



## Newsletter

Term 1, Issue 6

Thursday March 14th, 2019

### TERM DATES

<b>March</b> Sunday, 17th	Youth Mass	Thurs. 28th	NAPLAN Practice Online Testing - No Assembly today
Monday, 18th	Parent/Child Reconciliation Information Evening - Denise Arnel - All Welcome	Friday, 29th	SCHOOL CLOSURE - STAFF P.D.
Thursday, 21st	Ride to School Day	<b>April</b> Monday, 1st Tuesday, 2nd Wednesday, 3rd	Gr's. 4-6 School Camp
	P & F Meeting - 9:15am		
Friday, 22nd	Social Friday Night - please see details further in		
Sunday, 24th 10:30am	First Reconciliation Commitment Mass	Friday, 5th	Last day of Term 1 2:30 finish - (Buses will run to this early finish) Easter Bonnet Parade - 12:30 followed by Easter Egg Raffle Fish & Chips Lunch supplied
Monday, 25th	School Photos	Tuesday, 23rd	Term 2 Resumes
Monday, 25th	Life Education Van - Parent Information Session 9:30-10:30am	Thursday, 25th	ANZAC Day - Public Holiday ANZAC March - Town Hall 8:45am
Tuesday, 26th	Life Education Van	<b>May</b> Tuesday, 7th 7:00pm	Sacrament of First Reconciliation



### Our School Vision

We are an empowered and sustainable learning community, centred in faith and united in our respect and responsibility for all of creation; we strive for excellence; actively living, learning, caring and growing together.



At the heart of silence is prayer.  
At the heart of prayer is faith.  
At the heart of faith is life.  
At the heart of life is service.

Mother Teresa



Loving God,  
May I choose today to do something that will help another,  
Something that will brighten their day.  
Something that will contribute to making our world a better place. Amen



Please keep in your prayers the Lister family who have suffered the loss of their dear Nephew. May they feel the love and care of our community during this deeply upsetting time.

Dear Families, Parishioners and Friends,

### **Congratulations to the following students:**

**Respectful Award: Riley Boyd**

**Responsible Award: Sam Lawrence & Evie Morse**

**Resilient Award: Heidi Neugebauer**

**Principal Award: Royce Williams & Charli Simmonds-Lucas**

**Wonder Award: Cayden Burns & Raphael Nelms**

**Believe Award: Michael Ma Yizhan & Emilia Morelli**

**Persevere Award: Janae Gray, Caitlin Bracken, Samuel Aldridge  
& Oliver Grainger**

**Create Award: Quinn Vance**

We are now in the second week of the liturgical season of Lent and acknowledge this week as Catholic Education Week. In doing so, it provides us with the opportunity to reflect why you have chosen St. Mary's school for your child given that for families in Castlemaine, there are many schools to choose from. St. Mary's has the characteristics that are so often considered those of a great school. But there is something even greater that makes us stand out - school community that is connected through a belief in God and faith, and that through this, we work together to achieve amazing things for our students, families and Castlemaine community. This connectedness to faith has a huge impact on the passion and commitment of all our St. Mary's staff.

Teaching is not seen just as a job but more of a vocation in which we live out our faith through our work and our relationships with each other. It tones the way we respond to the needs of our students as well as one another, with an open heart, a forgiving nature, an enthusiasm to achieve one's best and to bring out the best in others, and the belief that God resides in each and every child.



## Casserole Bank

Thank you to those who were on our casserole bank last year. If you would like to be on our list for this year can you let Kari know.

Your contributions are very much appreciated.

## Reconciliation Information Evening Monday

March 18<sup>th</sup> 7pm Library

You are all invited to attend this session being facilitated by Denise Arnell. Denise is very skilled at engaging her participant's in these workshops and in connecting scripture to our lives.



## Ride to School Day

On Thursday March 21<sup>st</sup> we encourage all of our children to ride, walk or scoot all

or part of their way to school if

possible. They may arrive from 8.15am. Breakfast is provided and there will be cycling activities as well as a visit from

Paddy with his unique bicycle collection. It would be great to have a couple of helpers on this morning. See me if you are able to assist.

## Castlemaine Secondary College Visit Yr. 5-6

We thank staff and students from Castlemaine Secondary College for sharing their experiences about moving into secondary school. Our children were then given an opportunity to ask questions. These meetings all contribute to making the process of transition into secondary school positive.

## Lost Property

We have a growing collection of jumpers and some shirts accumulating in lost property. If your child is missing any uniform, please come in and look through what we have. It would assist us and your child to have their uniform clearly labelled. White permanent clothing markers are available for purchase at the newsagent if you need to buy one.

## Communication Policy & Responding to Emails

I have attached our communication policy which is also on our website. Please allow 48 hours for a response to an email. Staff don't always have time to check emails during the teaching day and not all staff check work emails over the weekend. If your message requires a quicker response could you please phone us on 54722270. Thank you for your understanding.



## Cooking up a storm at St Mary's

Children at St Mary's in Castlemaine are practicing stewardship for the earth through the kitchen garden program.

They enjoy tending to their garden and watching their vegetables grow. This week they delighted to be harvesting a bumper crop of zucchini, tomatoes, corn, peppers, greens, plums and herbs which they used to make zucchini slices, corn fritters and salad as well as plum jam.

School principal Bronwyn Phillips said it is great to see the children connecting with the earth and immersing themselves in the process of gardening.

"Our children are learning practical skills for growing and preparing fresh, seasonal, delicious food within a hub of co-operation with each other, their teachers and parent helpers," Bronwyn said.

This week each class came together to

prepare their harvest and share a meal together.

"Our garden provides rich sensory experiences, a stimulus for conversation and a context for understanding seasonality and life cycles.

"Our children can observe all the principles of ecology in practice while caring for our garden and this has sparked many rich conversations as well as the opportunity to integrate curriculum across subject areas."

Bronwyn said it is always great to hear from school community families that the skills and messages students are learning about healthy food in the school garden are being transferred back to their homes.

Children sell any excess produce each week to the school community. The money they raised from this last year purchased a fountain for their reflection garden.

## Cyber Safety

We recommend that you supervise your children closely when they are using the internet at home. It is wise to have computers and other devices in your view rather than in bedrooms. There is a cyber-safety information session for parents detailed later in this newsletter which may be of interest to you.

## What is Bullying?

I often get asked what constitutes bullying so I have included the following paragraphs for those of you who would like further clarification.

The national definition of bullying for Australian schools says:

'Bullying is an ongoing and deliberate misuse of power in relationships through repeated verbal, physical and/or social behaviour that intends to cause physical, social and/or psychological harm. It can involve an individual or a group misusing their power, or perceived power, over one or more persons who feel unable to stop it from happening.'

Bullying can happen in person or online, via various digital platforms and devices and it can be obvious (overt) or hidden (covert). Bullying behaviour is repeated, or has the potential to be repeated, over time (for example, through sharing of digital records)

Bullying of any form or for any reason can have immediate, medium and long-term effects on those involved, including bystanders. Single incidents and conflict or fights between equals, whether in person or online, are not defined as bullying.

Behaviours that do not constitute bullying include:

mutual arguments and disagreements (where there is no power imbalance)

- not liking someone or a single act of social rejection
- one-off acts of meanness or spite
- isolated incidents of aggression, intimidation or violence.

However, these conflicts still need to be addressed and resolved.

Bullying has three main features:

- It involves a misuse of power in a relationship
- It is ongoing and repeated, and

It involves behaviours that can cause harm.

## Preventing bullying What works?

The question 'What works to prevent bullying?' seems simple. The answer is complicated: 'It depends what you want to achieve... and for which students... and in what context'.



## What does the research say?

Research, both in Australia and overseas, has identified the following combination of broad strategies as most likely to prevent and reduce bullying:

- a universal whole-school approach over a long duration that takes a multi-faceted approach rather than focusing on one single component.
- a focus on building positive relationships and reducing bullying in the school community through a range of activities that engage students, families and staff. (including professional development for teachers)
- a whole-school detailed policy that addresses the effective prevention of and response to bullying within the broader context of improving school culture and fostering student engagement.
- effective classroom environments supported by statements of rights and responsibilities developed with student involvement.
- the promotion of a positive school environment that provides safety, security and support for students and promotes student wellbeing.
- effective approaches and strategies to encourage positive student behaviour as well as approaches to discipline that are consistent, inclusive, solution-focused and non-punitive.
- explicit teaching of values and skills to all students (and especially bystanders) including strategies for responding to bullying behaviour and supporting students who are bullied.
- integration of social emotional learning within the curriculum.

At St. Mary's we put great effort into supporting our children's wellbeing. We are a Respectful, Responsible and Resilient Community of Learners who use the Berry Street Model to guide us in the way we self-regulate our emotions and relate to others. We also use Respectful Relationships guidelines and Restorative Practices. We have zero tolerance for bullying behaviour and closely monitor children if they display bullying behaviours or if they are on the receiving end of such behaviour. Please contact us if you would like further information or if you have concerns about your child.

## Enhancing Catholic School Identity Survey (ECSI)

We sent home letters two weeks ago to invite you to participate in the ECSI survey which will assist us in better understanding how our Catholic Identity is expressed in work and practice here at St. Mary's Castlemaine.

The Catholic University in Leuven, was commissioned by the Catholic Education Commission of Victoria Ltd (CECV) to design a process and tools, based on sound research, to accomplish the goal of understanding our current Catholic identity and where the school community might like to see itself in the future.



The ECSI survey is a key element in this process and your participation would be very useful. The online survey gathers responses from students in Years 5 and 6, all staff, and a representative sample of parents.



## Security and Playground Maintenance

We have had an ongoing problem with dogs in our playground after hours. Unfortunately, their owners haven't been picking up after them when they go to the toilet. This has been an issue for some time now. We have also had some minor vandalism as well as rubbish being left in our grounds over the weekends in particular. It has therefore become necessary to close our grounds to the public outside of school operating hours. We have put up signs stating this at the entrance areas. We have also been advised to have some security cameras fitted in order to assist police if further vandalism occurs. We want you all to feel welcome here at St. Mary's. If our student's families wish to spend time in the playground before or after school that is ok. We ask that you make sure that gates are closed when you leave. If your child wishes to bring their pet to school for a visit you will need to organise this beforehand with your child's teacher. We have to comply with OH&S requirements around pets in the school. Thank you for your understanding and support. These measures have been taken with the interests of your children at heart.

### School Closure dates:

We are dedicated to continuing our professional growth and by law we need to engage in ongoing professional learning. The following dates will allow time for some of this.

**Please add to your calendars:**

**Friday March 29<sup>th</sup>** - Whole Staff Inquiry Learning PD

**Friday June 7<sup>th</sup>** - Whole Staff First Aid Training

**Monday November 4<sup>th</sup>** - Whole Staff report writing

Please look over the school calendar carefully. We have a Lenten liturgy on Thursday April 4<sup>th</sup> at 2.40 in the library. On Friday April 5<sup>th</sup> we have our Easter Bonnet Parade at 12.30 followed by the Easter Raffle. The P&F are organising a fish and chip lunch from 1pm on this day. The children will be offered fish and chips for their lunch and are free to go home after this. School officially finishes at 2.30 on this final day of term 1. Thank you for your continued support of our school.

*The highest service we can perform for others is to help them help themselves.*

*Horace Mann*

kind regards,  
Bronwyn Phillips,  
Principal.



# School Photos

## SCHOOL PHOTO DAY IS COMING

ARTHUR REED PHOTOS WILL BE HERE ON  
**25th March, 2019**

### NEW IN 2019

See your child's images and customise your own package!

To be notified when images are ready to view - Register NOW

1. Go to [order.arphotos.com.au](https://order.arphotos.com.au)
2. Enter the unique **image code** for your child from their personalised flyer
3. Fill in **your** mobile number and email address - *Do this for all of your children at this school*

**That's it!** You'll receive an email and/or SMS when images are ready to view in our secure webshop

### SIBLING PHOTOS?

Register online BEFORE photo day at

<https://arphotos.typeform.com/to/jkxzy>



(03) 5243 4390  
[www.arphotos.com.au](http://www.arphotos.com.au)  
customerservice@arphotos.com.au

Sibling Photographs will be taken at  
St Mary's Primary School - Castlemaine  
on - 25th March, 2019

**Go online BEFORE photo day to request a sibling photograph!**

### Sibling Photographs requesting a sibling photo is easy....

1. Grab your phone and go to [arphotos.typeform.com/to/jkxzy](https://arphotos.typeform.com/to/jkxzy)
2. Enter the name and class of the eldest child to be in the photo
3. Enter the names of all other children to be included in the photo

**1**

**2**

**3**

**and ONE more thing.....**

\*\*You'll still have to REGISTER online at [order.arphotos.com.au](https://order.arphotos.com.au) using your child's individual code to receive notifications\*\*

**That's it!** You'll receive an email and/or SMS when images are ready to view in our secure webshop

**SEE SIBLING photos online before you BUY & customise your photo package**

• Mix & Match the images included in your package • Any layout, pose or image • Digital Downloads (multi image)

IMPORTANT - Sibling Photo requests close at midnight the night before photo day

**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	FB STANDARD - \$38	PACKAGE CHOICES FOR ENVELOPE ORDERS
1 - 30 x 20 cm portrait 1 - 18 x 13 cm portrait 1 - 12 x 10 cm portrait 4 - 13 x 10 cm portraits 4 - Wallet size portraits	1 - 30 x 20 cm portrait 1 - 18 x 13 cm portrait 1 - 12 x 10 cm portrait 4 - Wallet size portraits	<b>FC PORTRAIT ONLY - \$27</b> 1 - 30 x 20 cm portrait

Name of eldest child in sibling photo ..... Class .....

I wish to order a sibling photo package -  FA  FB  FC Total Cost of Order \$

Arthur Reed Photos

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

## School Photo Day - Monday, 25th March 2019 – Arthur Reed Photos

We will be coming to take annual school photos at St Mary's Primary School on 25<sup>th</sup> March, 2019.

Ordering has changed this year, so you do not need to purchase photos before photo day. Instead you will be able to view and select the images of your child to be included in their photo package in our new web shop.

Go online now and follow these 3 easy steps-

1. Grab your phone and go to <https://order.arphotos.com.au>
2. Enter the image code from your child's individual flyer (already handed out by your child's teacher)
3. Fill in YOUR mobile number and email address. Do this for all of your children at this school.

**That's it!** You'll be notified by email/SMS when images are ready to view and purchase!

In our NEW web shop you can MIX & MATCH the images included in your package; Choose ANY layout, ANY pose or image and purchase Multiple image digital downloads.

To be notified when images are ready to view - Register Now.



**CALENDAR:**

Find the P&F private group on Facebook – “Ladies of St Mary’s PS”

- Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> March – P & F Meeting, 9.15am staffroom
- Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> March – Social Friday – Goldfields Track Cafe, Harcourt, 7pm
- Friday 5<sup>th</sup> April – Easter raffle, bonnet parade & Fish n chip lunch
- Friday 14<sup>th</sup> June – Dads Night, Essendon vs Hawthorn, Buckley Room
- Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> September – Twilight Sports & Food truck night, TBA
- Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> October – St Mary’s SpringFest & Long Lunch

**Terracycle Colgate Community Challenge!**

We have joined the Colgate Challenge again this year! Start collecting your waste including toothbrushes, packaging & containers of any brand. Our school will gain points for each load of waste and go in draw to win garden prizes for our school!

*See more information on next page!*

**St Mary’s Social Fridays**

**Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> March 7pm, Goldfields Track Café, Harcourt.**

RSVP by 20<sup>th</sup> March to Jo Lawrence (Sam & Bianca’s mum) Mobile: 0412 839 124

**Easter Egg Donations** 

needed for our annual Easter Egg Raffle!

Egg donations & Easter gifts for hampers can be left in a basket at reception! Thank you!

**Stay tuned for a Hot Cross Bun fundraiser too!!!**

**Last Day of Term Easter Celebrations! Friday 5<sup>th</sup> April**

Fish n Chip lunch  
\$2 per child (give to teacher on day)

Assembly including drawing the Easter Raffle, Bonnet Parade & a visit by the Easter Bunny!




**St Vincent de Paul Coin Drive!**

A collection tin will be located in the foyer all year! All loose change collected to go to St Vincents.

**Food Bank -**

St Mary’s is continuing its food bank to help families in need within the school community. If you would like to be on the contact list to make emergency meals please pass your name and contact details onto Kari Aldridge (mob 0402076340)

**St Vincents Fashion Parade & Mothers Day Lunch**

Date to be advised

If you can assist on the day or would like to be a model in the parade please let Kari know on 0402-076-340.

**Dads Night! Friday 14<sup>th</sup> June 7pm**

Essendon vs Hawthorn

A night just for the dads to enjoy a catch up with nibbles and BYO drinks in the Buckley Room!

**Save the Date!**

**St Mary’s SpringFest & Long Lunch**

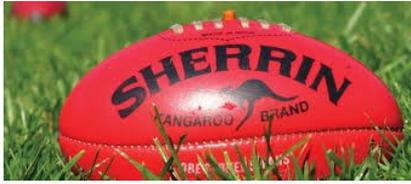
**Sunday October 27<sup>th</sup> 12.30pm**



*More information to follow!*



# St Mary's Footy Tipping



This year the P&F will be running a **Footy Tipping Competition**.

Jo Lawrence our Treasurer has kindly set up online tipping. This is a fundraiser event for our school.

The joining fee is **\$20 per person or family**.

**This is a weekly competition with tips entered weekly for each round online.**

Extended family and friends are also welcome to join!

The more members the more money for **prizes!**

If you wish to join please fill out the form below and return to the office with your money by week beginning **Monday 18<sup>th</sup> March**, upon receipt of this we will email you the link to join the online competition.

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## St. Mary's Footy Tipping Competition 2019

Family Name \_\_\_\_\_ Email address \_\_\_\_\_

Total: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

## Colgate Community Garden

The Committee has registered St Mary's to participate in the Terracycle Colgate Community Garden again this year. This a great initiative to recycle used toothbrushes, containers, and packaging. Any brand accepted and please leave in the green wheelie bin located in the foyer of the school. Spread the word, our aim is to involve the whole community with collection points at the school and Castlemaine Fitness Centre.

Be sure to **Vote DAILY** for our school also following the link below - not only does our school go into a draw to win garden prizes but also the more votes the more chances of winning recycled garden sets and upcycled pencil cases.

See Flyer and Vote for our School St Mary's Castlemaine at <https://www.terracycle.com.au/en-AU/contests/colgategardenvoting>

Entries and voting closes 30<sup>th</sup> September 2019! **START COLLECTING & VOTING NOW!!!**



### *Grade 5 Visit to Sacred Heart . . .*





## Communication Policy

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### **Rationale:**

At St. Mary's Primary School, we are committed to providing a safe, inclusive and supportive environment which promotes open communication, respect, fairness and positive relationships. We believe that the relationship between home and school is a very important part of ensuring that children are happy, secure and open to learning. As a school community we are committed to working together to meet the various needs of our school community. Central to achieving this is trust and open, effective communication between all members of the school community. As a Catholic school the Gospel values form the basis for a proactive approach to communication and problem solving.

### **Aims:**

To ensure:

- That effective communication between all school community members takes place
- That all parties communicate respectfully
- That processes are in place which allow for open and honest communication amongst all school community members
- That confidential information is managed in a manner consistent with community expectations, professional standards and legal obligations
- That clear, positive and fair processes and guidelines are provided which allow issues or concerns to be aired and resolved in a timely, effective and respectful manner
- That a positive, productive and harmonious school environment is maintained
- That where a complaint is evident, clear procedures are in place to respond.

### **Implementation:**

#### **Procedure for contacting a classroom or specialist teacher:**

When a parent wishes to contact a member of staff to discuss matters relating to their child, the procedure is to contact the teacher involved, giving a brief outline of the issue. Contact should be made using one of the following approaches:

1. Contact the school, either by phone or coming to the office personally, and ask a school administration officer to arrange for the teacher to contact you to arrange a suitable meeting time. Teachers are not available to answer phone calls or come to the office during teaching time, whilst on yard duty or at meetings. If a message is left at the office for teachers to contact a parent, they will attempt to return the call as soon as possible.
2. Contact the appropriate teacher by email, asking them to organise a suitable meeting time. Please allow up to 48 hours for a response. Teachers do not necessarily check their work emails over the weekends or after hours. If an email is sent on Friday night you may not get a response until Monday. If the matter needs immediate attention it is best to ring the office and let us know.
3. Speak briefly with the appropriate teacher, either before or after school hours (not at a time when they are teaching or on yard duty), and ask them to arrange a suitable meeting time.

**Procedure for contacting other school personnel:**

When a parent has a concern or wishes to discuss an issue regarding a situation which they consider affects the whole school, their child's wellbeing or relates to a school policy or matter, the procedure is to contact the Principal, using one of the three approaches outlined above.

When parents have a concern or wish to discuss an issue relating to a member of staff or of a sensitive nature, they should make an appointment with the Principal by contacting the school office, either by phone, email or coming to the office personally, and asking the Office Manager or an administration officer to arrange a suitable meeting time.

In all cases if the matter is urgent and/or relates to the possible risk or harm to a student, a member of staff or another member of the school community, the Principal should be informed immediately and the urgency of the matter conveyed. The Principal will determine who is the most appropriate person to deal with the issue and the process to work towards a resolution, as well as ensuring that contact is made as soon as possible.

**Procedure when responding to an issue of complaint:****Definition:**

A complaint is an expression of dissatisfaction with a real or perceived issue where a response or resolution is expected.

The dissatisfaction will usually arise from a perception that the school has:

- Done something wrong
- Failed to do something it should have
- Acted unfairly or inappropriately.

At St. Mary's we respect our community's diversity. It is inevitable that times will arise when some parents agree with the school's actions while others disagree and wish to discuss the matter with the school. We welcome discussions and encourage parents to raise issues so that they may be responded to and resolved to the satisfaction of all concerned.

St. Mary's will respond and deal with all complaints and issues sensitively, promptly and confidentially. Matters will be investigated and dealt with in a timely and respectful manner. In working through any issues, a resolution which treats all parties with dignity and respect will be sought. Issues and matters which have been raised will be kept in the strictest of confidence and not discussed with any other persons, excepting those directly involved. Members of the school community can expect that their concerns will be taken seriously.

Resolving matters of concern are best achieved through face-to-face contact with the appropriate person. Emails and letters should be brief, alerting the person to the issue; they should not be used as a forum for in-depth discussion. All complaints will be acknowledged verbally or in writing. All complaints are recorded and formal meetings will be minuted and all persons involved will receive a copy of the minutes. Any correspondence received by the school will be kept in a secure and confidential file.

**Options for resolving a complaint:**

1. Less Serious grievances and complaints are resolved informally with consideration for:
  - Self-resolution
  - Supported self-resolution
  - Facilitated mediation.
2. Serious grievances or complaints are resolved formally. Complainants may contact the office for a complaint form. Consideration will be given for:
  - Intervention

- Investigation.

The appropriate response will be initiated by the Principal, the Deputy Principal or a School Leader. For any matter which cannot be resolved by informal resolution, formal options will apply. If a matter cannot be resolved at the school level or if the complaint is about the Principal, the complainant may be referred to the Catholic Education Melbourne office or the Regional Office. See Flowchart for Handling Complaints (*Appendix 1*).

**Resolution for a complainant may include:**

- Feeling that their concern has been considered
- Knowing that the school has been alerted to a possible problem
- Receiving a verbal or written apology
- Achieving a change to a procedure or practice that would prevent a recurrence of similar complaints.

**Resolution for the school may include:**

- Reaching a compromise solution
- Dismissing the complaint
- Receiving a written apology
- Improving processes
- Increased staff Professional Development
- Improved implementation of school policies.

**Anonymous Complaints:**

St. Mary's may be unable to respond to anonymous complaints if there is insufficient detail for investigation or resolution of the matter. St. Mary's will keep a record of anonymous complaints.

**Issues arising between students and families:**

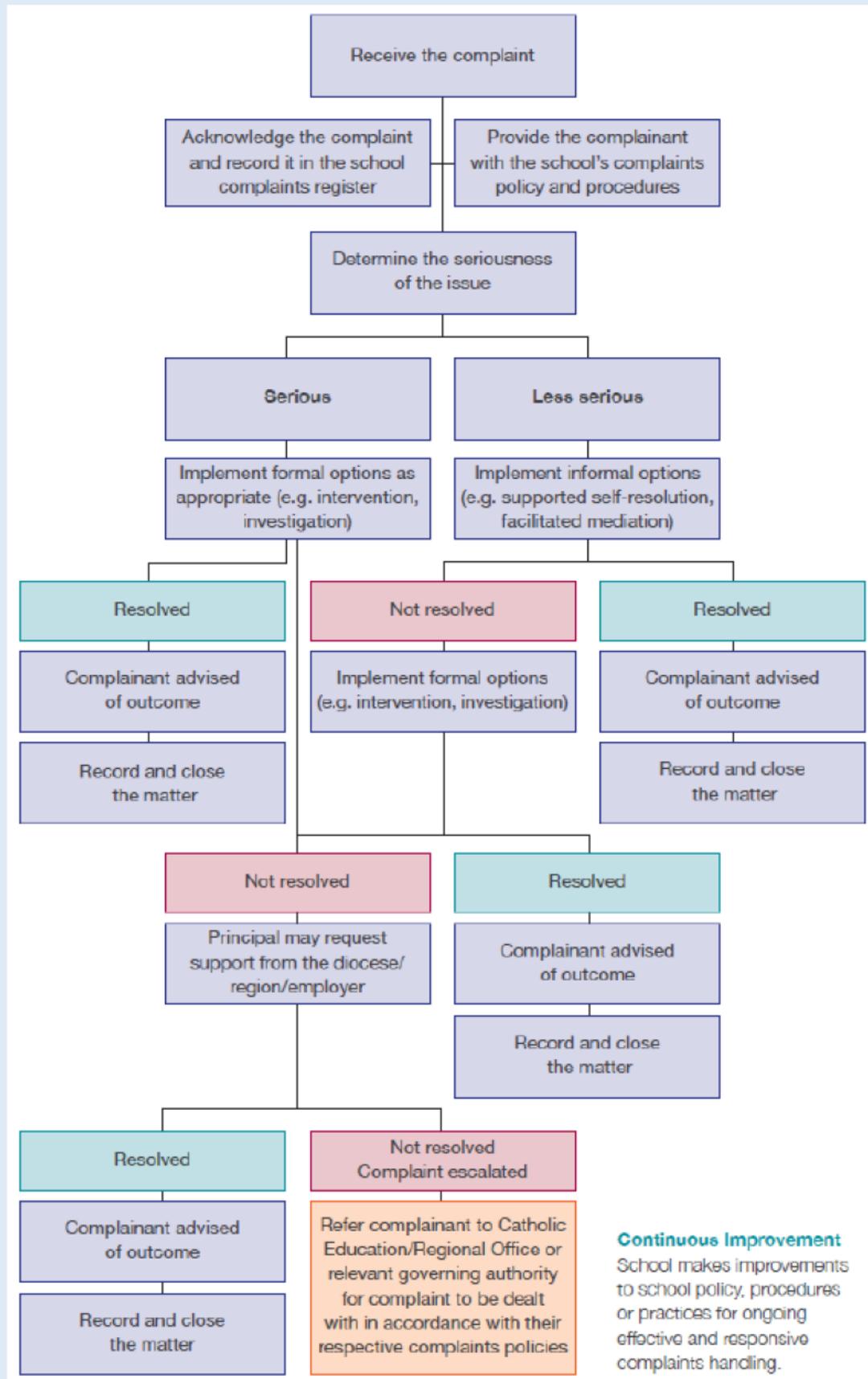
Parents should avoid approaching children or parents of other families with a school related or non-school related issue on the school grounds. Such matters must be addressed to the Principal or Deputy Principal and not discussed with others.

Ratification date: March 2019

Review date: Annually

## Flowchart for Handling Complaints (Appendix 1)

Appendix 1



Reference: Complaints Management, A Practical Guide for Schools CECV 2017

## Community News . .

# Sacred Heart College Kyneton

Enrolments for Year 7 2021  
close 26 July 2019



*A Vibrant Learning and Caring Community*

#### Tour Dates

Wednesday 20 February, Tuesday 12 March (Principal's tour)  
Tours commence at 9.15am - Bookings Essential  
Further tour dates available on the College website.

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

T: 5421 1200 E: [dlawrence@shckyneton.catholic.edu.au](mailto:dlawrence@shckyneton.catholic.edu.au)  
A Ministry of Mercy Education Limited ABN 69 154 531 870



A Vibrant Life

[www.shckyneton.catholic.edu.au](http://www.shckyneton.catholic.edu.au)

Mount Alexander  
Shire Council presents

YOUTH AWARDS

2019

DO YOU KNOW A  
YOUNG PERSON  
AGED 12 TO 25  
WHO DESERVES  
RECOGNITION?



## NOMINATE NOW

THE AWARD CATEGORIES ARE FOR LEADERSHIP IN:

**THE WORKPLACE** –  
Brilliance and leadership in the business  
sector, traineeship or apprenticeship.

**MUSIC AND THE ARTS** –  
Excellence, leadership and creativity in the  
visual and performing arts.

**SPORTS AND RECREATION** –  
Commitment, leadership and motivation  
in the sporting community.

**THE COMMUNITY** –  
Group or individual meaningful  
contribution to the community through  
volunteering or caring.

**THE ENVIRONMENT** – Initiative, passion  
and leadership in sustainability.

**EDUCATION** – Outstanding commitment,  
performance and leadership in a learning  
environment.

Nominations for the Youth Awards close on Sunday 24 March at midnight.

To nominate, visit [www.mountalexandershireyouth.com.au](http://www.mountalexandershireyouth.com.au) or pick up a nomination form at the  
Civic Centre, Castlemaine Library and the Maldon Neighbourhood Centre.



CATHERINE  
McAULEY  
COLLEGE

# OPEN EVENING

## Wednesday 20 March

### 2019 | 4 – 7pm Coolock Campus

**2019 will be a HUGE year for Catherine McAuley College** commencing with the opening of the brand new Sister Aloysius Martyn Arts Centre, featuring cutting-edge technology and creative learning spaces for Science, Technology, Arts, Engineering and Maths (STEAM). Take a tour on Open Evening!

**Final 2018  
Principal's Tour**

**9am Tuesday 27 November**  
at Coolock Campus (Years 7-9)  
McIvor Hwy, Junortoun

**Bookings & Enrolment Enquiries:** Audra Petri, College Registrar

5449 3466

[info@cmc.vic.edu.au](mailto:info@cmc.vic.edu.au)

[www.cmc.vic.edu.au](http://www.cmc.vic.edu.au)

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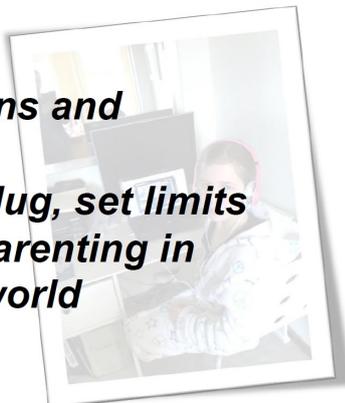
## CALL FOR A 2019 PROSPECTUS!





**Winters Flat Primary School**  
presents a parent/carer seminar on

***Kids, Screens and Behaviour:  
How to unplug, set limits & survive parenting in the digital world***



**When:** Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> March 2019  
**Time:** 7.00 pm to 8.30pm  
**Where:** Winters Flat Primary School, 3 Roberts Ave Castlemaine.  
**Cost:** \$10 per adult; \$15 per couple  
**Booking:** <https://www.trybooking.com/BAZLI> or contact the office on 5472 1522  
**Presenter :** Matt Davis  
Educational Psychologist



**C.D.N.A.**  
Castlemaine District Netball Association  
**Netball Winter 2019 Season**  
Registration and Information Day  
Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> March 9-11am  
@Wesley Hill Stadium  
Winter Season commences 27<sup>th</sup> April (after school holidays)  
Saturday mornings; 11&U mixed, 13&U mixed and 16&U mixed  
NetSetGo Program for 11&U  
Wednesdays 4pm  
Wednesday evenings; 17&U and Open  
And for more information contact us at [castlemainenetball@hotmail.com](mailto:castlemainenetball@hotmail.com) or visit our Facebook page Castlemaine District Netball

**REGISTER NOW**



In weekly sessions kids explore the world of AFL, building football skills and playing in a safe and super fun setting. And because we believe every child should have the opportunity to grow-up healthy and strong, you'll find NAB AFL Auskick is one of the most competitively priced sport programs available in most communities.

[www.play.afl/auskick/2019-registration](http://www.play.afl/auskick/2019-registration)

When: Sunday 9am  
Duration: 1 hour  
Cost: \$85  
Season: 28/04 - 07/07/2019

Contact: Castlemaine's Auskick Co-Ordinator  
Jason at [jcordy@austfood.com.au](mailto:jcordy@austfood.com.au)  
or call 0407 705 432





# CATHOLIC PARISH OF CASTLEMAINE

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

## CONTACT DETAILS

**PARISH PRIEST**  
Rev Wahid Riad PP  
Phone: (03) 5472 1900  
Mobile: 0419 511 064

**ST MARY'S PRIMARY SCHOOL**  
Principal: Bronwyn Phillips  
Phone: (03) 5472 2270

**Parish Office Manager**  
Doreen Heagney  
Mon: 12-4pm, Wed: 10-4pm,  
Thurs: 10.30-3.30pm.  
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 5475-2481.

**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.**

**Legion of Mary**  
We have a powerful and wonderful Legion of Mary group that meets on Tuesdays at 4.30pm in the *Buckley Room*. We invite new members to join us in Prayer and in good works during the week.

**MELBOURNE CATHOLIC**  
The March issue is now available: "Women/Faith". \$4 a copy.

## WORSHIP TIMETABLE

**Saturday**  
Reconciliation Castlemaine 5.15pm  
Vigil Mass: Castlemaine 6.00pm

**Sunday**  
Reconciliation: Maldon 8.15am  
Maldon 8.30am  
Castlemaine 10.30am

**Tuesday**  
Castlemaine 6.00pm

**Wednesday**  
Castlemaine 9.15am

**Thursday**  
Maldon 6.00pm.

**Friday**  
Castlemaine 9.15am  
*Followed by Stations of The Cross.*

**Second Sunday of the Month**  
Newstead 6.00pm

**Fourth Sunday of the Month**  
Sandon 6.00pm

## STEWARDSHIP CORNER

*"I have now brought you the first fruits of the products of the soil which you, O Lord, have given to me." – Deuteronomy 26:10*

This line from the Old Testament offers two challenges.  
First, do you give to God from your 'first fruits', the best that you have to offer, or do you give from what is leftover?  
Second, do you recognize that everything you have been given to you by God?  
Ask God for a grateful and generous heart, every day, in all circumstances.

**SUNDAY 10th March 2019 – Year C**  
**FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT**  
Presbytery: 76 Hargraves Street, CASTLEMAINE, 3450  
Postal Address: PO Box 151, CASTLEMAINE, VIC, 3450

Phone: (03) 5472 1900  
Email: castlemaine@cam.org.au  
Web: http://stmaryscastlemaine.com

Parish Priest: Rev Fr. Wahid Riad

**Next Sunday readings:**  
Genesis 15: 5-12, 17-18  
Philippians 3: 17 -4:1  
Luke 9: 28-36

**Today's readings:**  
Deuteronomy 26: 4-10  
Romans 10: 8-13  
Luke 4: 1-13

**Responsorial Psalm**  
Be with me, Lord,  
when I am in trouble.

**Gospel Acclamation**  
Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ,  
King of endless glory!  
No one lives on bread alone,  
but on every word that comes  
from the mouth of God.  
Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ,  
King of endless glory!



## 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: Veronica Byrne.

### 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:	\$1356
2nd Collection – Parish:	\$1279
Direct Debit & Credit cards:	\$960
Pledged Amount:	\$1835

### LENTEN PROGRAMME

Our Lenten Programme starts on Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> March at 7.00pm after Mass in the Buckley Room. Books are \$7 each and the theme is *Trust*.

All welcome as we grow together during this Lenten period and prepare for the joy of Easter.

### Youth Mass

The next Youth Mass will be on St Patrick's Day, Sunday March 17<sup>th</sup>. Come and celebrate St Patrick's Day after Mass in the Presbytery. We will share a bowl of Irish stew – there will be games for children and hopefully some Irish Music. Wear something green. Please ring Betty Morris on 5470-5530, or write your name on the list if you would like to come.

### Baptism at St Brigid's

We welcome to God's family today in Baptism, Efe Braxton Wiltshire. Every Blessing to his parents, Taelor and Emel and his Godparents.

## FORMATION DAY

Our Parish is running a formation day on the essential part of our Mass; The Liturgy of the Word and the Liturgy of the Eucharist.

We would like to invite all Readers and Extraordinary Ministers, and anybody else who is interested in learning more about our Mass, or who would like to be involved in one of these Ministries to the Workshop on Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> April at St Mary's Church from 10.30am – 3.30pm.

In order for this workshop to go ahead we need at least 25 people to each session. If you could attend, please ring/text Juliet on 0422-344-907, or see Fr Wahid.

## From the Catholic Archdiocese of Melbourne &

### Monsignor Greg Bennett

Dear friends, with the lifting of the suppression order concerning Cardinal Pell's trial and the sustained media focus has made for a challenging time for the Catholic Church in Melbourne. We will all have different ways of both responding to this news and making sense of it. For some it heralds another chapter in the already painful journey that Catholics have been a part of over the last few years. Some of us may feel upset and saddened by the news. Some of us may just feel very weary about the way our Church is being portrayed in the media. There are those in our community who have been abused and the story touches on and may be re-open already raw wounds. We pray that God will continue to journey with us as we search to understand, accept and acknowledge the challenges of our times. We hold in our thoughts and prayers all those who have suffered abuse within the Church. We have copies of the Letter from Archbishop Peter A Comensoli, please take home a copy.

## PARISH CALENDAR THIS WEEK

- Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> March  
4.30pm: Legion of Mary, Buckley room  
6.00pm: Mass, St Mary's  
7.00pm: Lenten Programme, Buckley room
- Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> March  
9.15am: Mass & Rosary, St Mary's  
7.30pm: Parish Pastoral Council
- Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> March  
6.00pm: Mass, St Brigid's  
7.30pm: RCIA – Buckley Room
- Friday 15<sup>th</sup> March  
9.15am: Mass & Stations of The Cross, St Mary's

## PROJECT COMPASSION 2019

**"Give Lent 100% - Lives change when we all give 100%"**  
Through your generosity during Project Compassion this year, you are empowering communities with hope and helping those in great need to shape a better future for themselves, their families and their communities. Please take home a Project Compassion box and/or a set of Lenten envelopes, and please give generously.

## 1<sup>st</sup> Reconciliation

**Information Night**  
All parishioners are welcome to attend this information night on the Sacrament of penance and reconciliation on Monday 18<sup>th</sup> March at 7.00pm in St Mary's School Library. A special Lenten formation.

## Parish Pastoral Council

Our next meeting is on Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> March at 7.30pm in the Presbytery.

## LITURGICAL MINISTERS

17<sup>th</sup> March 2019

## SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

6.00pm

Reader: Liz carthew  
Ext Min Com: Kathleen Tobin  
Anne McGibbon  
Chris Turley

8.30am

Reader: Danielle Barry  
Ext Min Com: Luke Barry

10.30am

Reader: Annie O'Shannessy  
Ext Min Com: Jorg Winkels  
Julie Farrell  
Mary Hein

## LINEN ROSTER

MARCH: Trish Barrett

## Stations of The Cross

A very powerful and moving practice during the season of Lent. All welcome to unite with Jesus in the Way of the Cross. Fridays after 9.15am Mass at St Mary's.

## Becoming Catholic

An invitation is extended to everyone seeking Truth and Life in the Catholic Church and to discover the secret to True Happiness in Life. Come and See! We meet every Thursday night at 7:30pm in the Buckley room – next to St Mary's Church. **ALL WELCOME.**

## Sacrament of 1<sup>st</sup> Reconciliation

**Information Night: Monday 18<sup>th</sup> March 7.00pm**  
**Commitment Mass: Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> March 10.30am Mass**

**Sacrament: Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> May at 7.00pm**  
Classes will begin shortly for children **NOT** at St Mary's school. Please ring the Parish Office on 5472-1900 to register.