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Newsletter

Term 2, Issue 9

Thursday June 20th, 2019

TERM DATES				
June Friday, 21st	St. Mary's Ladies Social Night - see P & F Notes	Monday, 22nd & Wednesday, 24th	Parent-Student-Teacher Conversations	
Thursday, 27th	Assembly - 'Circus' Assembly - 2:40pm	Wednesday, 24th	First Holy Communion Preparation Evening - 7:00pm	
Friday, 28th	Last day Term 2 - 2:30 finish Football Dress Up & Pie Day	Monday, 29th	Dhelkunya Dja Naming of Refurbished Building Ceremony - 9:00am	
July Monday, 15th	Term 3 commences	August Sunday, 11th	First Holy Communion 10:30am	
Thursday, 18th	P & F Meeting - 9:00am in Staffroom	Monday, 26th	School Closure Day Staff PD	
Sunday, 21st	First Holy Communion Commitment Mass - 10:30am	September Tuesday, 3rd	Open Day - 9:00-11:00am	
Sunday, 21st	Family Day at Leangarnook, Mt Alexander, after Mass	Wednesday, 18th	Twilight Sports - 2:00pm	



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.



A Moment for Grace: National Refugee Week







Congratulations to the Watts Family! It's a Boy!

Mrs. Watts is delighted to announce the safe arrival of their grandson Harry. Mother and son are doing well.

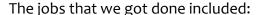


Dear Parents, Students and Friends,

It was wonderful to experience the school community spirit alive amongst us as well as so many positive things being achieved at our working bee on Sunday.

Thank you to all of our families who assisted on Sunday. The sun was shining providing a beautiful atmosphere and pleasant conditions for us all to get many jobs done. The children are enjoying the seating and the garden areas and grounds are looking neat! It was great to have so many helpers which meant we could even get the shelving organised in the arts hub!

Carolynne's hearty minestrone and pumpkin soups provided us with the delicious sustenance we needed to keep us going.



- concreting in our new bench seating. We now have four additional seating areas.
- clearing drains and gutters on the ground which allow water to flow away.
- weeding and turning over the soil in the Bird & Butterfly Sanctuary.





- digging out the soil eroding onto the tennis courts.
- general weeding.
- re-organising resources in the Art's Hub.
- sweeping up the leaves from the paths.

Thank you again everyone. We all appreciate the work that you did.

Author Talk at Castlemaine Library Refugee Week 2019 Theme - 'A world of stories'







St. Mary's visited the Castlemaine Library to mark the beginning of Refugee Week. The 2019 Theme – 'A world of stories' was experienced by our children through listening to local author Nicola Philp, who read and discussed her picture book, " A Grain of Hope."

A Grain of Hope is a picture book about refugees and animals – a dual story, on facing pages, of a dog and refugee girl. Both are escaping unsafe lives and their stories mirror each other – until the end. Laura Giuffrida who used to have children at our school also shared her book, "Australia is our Home". Laura will be our junior school visiting author during book week this year. Our children asked many probing questions after the author's presentations about their stories as well as to learn more about the processes involved in writing and publishing a book.

Refugee Week provides an opportunity for the Australian public to celebrate the immense courage, resilience and valuable contributions made by refugees to Australian society. For many Australians, Refugee Week provides an opportunity to meet a refugee for the first time. Storytelling provides a great way to do this.

Every refugee seeking safety brings their own story of why they left home, their journey and in some cases finding safety in Australia. The sharing of stories is an opportunity to not only remember and honour their journey but also to educate the Australian community to better understand the courage and contribution that refugees make.

The Refugee Week theme has a number of important functions:

- It raises awareness of the issues affecting refugees.
- It helps to make Refugee Week a national celebration.
- It promotes harmony and togetherness.
- The common theme is a reminder that, regardless of our differences, we all share a common humanity.





Circus Showcase at Assembly on Thursday 27th June 2.40pm We invite you to attend our assembly on Thursday June 27th. Our children will be showcasing what they have learned in circus club and performing arts this term.

Make Friends with Worry Incursion

We were fortunate to benefit from the combined experience of local health care workers Bronwyn Grieve and Helen Smith.

Anxiety is the most common mental health condition in Australia affecting 1 in 4 people. Half of all lifelong mental health problems begin before the age of 14 and 1 in 7 young people aged 4 to 17 years' experience a mental health condition in any given year (Beyond Blue 2019) The, 'Make Friends with Worry' program aims to provide school children with some valuable knowledge and tools in a fun, interactive format.

It focuses on:

- understanding and normalising worry.
- providing an insight into what is happening in our bodies when we worry.
- helping to understand when worry becomes something bigger.
- strategies and activities to assist when worry becomes bigger.
- understanding and normalising worry.

The program assisted and reinforced strategies and ways of thinking that are already in place as part of our Berry St wellbeing work. Your children may have spoken with you about this incursion.









Footy Colours Dress Up and Pie Day Friday 21st June

Our school captains are organising a footy colours dress up and pie day for the last day of term. Your children are invited to dress in footy colours and take part in our tabloid footy activities at 11.30. The P&F are supplying pies \$2.70, pasties \$2.90 and sausage rolls \$2.00. You may order your child's pie, pastie or sausage roll via CareMonkey and have your child pay for the order on the day.

We welcome a gold coin donation to dress up. This will go towards purchasing plants for our bird and butterfly sanctuary.

Thank you Patrick, Amelia and Katiana for your background work in making this day happen. Please note that school finishes at 2.30 on this day. Buses will run at this earlier finish time.

Kitchen Garden/Wellbeing

Our students cooked baked pumpkin and pea risotto, pumpkin scones as well as making a master salad this Thursday and Friday for lunch. Thank you for your assistance. Indeed, our students are learning a great deal about growing and preparing their food throughout our kitchen garden work. They really enjoy working together to prepare their lunches and they are very proud of the food that they create. Well done children!







CMC Production Rock of Ages

Our year 4-6 children travelled to Bendigo by bus last Friday afternoon to enjoy the Catherine McCauley College Production, "Rock of Ages". The children thoroughly enjoyed the music and performance as well as the vibe of live theatre. Thank you to CMC for giving our students this opportunity. Our children are approaching Year 7 so this was also a good way for our children to see inside a secondary environment.

St Mary's Parish Altar Servers Training

It was great to see a number of our children at Mass on Sunday. We have ten students who are interested in training as altar servers. Training will commence in Term 3.

Please select training day preferences on CareMonkey should your child wish to participate. Training will take place after school in the church.

Sacred Heart Junior Chef

Congratulations Madeleine, Niamh, Oliver and Michael on a splendid cook off on Wednesday afternoon at the Sacred Heart College Junior Chef Challenge!

Thank you to your parents who helped prepare the children for this event.

Our children did an exceptional job making pasta and a delicious Napoli sauce!









Therese Watts on Leave 17th – 25th of June

Mrs. Watts will be on leave from Monday June 17th and she will return on Wednesday June 26th. We are delighted that Ms. Saima Teague is taking the Prep-One class during her absence. Sim is very much enjoying working with the children again. She worked with us

in 2017-2018 as an ESO (Education Support Officer). Sim is now working as a CRT (Casual Relief Teacher). Mark O'Sullivan will teach as usual on the Friday. We wish Mrs. Watts a happy leave period as she enjoys family time supporting her daughter settle her new grandson Harry into the family.



To enhance our work with your children we have booked a green hat workshop for our junior school and parents on July 17th next term. The pedagogy behind this is inspired by Melbourne's progressive schooling movement of the 1960s and influenced by the field of Play work. Green Hat Workshop emphasise a play-based, student led learning model where

possible. They create and provide resources and environments that first and foremost engage participants and engender fun and play.

They acknowledge that we are in partnership with our participants during our workshops, enabling and encouraging their natural instinct to play with pattern, aesthetics, order and symmetry, representations of narrative and the world around them, as well as comparison and intrinsic challenge.



Green Hat Workshop's approach is to work within existing school cultures to empower natural curiosity and creativity in all students, with as few instructions and *rules* as possible, thereby engaging all participants at their own level of cognitive and physical ability, be they adult or child, neurotypical or diverse.

They do not write programs that emphasise content or specify a valued outcome but rather value authentic participant-lead programs that provide environments optimum for shared creative problem solving.

Green Hat Workshop provide simple, abundant, impermanent resources.

Green Hat Workshop provide simple, abundant, *impermanent* resources where possible, as they believe this makes their programs encourages individuals to experiment, share and explore.

They believe:

- Fun and engagement comes first
- Children come to us with knowledge
- Humans learn when they are ready and cannot be compelled to do so
- The goal of every teacher is to become obsolete
- Play is the process of creating and solving.

Please see the flyer later in this newsletter for further details.

Milo Friday

Given that the winter chill has set in we have resumed our Milo Friday routine. Children may have a warm milo if they arrive before 8.50 am. Warm milo will be served outside our library from 8.30 am until 8.50 am. If you would like a milo on Fridays be sure to arrive before 8.50! If you have special dietary requirements, please let us know. Alternative milk can be provided.

Men's Night

We hope that an enjoyable evening was had by all of those who attended on Friday evening. Another opportunity is coming up on August 17th and 18th for a **retreat**. The flyer pictured is attached later in this newsletter for your information. Registration forms for this retreat are available from the school office if you are interested.



Parent-Teacher-Student-Conversations 22-24th July

You may book in your times to meet with your child's teachers via School Interviews for early

next term. We encourage you to use this opportunity which is a great way to promote communication between school and home. It supports the student, teacher and the parents to work together toward our children's learning and social wellbeing. Three-way conferences take

the form of a conversation between the student, their parents and their teacher. They give our students an opportunity to share with their parents their growth as a learner. Through this process children can accept accountability and responsibility for their progress and achievement, and demonstrate a growing understanding of their development as independent learners. In three-way conferencing all three parties - student, parents and the teacher - sit together and talk about the student's learning, with the student taking an equal role. If you are unable to book in on the days allocated you can make an alternative date with your child's teacher. If you wish to book a time with specialist staff you may also do this via the school office.





To book a time slot with your child's teacher access School Interviews: www.schoolinterviews.com.au and put in the code b89he - if you have any trouble accessing this site please contact the school office.



Mini Vinnies Winter Appeal & Soup Fundraiser on Thursday June 13th

Our year five students are in the process of organising a soup lunch for next term. Children may buy a cup of warm soup on this date TBA as part of our fundraiser for St. Vincent De Paul. Stay tuned for the date!

This year, as the cold weather creeps in, our thoughts go towards those in our community that are in need. More than 40% of those experiencing homelessness in Australia are under 25 years of age! This is an alarming number and the St Mary's

Social Justice Team / Mini Vinnies (pictured) need your help to 'make a difference' and inspire change. From now until the end of Term 2 the Mini Vinnies (Social Justice Team) will be partnering with the St Vincent de Paul Society to run a 'Winter Appeal'. This year the St Vincent de Paul Society are in desperate need of warm, life-saving clothing and blankets for our 'homeless'. This term we are asking our families to **donate warm, winter blankets, sleeping bags or clothing** in new or in very good condition in both adult and children sizes. The donations need to be washed and not stained! Items could include: Gloves, beanies, scarves, coats, earmuffs, socks (new) or blankets/sleeping bags. Thank you very much for your support.

It's Time to Enrol Now for 2020

We have had pleasing interest in our school and already have a number of 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. This will assist us with our planning for next year.

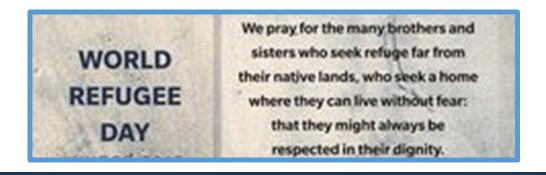




A very special thank you to you all for your on-going support of our school.

Kind regards, Bronwyn Phillips, Principal.







2040

EDUCATIONAL SCREENINGS

The Theatre Royal Castlemaine is offering a week of 10am screenings of the new documentary 2040 for all schools in our area.

2040 is a hybrid feature documentary that looks to the future, but is vitally important NOW! Award-winning director Damon Gameau (That Sugar Film) embarks on journey to explore what the future could look like by the year 2040 if we simply embraced the best solutions already available to us to improve our planet and shifted them rapidly into the mainstream. Structured as a visual letter to his 4-year-old daughter, Damon blends traditional documentary with dramatised sequences and high-end visual effects to create a vision board of how these solutions could regenerate the world for future generations.

Tickets are \$10 per person. Spots are very limited, so please book as soon as possible to ensure your students spaces!

TUESDAY 16 JULY - FRIDAY 19 JULY 10.00AM

THEATRE ROYAL

2040 EDUCATIONAL DOCUMENTARY

GRADES 4 - 6 ARE GOING TO THE THEATRE ROYAL
ON TUESDAY, 16TH JULY TO SEE A 2040 DOCUMENTARY
- 10.00AM VIEWING.
THIS WILL COMPLIMENT STUDENTS'
INQUIRY UNIT.

PARENTS ARE INVITED TO ATTEND WOULD BE A COST TO PARENT OF \$10.00.
STUDENTS COSTS ARE COVERED THROUGH THE
PREPAID EXCURSION LEVY.
PLEASE LET ALISON CONDLIFFE KNOW BY THE END
OF THIS TERM IF YOU ARE INTERESTED, AS BOOKINGS
WILL NEED TO BE MADE. THANK YOU.

Parent-Student-Teacher Conversations

Monday, 22nd July & Wednesday, 24th July

Log on to www.schoolinterviews.com.au and put in the code: b89he to make your booking.

Mini Vinnies

The mini Vinnies have been making posters to announce the beginning of St Vincent de Paul winter appeal.

The winter appeal is when we can donate clothes, blankets and food to those who are in need.

The clothes and blankets need to be hole free, unstained and in good quality. If it's not good enough to give to a friend, then it's best not to give it to St. Vincent de Paul.

The food items need to be long lasting, nonperishable. Ideas for food items include pasta'n'sauce, soup, noodles, baked beans, canned vegetables and fruit. We ask that these items be brought in by the end of this term and not out of date.

Tomorrow we will be holding a soup day.
Bring in a gold coin donation to receive a cup of soup and small bread roll. Mini Vinnie's students went around to each classroom on Monday morning to find out who would like to have soup.

Money is paid on the Friday and all money will be donated to St. Vincent de Paul.

Thank you for your continued support.



WORKING BEE









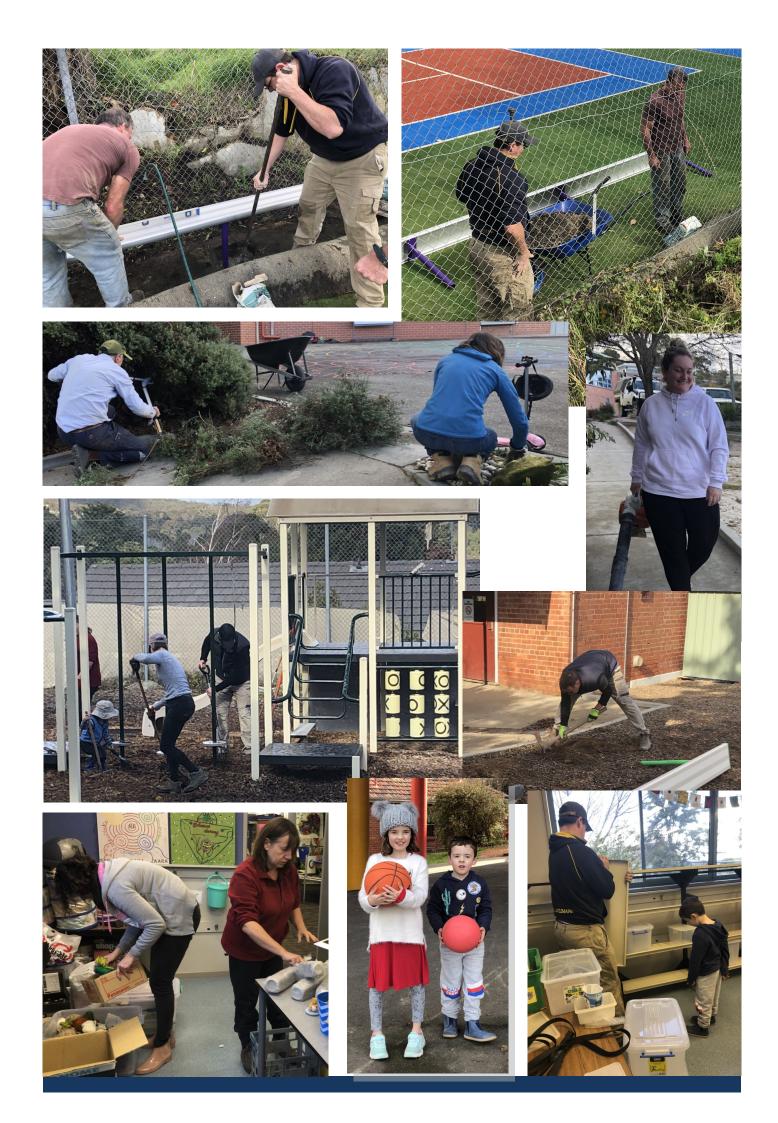












REGISTRATION FORMS ARE AVAILABLE FROM SCHOOL OFFICE -





The purpose of menALIVE is to bring men together, to renew their faith in God, and to encourage them to become an active force within the Church.

www.menalive.org.au

What others have said...

"An enjoyable and very grounded experience of spirituality for men."

"A great weekend of talking, eating, laughing and prayer."

"Offers a **clear vision** for being Catholic and Christian in the contemporary world."

"The format and talks helped me to confront issues in my life - really helped me to go outside myself - found the weekend format terrific."

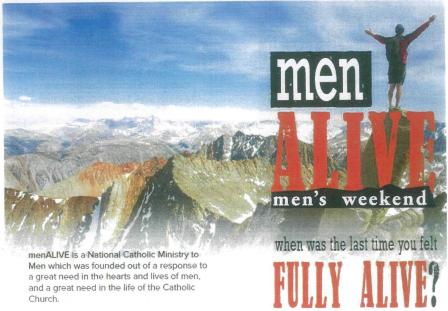
"Offers something **practical** and **down-to-earth** that most Catholic guys can relate to."

"I was very impressed with the enthusiasm and friendliness of the team and all the participants in general. I gained a lot from the weekend."

"Thank you for a great weekend. You have inspired my faith."

"The weekend was a great opportunity for men to come to be together and be set on fire. The vision of menALIVE was well presented and the format enables practical ways this could be accomplished."

"This is something the Church desperately needs."



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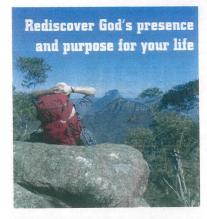
Through a variety of events and programs, men are invited to explore what God would want for their lives and how they might come to experience the fullness of life that God wants for us all.

17 - 18 August 2019

Catholic Parish of Castlemaine
CASTLEMAINE

www.menalive.org.au

God is glorified when men are fully alive St Irenaeus



The menALIVE Men's Weekend is an opportunity for men to explore what makes them feel fully alive.

During the weekend, the menALIVE team will share about their lives, the challenges they face and the hope they have discovered in seeking to walk this journey with God.

Perhaps the most important thing the weekend offers is space for men to reflect and opportunities to share with one another about themselves and their lives.

The experience of the weekend is powerful and dynamic and many men are inspired and encouraged with a new sense of purpose and mission.

The weekend is organised by men in your local community and conducted by an experienced team of menALIVE leaders. It is suitable for all men from 18 years of age.

menALIVE Men's Weekend

17 - 18 August 2019

at

The McLaren Room Catholic Parish of Castlemaine 78 Hargraves Street, Castlemaine

PROGRAM

SATURDAY

8:00 - 8:45 am Registration 9:00 pm End of Day #1

SUNDAY

8:30 am Start 1:30 pm Finish (Mass included)

DONATION

\$40 per person (concessions available) Includes:

- Workshops
- Stationery
- Refreshments
- Lunch and BBQ dinner on Saturday.

RSVP

By 11 August 2019

ENQUIRIES

Justin Shortal (0437 002 945) jpshortal@gmail.com or

Victor Steiner (0418 399 333) victor.steiner@bigpond.com

Registration Form

Name:	
Address:	
Phone/mobile:	
Email:	
Year of Birth:	
Parish:	
Special Needs (diet, mobility, etc):	

PAYMENT DETAILS

I am paying by:

- Cheque
- ☐ Direct Deposit (EFT)
- Cash

If paying by cheque, make payable to: "Catholic Parish of Castlemaine A/c"

If paying by Direct Deposit:

A/c Name: Catholic Parish of Castlemaine A/c BSB: 083 347

Account Number: 636421759
Reference: menALIVE <surname>

RETURN THIS FORM to:

Catholic Parish of Castlemaine
78 Hargraves Street, Castlemaine, VIC 3450
or
Email scanned copy to
castlemaine@cam.org.au







Castlemaine Art Museum 14 Lyttleton St Castlemaine

When:

Term 2 holidays Thursday 4 and 11 July 2019

Time:

2.30 – 4.00pm

Presenter:

Art and Design educator

Participants:

young adults, upper

\$14.00 for 2 sessions

(incl GST)

Materials:

please bring along your visual diary and drawing eguipment

Enquiries and bookings:

contact Chris Lloyd on behalf of FOCAM



Drawing workshop at CAM

Looking for some creative inspiration over the holidays to enrich your art folio and gain some tips about drawing?

Over two afternoons, we will explore selected works in the gallery through drawing and share our ideas about the experie

Suitable for VCE Art and Studio Art Units 1-4 students, folio enhancement for tertiary / TAFE entry or simply for the joy of creating

Afternoon tea will be supplied by FOCAM

Bring along your friends and enjoy the beautiful Castlemaine Art Museum's exhibitions from a different perspective.

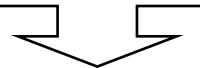




A youth education program presented by FRIENDS of Castlemaine Art Museum Inc



A message from Bendigo Health Community Dental Service part of their recent Bulletin.



You wouldn't eat 16 teaspoons of sugar - so why drink it?



voutube.com/user/VACCHOinc rethinksugarydrink.org.au









Find the P&F private group on Facebook - "Ladies of St Mary's PS"

DATES:-

Friday 21st June – Social Friday, Railway Hotel, 6.30pm

Friday 28th June – Football dress up and Pie Day lunch – SEE CAREMONKEY

Sunday 21st July – Family Day at Leangarnook, Mt Alexander, after mass

Saturday 17th Sunday 18th August – Mens Alive weekend @ Parish

Wednesday 18th September – Twilight Sports & Food truck night, TBA

Sunday October 27th – St Mary's SpringFest & Long Lunch

FAMILY DAY @

LEANGARNOOK,

MT ALEXANDER

SUNDAY 21ST JULY FOLLOWING COMMITMENT MASS

Bring the family, rug up and enjoy a bush walk followed by some fresh damper by the camp fire!

Social Friday Friday 21st June

Railway Hotel 6.30pm

Join us for dinner and drinks at the Railway Hotel in Castlemaine. RSVP to Kari (Mob: 0402-076-340)

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 Vincent de Paul Coin Drive!

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



ST MARY'S SPRINGFEST & LONG LUNCH Sunday October 27th 12.30pm

Meeting to be held on Monday 24th June 7pm @ the Buckley Room to begin organising. If you can assist with this event & can attend a meeting please contact Kari (0402-076-340).

All welcome!



Working Bee

A huge thank you to all those families that came and helped with the working bee on Sunday. It was amazing to see everyone at work and all the jobs were completed!

Thank you!!



Last day of term Friday 28th June Football Dress Up & Pie Day

A day for the children to come dressed in their favourite football colours and enjoy a pie for lunch!

SEE CAREMONKEY FOR ORDER FORM

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 a collection box located at the front 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 upcylcled 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 30th September 2019! START COLLECTING & VOTING NOW!!!

Parents & Friends Family Event

Date: Sunday 21st July 2019

<u>Time: Following Commitment Mass</u>

<u>Location: Mt Alexander – Leanganook Campground</u>

Join us for family bush walk, followed by toasting of marshmallows and warm damper. This will be a great little get together for the whole family feel free to bring a picnic and rug up!

Please note, this is a social event and children need to be supervised by





