



## Newsletter

Term 2, Week 4

Thursday May 13th, 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 11th - 14th	NAPLAN	Friday, 28th	Tabloid Sports Day - Foundation & Gr. 1/2
Friday, 14th	Walk to School Day	JUNE Wednesday, 2nd	Open Morning - 9:00 - 11:00am
	MENS NIGHT Buckley Room - 7:00pm	Friday, 4th	Gr. 1/2 Class Mass
		Friday, 11th	Gr. Prep Class Mass
Tuesday, 18th	Sacred Heart Open Evening - 4:00 - 8:00pm	Monday, 14th	QUEENS BIRTHDAY PUBLIC HOLIDAY
Wednesday, 19th	Working Bee - 2:30pm	Friday, 18th	LADIES NIGHT - 6:30pm Venue TBA
Thursday, 20th	P & F Meeting - 9:30am - <i>All welcome</i>	Monday, 21st	Assembly - Gr. Prep to lead
Saturday, 22nd	Working Bee From 10:00am	Tuesday, 22nd	Special Lunch Day (see P & F for further details)
Monday, 24th	Assembly - 2:45pm Gr. 1/2 to lead	Thursday, 24th	P & F Meeting - 9:30am - <i>All welcome</i>
Wednesday, 26th	Gr. 3/4 Class Mass	Friday, 25th	Whole School Mass - 9:15am
Thursday, 27th	Catherine McAuley Gr. 6 Day - 10:30am- 2:30pm		Reports Released
			Last Day of Term 2 - 2:30pm Finish

## *The Whispering of God's Word*

*We have heard the whisper of your word  
Almost silent, yet insistent  
Breaking through the chatter  
Of many voices  
The clatter  
Of background noises  
The wind  
The rain  
The storms and troubles of life  
Through all of this  
Your word remains  
Unchangeable  
Cuts through to the heart  
And soul  
Unmissable  
'Come follow me  
Take up the Cross...  
My burden is no burden at all  
It is simply love  
Poured out for you  
And through you  
Sustaining  
Empowering ...  
Come follow me'  
The world has ears  
Yet fails to hear  
But we have heard the whispering of your word  
and we trust your quiet work  
in the hidden depths of our hearts.*



*Adapted from [www.faithandworship.com](http://www.faithandworship.com)*

Dear families,

It's been another great week at St Mary's. There is so much to celebrate – we are living the dream. We really do have an amazing school community. The toast has been an absolute sensation! Who'd have thought such a simple thing could bring so much joy to children and adults alike? Maybe it is just the toast, but I believe the more important part here is the connection between the parents, staff and students. Thank you to the parents who are so graciously offering their time to support our school.

## NAPLAN

Years 3 & 5 are underway with the National testing program. The staff have helped the students prepare for literacy and numeracy testing and this is a snapshot of time in your child's education. It's really important to remember that while these areas are important for life, it didn't test the physical ability, the science ability, the art ability and a whole range of other abilities. We have so many talented students and we endeavour to provide a holistic education. Please keep this in mind when your child's results come back. NAPLAN continues this week with a catch-up session scheduled for Monday morning if required. Eat healthy, rest well and do your best kids!

## 2022 Enrolments

Enrolments are currently being accepted for next year. We have already had a number of prep enrolments, and I would ask families seeking enrolment to submit their application as soon as possible. Enrolment forms are available on the school website and at the office.



## Communication:

I believe the key to high performing organisations is communication. I want to remind all families that there are so many ways we communicate outwardly to you and how you can communicate with us.

- face to face
- message teachers via Seesaw
- use student diaries
- email the school and it will be directed to the staff member
- phone calls
- newsletters (weekly to the whole school)
- PAM (reports, book parent teacher meetings, see attendance data, etc)
- Facebook & Instagram
- And did I mention face to face conversations???

### **Faith Development**

Congratulations again to the students who have recently completed their Sacrament of Reconciliation and received their certificate at last Monday's assembly. Our mission as a Catholic school and Parish is to encourage the faith development of all members of our community and provide opportunities for everyone in the parish to practise and deepen their faith.

Fr Wahid is welcoming all members of the community to join in the Initiation Sacraments at St Mary's and continue to explore their personal spiritual journeys.

### **Photograph and Media Consent Forms**

A friendly reminder to please return your child's consent form. We're looking forward to continuing to celebrate our learning and amazing school culture through media platforms. Next week, we have an article featured in the Education Week section of the Midland Express and Castlemaine Mail.

Well that's it for me... I've got bigger things on my radar now... I'm off to join the toast line!

Have a great week ahead!

Kind regards,  
Ben Shields.





# Cross Country Championships









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



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

**Coming Up : National Volunteer Week  
17th - 23rd May**

**National Volunteer Week (NVW)** is Australia’s largest annual celebration of volunteers. From Monday, 17th to Sunday, 23rd May 2021, NVW will celebrate the significant contribution of Australia’s almost six million volunteers. Each year these volunteers dedicate over 600 million hours to help others.

The theme for NVW 2021 is  
- Recognise - Reconnect - Reimagine -  
which acknowledges that it is time to:

**RECOGNISE:** *celebrate and thank volunteers for the vital role they play in our lives.*

**RECONNECT:** *to what is important by giving our time to help others and ourselves.*

**REIMAGINE:** *how we better support volunteers and communities they help.*



**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\$ NIGHT:**

Come along tomorrow 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.

## **LADIES NIGHT:**

Friday, 18th June from 6:30pm. Venue TBA.

Come along for a chat, dinner, dessert and/or a drink. All welcome!

RSVP Jo on 0412 839124.

## **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](mailto:c-majella@hotmail.com) and you can be added to the roster.

## **NEW GARDEN BED\$:**

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! Could those who are coming along on the Saturday please leave your name and number attending at the office for bbq catering purposes. Thank you.

## **TERM 2 \$TUDENT \$PECIAL LUNCH DAY:**

Tuesday, 22nd June (last week of term).

Students will have the option of ordering a pie/sausage roll/pastie!

Details of ordering to follow.

**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](http://shckyneton.catholic.edu.au)

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

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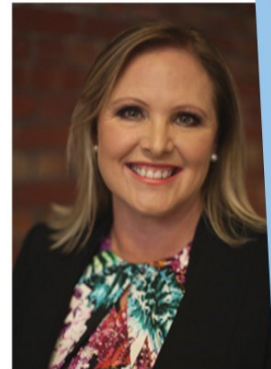
## *Growing up Online*

*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](http://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.

