



Newsletter

Term 3, Issue 6

Thursday August 29th, 2019

TERM DATES

August Friday, 30th	Father's Day Breakfast 7:30am - 9:00am	Friday, 20th	End of Term 3 - 2:30pm Finish
September Tuesday, 3rd	Open Day - 9:00-11:00am	October Monday, 7th	Term 4 commences
Thursday, 5th	Assembly - 2:40pm School Library	Sunday, 13th	Confirmation Commitment Mass Lucas Davis & Sebastian Salvatore - First Communion
Wednesday, 18th	Mt. Alexander Chess Challenge 9:00am-2:30pm Twilight Sports - 2:00pm	Tuesday, 22nd	Confirmation - 7:00pm
Thursday, 19th	Soup & Roll Lunch	Friday, 25th	St. Mary's Twilight Dinner & Photo Exhibition 5:30pm - 8:30pm



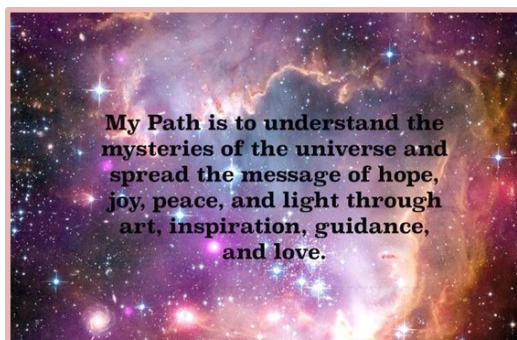
Our School Vision

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.

We acknowledge and respect Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people as the traditional custodians of the land upon which we gather. We pay our respects to the Elders of the past, present and future and acknowledge their spiritual connection to Country.



My Path is to understand the mysteries of the universe and spread the message of hope, joy, peace, and light through art, inspiration, guidance, and love.





Welcome to Lewin Blanch and his family!

We are pleased to welcome Lewin who has joined our Year 4 class into our school. We hope that Lewin and his family enjoy their time at St. Mary's.

Dear Parents, Students and Friends,

At St. Mary's we promote a growth mindset and open our minds to consider different schools of thought and ways of learning. We are constantly reviewing what we do and looking to do all that we can to actively engage our students in their learning. I came across John Marsden's thoughts on raising children which I share for your consideration.

JOHN MARSDEN'S TIPS FOR PARENTS

1. Give children space. Back off. Let them roam. Let them be bored. Don't over-plan their lives. Cut way back on the after-school activities programs.

2. Keep away from all those ghastly, soulless, sterile playgrounds. Keep away from shopping malls. Look for real places. Wild places.

3. Be an adult. Say no to your children at least once a day. If the role of Adult in your family is vacant, then one of your children will fill it. And it won't be pretty.

4. Don't take up all the space. If you are dominating, loud, forceful, your children are highly likely to become passive, lacking spirit and personality ... and/or sullen.

5. Believe about 40 per cent of the dramatic stories your children tell you of the injustices, corruption and satanic practices happening at school.

6. Teach them empathy. For example, after their jubilant victory celebrations when they win a sporting match, remind them that their jubilation was only possible because someone else – the losers – have been made to feel awful.

7. Help them develop language skills. Don't finish their sentences for them. Don't correct them when they mispronounce a word – they'll work it out sooner or later. Ask them open-ended questions, that need a detailed answer, not Yes/No questions.

8. Make sure they have regular jobs/duties at home and that those jobs are done to a consistently high standard.

9. Don't whinge endlessly about the miseries of your adult life. A lot of children now are fearful about growing up because their parents paint such a grim picture of the awfulness ahead.

10. Teach them to be very wary of people who Absolutely Know the Absolute Truth about Absolutely Everything! The colour of truth is always grey. Extreme positions are for the ignorant. Every creature, every person and every situation is complex. The universe is a wonderful mystery.





Staff Professional Development

On Monday August 26th our teaching staff attended a professional development day in Bendigo to learn more about the Walker Learning approach with the view of enhancing what we already offer to our children here at St. Mary's. As part of this day we observed the learning in St. Laborious School in Eaglehawk.

We gained further insight into the Walker Learning Approach and saw how other learning spaces were set up as well as how other teachers are working.

We came away with further inspiration and food for thought.

We will keep you informed on our progress with this.

Castlemaine Secondary College Production

Our Year 5-6 students attended the CSC dress rehearsal of, "The Wedding Singer" where their students entertained us by presenting the first half of their show. This formed part of their transition program. Staff from the college also spoke about the drama program that they offer to students. We thank CSC for inviting us.



Art Club

Georgia and Alex taught us how to weave yesterday when we enjoyed our time with the art club in the sunshine. Thankyou girls.



Twilight Sports Training with our New Hurdles

Thanks to your generous support of our circus day we raised enough money to purchase child friendly hurdles which the children have been enjoying during PE training. We are looking forward to our Twilight sports coming up on September 18th.



Father's Day, Family & Carers Breakfast Tomorrow

We warmly invite you all to take part in our Father's, Family & Carers breakfast tomorrow on August 30th from 7.30 am until 9.00am. We acknowledge all those who play a role in raising our children. We also acknowledge that Father's Day can be a difficult day for some, bringing up complex feelings and emotions.

We are thinking of you too and pray for you:

- Fathers who have lost children
- Those who have lost Fathers
- Those who have strained relationships
- Those who are unable to be Fathers and those yearning to be Fathers.



We celebrate all of the love and care that devoted parents, grandparents and carers give to their precious children. We look forward to seeing all of you who can attend at our breakfast.



St. Mary's Book Fair

We hope that you have enjoyed perusing the array of books that we have on offer in the library. You may come in and look over what we have at 8.50 am or at 2.50 pm. Eftpos is available if you wish to purchase any books. Thank you for supporting this fundraiser.



Altar Server Training 3.30-4.30 in Church

It is great that we have so many children interested in taking up this opportunity. Victor Steiner & Trish Bowles will facilitate our next training session on this Monday September 2nd in St. Mary's Church. You may attend the session or pick your child up from the church at 4.30 sharp.

Speech Pathologist Hayley Millard

Our children now have the opportunity to see a speech pathologist here at St. Mary's on a Wednesday or a Thursday. I have met with Hayley Millard who has been working in this area for over 7 years. Most of her experience has been with primary age children. Your child may attend 5 visits which can be subsidised by Medicare. The Medicare rebate under the Chronic Disease Management (CDM) Program is \$53.80 per session. Families need to see their GP to determine eligibility for a CDM plan. Hayley can provide families with more information about the CDM program, as required.

You may contact Hayley directly on **0490460429** if you would like to discuss with her what she can offer your child.



Outdoor Classroom Plans

We are in the process of creating an outdoor learning/play area under the library. We have ordered a whiteboard and a blackboard to be erected for the children to use. We will also use some of our older tables and chairs. If you have anything you would like to donate to this space let us know. The purpose is to develop an area outdoors where the children can draw, create and play.



Map of Australia

It would be great to add more detail to the map of Australia which is painted on the wall under the library. If any of you are keen, we would like to add states, cities names, perhaps some wildflowers, etc. Let us know if this is something that you would like to help us with. Thank you.

Student Absences

We are required by law to follow up on any unexplained student absences. If your child is going to be absent from school can you please submit a student absence via CareMonkey or notify the school directly. We will make phone calls to parents if we have not received notification by you about any students who are away.



School Fees

We thank you for your efforts in keeping the payment of school fees up to date. We rely on the collection of our fees to provide educational programs for our children. If you are experiencing financial difficulty, please make an appointment to discuss options with me.

Second hand Uniform – Calling for Donations

If you have any of our **current** uniform items that you no longer need you may donate them to our second hand uniform cupboard. We can then pass these items on to those who need them. Thankyou.



Open Day September 3rd – It's Time to Enrol Now for 2020



We are offering a second open day here at St. Mary's on Tuesday September 3rd 9.00 am – 11.30 am. We welcome anyone interested in learning more about what we can offer to come along.

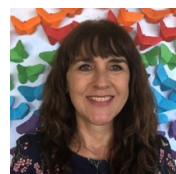
We have had pleasing interest in our school and already have over 10 prep enrolments for 2020. If you are a current parent who is seeking enrolment for a sibling in 2020 it would assist us if you pick up enrolment forms from our office and enrol as soon as you are ready. If you know anyone who would like to enrol for next year we are encouraging people to do so now. Places are filling and this will assist us with our planning for next year.

Through our eyes, the universe is perceiving itself. Through our ears, the universe is listening to its harmonies. We are the witnesses through which the universe becomes conscious of its glory, of its magnificence.

Alan Watts

Kind regards,

Bronwyn Phillips
Principal.



St. Mary's School
- Castlemaine -

OPEN DAY

Tuesday, 3rd September
9:00am - 11:00am

Enrol now for 2020

Enquiries Welcome

St. Mary's School
84 Templeton Street, Castlemaine
Tel: 5472 2270
www.smcastlemaine.com
Facebook: St. Mary's Primary School
Castlemaine Welcomes You

- Inspire
- Engage
- Transform

CHOIR LESSONS



Dear Parents,

Craig Trickey is able to offer choir lessons on Tuesday afternoons at 2.45pm until 3.15pm if we have enough children interested. We didn't get enough children to conduct choir sessions this term however we can next term if we have 10 or more children who would like to take part.

Craig is experienced and skilled in this area. The children who participated last term really enjoyed their sessions. There were others who wanted to do choir but didn't want to miss out on play time. That is why we are offering the lessons at 2.45 for Term 4.

If you would like your child/ren to take part in choir lessons, please fill out the permission slip below and return it as soon as possible to the office.

You would need to commit to the eight weeks of sessions offered now in Term 4 and pay \$21.00 in advance to contribute to the cost of running the program.

We know that we have children who like to be part of a choir and that is why we are offering these sessions.

Thank you for your prompt response.

Kind regards,

Bronwyn Phillips
Principal.

I give permission for my child/children:
to take part in the choir lessons facilitated by Craig Trickey on Tuesday
afternoons at 2.45 – 3.15 at a cost of \$21.00 for 8 half hour sessions.

Signed:

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

Calendar Dates

Wednesday 18th September – Twilight Sports, 2pm

Thursday 19th September – P&F Meeting, staff room 9.15am

Friday 20th September – Last day of term, Soup for lunch

Friday 25th October - Launch Photo Exhibition launch, see flyer to be sent home

Sunday 1st December - Vision Portraits Fundraiser, St. Mary's School

Vision Portrait Fundraiser

**Sunday 1st December @
St. Mary's School**

**Please see flyer and use link to
book your place! Be quick places
will fill up fast!**

**A lovely family photo to give
family and friends!**

Colgate Fundraiser

Collection will continue all year around!
Any brand accepted and please leave in a
collection box located in the foyer of the
school & Castlemaine Fitness Centre.



Be sure to **Vote DAILY** until September
30th [https://www.terracycle.com.au/en-AU/
contests/colgategardenvoting](https://www.terracycle.com.au/en-AU/contests/colgategardenvoting)



**St Vincent de Paul Coin
Drive!**

A collection tin will be located
in the foyer all year!

Last Day of Term

Friday 20th September

**Soup & Roll for lunch
provided by the P&F
\$2 per serve**



PHOTO EXHIBITION WHIMSICAL MORNINGS – HANGING BY A THREAD YOUR PHOTOS WANTED!

*We are inviting you to share a photo or two of your family's
experiences preparing to leave the house. It could be getting
ready for school, kinder or crèche, the park, supermarket or
the family holiday. It may be funny or crazy or it might be
just short of complete chaos. We want to capture it all!*

*Launch ~ Friday 25th October
St Mary's Hall 6pm-9pm*

*See flyer to be sent home soon for
more information on
submitting your photos!*



**Next P&F Meeting Thursday 19th September, 9.15am, Staffroom.
All welcome!**



Vision
Portraits



Help your School raise funds this year and book your \$15 family photo today! Include your whole family in the session or just the kids. Book now to secure your place.

Family and Kids Photo Fundraiser
Go to the booking link below:
<https://www.visionportraits.com.au/family>
Password: fundraiser2019

\$15

Your photoshoot will be held at your school & includes one 10" x 13" photo and frame.

100% of your booking fee is fundraised for your School.

  @visionportraits



Bookings Now Open

Important information:

Our photographers capture fun, variety and those special family moments. Each session includes photos of different members of the family, children, parents, grandparents and relatives - whatever you request. Immediately after your photo session, you join one of our viewing consultants to view, choose favourites and select your fundraising print. Members of the community outside your organisation are encouraged to also book an appointment; their contribution will be donated to the hosting organisation.

Only 1 booking per family/group. Each person can only appear in one \$15 fundraising photo but can appear in all other photos in any session. If you miss your appointment or are late, your booking will be forfeited. Therefore, we recommend you arrive five minutes before your session starts. There are no refunds for no-shows or late bookings. However, take comfort in knowing that this money will still be donated to the hosting organisation's fundraising efforts.

On the day, we also offer opportunities to purchase additional photos in digital format and order professional prints. If you cannot make the date of this event and would love some photos, then please contact us directly on 03 8689 0033 for further information. Some schools only offer indoor or outdoor photo sessions so please check your online booking schedule.



For enquiries
Call 03 8689 0033
Email info@visionportraits.com.au
visionportraits.com.au

**Vision
Portraits**

Community News . . .



XTREMEINCYOUTH PROJECTS PRESENT...

CULTURAL YOUTH FEST
CELEBRATING 10 YEARS OF YOUTH PROJECTS
SAT 21 + SUN 22
SEPTEMBER 2019
CASTLEMAINE SKATE PARK / WESTERN RESERVE
FEATURING A JAM-PACKED TWO DAYS OF:
SKATE, SCOOT, BMX & PARKOUR COMPS - BREAKDANCE BATTLES -
LIVE STREET ART - FREE & FUN ACTIVITIES FOR ALL AGES - PARKOUR
OBSTACLE COURSE - JUMPING CASTLE - DJ'S - LIVE MUSIC &
PERFORMANCES - FOOD TRUCKS + MORE

DALLAS WOODS

MELBOURNE DANCE MOB
+ DJ EZU
DRUG & ALCOHOL FREE EVENT

xtreameincyouthprojects
@2txyouthfest

more info + tik:
www.2thextremefestival.com

Big Band Spectacular

raising funds for our community

Kyneton Town Hall

Saturday 7 September 7pm

Featuring two big bands playing swing, rock & latin

All funds raised in support of
Coliban Group CFA (Kyneton)
& Kyneton Community Kitchen





BYO food

Drinks at bar prices (all drinks must be purchased onsite)

Tickets \$25 per person - single tickets or book a table

Dress to impress

Bookings via TryBooking: www.trybooking.com/BDPIG

presented by Sacred Heart College



Join us for a free

FAMILY FUN DAY

Sunday September 8th 2019, 11:00 am – 3:00pm
Campsie Drive, Kyneton

RSVP your attendance: kynetononriverside.com.au

FOOD TRUCKS

PRIZES

FACE PAINTING

MEET THE BUILDERS

PETTING ZOO & JUMPING CASTLE

LIVE MUSIC

Kyneton
on riverside

Kyneton Daffodil
& Arts Festival

Official Kyneton
Daffodil & Arts
Festival Event



CATHOLIC PARISH OF CASTLEMAINE

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

SUNDAY 25th August 2019 – Year C
TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
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:

Sirach 3: 17-20, 28-29
Hebrews 12: 18-19, 22-24
Luke 14: 1, 7-14

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.*

Today's readings:

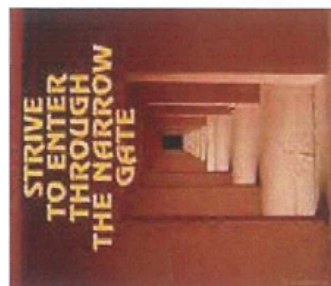
Isaiah 66: 18-21
Hebrews 12: 5-7, 11-13
Luke 13: 22-30

Responsorial Psalm

Go out to all the world
and tell the Good News.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!
I am the way, the truth,
and the life, says the Lord;
no one comes to the Father,
Except through me.
Alleluia!



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 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.

•MELBOURNE CATHOLIC

The August issue is now available:
"From The Heart"
Take home a copy today. \$4 each.

Free SOUP KITCHEN

Every Wednesday from
5pm-6.30pm in the Buckley Room.
All help is welcome.

WORSHIP TIMETABLE

Saturday
Reconciliation Castlemaine 5.15pm
Vigil Mass: Castlemaine 6.00pm

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

Tuesday
Mass: Castlemaine 6.00pm

Wednesday
Mass: Castlemaine 9.15am

Thursday
Mass: Maldon 6.00pm.

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

"For behold, some are last who will
be first and some are first who will
be last." – Luke 13:30

Our standards in society are
different from God's standards.
We often rank people by what
they have, how powerful they are,
or how successful they are.
Jesus reminds us that God
will not judge us by the
same earthly standards.

When God asks you,
"what have you done with the
gifts I have given you?"
How will you respond?

MAY THEY REST IN PEACE

Recent Deaths: Margaret Farrell, Patricia Miles.

Anniversaries: Lauri Greaves, Kaye Norton.

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: \$977
2nd Collection – Parish: \$998
Direct Debit & Credit cards: \$687
Pledged Amount: \$1835

Australian Catholic Youth Festival

2019: "Listen to what the Spirit is saying"
The fourth Australian Catholic Youth Festival will be in Perth from 8-10 December 2019 for Year 9 to 30 year olds.

Individuals can register as pilgrims with the Melbourne Collective Group (MCG) for a 6 days/5 nights package for \$1699 p/p.
This is the last week to register.

Registration closes on 31 August 2019
For more information & Registration go to: www.cam.org.au/acyf19

or

contact Fr Wahid on 0419-511-064.

GARABANDAL MEETING

Our next meeting is on
Monday 2nd September at 7.30pm
at 19A Duke street, Castlemaine.
Enquiries: Trish Bowles on 5472-2702.

COUNTERS ROSTER

The new roster is now available.
Please collect your roster. Thank you.

SACRAMENTAL PROGRAMME 2019

•CONFIRMATION

(For children in Grade 6 and upwards)

•Commitment Mass

Sunday 13th October: 10.30am Mass,
St Mary's

•Parent/Child Information Night

Tuesday 22nd October: 7pm, school library

•Sacrament of Confirmation

Sunday 24th November: 10.30am Mass,
St Mary's

Registrations forms for Sacraments are available from the Parish Office.
A donation of \$50 to cover costs of books, medals & certificates. Please contact the Parish office on 5472-1900.

YOUTH MASS

All young people of the parish and community are invited to our next Youth Mass on

Saturday 31st August at 6.00pm Mass
at St Mary's Church, Castlemaine.

Being Father's Day weekend, we would love to Bless all your Dads on this special occasion.

After Mass, all are invited to the Buckley room for Pizza & drinks.
All welcome.

Ordination to the Priesthood

On Saturday September 7 at 10am
at St Patrick's Cathedral,
Archbishop Peter will ordain four new priests for service in Melbourne. Please pray for Deacons *Andrew Choi, Nathan Rawlins,*
Michael Buck and Trac Nguyen

as they prepare for ordination.

All are welcome to the ordination Mass at the Cathedral to pray for these men and to rejoice in the gift of four new priests for Melbourne. On this day also the Archbishop will ordain three deacons in preparation for priestly ordination at a later date.

PARISH CALENDAR THIS WEEK

• Tuesday 27th August

4.30pm: Legion of Mary, Presbytery
6.00pm: Mass, St Mary's

• Wednesday 28th August

9.15am: Mass & Rosary, St Mary's

• Thursday 29th August

6.00pm: Mass, St Brigid's

• Friday 30th August

7.30am: Father's Day breakfast –
St. Mary's school

9.15am: Mass & Adoration, St Mary's

Father's Day Breakfast

All Fathers and Grandfathers are invited to a Breakfast on Friday 30th August from 7.30am to 9.00am in St. Mary's school.

Father's Day Blessings

All Fathers and Grandfathers are invited to celebrate Father's Day and give thanks for the gift of Fatherhood and receive a special Blessing at all the Masses on Father's Day weekend.

Fr Wahid on Annual Leave

Fr Wahid will be away on holidays from
Monday 2nd September to
Friday 20th September.

Fr Paul Castley will supply at weekend Masses and communion services will be held during the weekdays.

SPECIAL COLLECTION

NEXT Weekend:

Priests' Retirement Foundation

The Annual collection for the Priests' Retirement Foundation will be on Sunday 1st September.

LITURGICAL MINISTERS

1st September 2019

TWENTY SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

6.00pm

Reader: Liz Carthew

Ext Min Com: Anne McGibbon

Ann Coffey

Marie McCallum

8.30am

Reader: Maureen & Harvey Loftus

Ext Min Com: Pam Fitzpatrick

10.30am

Reader: Victor Steiner

Ext Min Com: Christine Adams

Julie Farrell

Annie O'Shannessy

LINEN ROSTER

SEPTEMBER: Julie Farrell

•St Mary's School P & F dates for August/September

Friday 30th August: Father's Day
breakfast: 7.30am – 9.00am

Tuesday 3rd September: Open Day:
9.00am – 11.00am

Wednesday 18th September: Twilight
Sports – 2.00pm

A Journey of Faith with

Fr Wahid Riad

A Pilgrimage of a lifetime to the Holy Land from: 11th-24th May 2020
with optional Israel extension
May 23rd -26th (prices on request).
\$5735 p/person all inclusive.

For more information contact:
Shereen on 9547-7598 or
0421-114-724

Or Alan: 9792-4444. All welcome.