

FROM THE ACTING PRINCIPAL

O Lord my God, thank you that you are the source of all true joy in life. Help me to teach others well. Guide my thoughts, words, and actions to enable me to carry out this important work that you have placed before me.

Dear Members of our St Mary's Memorial School Community,

STAFF PROFESSIONAL LEARNING

On Monday 29 May, our teaching staff and curriculum education support staff gathered for professional learning with a numeracy focus. Informed by our student learning data and the Catholic Education South Australia Literacy and Numeracy Strategy, Ben Regester, our Leader of Learning facilitated the session with interactive learning activities, rich dialogue around numeracy and Mathematics.

With the context of our school and students at the forefront, we began to explore our current practices and approaches with a view to work towards a shared vision, whole school agreement and overall school improvement in numeracy. At the conclusion of our learning, Fr John joined us to celebrate a whole staff mass, on the feast day of the Blessed Mary, Mother of the Church.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you, our parent community, for supporting our staff to engage with one another in a day full of deep learning and professional growth. This has provided us with the foundations for our ongoing work as a school in numeracy.



DIARY DATES

Friday, 2 June
 Year 1 Drinks Night
 Broadway Hotel @ 6:30pm

Tuesday, 6 June
 Year 3 Mass - 10:00am in OLOV

Wednesday, 7 June
 Year 5 Old Tailem Town Excursion

Friday, 9 June
 Girls Knockout Football

Monday, 12 June
 King's Birthday Public Holiday

Tuesday, 20 June
 Whole School Mass - 10am
 Feast of The Sacred Heart

Friday, 23 June
 Year 2 Drinks Night
 Broadway Hotel @ 6:30pm

Friday, 30 June
 Year 6 SACPSSA Netball Carnival

Wednesday, 5 July
 Year 5 SACPSSA Netball Carnival

Thursday, 6 July
 Principal's "Thank You" Morning Tea
 for Volunteers

Monday, 24 July
PUPIL FREE DAY

Friday, 28 July
 Hats on for Progeria Day

STUDENT ACADEMIC REPORTS

The teaching staff have begun writing student reports using the new report format as I informed you about in the last newsletter. I understand that the school community has experienced several changes to report formats, and this is yet another one. This year Catholic Education South Australia is moving to consistent reporting across all primary schools after a trial of the new format in 2022. The new reports are consistent with Commonwealth Government guidelines and designed to be a clear and concise indication of how each child's learning sits within the Australian Curriculum. In the coming weeks, a letter with more information will be sent home to all families. In the meantime, if you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact your child's class teacher.

REMINDER to SAVE THE DATES

Future Pupil Free Days

To support our families and provide further advance notice, please note the following dates have also been set aside for Staff Professional Learning:

- **Term 3, Monday 24 July**
- **Term 3, Friday 8 September**
- **Term 4, Friday 15 December**

ABSENTEES

A friendly reminder for all parents and caregivers that we are required to record all absentees and the reasons for student absences. If your child/ren will be absent from school, please notify the school via email info@stmarmem.catholic.edu.au before 9:00am. This will ensure our records are correct and a subsequent SMS message isn't sent to parents due to an unexplained absence.

STUDENT CELEBRATIONS

Last week while on morning yard duty I had the absolute pleasure of talking with some of our Year 6 girls about their district netball trials. Congratulations to Olivia, Sophia, Matilda, and Sienna who were all very excited about participating at the trials. A special *well done* to Leila and Madison who were also chosen to trial.

This is a fabulous achievement and I look forward to an update about how you all enjoyed the experience.



ENGAGED LEARNERS

Indi from 1S was telling me all about the importance of knowing how to tell the time, an area her class has been focussing on in Mathematics. I was totally blown away by her hand made clock and when I asked Indi what the best thing about her clock was, she proudly told me 'I had fun making it'. This further reinforced for me the importance of connecting our student's learning to their interests because just look at the results and this very impressive clock. Well done Indi.



As educators we know the science behind brain breaks or movement breaks helps to boost our student's learning productivity and gives them opportunities to develop their creativity and social skills. I love seeing the variety of how our creative teachers engage students throughout the day with different types of physical breaks, from shooting hoops, juggling, playing games and one I recently had the opportunity to join in on Year 3 Rock, Paper, Scissors.

Physical activity breaks are also known to reduce stress, increase blood flow and oxygenation to the brain, helping to keep students' brains sharp, healthy, and active.

Thanks Year 3S for teaching me how to play and enjoy your morning physical activity.



On Thursday 6 July, Week 10, I would like to thank all our community volunteers who have supported the school during the semester, by hosting a Principal's Thank You morning tea. Please keep an eye out for an invitation in your inbox and remember to RSVP to assist us with catering.

Kindest regards
Mrs Sonja Smith

FROM THE APRIM

There is certainly something about Mary this month. May is the month the Catholic Church dedicates to Mary the Mother of God and there are many Feast Days assigned to acknowledge this iconic woman.

The Feast for Our Lady of Fatima was celebrated by our Year 6 children the second week of May. The children learnt that Mary, Our Lady, appeared multiple times to peasant children in the village of Fatima in Portugal. The first time she appeared on the 13th of May and then afterwards on the 13th of each month until October. In the final miracle appearance thousands had gathered to see if the children were making up stories. These thousands of people saw a huge ball of light change and move around the sky in miraculous ways. To this day people make pilgrimages to this place hoping to see Our Lady.



In week three as we celebrated Catholic Education Week our Mass had the theme of family and a focus on Mary as our Mother.

The Feast for Mary Help of Christians was celebrated in week 4 with our Year 5 children. This feast celebrates the early settlers of Australia who would pray to Mary for her help and blessings as they worked hard to establish this new colony. In these early days there were no priests and therefore Mass was not allowed. Early settlers prayed the Rosary regularly which kept their faith, and the Catholic faith alive during this time. Mary, Help of Christians, is now the chief patroness of Australia.



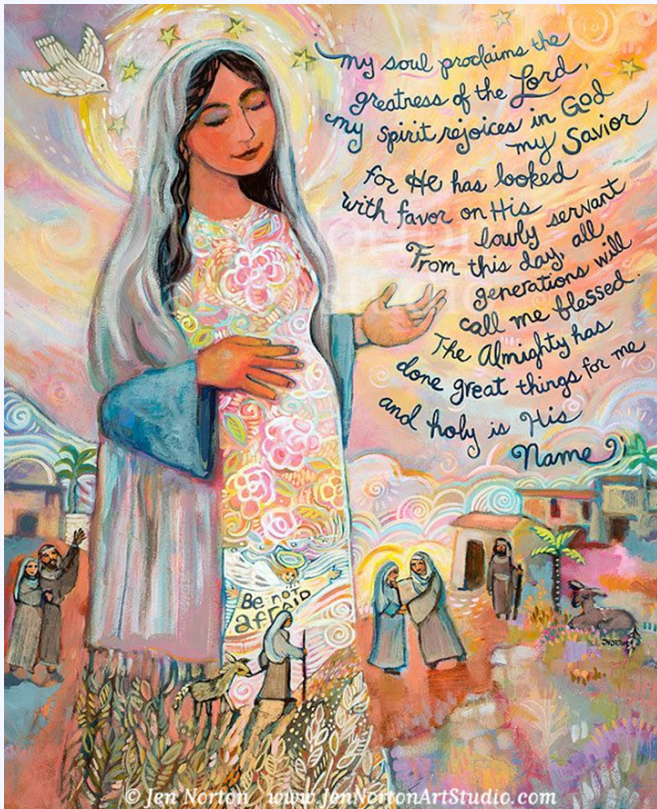
The feast day for Mary Mother of the Church is celebrated the day after Pentecost, which this year fell in the final week of May. Our Year 4 children and our staff on our pupil free day, celebrated this feast day as part of each of their Masses. On Pentecost Mary is present in the room with the 11 disciples as the Holy Spirit descends upon them and then calls on them to spread the Good News of Jesus Christ. Mary, as the first disciple of Jesus is present on the very first day of the Church, hence this special day was named to celebrate her.

We have also been fortunate to have the Mary MacKillop Cross visit our school. Only two of these crosses have been made and the other resides in the Vatican. This cross has been made from the floorboards of the original schoolhouse in Penola where Mary MacKillop started her work – Mary MacKillop walked on these floorboards! It was so exciting to have this little piece of history, and a real part of Mary MacKillop's life here and many of the children got to touch this special cross.

During May the children have been learning about Mary and the many names she is known by, about the special prayers associated with her and about the Rosary. It has been very fitting that in this month of May our new statue of Our Lady has finally found her resting place in our new playground area. Just this week Luke Slattery led the whole school in the Hail Mary as part of Community Prayer, officially welcoming Mary to our school, whose name we share.

Joy and blessings,
Tamara Smith

PRAYER



SACRAMENT PROGRAM

Throughout Term 2 children in the Sacramental Program will be preparing for the sacrament of **Confirmation**, which will take place **7pm, Tuesday June 20th**.

The preparation sessions for the sacrament of Confirmation at Our Lady of Victories Church are now complete. There will be a special workshop **4pm, Tuesday 6th June at St Dominic's Hall** for children to make their special Saint poster—they will need to have chosen a Saint for this purpose by this date.

If you have any questions about the sacramental program feel free to contact Melissa Mabarrack at the parish: melissagcp@bigpond.com

Father John would also love some parents to help out with activities—if you are willing and able please email him: jdherd@hotmail.com

GLENELG CATHOLIC PARISH

Our Lady of Victories, 13-15 High St, Glenelg SA 5045
Our Lady of Grace, 36 Beadnall Tce, Glengowrie SA 5044

Presbytery: 17 High Street, Glenelg
Office Hours: Mon, Wed-Fri 9am-2pm
Phone: 08 8294 1888
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Web: www.glenelgcp.com

SUNDAY GOSPEL QUOTE



MASS & LITURGY CALENDAR

Here is an outline of the main celebrations on our school's Church calendar for Term 2.

Week 6	Year 3	Tue 10am
Week 7	No Mass	
Week 8	Whole School Feast of the Sacred Heart	Tue 10am
Week 9	Yr 2, Yr 1 & Rec Liturgy	Tue 9am
Week 10	No Mass	

**ALL FRIENDS AND FAMILY ARE WELCOME
TO JOIN US FOR COMMUNITY PRAYER
8:45AM EVERY TUESDAY
OUR LADY OF VICTORIES CHURCH**

MASSES

Masses and liturgies are celebrated regularly and we warmly invite family and friends to join our year level celebrations.

Changes to the calendar regarding Masses and their times will need to be made occasionally as the needs of our parish and our priests come up. The newsletter will publish the most current times. Apologies for any inconvenience.

Tamara Smith
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LIBRARY NEWS

Last week our students participated in National Simultaneous Story Time (NSS). **The Speedy Sloth**, written by Rebecca Young was the official picture book chosen for this event, telling an inspiring story that explores the concept of perseverance and inclusivity. The story is about a sloth called Spike, who never gives up in a race that challenges him. It is a heartfelt story written with a fun rhyming structure that encourages children to relate the storyline to events in their own lives.

Many authors create picture books that appeal to a broad audience, with Rebecca Young being one of these authors. **The Speedy Sloth** provided ample opportunity for a great number of insightful discussions as the students unpacked the deeper meaning of the story, made connections, and explored themes of commitment, hard work and believing in yourself to achieve success. It is another reminder to us that **picture books are for all ages, not just younger students.**



In the weeks leading up to NSS we spent time discovered more about Rebecca Young as an author by reading her stories and discussing the important messages in each of the books she has published to date. These books are available in our library for our students to borrow so they can continue to build their relationship with this author.

We all agreed Rebecca Young was a great choice of author for this year's NSS.

Tracey Tolley
Teacher Librarian

VOLUNTEERING IN 2023

To volunteer in 2023 at St Mary's Memorial School you will need to complete a Volunteer Information Pack, available from the Front Office. All volunteers are to have a current Catholic Police Clearance, which can be applied for through the school or alternatively, already hold a current DHS (Department of Human Services) Working With Children Clearance (WWCC).

In addition to the appropriate Police Clearance, all volunteers will need to complete the RRHAN-EC (Responding to Risk of Harm, Abuse and Neglect) for volunteers course. Please go to the following link, login and complete the RRHAN-EC training by choosing Non-Department for Education Staff.

<https://www.plink.sa.edu.au>

All paperwork is to be handed to the school office to allow for processing prior to volunteering.

Should you have any queries or wish to become a Registered Volunteer at St Mary's Memorial School, please contact the School Office.



AVAILABLE TO PURCHASE Year 4 Organic Worm Fertilizer

Are you looking for a way to make your garden grow without harming the environment?

Look no further than the Year 4 Organic Worm Fertilizer Business Project! These young entrepreneurs have created a sustainable and eco-friendly solution to help your garden thrive. By supporting this organic fertilizer business, you'll not only be helping our students develop important business skills but also be encouraging their passion for sustainability.

So why not join the Year 4s on their mission to create a more sustainable world? Get your hands on some Year 4 Organic Fertilizer and watch your plants flourish while supporting a great cause.

Be sure to bring in your gold coins to purchase jars filled with organic worm fertilizer. Once used, PLEASE return the empty jar to the front office, so we continue being sustainable by using the jars again.



THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!



UNIFORM SHOP



TUESDAY 2:45 - 3:30pm
THURSDAY 2:45 - 3:30pm

Please contact Christine on:- 0424 776 381
Email: ccoombe@belgrviasports.com.au

or

Or visit the St Mary's Memorial School [Online Uniform Shop](#):-

- Open 24/7
- AfterPay available
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2. Add products to your cart
3. Fill in Special Instructions for seller field with your child's name.
4. Check out by following the prompts.
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WHAT'S HAPPENING IN YEAR 2?

Last week we celebrated Laudato Si Week by doing lots of activities around the theme of 'Care for Our Common Home'. Some Year 2 students collaborated to write about what we did and why.

Laudato Si is a letter that Pope Francis wrote to everyone on the planet, encouraging them to protect the Earth and the week from the 21st -28th May was Laudato Si Week.



We have been learning about some of the issues that are harming animals and the environment and came up with lots of ways that we can help the Earth like walking or riding to school, picking up rubbish, watering plants and flower and growing food.

We also took action by planting flowers in the playground. We planted flowers for our Earth for more oxygen and clean air and to make our yard better.

Please, please, please don't pick the flowers otherwise we will have a bad garden again, so let's keep the flowers safe!

We are looking forward to caring for them and watching them grow and hope that some butterflies will come!





2023 SAPSASA Football Carnival

On May 17th-19th, myself, Jed and Rian went to the SAPSASA Football Carnival representing the District of Southwest. We as a team were determined to win because the year before, Southwest had won the carnival. The carnival was at Barratt Reserve, West Beach.

Our first game was early in the morning and we ended up winning by a lot. We knew it would be a good carnival after that. On the first day we won every game we played.

On the second day everyone was a bit sore and tired but there was more footy to be played. It was tough playing three x 40-minute games a day! On the second day we won all our games again. Now all we had to do on our final day was to not lose.

The next day it was bucketing down with rain in the morning and everyone was freezing cold in the tent (apart from Rian). We had a tough game to start us off, but we won that game. For the rest of the day, we were undefeated which mean we won overall!

It was an awesome team effort and a great learning experience to go out and do something like that. - Daniel



Making the SAPSASA State AFL Football Team was so much fun.

In total we played 9 x 30-minute games over the 3 days. I made so many new friends and got to play in positions that I don't normally play.

Our team was great! We won every game we played and took out the Championship. It was fun to play with new girls and it was a great experience. - Sophia



TEAM ENZO

Shane has signed up to run the GC Marathon in July as a proud member of Team Enzo.

Their goal is to raise awareness about Progeria and also some funds for Enzo and his family.

HUGE thanks to everyone that has donated the auction items to raise funds and awareness for Team Enzo!



Mediterranean Cafe Restaurant - \$100 voucher



Port Adelaide Football Club 2023 Squad Signed Guernsey



MTX Club Tickets (x4) for the Showdown at Adelaide Oval in round 20 including \$100 drink/meal voucher



Round of Golf for 6 people with Tex Walker and Darcy Fogarty at Glenelg Golf Club



Mike Hussey Signed Kookaburra Cricket Bat

All proceeds raised from the Auction items go directly to Team Enzo and will help support Enzo and his family.



<https://aiructioneer.com/team-enzo-gc-marathon-auction> or QR code

St Mary's

SOCIAL NIGHTS

BROADWAY HOTEL @ 6:30PM

FRIDAY 2 JUNE	Year 1 Drinks Night Year Level Representative Paula Rowntree	FRIDAY 23 JUNE	Year 2 Drinks Night Year Level Representative Caroline Cullen/Clair Donaldson
FRIDAY 8 SEPT	Year 5 Drinks Night Year Level Representative Sahana Gaonkar	FRIDAY 22 SEPT	Year 4 Drinks Night Year Level Representative Alex Pinnel
FRIDAY 20 OCT	Year 3 Drinks Night Year Level Representative Elma Van Ruth	FRIDAY 27 OCT	Year 6 Drinks Night Year Level Representative Catherine Black

With thanks to



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