



Newsletter

Term 4, Issue 7

Thursday November 28th, 2019

TERM DATES

November Saturday, 30th	Youth Mass - 6:00pm		
December Sunday, 1st	Vision Portraits Fundraiser	Thursday, 12th	Senior Citizens Afternoon Tea and Concert - 12:00 noon
Tuesday, 3rd	Prep 2020 Transition - 1:15pm - 3:15pm	Monday, 16th	Year 6 Day Out Whole School Graduation Mass - 6:00pm-7:30pm
Thursday, 5th	P & F Meeting - Staffroom - 9:15am <i>All welcome</i>	Tuesday, 17th	Final Day of Classes Family Picnic - 1:00pm
Saturday, 7th	Newshounds Awards - Castlemaine Library	Wednesday, 18th Thursday, 19th	Student Numeracy Testing <i>by appointment times - Now open for bookings</i>
Tuesday, 10th	Whole School Transition Morning - 9:00am-11:00am	Friday, 20th	Staff Meeting - EOY for Staff
Tuesday, 10th	CSC, SHC & CMC Orientation Day - 9:00am - 3:00pm	Wednesday, 25th	Community Christmas Luncheon - St. Mary's Hall 12:00 - 2:00pm

We acknowledge and respect the past and present Elders, the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people and custodians of this land the Dja Dja Wurrung people. Thank you for protecting and preserving our land Australia in the past, for sharing it now and educating us for the future.

We pay our respects to the Elders of the past, present and future and acknowledge their spiritual connection to Country.





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. together.



Almighty God, through your Holy Spirit you created unity in the midst of diversity; We acknowledge that human diversity is an expression of your manifold love for your creation; enable us to be the architects of understanding, of respect and love, Amen.

Our community participated in a prayerful and meaningful celebration of the Mass in which Katiana Blake-Zboril, Madison Drohan, Angus Freeman, Billy Lister, Patrick Leathem, Amelia Lizzul, Isabella Lizzul, Ngolueth Nyok and Quinn McMahon received the wonderful gifts of the Holy Spirit through the sacrament of Confirmation. Bishop Terry Curtin was our Principal Celebrant. Our community met in the Dhelkunya Dja Building after the Mass to celebrate over morning tea. Thankyou to our families and teachers for preparing the children and for all of you who showed support on Sunday. It was heart-warming to see so many of the children's friends there to offer their encouragement. Our year six students were presented with their certificates on Monday morning as pictured below.

Our special thanks also to Bishop Terry Curtin and Fr. Wahid.

Dear Parents, Students and Friends,

Upon reflection of our year we hope that you can witness our St Mary's Learning Community as one where children form strong bonds across different year levels and one where we all support each other in social and emotional well-being as well as in learning. It is our aim that:

- children of multi-age and abilities are actively involved in learning together.
- cooperative learning is evident, and children work independently as well as in group settings.
- children have the opportunity to demonstrate helpfulness, leadership, patience and tolerance and that they model social and academic behaviours for younger children.
- educators, children and parents develop a meaningful relationship by sharing common experiences over an extended period of time.
- we welcome parent involvement.
- we work together to support our families to raise happy and well-adjusted young people.

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We have had number of promising applicants for the teaching position that we have advertised. After the closing date next week, the shortlisted applicants will be interviewed by a panel which will include myself, Mrs. Watts, Mrs. White, a PSAC representative as well as Fr. Wahid. We put time and great consideration into choosing staff and we look forward to welcoming a further teacher who will bring with them their skills and talents into our school. We hope to be in a position to announce our staffing in 2020 in next week's newsletter.

Old Castlemaine School Boys Association

Bill Sikora presented our children with some books from the OCSBA and he generously donated \$200.00 to our school to go towards books for the library. We thanked Bill for his generosity at an assembly.

Pictured with the children are OCSBA Bill & John Sikora and Peter Cole.



Youth Mass

We encourage your attendance at our next Youth Mass which will be celebrated at St. Mary's Church this Saturday November 30th at 6pm. After Mass there will be supper in the Buckley Room.



Art Prizes

Pictured are our recipients of Art prizes at the recent Castlemaine Show. We have received most positive feedback about all of the work exhibited at the show.

Cyber Safety

I have included an information flyer later in this newsletter which may be of interest to you. It reminds us of how important it is to remain diligent and to supervise your children's computer and phone use.

Newshounds Presentations

Lisa Denis has invited our *Castlemaine Mail* Newshounds team to attend the annual Newshounds Awards Presentations to be held at the **Castlemaine Library foyer** on **Saturday, December 7 at 10am**.

This will be a short presentation ceremony where every school will receive an award and the winners of the 'Best Overall News Page' and 'People's Choice' winners will be announced.

Representatives from major sponsor DON, the *Castlemaine Mail* and mascot Elliott Newshound himself will be in attendance on the day to present the awards to our lucky winners.

In the lead up to the event all our Newshounds pages will be on display at the Castlemaine Library and you are encouraged to pop in and cast your votes for our 'People's Choice' prize.

The pages will be on display from this Friday November 29 until Saturday December 7.

We need a couple of representatives to collect our prize on Saturday December 7. If you could attend that would be wonderful, can you let me know via email.

Our students are thanked for their wonderful contributions in 2019.

Students Thank Local Businesses for their Donations

Our senior students connected with the community on their way back from swimming yesterday by delivering appreciation letters and certificates to some of the local businesses who made donations to our photo exhibition community event. We are most appreciative of the support we receive from our local community. (see pictures on following page)



Bush Fire Safety

I ask you to make sure that you read the attached policy about our school's procedures on Code Red days. In the event of a day being declared a code red day St. Mary's School will be closed. We are aware that some children may live or be in different zones and we ask that you execute your own bush-fire preparedness plan as necessary and if you deem it unsafe to send your child to school on non-code red days that you let us know that your child will be absent. Please see our Bushfire Management Policy further in this newsletter.

FIRE DANGER RATING
Category
CATASTROPHIC (CODE RED)
EXTREME
SEVERE
VERY HIGH
HIGH
LOW – MODERATE



Please Book Numeracy & Literacy Testing Interviews for all 2020 Students.

We will be allowing time for your child's 2020 teachers to work 1-1 with your children to do pre numeracy and literacy testing to inform their teaching for the beginning of the 2020 school year. These times also create an opportunity for your child and their teacher to develop and build on relationship which is pivotal to learning. You will be able to book in your interviews now online via myschool interviews according to the links below. Numeracy interviews will be conducted over December 17th & 18th and Literacy interviews will take place over January 29th & 30th.

Numeracy Testing (**all grades for 2020**) - Wednesday, 18th or Thursday, 19th December - to make your child's appointment log into www.schoolinterviews.com.au and put in code **m2vwf**

Literacy Testing (**all grades for 2020**) - Wednesday, 29th or Thursday, 30th January, 2020 - to make your child's appointment log into www.schoolinterviews.com.au and put in code **bmr24**

Please remember to book your child in for both Testing periods - Numeracy and Literacy (applies to ALL students who will be attending in 2020).

Car Sketching & Library Club

We continue to provide different opportunities for children to develop new skills, engage with each other and enjoy their recess and lunch times. On Tuesdays of this term we are offering a car sketching club as well as a library club. Those interested continue to take part in ukulele, recorder, and garden clubs.



Swimming Program

As per the school calendar our Intensive School Swimming Program began on Monday. The children have very much enjoyed their lessons and they have gained further confidence in the water.

We thank Carolynne and Livvio Lizzul for running the program for us. If you haven't already done so we also ask that the subsidised cost to participate in the 5 lesson program of **\$10.00 per child to be paid ASAP**

please.

Our final session is tomorrow, Friday November 29th. Students will be walking to and from the Castlemaine Fitness Centre, 23A Lyttleton Centre, Castlemaine.

Students are required to wear full sports uniform and to carry a lightweight bag with their named bathers and towel in it. Please make sure your child brings their named school hat to wear whilst walking to and from the swimming pool. You are very welcome to walk down and back with your child's class and stay for part of or all of the swimming session.

Session times for each grade are:

11.00am : 5-6

11.30am : 4-5

12.00pm : 2-3

12.30pm : P-1



It is great to have so many of our children's parents either walking with us or watching some of the lessons.

Mercy Building Upgrade

We hope to start the refurbishment of our main classroom area in January. Our architect met the engineer at our school last week to go over some final details and they will advertise for a builder over the next couple of weeks. The project is estimated to take three months so we plan to be back in the main learning areas by term 2 next year. The children will see this year through in their current classrooms and spend first term either in the library, Arts hub or Dhelkunya Building. You may view the plans in the front foyer if you are interested.

Parish School Advisory Council

We had our last meeting for the year where we discussed the final plans for the building refurbishment, enrolments, finance, staffing for 2020 and other school matters. The minutes of this meeting will be included in next week's newsletter. I would like to thank our council members who give of their time to provide a voice for our community as well as offer their ideas towards our ongoing quest for school improvement. Thankyou Ian Morelli (Chairperson), Fiona Koelmeyer (Parent Rep.), Kari Aldridge (P&F Rep), Marie McCallum (minute taker & Parish Rep.), Sandy Dunne (Parish Rep.) and Fr. Wahid our wonderful Parish Priest for their work on this council during this year. We will hold our PSAC AGM on Wednesday March, 25th at 7pm. We will invite nominations for our 2020 PSAC early in 2020.

Mount Alexander Shire Council Climate Change Forum

Registration is open for anyone who would like to speak with the Shire Council about climate change with the purpose of presenting your view and you may attend as an observer as well. Details are in the flyer as pictured.

A full page copy is included later in this newsletter.



Senior Citizens Lunch: Asking for slices and biscuits

The date has been set and preparations have begun for this very popular event. Carolynne Spencer is co-ordinating the lunch and our children will be involved.

If you are able to assist with food or on the day - (Thursday December 12th at 12.00pm) Carolynne would like to hear from you.

If you have the time to bake or shop, we welcome plates of slice or biscuits to offer as part of the dessert or traditional Christmas goodie gift. You can drop these off at the front office from next week. It would help if you had ingredients listed if you bake something. Thank you:}

St. Vincent De Paul Giving Tree

We now have our St. Vincent De Paul Giving Tree set up in the front foyer. Our St. Vincent De Paul Society offer much needed support to families and the giving tree initiative allows children who may not have a present under their Christmas tree to receive a gift. ALL of your donations are very much appreciated. SVDP use money that also covers the costs of food to supply their food bank to buy toys for children. The donations we offer means that they have to spend less on gifts therefore they have more money to keep food supplies stocked for the needy. Vouchers and toys are welcomed. If you donate money, that will go in the pool of money to buy toys. More information will follow later in this newsletter. Thank you for your generosity.



Interactive Play Area: Sturdy sticks needed!

Thank you to the Browne-Kerr and Lewis families for donating the rocks to mark our fire pit. Your children are immersing themselves in the construction of huts in our interactive play area. We need further 1.5 to 3 metre length sticks for the children to use to make teepee's and bush huts as well as rocks to mark out a fire pit. Any contributions will help. If you can contribute any sticks rocks, bring them in. Thank you.

Year 4-6 Sovereign Hill 2020 Camp Payment

Our year 4-6 students will attend our history camp at Sovereign Hill in 2020 in February from Monday 17th until Wednesday 19th. Years 4-6 will attend this camp. Details will be sent out by the end of this year. We need to pay for this activity before the children take part therefore we require camp fees to be paid in full prior to your child attending the camp.

School Fees in 2020

We have included next year's fee schedule for your forward planning. We keep fees to a minimum and have only increased them by \$35.00 in 2020 as outlined below.

Family fee:	\$ 1,250.00	per family (an increase of \$25.00)
Curriculum Levy:	\$ 300.00	per child
Capital levy:	\$ 175.00	per family (an increase of \$10.00)
Excursion levy:	\$ 100.00	per child



Mount Alexander Shire Council
Climate Change Forum Registration Form

Personal details
First name: _____ Last name: _____
Email: _____ Phone: _____
Organisation: _____

Register to speak at the forum
☐ Yes, I would like to register to speak at the forum.
You will be given five minutes to speak, with five minutes allocated for questions. Please indicate which session you would prefer to speak at by ticking the relevant box. You have 15 minutes to prepare and 15 minutes to speak. The total time to speak is 30 minutes. Please bring your views to a table in any alternative language to English.
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Activity in the Garden

Many of our children are intrigued by our resident blue tongue lizard who makes regular appearances in the yard. The children planted vegetable seeds this week in our new raised garden beds. Thank you to Mr. & Mrs. Watts who brought in the compost and prepared the area over the weekend.



School Holiday Watering Roster

In order to keep our plants thriving we welcome your support to water our plants over the summer holidays. If you are able to assist could you please email Barb Burchett on: bburchett@smcastlemaine.catholic.edu.au with the dates you are available between December 20th and January 26th. If we get enough people you may only need to be rostered on once. When we complete the roster we will send out instructions. Thank you very much in anticipation of your assistance.



Lost Property

We have many uniform items in the lost property basket. Please come in and check what is there if your child is missing clothing. It would be helpful to also check that all of your child's uniform is clearly labelled. Thank you.



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. Thank you to those of you who have already given us unwanted items.

Uniform in 2020 & School Bags

School bags for 2020 can be ordered at Hip Pocket in Johnstone St. along with all of our uniform items. They are currently waiting on a further order to come in as the bags they got in in the last order are a different design. **A reminder that as from the beginning of 2020 all children will be required to wear the current school uniform.**

May we maintain a reverent attitude towards nature, in such a way that we may restore it completely. Through the silence of nature, may we attain divine peace. Amen

Kind regards,
Bronwyn Phillips,
Principal.



*Please ring Kari Aldridge on 0402 076340
if you are interested in sitting for a portrait on Sunday.*



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: fundraise2019

\$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.

Instagram icon @visionportraits



• VINNIES CHRISTMAS APPEAL •

Christmas can be such a magical time but for thousands of Victorian families, Christmas doesn't mean magic, it means hunger, hardship and stress.

In a 'lucky country' like Australia it's a confronting to know that one in six children live in poverty¹ and one in five children won't have enough to eat².

Constant hunger is something that 11-year-old Sam knows only too well.

Sam and his mum Laura fled from an abusive home. After losing her job, Laura was struggling to cope with the high cost of living and quickly found herself caught in the grips of poverty.

After paying essential bills, including the rent, Laura only had \$30 a week left to feed herself and Sam. On such a tight budget, Laura would often skip meals to ensure Sam didn't go hungry.

"Some days we didn't have enough to eat," said Sam. "Mum would say she wasn't hungry and move the food from her plate onto mine. She'd often have just a glass of water for dinner."

When the school noticed Sam was struggling with hunger, they sent him home with a loaf of bread and the number for the local Vinnies. When Laura finally called for help, our dedicated volunteers visited the very next day. They took the small family a hamper of healthy food items including bread and food vouchers to keep the family going.

"I wouldn't have survived without Vinnies," says Laura. "It was such an amazing relief to know that someone really cared."

The annual Vinnies Christmas Appeal raises critical funds for the Society to continue its good works in the community.

Please support the Christmas Appeal by promoting it through your conference and distributing donation envelopes and posters. For more information please call our fundraising team on 03 9895 5959.

¹2016, ACROSS Poverty in Australia report
²2016, Hungry Tummies report by Foodbank

Mum didn't eat
last night
so I could.

You can help a
family put food
on the table
this Christmas.

HELP END THE PAIN OF POVERTY. DONATE TODAY.

Please give through your parish, call 13 16 12 or visit vinnies.org.au

Vinnies Christmas Appeal
St Vincent de Paul Society
and friends



HONORARY SOLICITORS
LEND A HAND

Are you considering making a gift in your Will to St Vincent de Paul Society Victoria (Vinnies Victoria)? We now have a number of solicitors who are generously giving their time free of charge to assist you in writing a simple Will or adding a codicil to an existing Will when you include the Society.

Our members and volunteers give generously in so many different ways and for different reasons, such as becoming a conference member; volunteering at our Vinnies Shops, on our soup vans or at one of our tutoring programs; donating to our fundraising appeals or leaving a lasting legacy of kindness in their Will.

Every legacy – large or small – is a powerful validation of the work that each of our members and volunteers do to give a 'hand up' to Victoria's most vulnerable, 365 days a year.

If you would like to seek for further information, please call Gift in Wills Manager Sharon Wangman on 03 9895 5821 or email sharon.wangman@svdp-vic.org.au

Do you have a current Health Care Card?

If so, you can access Saver Plus, where your savings are matched dollar for dollar up to \$500 for your child's education.

Flyers available from the school office.

\$500 towards you
or your children's
education



Join Saver Plus.
Free financial education and your savings
matched dollar for dollar, up to \$500.

saverplus.org.au
1300 610 355



Saver Plus is a free financial education
program that matches your savings,
dollar for dollar, up to \$500.

What can the \$500 be used for?

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|  laptops & tablets |  lessons & activities |
|  uniforms & shoes |  books & supplies |
|  vocational education |  camps & excursions |

Can I join?

To join Saver Plus, you must meet all of the below criteria:

- Be 18 years or over
- Have a child at school or attend vocational education yourself
- Have regular income from paid employment (you or your partner)
- Have a current Health Care or Pensioner Concession Card
- Be in receipt of an eligible Commonwealth social security benefit, allowance or payment*

To find out more:

Enquire online at saverplus.org.au

Email saverplus@bsl.org.au

Call or SMS your name and postcode to
1300 610 355

Like us on Facebook 



Or contact the nearest office for your area:

1300 610 355 or MaryboroughSP@bsl.org.au

* many Centrelink payments are eligible, please contact your local Coordinator for more information.

Saver Plus is an initiative of the Brotherhood of St Laurence and ANZ, delivered in partnership with Berty Street, The Benevolent Society and The Smith Family and other local community agencies. The program is funded by ANZ and the Australian Government Department of Social Services. Go to www.ds.gov.au for more information.



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Emergency Management Plan Appendix:

BUSH FIRE MANAGEMENT: From October - March

St. Mary's Castlemaine, is in the North Central CFA Zone and is no longer identified as being of high fire risk therefore is not listed on the Department's Victoria Wide Bushfire At-Risk Register & CECV's High Risk Register.

1. Responding to an extreme fire danger warning:

St. Mary's Castlemaine will not close on an extreme fire danger warning day. The school will ensure that on such days the following is enacted:

- that staff and students are properly hydrated and use sun protection.
- if deemed necessary children will be kept indoors during recess and lunch times.
- staff will monitor the CFA website and media services for any actual bushfire activity.
- staff will be prepared to enact the school's emergency management plan if needed.

If the school has offsite activities planned or in place (including camps and excursions) located in a Bureau of Meteorology district affected by a declaration of Extreme fire danger, these may need to be cancelled, rescheduled or recalled. The decision to cancel, reschedule or recall resides with the school. If the offsite activity affected by an extreme fire danger warning has not been cancelled, rescheduled or recalled, staff in charge at the offsite activity will do the following:

- monitor all relevant websites.
- consult with local emergency services.
- examine what transport options are available or required if relocation is necessary.
- be prepared to enact the site's EMP.
- stay in contact with the Principal.

Details of all offsite activities, will be entered in the Catholic Education Commission of Victoria Ltd (CECV), online Student Activity Locator (SAL), during the offsite activity

planning phase. Details should be reviewed prior to the offsite activity and in the event of cancellation removed from the database.

Code Red Day:

In the event of a Code Red Day, St. Mary's Castlemaine will close.

Planned Code Red day closure of schools



Schools including outside-school-hours-care services listed on the Bushfire At Risk Register (BARR) will be closed on days when the Fire Danger Rating is determined by the Emergency Management Commissioner as being **Code Red**.

All bus routes co-ordinated by schools on the BARR will also be cancelled. Whilst we are no longer on the BARR, upon advice from CEM, we will follow suit of our neighbouring schools who are and close on CODE RED days.



How will I be advised of a Code Red closure?

- Where possible, the forecasting of a Code Red day will provide up to 4 days notice of a planned closure (including warnings about cancelling, changing, rescheduling or recalling off-site activities, such as camps and excursions), as well as information about cancellations of school bus routes.
- You will be advised by email or letter sent home from school, as well as by Flexibuzz – you can also check for updates at:
<http://www.cecv.catholic.edu.au>
<http://www.education.vic.gov.au/about/programs/health/pages/closures.aspx>
- You should expect that, in some instances, fewer than 4 days notice may be given.
- The final decision to close will be confirmed no later than 1.00 pm the day before the potential closure by the Emergency Management Commissioner.
- Once the decision to close is made, this will not change – regardless of changes in weather forecast – this will help limit confusion and provide time for you to make alternative care arrangements for your children.



Closure – other than planned

- While every effort is made to anticipate fire threats, our school may be threatened by an unpredicted outbreak of a fire or a known fire may unexpectedly change its course.
- When this occurs, our Emergency Management Plan will ensure that we respond to the threat in a planned, timely and appropriate manner.
- We have developed our Emergency Management Plan **in consultation with local emergency services and local government authorities**.
- Closure updates, including advice on re-opening, is available from the Department's website:

<http://www.cecv.catholic.edu.au>
and/or

<http://www.education.vic.gov.au/about/programs/health/pages/closures.aspx>



In regard to an offsite activity, St. Mary's Castlemaine will:

- ensure that for any offsite activity that cannot be recalled because it is not safe to do so, the teacher in charge is prepared to enact the relevant emergency management plan in the event of a direct threat of fire.
- ensure that all other offsite activities in weather districts affected by the Code Red fire danger day have been cancelled, re-scheduled, relocated or recalled.
- ensure that details of the offsite activity entered in the SAL have been reviewed, updated or in the case of cancellation, removed.

Bushfire Preparedness Checklist:

St. Mary's Castlemaine is aware that being prepared for bushfires is necessary for all schools, not just those in a rural setting and/or those on the Bushfire at Risk Register. Metropolitan schools may be at risk from site factors (e.g. located in a leafy area) or because their students attend offsite activities in bushfire prone areas.

St. Mary's Castlemaine completes a bush fire preparedness checklist during high fire danger times.

References:

Adapted from CECV – Catholic Schools Emergency Management Manual (Revised) 2017.
Adapted from CECV - Extreme Fire Danger Warning: Schools Guidance December 2017.
Adapted from CECV – Code Red Fire Danger Warning: Schools Guidance December 2017.

Reviewed by staff & PSAC & Updated 28th November, 2019 Bronwyn Phillips

Mount Alexander Shire Council Climate Change Forum Registration Form

Personal details

First name:

Last name:

Email:

Phone:

Organisation:

Register to speak at the forum

☐ Yes, I would like to register to speak at the forum

You will be given five minutes to speak, with five minutes allocated for questions. Please indicate which session you would prefer by ranking the sessions 1 to 3 (where 1 is most preferred and 3 is least preferred). We will aim to schedule you in your preferred session, but cannot guarantee it.

Morning: 9.00am – 12noon, Monday 9 December

Afternoon: 2.00pm – 5.00pm, Monday 9 December

Evening: 6.00pm – 8.00pm, Monday 9 December

☐ Yes, I will use visuals, such as slides, video/ audio to accompany my presentation.

Please send any visual files in PowerPoint or PDF format by Thursday 5 December to info@mountalexander.vic.gov.au. Please limit your slides to 6 slides or any video/audio footage to 2 minutes.

Register to attend the forum

If you would like to attend the forum as an observer please send an email including a name, email address and which session(s) you would like to attend to info@mountalexander.vic.gov.au.

Register to make a written submission

☐ Yes, I will be submitting a written submission

We kindly request that your written submission does not exceed four pages (or 2,000 words). To assist us in compiling the responses, please preface your submission with a 100 word summary.

Please send your written submission by Thursday 5 December. You can email your submission titled Action on Climate Change to info@mountalexander.vic.gov.au or send it by mail to PO Box 185 Castlemaine VIC 3450.

Interest parties are welcome to attend the forum and/or make a submission. Please note the forum will be recorded for Council purposes.

Civic Centre
Cnr Lyttleton and Lloyd Sts
P.O Box 185 Castlemaine VIC 3450

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e info@mountalexander.vic.gov.au
w www.mountalexander.vic.gov.au





Australian students nude image victims - the school community response

28 November 2019 at 08:09



Family Zone Education

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Child victims being blackmailed into sending explicit images is a terrible side-effect of the digital lives children lead. Scammers, sometimes part of organised gangs, are employing numerous and [sophisticated tactics to trick children](#) in Australia and throughout the world. The process, known as 'catfishing', involves perpetrators using fictitious identities and multiple social media platforms to encourage children to send nude images of themselves. Without the right education, support and technology in place, your students are at risk of falling into these awful traps.

The role of the school community

It is true that many instances of online harm, such as the sending of explicit images, happen outside of school hours, so the solution requires a whole-of-school-community approach to cyber-safety. [Family Zone](#) provides you with cyber safety tools and materials, plus advice from world-renowned [cyber experts](#), to educate, support and engage your school community -



parents, students and teachers. With Family Zone, you can position your school as a leader and your parents as partners in providing a cyber-safe community.

Engage parents as active participants in your students' digital journeys

The advice, resources and technology provided by Family Zone ensure parents are involved in their child's online activity, and empowers them to effectively manage social media use and screen time.

Family Zone's [cyber experts](#) - an acclaimed team of academics, educators, psychologists and law-enforcement professionals - are specialists in the online world and its impact on children. They stay on top of the latest online studies & trends and are there to share their expertise with your entire school community.

Our [Mobile Zone app](#) gives parents the opportunity to opt-in to your school's cyber safety commitment by adopting your safety settings for home use, or creating their own rules and boundaries. With [Mobile Zone](#), your parents can apply age-appropriate, out-of-school-hours settings on BYOD or 1:1 devices, as well as their children's smartphones. This protection shields them from distractions and dangers while supporting and educating them to make healthy choices online.

Become a community leader

Sadly, the online dangers facing your school community are ever-increasing. Therefore, as educators and duty of care providers, it is your responsibility to provide your students and parents access to the support, information and technology they need to ensure they can lead safe and happy lives online.

To find out how you can take a community leadership role in cyber safety, visit our [Family Zone Community page](#) for more information. Or [Click Here](#) to book a one-on-one discussion with a Family Zone consultant, to help you explore ways to create a cyber-safe community where your students can thrive.

 [WHITEPAPER: BYOD Responsibilities in Schools - Where does a school's responsibility begin and end?](#)



Create cyber-safe communities where students thrive.

Support student well-being. Powerful insights and analytics. Engage your school community.

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

Calendar Dates:-

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

Thursday, 5th December - Next P & F Meeting, 9:15am in Staffroom. All welcome!

Friday 6th December – Ladies Night, Granada Café, 6.30pm

Tuesday 12th December – Senior Citizens Lunch 12noon, St Mary’s Hall

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

Please keep collecting all year round!



Senior Citizens Lunch



**Tuesday 12th December
12noon onwards**

Help needed on the day and donations of
biscuits/slices greatly appreciated!

GIVING TREE

Keep an eye out for the St Vincent's Giving
Tree in the main foyer!

St Vincents are always grateful for donations of
non-perishable food items and there will be a
basket in foyer year round for collection. Items
include pasta, pasta sauces, toothpaste/
brushes, soups, condiments, etc.



Ladies Night - All Welcome

Friday 6th December 6.30pm

Granada Café

146 Duke Street, Castlemaine

RSVP Kari 0402 076 340

Community News . . .

CASTLEMAINE GALLERY

The gallery is seeking the assistance of volunteers with RSA to assist us on the bar at the opening night of the Experimental Print Prize on Thursday, 5th December 2019.

If you have a current RSA certificate and would be able to assist from 4.30pm on Thursday 5th December we would love to hear from you.

Please contact Elizabeth at
frontofhouse@castlemainegallery.com
or 5472 2292

Connecting Through a Golden Thread

Would your children in Grades 4, 5 and 6 like to sing in a massed choir next year accompanied by the Castlemaine Chamber Players string quartet?

There will be a unique concert at the Castlemaine Town Hall next year in June to perform music specially commissioned for children's choir and strings. Rehearsals will start next year at school.

Grade 4, 5 and 6 boys and girls from Castlemaine primary schools will join with the Castlemaine Chamber Players string quartet to perform songs composed by exceptional musician Wendy Rowlands, director of Corker Orchestra and Mainesong. The choir director is Tim Watson from the Castlemaine Children's Choir.

Please put this date in your diary now so your child can be part of this exciting community music event.

Saturday 13th June, 2020 at 7.00 pm
Castlemaine Town Hall

This project is supported by Regional Arts Victoria and Castlemaine Community House.

We hope it helps children experience the joy of making music, meet friends through music and perform with some of our talented local musicians.



Castlemaine Chamber Players:
Elisabeth Anderson, Heather Cummins, Sasha Bronshtein, Frances Gail
frances@twofold.com.au 0414 878 071
www.castlemainechamberplayers.com



Castlemaine
Swimming Club

We are an inclusive community-based club. We provide a safe and fun space for people to engage, develop and grow as swimmers and become healthy and resilient individuals.

Swimmers of all ages welcome. Come along and join us for fun, fitness or to improve your technique. Competing is not compulsory.

SPECIAL OFFER

We are promoting the upcoming 2019/20 season with a special offer. All new members will have club/coaching fees waived and receive a club swimming cap upon registration. That's a saving of over \$70 per person.

- Attendance every night is not compulsory
- Most swimmers attend 2 or 3 nights
- First 2 sessions FREE
- Suitable for adults and children
- Great way to train for a triathlon, general wellbeing or to improve your fitness

Castlemaine Swimming Club Fee:
Member FREE

Swimming Victoria Fee:
Insurance & Membership Package \$110-130 (approx.)

Summer Training
Castlemaine Outdoor Pool
Monday – Wednesday 6 – 7pm
Thursday 6 – 8pm
No training public holidays

Winter Training
Castlemaine Fitness Centre
Wednesday 6 – 7pm
No training public holidays

Further Information

www.castlemaineswimmingclub.org, or just turn up to a training session

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Now welcoming new patients!



"Dr Trevor Jarrett is an amazing dentist who will not only ensure you feel comfortable but also make your teeth sparkle! I've never felt more comfortable with a dentist before. Thanks Trev!"
- Janine.

Child Dental Benefits Schedule

Is your child aged between 2-17?
They may be eligible for free dental work.
Give us a call and we can check your eligibility!



Appointments now available

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Child Dental Benefits Schedule

Is your child aged between 2-17?
They may be eligible for free dental work.
Give us a call and we can check your eligibility!



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SUMMER BY THE Y

the **CASTLEMAINE**
SCHOOL HOLIDAY
PROGRAM

WEEK ONE 6-10 JAN

WELCOME TO 2020 Mon 6 Jan \$84



Celebrate the new year with cool activities like our time capsule and make some resolutions with our 100 acts of kindness.

WET PLAY DAY Tue 7 Jan \$84



Enjoy some Summer time fun at the Castlemaine pool. Back at the service we will have wet play games and aquatic art activities.

GET SET FOR MOVIES Wed 8 Jan \$84



Off to see a new release movie at Theatre Royal then spend some time in the new Victory Park Playground.

BOUNCE INTO JUMPZ Thu 9 Jan \$84



We head to Bendigo for a bounce at Jumpz and enjoy a picnic in the park.

BALLOON WORKSHOP Fri 10 Jan \$84

It's time for Mister Mike's amazing balloon workshop. Learn to create your very own balloon art.

WEEK TWO 13-17 JAN

FIRST AID FOR KIDS Mon 13 Jan \$84



Today Cool Kids First Aid will teach us some important basic first aid skills.

SUPERHEROES & STARS Tue 14 Jan \$84



Is it a bird? Is it a plane? No it's... Come dressed as your favourite hero or star. Get your face painted and become your own super person.

BOWLING TIME Wed 15 Jan \$84

It's bowling time at Bendigo Bowls. We will visit Camp Hill playground on our way home.

WHEELIES & POOL DAY Thu 16 Jan \$84



Cool down with us at the Castlemaine pool. Bring your scooters and skate for our wheelies day at the service. Helmet and safety gear required.

BOTANIC GARDEN Fri 17 Jan \$84



Explore the amazing playground and have fun at the Castlemaine Botanic Gardens. We will enjoy some fresh hot chips as a treat!

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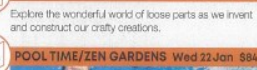
WEEK THREE 20-24 JAN

MAGIC DAY Mon 21 Jan \$84



Roll up to watch the incredible Magic Mike and his magical skills. BYO your favourite magical book and create your own fairy tale.

CRAFTY CREATIONS Tue 21 Jan \$84



Explore the wonderful world of loose parts as we invent and construct our crafty creations.

POOL TIME/ZEN GARDENS Wed 23 Jan \$84



Lets cool off again at the best pool in town... Castlemaine pool, then create your own Zen garden at the service.

DISCOVERY SCIENCE Thu 23 Jan \$84



We are heading to Bendigo to explore the Discovery Science Centre then visit the Weeroona playground before we head back to Castlemaine.

THE COLOURS OF US Fri 24 Jan \$84



We will spend the last day of the holidays celebrating everything that makes us all Australian. Bring along your family story to share.

SUMMER BY THE Y

Give your child an opportunity to grow and learn through new experiences.

Our School Holiday Programs are created with the right mixture of fun, adventure and interest-based activities through excursions and incursions helping kids become more confident and independent.

If your child is aged between 5 - 12 years old and enrolled in primary school, they will love our school holiday program!

What to Bring

- Morning tea, lunch and afternoon tea (Nutritious and NUT FREE)
- Water bottle, broad brim hat and sunscreen
- Bathers, towel & change of clothes every day for wet play
- Strict departure times apply for excursions, check with service for excursion times.

Additional needs

Children with additional needs are welcome to attend our program. Families must contact the OSHC Coordinator at least four weeks prior to the holiday program to discuss the individual needs of your child and complete any funding applications.

Bookings and Fees

- All bookings are subject to availability.
- Bookings are made via the casual booking calendar.
- Bookings will not be accepted on the day unless places, adequate staffing and resources are available.
- Additional permissions are required for excursions.
- Cancellations must be received in writing seven (7) days before the last day of school term.
- A late fee of \$2 per minute applies when a child is picked up after closing time.

For more information and to book our program visit www.childrensprogram.ymca.org.au



Inhouse



Incursion



Excursion

CAMPBELLS CREEK PRIMARY SCHOOL
127 Main Road | CASTLEMAINE VIC 3451
0499 983 828 | castlemaine@ymca.org.au
childrensprogram.ymca.org.au

St Vincent de Paul Christmas Wishing Tree

Please consider supporting St. Vincent de Paul this Christmas by purchasing a gift for a child for our wishing tree.

Please leave gifts unwrapped by the Christmas tree in the side porch of St. Mary's Presbytery or at the school office by Sunday, 15th December.

Your generosity will be very much appreciated.



Parish News . . .

Parish End of Year Christmas BBQ

Wednesday, 4th December
6:30pm
in the Presbytery

- All Welcome -
please bring a plate to share



**The next Youth Mass will be on Saturday, 30th November at 6:00pm.
Please come and support our young people, especially those who are off to Perth for the Australian Youth Festival.**



Please pass on this invitation to anyone you know who may be spending Christmas alone or who struggles on Christmas Day.



You are invited to
St Mary's Annual
Senior Citizens Afternoon
Tea and Concert
Thursday 12th December
12 noon
@
St Mary's Hall,
Castlemaine

Please RSVP St Mary's School on 54722 270,
Liz on 0468 436 264,
Please indicate if you need picking up
Or any Dietary Requirements



We desperately need volunteers to help on the day and donations of biscuits, etc. Please ring Carolynne on 0488 922141 if you can assist.
Thank you.



CATHOLIC PARISH OF CASTLEMAINE

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

SUNDAY 24th November 2019 – Year C
OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE
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://stmmaryscastlemaine.com>

Parish Priest: Rev Fr. Wahid Riad

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.**

AUSTRALIAN CATHOLIC

The Summer 2019/20 issue is now
available: *"The Mystery of God"*
Please take home your **FREE** copy today.

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
Castlemaine 6.00pm

Wednesday
Castlemaine 9.15am

Thursday
Maldon 6.00pm.

Friday
Castlemaine 9.15am
Followed by Adoration

Second Sunday of the Month
Newstead 6.00pm

Fourth Sunday of the Month
Sandon 6.00pm

STEWARDSHIP CORNER
~...giving thanks to the Father, who
has made you fit to share in the
inheritance of the holy ones in
light. ~ Colossians 1:12

God wants us to be happy!

Instead of looking at the

Ten Commandments as being

restrictive and telling us what we

can't do, look at them as guides for

living a joy-filled and peaceful life.

Most of our problems arise when we

put our own needs first or spend

most of our time trying to acquire

'things'. Instead, try putting

God first in all things.

Ask Him how he wants you

to use your gifts.

Today's readings:

2 Samuel 5: 1-3
Colossians 1: 12-20
Luke 23: 35-43

Responsorial Psalm

Let us go rejoicing to
the house of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

Blessed is he who inherits the

kingdom of David our father;

blessed is he who comes in

the name of the Lord.

Alleluia!



Plenary Council Prayer

Come, Holy Spirit of Pentecost.

Come, Holy Spirit of the great South Land.

O God, bless and unite all your people in

Australia and guide us on the pilgrim

way of the Plenary Council.

Give us the grace to see your face in one

another and to recognize Jesus,

our companion on the road.

Give us the courage to tell our stories

and to speak boldly of your truth.

Give us ears to listen humbly to each other

and a discerning heart to hear what you are

saying. Lead your Church into a

hope-filled future, that we may

live the joy of the Gospel.

Through Jesus Christ our Lord, bread for the

journey from age to age. AMEN.

Our Lady Help of Christians, pray for us.

St. Mary McKillop, pray for us.

MAY THEY REST IN PEACE

Recent Deaths:

Anniversaries: Daryl Symes.

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: \$1030
2nd Collection – Parish: \$986
Direct Debit & Credit cards: \$752
Weekly Target: \$2000

YOUTH MASS

The next Youth Mass will be on
Saturday 30th November at 6pm.
Please come and support our young people, especially those who are off to Perth for the Australian Youth Festival.

St Mary's Roster

The roster is now being compiled.
Please let Fr Wahid or Juliet on 0422 344 907 if you know of any dates you are not available, or you would like, or no longer be involved in one of the Ministries.
Thank-you.

GARABANDAL MEETING

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

2020 Columban Art Calendar

The 2020 Calendar is now available:
\$10 each.

Passionist Family Group

Movement

We hope to start this wonderful and exciting Family Group Movement in our Parish soon.

In 1972, Fr Peter McGrath, C.P. was appointed to the tiny parish of St. Anthony in the Field, Terrey Hills, an outer suburb of Sydney.

Then only 30 people gathered for Sunday Eucharist.

The congregation grew and by 1973 over 1,000 people were attending. Faced with expansion, Fr Peter formed Family Groups to preserve the original community spirit where people knew each other's joys and sorrows.

"Love one another as I have loved you."
If anyone is interested in being involved in this exciting new program, we would love you to come to an information night on Tuesday 26th November at 7.00pm, after Mass, in the Buckley room.
Please see Fr Wahid or ring Juliet on 0422-344-907 for further details.

MOVIE NIGHT

Our next movie night will be on Friday 6th December at 7.00pm in the Buckley Room.

A very powerful movie called "War Room".

It's about the power of Prayer that can change lives. All welcome.

GODS WORD 2020

Anyone wishing to order this book of daily reflections, please place your name on the list in the side porch of the Church. Cost will depend on how many we order (b/n \$15 or \$16).

Will be ordering at the end of November, so don't miss out!

Enquiries: Trish Bowles on 0419-873-693.

PARISH CALENDAR THIS WEEK

- Tuesday 26th November
4.30pm: Legion of Mary, Presbytery
6.00pm: Mass, St Mary's
7.00pm: Passionist Family Group, Buckley room
- Wednesday 27th November
9.15am: Mass & Rosary, St Mary's
- Thursday 28th November
6.00pm: Mass, St Brigid's
- Friday 29th November
9.15am: Mass & Adoration, St Mary's

•CONFIRMATION

- Sacrament of Confirmation
This Sunday 24th November:
10.30am Mass, St Mary's

CONFIRMATION

We welcome Bishop Terry Curtin to our Parish this weekend.
He will be confirming our Children at 10.30am Mass, followed by a cuppa in St Mary's Hall.
All welcome.

Parish Christmas BBQ

All parishioners are welcome to attend our Parish Christmas BBQ on Wednesday 4th December at 6.30pm in the Presbytery.
Please bring a plate to share.

Mass at Thompson House

Our next Mass will be on Wednesday 4th December at 11.00am. All welcome.

LITURGICAL MINISTERS 1st December 2019 FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

6.00pm
Reader: Trish Bowles
Ext Min Com: Anne McGibbon
Ann Coffey
Marie McCallum

8.30am
Reader: Geoff McLennan
Ext Min Com: Pam Fitzpatrick

10.30am
Reader: Tindi Munywarara
Ext Min Com: Christine Adams
Julie Farrell
Annie O'Shannessy

LINEIN ROSTER
DECEMBER: Marie McCallum

Senior Citizens Luncheon

St Mary's school and the Parish will be having their annual Senior Citizens light luncheon and concert on Thursday 12th December at St Mary's Hall from 12 noon – 2.30pm. Please RSVP to the school on 5472-2270 or place your name on the list. If anybody would like to be involved please see Fr Wahid.

COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON

Come and celebrate Christmas together on Wednesday 25th December from 12noon -2pm at St Mary's Hall.
RSVP on 0437 145 602.
This is a non-alcoholic event organised by St Vincent de Paul, St Mary's Parish & sponsored by local entities for ALL in the community.