



Newsletter

Term 4, Week 2

Thursday October 15th, 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

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| October Saturday, 17th - Friday, 23rd | Book Week - Theme "Curious Creatures, Wild Minds" | November Monday, 2nd | SCHOOL CLOSURE - Report Writing & Data Analysis |
| Monday, 19th | P & F Meeting - Run Rabbit Run 9:30am - 11:00am | Tuesday, 3rd | MELBOURNE CUP PUBLIC HOLIDAY |
| Thursday, 22nd | Dress Up/Casual Clothes Day More information to follow | Thursday, 5th | Confirmation Preparation Evening with Denise Arnel POSTPONED UNTIL 2021 |
| Friday, 23rd | AFL GRAND FINAL PUBLIC HOLIDAY | Wednesday, 18th Friday, 27th | Book Fair - (further information to follow) |
| Thursday, 29th | School Photos - UNSURE AT THIS STAGE WHETHER THESE WILL GO AHEAD - TBA | Sunday, 22nd | Confirmation POSTPONED UNTIL 2021 |

*This poor soul cried, and was heard by the Lord,
and was saved from every trouble.
The eyes of the Lord are on the righteous,
and his ears are open to their cry.
The face of the Lord is against evildoers,
to cut off the remembrance of them from the
earth.
When the righteous cry for help, the Lord hears,
and rescues them from all their troubles.*



This Saturday is the International Day for the Eradication of Poverty, an event held annually on 17 October, presenting an opportunity to acknowledge the effort and struggle of people living in poverty, a chance for them to make their concerns heard, and a moment to recognise that poor people are the first ones to fight against poverty.

Through ‘Resolution 47/196’, adopted on 22 December 1992, the UN General Assembly declared 17th October as the International Day for the Eradication of Poverty and invited all countries to devote the Day to presenting and promoting, as appropriate in the national context, concrete activities with regard to the eradication of poverty and destitution.

Dear families,

How wonderful it is to be back in an onsite school routine! It’s been fantastic walking through the corridors and hearing the laughter, seeing the active engagement and listening to the face-to-face learning discussions.

Book Week

Usually the Children’s Book Council of Australia schedules Book Week in August, due to the circumstances of 2020 this time was changed to 17-23 October. We’re incredibly excited to be able to celebrate, as a school community, the wonders of children’s literature. This year the theme is ‘Curious Creatures, Wild Minds’. There will be opportunities for students to explore the shortlisted books and participate in corresponding activities. Next Thursday is our dress-up day – if your child would like to come as a book character that would be fantastic. However, there is absolutely no pressure to dress-up and casual clothes are also fine...I think there have been enough stresses in life without being overly concerned about dressing-up!

2021 Fees

I would like to inform you of the arrangements we have made for 2021 regarding school fees and the class structure. Given the current circumstances minimal increases have been made to our fees for next year in order to cover cost rises in areas such as maintenance, insurance and security. In consultation with our business manager, the 2021 budget has been devised to try and ensure that our fees do not rise more than necessary.

We also believe it is important for Catholic schools to be an affordable choice for the education of children and can provide some assistance to families that may require it. Consequently, following discussion with Fr Wahid and the School Advisory Board, our fees for 2021 are as follows:

Family fee: \$1275 per family
Capital Levy \$195 per family

Curriculum Levy \$310 per child
Excursion Levy \$100 per child

In order to help you budget for the payment of the fees, the total fees are spread across terms 1-3, with no scheduled payment for term 4. Please contact the office if you have any further questions about the fees.

Pick-up/Drop-off

There are still some students frequently being dropped off prior to 8:30am. Supervision in the school yard commences at 8:30am and we ask that no students are at school prior to this time.

Since our return to school, it's been apparent that the previous pick-up routine has not been as effective as last time. In fact, it's becoming quite dangerous. I've witnessed a couple of near misses with some drivers reversing across the road, trying to pull-out in front of other cars as well as parents calling children across the road unaware that there are cars pulling out. It's not difficult to see the potential consequences; so please exercise patience and caution.

I have been in contact with the council to discuss potential alterations to the pick-up area to make it safer.

Kind regards,
Ben Shields.

The Aussie Backyard Bird Count

The Aussie Backyard Bird Count is on again and St Mary's students are taking part. It is held from 19-25 October 2020. It would be great if you could also join in at home.

What is the Aussie Backyard Bird Count?

The Aussie Backyard Bird Count is an activity for all-ages that involves observing and counting the birds that live near you – whether that's in your garden, the local park, a beach or even your town centre. By telling us about the birds you've seen within a 20 minute period, you will help BirdLife Australia develop an understanding of local birds, whilst getting to know the wildlife on your doorstep!

Who is BirdLife Australia?

BirdLife Australia is the nation's largest bird conservation organisation. As an independent charity, our purpose is to stop extinctions. We have run the Aussie Backyard Bird Count since 2014, alongside our range of different programs, with the aim of protecting Australia's birds. BirdLife Australia has been Australia's voice for birds since 1901 and with our specialised knowledge and the commitment of our extensive network of members, volunteers and supporters we are creating a bright future for Australia's native birds.

How do I take part in the Aussie Backyard Bird Count?

To complete the Aussie Backyard Bird Count, spend 20 minutes standing or sitting in one spot and noting down the birds that you see. You will need to count the number of each species you spot within the 20 minute period. For example, you might see 4 Australian Magpies, 2 Rainbow Lorikeets and a Sulphur-Crested Cockatoo. If you can identify birds by their calls, please include these in your count, but if you aren't sure of a bird without seeing it, please exclude it rather than making a guess. The *Aussie Bird Count* app has a handy field-guide to help you identify birds.

Once you have completed your count, you can submit it in two different ways:

You can submit your bird count through the online web form (this form won't be made live until the 14 October)

OR

You can submit your counts through the free *Aussie Bird Count* app. The app is available for iPhones and Android smartphones, go to the [Google Play](#) or [iTunes](#) to download the app for free. If you have the *Aussie Bird Count* app from previous years don't delete it, it should update automatically with the newest version. In between event dates, the app operates as a field-guide/bird finder.

AUSSIE BACKYARD BIRD COUNT 2019 RESULTS

australia counted
3 381 768 BIRDS

**BIRDS COUNTED
IN EACH STATE**

| | |
|----------------------|-----------|
| NSW | 1 098 067 |
| QLD | 855 848 |
| VIC | 700 643 |
| WA | 256 144 |
| SA | 248 781 |
| TAS | 103 735 |
| NT | 59 744 |
| ACT | 57 866 |
| external territories | 1 440 |

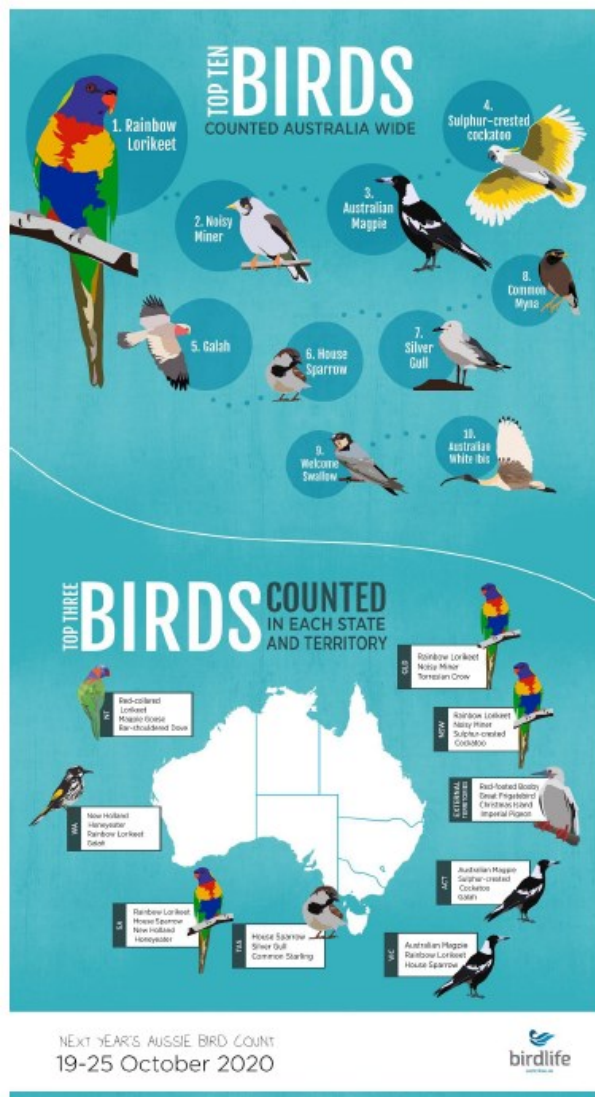


1 080
schools

626
species



88 270
people participated



One of the most important things we can do to slow the spread of coronavirus (COVID-19) in our community is to stay at home when we are unwell, even when we have the mildest of symptoms.

What you need to know

1. If a child is unwell, even with the mildest of symptoms, they must stay at home

If a child becomes unwell during the day, they must be collected from school/early childhood education and care (ECEC) as soon as possible.

2. If a child has any of the symptoms of coronavirus (COVID-19) outlined below, however mild, they should get tested and they must remain at home until they receive their results:

- fever
- chills or sweats
- cough
- sore throat
- shortness of breath
- runny nose
- loss of sense of smell or taste.

In certain circumstances headache, muscle soreness, stuffy nose, nausea, vomiting and diarrhoea may also be considered symptoms.

For further advice:

- call the 24-hour coronavirus (COVID-19) hotline 1800 675 398
- call a general practitioner
- use the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) [online self-assessment tool](#).

Visit: [Where to get tested](#).

3. A child must stay at home until they are symptom free, even if their coronavirus (COVID-19) test is negative

If a person has tested positive for coronavirus (COVID-19) they must isolate until they receive clearance from the Department of Health and Human Services. Read the [What to do if you've tested positive for coronavirus \(COVID-19\) factsheet](#) (PDF) for more information.

If a person is a close contact of someone who has tested positive for coronavirus (COVID-19) the Department of Health and Human Services will get in contact to tell them they are a close contact of a person who is confirmed to have coronavirus (COVID-19). A close contact must quarantine at home. Read the [What to do if you have been in close contact with someone with coronavirus \(COVID-19\) factsheet](#) (Word) for more information.

For information on the minimum periods students and children need to stay at home for other conditions, refer to the [DHHS school exclusion table](#).

4. Children do NOT need a medical certificate before returning to school/ECEC

Once symptoms have cleared, there is no requirement from the Department of Education and Training or DHHS for children/students to have a medical certificate before they return to school/ECEC.

Thank you for your support in following these steps, together we can all stay safe.



This advice has been prepared by the Department of Education and Training, Safer Care Victoria and the Department of Health and Human Services

Week 2 Term 4 - Year 4 / 5 with Miss C

We loved sharing our Expo with all the students and staff last week.

Now we are thinking about our next Learning Intentions, which are focused on plants, life cycles and scientific inventions.



We are in the middle of our first Literature Circle cycle and are enjoying reading, meeting and sharing ideas about our books.



Circle time this week focused on empathy and we role played how to respond to different situations.



During Reading to Learn this week we started reading factual reports about honey bees and used this report for our spelling strategies.



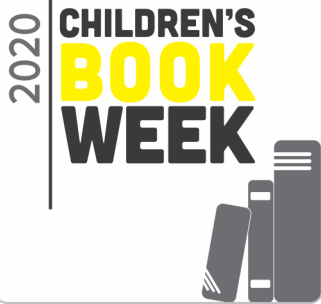
Respect, Resilience, Responsibility

ST MARY'S PRIMARY SCHOOL

CONTACT (03) 54 722 270



**NOW TAKING
ENROLMENTS
FOR 2021**



Please note that on Thursday, 22nd October your child can either dress up in casual clothes or dress up as a Book Week character – decision is totally yours!

P & F News . . .

P & F MEETING

at Run Rabbit Run

on Monday, 19th October - 9:30-11:00am

Could you please phone Jo Lawrence on 0412 839124 to advise your attendance. Many thanks.

COLGATE COLLECTION -

Thank you to everyone who brought in their used items for this fundraiser. We wish to advise that this collection has now ceased until further notice.

After School Care . . .

ST.MARY'S AFTER SCHOOL HOURS CHILDCARE

- Relaxed, inclusive and fun environment for afterschool care, in the lovely grounds of St. Mary's School
 - Lots of activities, sports, crafts, cooking, and bike riding
 - Qualified care available most afternoons and some mornings
 - Compliance, auspiced through IgniteMinds Child Care Provider
 - Inquiries welcome, call Vanessa Johnstone 0401 185052
 - Pickup and transport to venue can be arranged



CATHOLIC PARISH OF CASTLEMAINE

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

SUNDAY 11th October 2020 – Year A

TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Presbytery: 76 Hargiaves Street/PO Box 151, CASTLEMAINE, 3450

Phone: (03) 5472 1900, Email: castlemaine@cam.org.au

Web: www.stmaryscastlemaine.org.au

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

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Mobile: 0419 511 064

ST MARY'S PRIMARY SCHOOL

Principal: Ben Shields

Phone: (03) 5472 2270

Parish Office Manager

Doreen Heagney

Mon: 10-4pm, Tue: 10-3pm,

Thurs: 10.30-2.30pm.

Phone: (03) 5472-1900

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

"My God will supply whatever you need..... ~ Philipians 4:19

God really does provide for those who are grateful and generous. This is very difficult for people that don't live a stewardship lifestyle to believe. People are skeptical and say it's just coincidence. If you are skeptical, try living a stewardship lifestyle for just one month - be generous with your gifts of time in prayer, talent in charitable work and treasure and see how God provides for your needs.

MASS Timetable on YouTube

Sunday 11th October

Mass: Sunday 10.30am* onwards

PLEASE NOTE THAT AS THE CHURCH

IS REQUIRED TO BE CLOSED,

STREAMING OF THE WEEKEND MASS

will be on YouTube:

Under WAHID RIAD

Please tune in on the day.

Today's Readings:

Isaiah 25: 6-10

Philippians 4: 12-14, 19-20

Matthew 22:1-14

Responsorial Psalm

I shall live in the house of the Lord
all the days of my life.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

May the Father of our

Lord Jesus Christ enlighten the

eyes of our heart that we might

see how great is the hope to which

we are called. Alleluia!

Plenary Council Prayer

Come, Holy Spirit of Pentecost.

Come, Holy Spirit of the great South Land.

O God, bless and unite all your people in

Australia and guide us on the pilgrim

way of the Plenary Council.

Give us the grace to see your face in one

another and to recognize Jesus,

our companion on the road.

Give us the courage to tell our stories

and to speak boldly of your truth.

Give us ears to listen humbly to each other

and a discerning heart to hear what you are

saying. Lead your Church into a

hope-filled future, that we may

live the joy of the Gospel.

Through Jesus Christ our Lord, bread for the

journey from age to age. AMEN.

Our Lady Help of Christians, pray for us.

St. Mary McKillop, pray for us.

MAY THEY REST IN PEACE

Recent Deaths

Anniversaries:

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: \$824
Weekly Target: \$1000
2nd Collection – Parish: \$1095
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.

Daily Mass celebrated

By Pope Francis

To watch Pope Francis' daily Mass from his Chapel visit the website:
<https://catholicstv.org/shows/pope-francis-daily-mass>

Sunday Mass on YouTube

I started Sunday Mass again on YouTube recently. As the lockdown started, I felt the need to have our own Parish Eucharist to unite us in Prayer together at 10.30am on the Special Day of the resurrection of Jesus. I realise that there are many other online Masses offered. We have a wonderful opportunity to gather in prayer at the same time and pray as the Body of Christ for Healing of our world, our Church, our families, our homes. We desire to reach out also to all in our families and friends and the whole of Mt. Alexander Shire.

Please invite others to join us in Prayer especially at this critical time –

"we are all in this together".
Send them the link or go to [Wahid Riad on YouTube](#).
All are welcome!!
God Bless you all.
Fr Wahid Riad

New Stewardship Envelopes

Your New set of
Thanksgiving Envelopes
have been posted.

Please contact the Presbytery if you haven't received your new set.

The Parable
of the
Wedding
Feast
(Matthew 22)



PARISH MASSES

We have started to celebrate weekday and weekend Masses outdoors on the Presbytery verandah. We are allowed 10 parishioners and the Celebrant. Please contact Fr Wahid to reserve a place at the Lord's table. All welcome.

The Parish Masses are:

Tuesday 6pm
Wednesday 9.15am
Thursday 11.00am
Friday 9.15am
Saturday 6.00pm
Sunday 10.30am

Public Rosary at

Victory Park

Our Annual Public Rosary will be celebrated on Saturday 10th October at 10.00am at Victory Park. We can gather in groups of 10 people each. A powerful witness of faith especially at this time. All welcome.

MASS at NEWSTEAD

Mass At Newstead this weekend will be on Sunday 11th October at 6.00pm.

Parish Pastoral Council

Our next meeting on Zoom will be held on Wednesday 14th October at 7.30pm.

PRAYER for an Act of Spiritual Communion.

My Jesus, I believe that You are in the Blessed Sacrament. I love You above all things, and I long for You in my soul. Since I cannot now receive You Sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. As though You have already come, I embrace You and unite myself entirely to You; never permit me to be separated from You. AMEN.

FEAST DAYS OF THE WEEK

St Callistus:

Wednesday 14th October

St. Theresa of Jesus:

Thursday 15th October

St Hedwig, St Margaret Mary

Alacoque:

Friday 16th October

St Ignatius of Antioch:

Saturday 17th October

Weekly Prayer Meeting & Rosary via zoom

We are currently running a weekly Prayer Meeting on Thursdays at 7.30pm.

We also have a weekly Rosary via Zoom on Saturdays at 5pm.

Meeting ID: 265 376 8496
Passcode: 1gpcR3