

31 MAY 2024
 TERM 2, WEEK 5

ST MARY'S MEMORIAL SCHOOL

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

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

National Reconciliation Week (NRW) is a time for all Australians to learn about our shared histories, cultures, and achievements, and to explore how each of us can contribute to achieving reconciliation in Australia. This week our community have come together to participate in a range of activities with this year's theme, Now More Than Ever, which is a reminder to all of us that no matter what, the fight for justice and the rights of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people will and must continue.

National Sorry Day, is a time for us to pause, reflect and remember. As Christians, it is an important day, yet a difficult one for many people. I share the following prayer with you which was written in 2022 by the Aboriginal and Islander Commission National Council of Churches in Australia.

'Almighty and loving God, you who created ALL people in your image,

Lead us to seek your compassion as we listen to the stories of our past. You gave your only Son, Jesus, who died and rose again so that sins will be forgiven.

We place before you the pain and anguish of dispossession of land, language, lore, culture and family kinship that Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples have experienced. We live in faith that all people will rise from the depths of despair and hopelessness. Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander families have endured the pain and loss of loved ones, through the separation of children from their families.

We are sorry and ask God's forgiveness.

Touch the hearts of the broken, homeless, and inflicted and heal their spirits. In your mercy and compassion walk with us as we continue our journey of healing to create a future that is just and equitable.

Lord, you are our hope. Amen.'



A MESSAGE OF THANKS TO OUR VOLUNTEERS

During Week 4 we celebrated all things volunteers and hope you all enjoy the little sweet treat!

On behalf of our staff, I would like to extend my heartfelt gratitude for your unwavering dedication and hard work. Your contributions are invaluable to our school community, and we truly appreciate the time and effort you put into making our school a better place.

Thank you for everything you do!

DIARY DATES

Tuesday, 4 June

Year 4 Mass
 Tasty Treat Tuesday "Cookies"

Thursday, 6 June

Community Prayer

Friday, 7 June

Assembly Yr 3-6 Holdfast Bay Council
 Mid-year Reception Transition Visit 1

Monday, 10 June

KING'S BIRTHDAY PUBLIC HOLIDAY

Tuesday, 11 June

PUPIL FREE DAY

Wednesday, 12 June

Reception Zoo Excursion

Thursday, 13 June

Community Prayer
 Year 6 Boy's Basketball

Friday, 14 June

Year 3 Parents Social Night
 Mid-year Reception Transition Visit 2
 Year 5 Old Tailem Town Excursion
 SMMSCG Family Movie Night

SCHOOL UNIFORM

The School Uniform expectations are regularly shared with parents/caregivers in the School Newsletter with the latest reminder in our Term 2, Week 3 edition. In the Week 9, Term 1 edition there was information about the Change of Uniform – Summer to Winter and in Week 3, Term 1 a friendly reminder about wearing the correct school uniform was in my Principal's Message.

In addition to our School Newsletter, **Our Uniform** information is published on the school website in the Family Handbook on pages 16-17, which you can find by using the following link [Family Handbook](#).

I draw your attention to the following important information in the Family Handbook:

- The **St Mary's Memorial School uniform is compulsory**, and all items of clothing should be clearly named. The Uniform Shop is the sole supplier of the school uniform and is located on the school site.
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- Class teachers will communicate when students are required to wear the Sports Uniform.
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- Acceptable jewellery items include stud earrings or sleepers, a watch, a small religious medal or neck-chain and a medic alert bracelet. Staff will ask students to remove any inappropriate items of jewellery.
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- Hair gel, bright hair colours and coloured sunscreen are not permitted. Below shoulder length hair must be tied back at all times with navy, white or yellow ribbon or appropriate scrunchie.
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- Coloured nail polish and make-up must not be worn with the school uniform. Students will be sent to the school office for immediate removal.
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- Students should be well-groomed and tidy at all times - staff will remind students of their responsibility to look after their school uniform and wear it with pride.

On enrolment to St Mary's Memorial School, parents have signed the Parent/Guardian Declaration which states, 'I/we accept the standards the School sets regarding grooming, uniform and personal presentation.'

All children are expected to uphold the School Uniform expectations with the support of parents and caregivers. If your child is not wearing the correct uniform without a reasonable parent explanation, this will be addressed and followed up by a member of staff. Thank you for your cooperation.

ST MARY'S MEMORIAL SCHOOL STRATEGIC PLANNING PROCESS

Our work with Leanne Muffet from Strategic Matters continued this month and it was exciting to engage our Working Group and staff with this very important work in defining the school's long-term objectives.

It is a very exciting time for our community, and I encourage you to support this process by taking 10 minutes to complete the online Strategic Questionnaire Survey, a fantastic avenue for you to share your insights and perspectives. A link to the survey was emailed to all families on Thursday 30 May, if you did not receive this information, please contact Angela Maisey via email at amaisey@stmarmem.catholic.edu.au

I remain genuinely enthusiastic about this process and its significance in presenting a clear vision for the future of our school and thank you in anticipation for your valuable contributions.

ENTHUSIASTIC STUDENT AGENCY – EARTH SAVERS!

This week, Ivy, Issy, Matilda, Lucy M, and Winnie from Year 2 have demonstrated remarkable passion, drive, and dedication in their efforts to save the Earth. Every day, they have shared their hopes and dreams for a cleaner planet with me. Their first mission is to clean up our school by ensuring rubbish goes into the correct bins, and they are making posters and a video to spread their message on how everyone can help save the Earth.

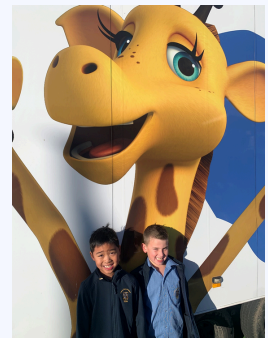


The girls have requested to host an assembly next term, and I am thrilled to meet with them next week during lunch to begin planning our Term 3 assembly together.

Stay tuned for more updates on their inspiring journey!

HEALTHY HAROLD'S VISIT TO OUR SCHOOL - LIFE ED

Recently, Healthy Harold the lovable giraffe visited our school in a mobile learning centre, providing students from Reception to Year 6 with engaging educational experiences. The sessions covered important topics such as Safety Rules, Friends & Feelings, Harold's Friendship, Growing Good Friends, and Relate, Respect, Connect.



Charlotte and Tui from Year 1, Ava, Ace, and Axle from Year 2, and Grace from Reception excitedly shared some wonderful facts about safety signs and what's inside a chip packet with me before school. It was a fantastic and enlightening visit for all!

PROMOTING PARTNERSHIPS IN EDUCATION

Catholic Schools in the Archdiocese of Adelaide and the Diocese of Port Pirie collaborate with parents, carers, and their school communities to foster a shared responsibility for each child's education. This partnership is guided by a charter outlining the principles and expectations to achieve this goal.

Endorsed by the South Australian Commission for Catholic Schools, the Charter for Parents encourages its use among schools, parents, and carers. Developed after extensive consultation with various stakeholders, including parent bodies, leadership teams, principal associations, and the Catholic identity team, the charter aims to support a unified approach to education.

This resource empowers parents and carers by providing clear guidelines to follow, ensuring they feel confident and supported throughout their educational journey with their children.

The Importance of the Charter

A strong relationship between parents and schools creates a powerful environment for every child's growth and success.

Within this relationship, both parents and schools have distinct responsibilities to maintain a robust and ongoing partnership. The Charter recognises:

- The primary role parents play in their child's faith formation, learning, and wellbeing
- The contribution parents make by valuing the Catholic identity and mission of the schools
- The shared responsibility for the social, spiritual, and emotional development of our students in our schools

This charter, which is on display in our School Office, helps to clearly define and support these crucial roles and responsibilities. I encourage you to view and read the full by clicking on [Charter for Parents in SA Catholic Schools](#) link as a reminder about parental and school expectations.

SEMESTER ONE ACADEMIC REPORTS AND PARENT-TEACHER INTERVIEWS

Our students continue to engage with high-quality learning across the curriculum. On Monday, 1 July, they will bring home their Semester One Academic Report, which details their learning progress and achievements for the first half of the year.

Early in Term 3, all parents will receive information about booking a formal parent-teacher interview to discuss their child's progress. This is an excellent opportunity to meet with teachers before the next cycle of formal reporting begins for Semester Two.

We are committed to providing timely and accurate information about your child's progress. If at any time during the year you wish to discuss your child's learning, growth, and development, please contact our teachers to arrange a mutually convenient time. We highly value building strong home-school relationships.

A few key dates for your diaries include:

- **King's Birthday Public Holiday** - Monday, 10 June
- **Pupil Free Day** - Tuesday, 11 June
- **School Photo Day** - Wednesday, 28 August
- **School Disco** - Friday, 13 September
- **Grandparents & Special Friends Day** - Thursday, 19 September
- **Sports Day** - Friday, 25 October

Kindest regards,

Sonja Smith
Principal

CONGRATULATIONS!



Oliver Williams- 5R recently attended a National U11s tennis camp in Melbourne.

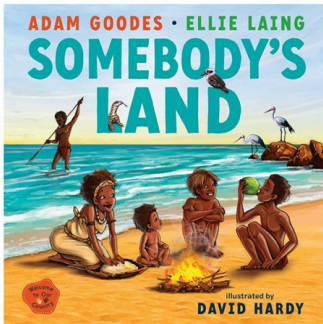
Ollie enjoyed the experience, winning the "Respect and Humility Award."

Awesome work Ollie!

FROM THE APRIM

This week we have recognised National Reconciliation Week, the theme of which is **"NOW MORE THAN EVER"**.

Reconciliation Week begins on Sorry Day, May 27, a day that acknowledges those children who were taken from their families. This was a policy of the Government at the time, and finally the Government said sorry for the hurt and damage experienced by this stolen generation.



Reconciliation Week ends on June 3, the anniversary of the Australian High Court's decision to recognize the traditional owners of Murray Island, led by Eddie Mabo. From here Lieutenant James Cook's claim that Australia was "terra nullius", meaning land of nobody, was made to be a fiction. If you want to understand this better, Adam Goodes wrote a picture book about this, using simple language and beautiful pictures. We have this book, 'Somebody's Land' in our library.



Reconciliation is about acknowledging the past wrongs done to the original inhabitants of our land and working really hard towards equality and harmony in our wonderful nation. To celebrate this beautiful message, the children in our school placed their handprint with in either the Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander flag acknowledging that we journey together towards reconciliation.



For Community Prayer this week (cancelled due to rain) children in 4A were going to share their percussion skills, learnt during Music lessons, using clap sticks, river stones and maracas as we all sang the Aboriginal Our Father. We hope to do this in an upcoming week and invite you to join us. In the meantime, in the spirit of reconciliation, share peace and love with all those you encounter.

Joy and blessings,
Tamara Smith



Dominican Awards

For an excellent attitude towards the
Dominican Pillar of Service
24-05-24



Prashant Deb
Mackenzie Williams
Sophia Durante
Lincoln Bowden
Anjali Thakur
Lola Dercho
Elizabeth Harmer
Isabelle Johnstone
Lucy Nash
Layla Mundy
Emanuella Forte
Annie Hateley
Molly Tuck
Austin Van Ruth
Chloe Hill
Noah Lambert

Eli Mateiwai
Adele Williams
Cooper Bosley
Hunter Harris
Ava Anderson
Delia Scholz
Mimi Matters
Sienna Plumpton
Pippa Lovering
Tui Donoghue
Agaz Chahal
Lily Lewis
Isabel Gill
Olivia Jackson
Ambreen Madhay

Mia He
Caitlin Lyons
Chloe Sonners
Leo Ludgate
Mabel Daley
Ella Horan
Eve Boughen
Sophia Sampson
Evie Patton
Madeline Jones
Spencer Bosley
Freddie Burns
Anhad Chahal
Jayden Jackson
Lily Lomas



Dominican Awards

For an excellent attitude towards the
Dominican Pillar of Community
10-05-24



Mason Dixon-Barker
Everly Specterman
Avy Koster
Oscar Grande
Lila Basford
Charlee Hyland
Issac Lewis
William Byatt
Harly Walker
William Angus
Marie Abdelmalak
Elizabeth Kreis
Martin Black
Grace Zimmermann
Luella Maddigan

Maya Bury
Johnny Cranston
Alice Anderson
Harriet Keely
Loius Janaway
Lucy Heffernan
Dieter Gryst
Audrey Sezenias
Garfield Young
Maddy Donaldson
Ed Cranston
Maya Alksne
Poppy Meneghetti
Arlo Brierley
George Brown

Sage Purchase
Millie Moore
Charlie Wegener
River Muliyo
Theo Evans
Makenzie Buob
Frances Jaensch
Lara Brown
Tavish Luthra
Michael Wooley
Sienna Brierley
Elias Brierley
Josie Murphy
Harriett Donaldson



ABORIGINAL OUR FATHER

*You are our Father, you live in heaven,
We talk to you. Father you are good.
We believe your word, Father,
We are your children, give us bread today.
We have done wrong, we are sorry,
Teach us, Father, all about your Word.
Others have done wrong to us,
And we are sorry for them, Father, today.
Stop us from doing wrong, Father,
Save us all from the evil one.
You are our Father, you live in heaven,
We talk to you, Father, you are good.*

SACRAMENT PROGRAM

If your child is in Year 3 or above and has been Baptised they are invited to join the Sacramental program this year. Each Term children will learn about then celebrate the Sacraments of Reconciliation, Confirmation and Holy Eucharist. If you would like your child to be Baptised please let us know.

The sacrament of Confirmation will be celebrated by Patrick O'Regan on Wednesday June 26th at 7pm at Our Lady of Victories Church, Glenelg.

Preparation for the sacrament of Confirmation will include 3 formal sessions after school, which began this week. The following two sessions will be on Wednesday evenings 6pm to 7pm at Our Lady of Victories Church:

- SESSION 2: 5th June
- SESSION 3: 12th June

On Friday June 21st children who are currently in the Confirmation program are invited to attend a Retreat Day at St Mary's Hall, 9am to 3pm. More detail about this day will be given at the Confirmation workshops.

If you have any questions about the sacramental program feel free to contact Father John or Tamara Smith. Father John would also love some parents to help out with activities - if you are willing and able please email him: jdherd@hotmail.com

SUNDAY GOSPEL QUOTE



MASS & LITURGY CALENDAR

Here is an outline of the main celebrations on our school's Church calendar for Term 2. Please note that the times for these Masses may, or may not, change.

PLEASE NOTE THE NEW MASS START TIME

Week 6	Year 4 Mass	Tue 9:30am
Week 7	No Mass – Pupil Free Day	
Week 8	Year 3 Mass	Tue 9:30am
Week 9	Rec, R1 & Yr 2 Liturgy	Tue 9:00am
Week 10	No Mass	

MASSES

Masses and liturgies are celebrated regularly and we warmly invite family and friends to join us.

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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GLENELG CATHOLIC PARISH

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

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

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

YEAR 6 NEWSLETTER



Athlete Biography

14th of May was a fun day for a lot of us. It was the day when the two professional athletes came in! Sophie Casey and Izzy Borlase. They came in and told us about their life to help us out with our biographies. Sophie Casey is a professional Netball player for the Adelaide Thunderbirds and Izzy Borlase is a professional basketball player for the Adelaide Lightning. Borlase was also recently drafted to the WNBA to play for the Atlanta Dreams. They are an inspiration to a lot of young girls like us who love sport.

The whole class had to write a biography about one of them. We did this as a practice draft so that we could get ready for our 'athlete biography' which we are doing currently. In the Athlete biography we must pick a famous athlete of our choice and write an interesting and detailed biography.

Written by Samara Lama and Anjali Thakur (6C)



Life Education Van

Last week the year 6 students were part of the Life Education Van Program called "Relate, Respect, Connect". This program focuses on positive relationships and how these types of relationships and interactions benefit us. The program also looked at how we develop and the emotional and physical changes that occur. Students explored, what consent and non-consent mean and how this can be conveyed through words and body language. Students also discussed trusting their feelings and recognising how their body reacts to different situations. The students role-played different cyber-safety scenarios and what the appropriate actions would be.



YEAR 6 NEWSLETTER



Makers Empire

This term the year 5 and 6 students have started working on a new program called 'Makers Empire'. This program teaches students how to solve problems and digitally build products online that can be 3D printed. Through this program the students got the opportunity to participate in a Makers Empire workshop where they learnt how to use the program and how it can be used to solve real world problems. The students are super excited to be continuing this program throughout the remainder of the year.



Thank you!!!

Last week, as part of celebrating Mass with the theme of the Holy Spirit and Mary the Mother of the Church, students were asked to bring non-perishable food items to be presented at Mass for the church to distribute to families experiencing difficulties having basic living necessities in our community. We would like to thank all the Year 6 families for their generous donations.

The Push-Up Challenge

Starting next week, every child in our school will be doing 7 star jumps or push ups (Year 5 & 6 only) every day aiming to improve both our mental and physical health.

GO ST MARY'S MEMORIAL!



FINANCE NEWS

School Fee Statements have now been sent home to all families this week via post and class bags.

Please take the time to review your statements, charges and payments, and email any queries you may have to finance@stmarmem.catholic.edu.au.

All queries will be responded to. Please follow up if you are concerned your query may have been missed.

Regards,
Jenni Ashfield

BECOME A REGISTERED VOLUNTEER

Our school values a strong relationship between parents and staff. Parent involvement is encouraged at St Mary's Memorial School, as it enriches our community, develops a sense of belonging and the children love having their families involved in class activities and helping out around their school.

To volunteer in 2024 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, you may already hold a current **DHS (Department of Human Services) Working With Children's Clearance**.

In addition to the appropriate Police Clearance and relevant school documentation contained within the Volunteer Information Pack, all volunteers will need to complete the **RRHAN (Responding to Risk of Harm, Abuse and Neglect for Volunteers) Course**. Please go to the following link, login and complete the RRHAN training by clicking on 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.

