG & FREEZA PRESENT**

**COSCARS YOUTH FILM FESTIVAL**

**FRIDAY  
15 OCTOBER  
7:30PM**

**FEATURING THE WINNING FILMS FROM THE  
COSCARS YOUTH FILM COMPETITION  
AND  
FEATURE FILM: ZOOTOPIA**

**AT THE VILLAGE SQUARE (CORNER OF FREDERICK AND  
LYTTLETON STREETS)**

**FREE ENTRY/ ALL AGES EVENT**

**ICE-CREAM AND POPCORN AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE  
OR BYO PICNIC!**

To help us keep numbers to a COVID-safe level, please register your attendance at: <http://fix.yt/coscars>

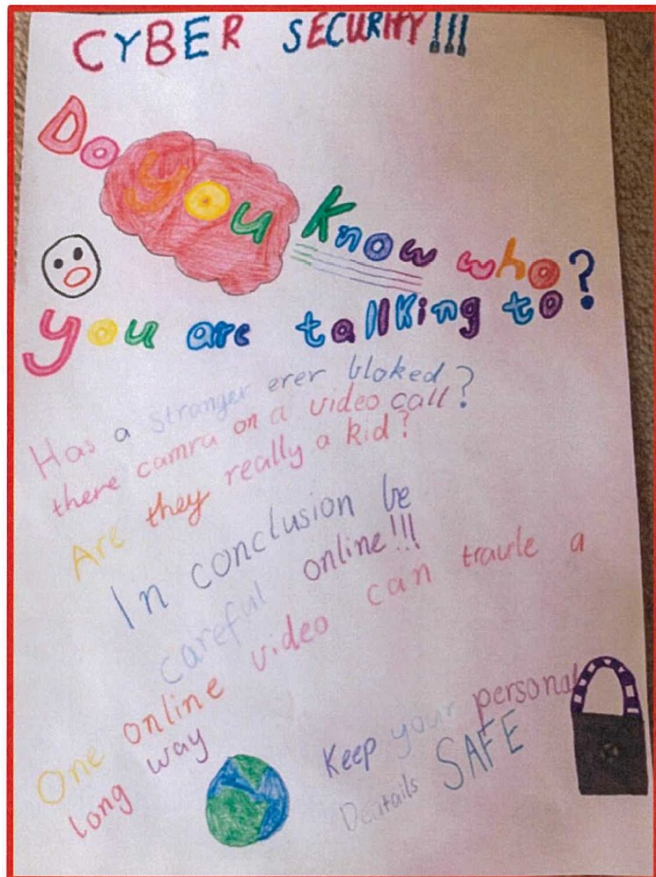
For more information or for additional support to attend this event, contact Shannon Lacy on 5471 1700 / [youth@mountalexander.vic.gov.au](mailto:youth@mountalexander.vic.gov.au)  
Alcohol, drugs and smoke free, fully supervised event, no pass outs u/18





# Grade 3/4 learning

Last term during remote learning, the children in grade 3/4 learned about staying safe while on-line. They were challenged to create a poster promoting the safety messages from the lesson. Here is a very reflective poster by Frankie. Great safety messages Frankie.



We also learned about some wonderful influential people in history. One of those people was Nelson Mandela. Below is a word search that Adam created using words he read in a Nelson Mandela text. Can you find all the words?

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F	T	E	D	R	G	I	M	P	R	I	S	O	N
D	E	S	D	U	P	B	W	A	N	T	K	L	X
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Z	T	A	S	C	B	C	F	N	H	U	T	P	A
A	L	X	N	Q	Y	U	L	R	P	O	O	P	K
M	V	A	T	D	S	Y	Z	J	I	O	P	L	E
C	O	S	S	P	E	M	I	B	J	C	C	Z	R
S	T	E	C	V	B	L	D	O	Z	D	A	K	D
K	E	P	O	V	U	D	A	P	G	U	A	R	D
H	E	L	P	P	S	F	V	D	O	F	A	S	P

PRISON	HELP	SHAKER
TRIBE	NEED	LEADER
NELSON	AFRICA	WANT
MANDELA	VOTE	MAN
HUT	FRUIT	GUARD



## Eat a RAINBOW

Our integrated topic last term was about health. The children were challenged to create a meal by 'eating a rainbow'. Above, Ailish shows us how easy . . and DELICIOUS eating a rainbow can be.

# SUSTAINABILITY



## ***‘Sustainability is our SUPER POWER!’***

Australian Wildlife Week, October 4-8. Australian Wildlife Week is celebrated across the country during the first week of October to encourage a positive relationship between humanity and nature.

Unfortunately, Australia’s wildlife has suffered significant declines since European colonisation, mainly through direct anthropogenic impacts. Land clearing, invasive species, and climate change are substantial threats to wildlife ecosystems and are key contributing factors to the loss of Australia’s threatened species. The Society has established many projects over time help to safeguard Australia’s wildlife, including #SnipRingsforWildlife – a campaign that aims to raise awareness and encourage individuals to protect Australia’s wildlife by cutting through plastic rings, rubber bands, hair ties, the loops of face masks, and dome-shaped plastic lids before disposing of them. This year, to celebrate Australian Wildlife Week, there was an online webinar. The webinar showcased wildlife research and conservation projects across Australia. A copy of the webinar is available below. We hope you learn something new and are inspired to take action to protect Australia’s wildlife before it is too late.

<https://youtu.be/2GnTNnya12E>

### **A note from Loddon Mallee Resource Smart:**

"Congratulations St Mary's placing 5th in the inaugural Loddon Mallee ResourceSmart Schools Sustainability Goal Kicking competition.

St Mary's Primary School, have done a wonderful job, not only in the competition, but over many years and are clearly leading the way in the region for sustainable schools. We are very excited to watch the school continue to develop and grow, and hope the \$500 prizemoney will help in some small way to further your goals."

Well done to all involved, we certainly are kicking goals!

Miss Crane