

NEWSLETTER

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

*Dear Lord,
Please watch over our staff, children, and families during the school holidays.
Surround them with Your love and protection, keeping them safe always.
Amen.*

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

On Thursday, we had the absolute pleasure of hosting our annual Grandparents and Special Friends Day. This heartwarming event brought generations together, creating a beautiful sense of connection, community, and joy. One of the many highlights was a proud grandfather sharing with me that his daughter attended our school over 45 years ago! This beloved tradition allows our students to share their school life and learning journey with their loved ones in such a meaningful way.

We are beyond grateful to the 600+ grandparents and special friends who joined us for this special occasion. Your presence and support mean the world to our school community. We hope you enjoyed the wonderful performances from our Festival Choir, Year 2s, and Reception students, followed by a visit to the children's learning spaces and a lovely morning tea. Please know that you are always welcome at our school!



Celebrating our School Sporting Teams

Congratulations to our U11 team for their outstanding efforts this season, capped off by a fantastic 5-goal win last weekend, which saw them finish the regular season undefeated! Coach Nick Tustin has expressed immense pride in the team, not only for their success on the field but for the way they have grown together as young people and built strong friendships. The team showed incredible determination, often coming from behind, never giving up, and inspiring us all with their efforts. A huge thank you to Nick for his dedication and support of our U11 soccer team throughout the season. Congratulations to the team, our school community is very proud of you, well done.

I would also like to congratulate our U8s, who have thrived under the excellent guidance of Chris Bosley. The children enjoyed a fun, positive, and encouraging season, with both parents and students looking forward to their time together each Saturday morning. Despite the ups and downs in results, the U8s demonstrated fantastic team spirit, enthusiasm, and resilience. Well done to all the boys, and a big shout out to Chris for his continued support and leadership.

Finally, a huge thank you to all our parent volunteers. You are such an integral part of our school community. Whether you've been cheering on our sports teams, reading with students in the mornings, joining in on beach walks, helping with excursions, or staying overnight on camps—your contributions make a world of difference. On behalf of our staff, students, and families, we sincerely thank you!

Trampoline Championships!

Congratulations to Scarlett in Year 6, who is currently on the Gold Coast with her family, competing in the Trampoline National Clubs Competition. We wish her all the best and hope she enjoys a fantastic and memorable experience!

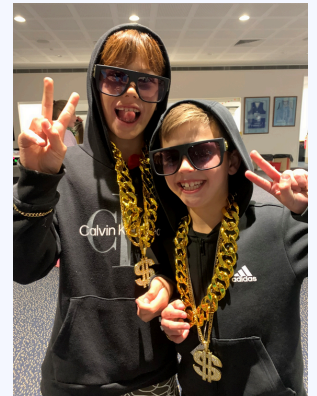
Reminder: Summer Uniform and SunSmart for Term 4

As we head into Term 4, a friendly reminder that students will return to wearing the summer uniform with a 2-week transition time for any cooler days. With the warmer weather approaching, it's important for everyone to be SunSmart. School hats are mandatory for all outdoor activities, so please ensure your child has their hat every day.

We also encourage applying sunscreen before school and topping up throughout the day to help protect our skin from harmful UV rays. Let's work together to stay sun-safe and healthy!

School Disco Fun!

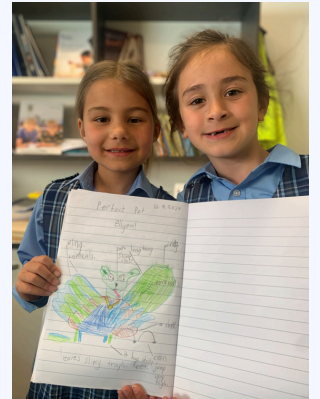
Neon colours, sparkles, glitter, fancy shoes, dance moves, and glow sticks lit up the night at our annual School Disco last Friday, the 13th! It was an exciting and fun-filled evening with an incredible 415 children in attendance. A huge thank you to our amazing Parents Community Group and the 35+ parent volunteers who helped make the event such a success. Mrs Henthorn and I were armed with glow sticks and ready to join in the fun, and it was wonderful to see so many happy faces on the dance floor. Your support made this night one to remember!



Student Learning

I had the absolute pleasure of Claire from 1S visiting me to proudly share her English learning. She creatively designed the perfect pet, 'Ellyen,' and thoughtfully labelled each part. I was especially impressed with Claire's use of advanced vocabulary in her labels. Moments like these truly highlight the joy of being a principal – seeing the wonderful learning and creativity of our students firsthand.

Thank you, Claire, and keep up the fantastic work!



Musical Talent on Show

Congratulations to Everly (5P), Eddie (2S), Celeste (3MO), Ryo (4B), and their piano teacher, Demeter, for their outstanding music performance at last week's assembly. These talented pianists played some amazing tunes, showcasing their incredible skills and hard work.

Well done to all for sharing such beautiful music with our school community.

KEY DATES

- **School Photo "Catch Up" Day** - Monday, 23 September
- **Catholic Schools Music Festival** - Tuesday, 24 September
- **Last Day of Term 3** - Friday, 27 September
- **First Day of Term 4** - Monday, 14 October
- **Sports Day** - Friday, 25 October
- **2025 New Reception Transition Visit 1 & Parent Information Session** - Friday, 8 November

As we conclude Term 3 on Friday, 27 September, I want to extend my heartfelt gratitude and appreciation to all our families for your continued support and involvement in our school community. Your partnership is what makes St Mary's Memorial School such a special place for our students to learn and grow. Wishing you all a safe, restful, and wonderful school holiday.

Enjoy the break with your loved ones, and we look forward to welcoming everyone back for Term 4.

Kindest regards,

Mrs Sonja Smith
Principal

MEET OUR DEDICATED TEACHING TEAMS

RECEPTION - YEAR 2



Desiree Henthorn
Deputy Principal &
Rec-2 Line Manager



Nicola Ciuffini
Reception Teacher



Renee Ierace
Reception Teacher



Isabella Sladic
Reception Teacher



Claudia Esposito
Year 1 Teacher



Riley Shelden
Year 1 Teacher



Laura Watt
Year 1 Teacher



Lily Scott
Year 1 Teacher



Tammy Harris
Year 2 Teacher



Samantha O'Malley
Year 2 Teacher



Luke Slattery
Year 2 Teacher



Ethan Marchioro
Rec-2 Support Teacher

FROM THE APRIM

Two weekends ago, I was privileged to attend Mass with a number of families here at Our Lady of Victories Church. The reason this Mass was particularly special was that eleven of our children celebrated their First Holy Communion, along with other children in the Glenelg Parish. The celebration ended with a beautiful morning tea with the parishioners afterwards in St Mary's Hall.

Holy Communion is a very special and intimate way to be with Jesus Christ. This very sacred part of the Mass is the ultimate summit for Catholic's who believe we truly have the body and blood Christ with us. The children in the Sacramental Program have spent the previous month learning about the sacredness of Holy Communion. This First Eucharist is such a special moment for them and their families. From this point onwards these children may now be with Christ in this most special way anytime they attend Mass.

Prior to celebrating First Eucharist, these children have been on a journey through each of the Sacraments of initiation. In Term 4 of the school year the program begins with the children learning about Reconciliation. They learn all about the forgiveness given to us through Jesus Christ, no matter what. Knowing that Jesus always forgives us and always loves us regardless of what we have done, is a powerful understanding to have in life.

In the following year, throughout Term 2, the children learn all about the Holy Spirit through the sacrament of Confirmation. Here they come to know the gifts of the Holy Spirit and how, when we use these gifts given to us through the Holy Spirit, we bear fruits for ourselves and for others. A special Mass is celebrated with the Archbishop and the invisible grace of the Holy Spirit becomes visible through the beautiful actions and symbols involved in this ritual.

And that brings us to the current term, Term 3, where the children learn about, and receive the Eucharist for the first time. From this point onwards these children are fully initiated into the Catholic Church. It has been so lovely to journey with these children and their families.

If you would like your child to be in the next Sacramental Program please let myself or Fr John know asap. It begins next term. Fr John will be sending out more specific and detailed information over the coming weeks. To be part of the Sacramental Program your child must be a Baptised Catholic. If you would like your child Baptised, please let us know also.

Joy and blessings,
Tamara Smith



Dominican Awards

For an excellent attitude towards the
Dominican Pillar of Community
13 September 2024



William Fuller
Eliana Salubre
Archie Wishart
Aarav Eldurkar
Anjli Thakur
Liam Stapleton
Amelia Heffernan
Lucien Stewart
Noah Clapp
Sienna Plumpton
Cassie Whitney
Ryo Victory

Ruby Barclay
Charlie He
Joshua Bahr
Freddie Blowers
Zoe Steer
Airlie Groth
Edmund Hughes
Hamish Kay
Levi Low
Max Wickstein
Penelope Smyth

Louis Smedley
Freya Brown
Bronte McLeod
Oliver Dickinson
Abbie Kroon
Hugo Pinnell
Freddie Burns
Ryan Layland
Evie Pearce
Tommy Woolley
Meg Wells

Elliot Pix
Theo Evans
Mia He
Meiah V
Zoe Kellett
Hendrix Horsfall
Mila Tester
Finlay Chigwidden
Stella Hateley
Jay Hambour
Tui Donoghue

PRAYER

Dear God,

Please bless our grandparents.

Thank you for the life they gave my parents and for the life they give to me.

For the ways they helped me and made me strong, I give thanks.

For the ways they love me no matter what, I rejoice.

For the ways they have paved the road that leads me here, I am grateful.

Let them grow in wisdom and joy in life.

Let them find peace and rest from their work.

Let them be healed of every sickness and pain.

And let them see with their own eyes the glory of your Son, Jesus,

in the love of their children and grandchildren.

Bless them always until they come to rest in you.

We ask this through Christ our Lord.

Amen.

SUNDAY GOSPEL QUOTE



MASS & LITURGY CALENDAR

Here is an outline of the main celebrations on our school's Church calendar for Term 4. Please note that the times for these Masses may, or may not, change.

PLEASE NOTE THE NEW MASS START TIME IN TERM 4:

Week 1	No Mass	
Week 2	No Mass	
Week 3	All Saints & All Souls Days Whole school Mass	9am Friday
Week 4	No Mass	
Week 5	Year 6, RS, RI Buddy classes Mass	9:30am Tues
Week 6	Year 5, RC, 1W Buddy classes Mass	9:30am Tues
Week 7	Year 4, 1E, 1S Buddy classes Mass	9:30am Tues
Week 8	Year 3 & 2 Buddy classes Mass	9:30am Tues
Week 9	End of Year Whole School Mass	9:30am Tues

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.



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.

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

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
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

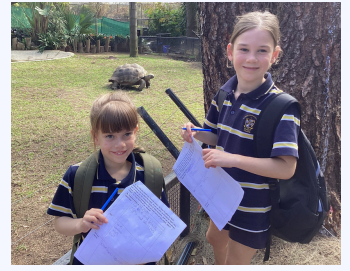
Year 3 Zoo Snooze



Our Year 3 classes have just returned from their first ever overnight camp.



We travelled to Adelaide Zoo, where we spent the day enjoying the animal enclosures before being joined by a Zookeeper for the night. We had the chance of meeting some animals close up and ask about them. James, our Keeper kept saying "That's a really good question!"



After a delicious dinner of sausages, chicken nuggets, pasta, salad and ice cream, we ventured out on a night walk. We got to see some of the nocturnal animals, including Jakarta, a binturong, who James said is the friendliest animal at the zoo!



The next morning, before the zoo was open, we got to walk around the zoo again, seeing other animals who are more active at sunrise, such as the maned wolf.



We all had a fantastic time and returned to school happy but tired. The students were a credit to themselves, our school and their parents. They conducted themselves with respect and enthusiasm, showing kindness to each other and helpfulness to the adults.



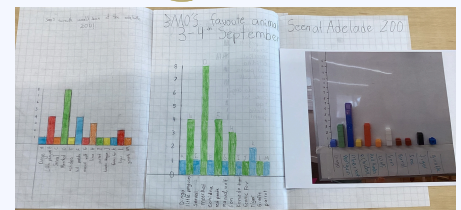
We are now putting this experience to good use in the classroom. In Maths we have been using the information we collected to create graphs, interpret and compare the data. In English we are busy writing information reports about our favourite animal, while we are creating some fabulous portraits in Art.



We would like to take this opportunity to publicly thank our wonderful volunteers, who worked tirelessly to make this experience so great for our students.



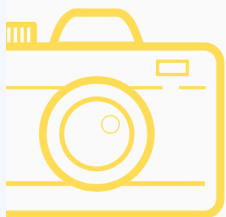
Thank you!
Leah Moules and Nathan Munro.



GRANDPARENTS & SPECIAL FRIENDS DAY



School Photo **Catch-up** Day



Monday
23 September 2024

9:30-10:00am

*Students requiring a catch-up photograph **MUST** wear FULL WINTER UNIFORM INCLUDING JUMPER even if it is your sports day.*

UNIFORM CHANGE-OVER

A reminder that students are to return to school after the holidays in their full summer uniform. If we still experience some cold weather in the first 2 weeks of Term 4, the full winter uniform may be worn. Please note, students must wear either the complete summer uniform or the complete winter uniform, not a combination.

It is also **compulsory** for all students to wear a school, wide brim hat during Terms 1 & 4 for all outside activities including sport lessons and break times. Given the high UV index, we encourage the wearing of hats whilst outside during Terms 2 & 3, although this is not a requirement.

The wearing of the correct uniform is a requirement of all children attending St Mary's Memorial School and we greatly appreciate your support in this matter.

The St Mary's Memorial School Uniform Shop opening hours are as follows:

Tuesdays 2:45pm - 3:30pm
Thursdays 2:45pm - 3:30pm

Should you wish to make an online order, please follow the link to the [St Mary's Memorial School Online Uniform Shop](#). AfterPay available with delivery information detailed on the online shop home page.

For any further queries, please contact Christine:



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Save the Date

All Parents Welcome

LAWN BOWLS

SATURDAY
OCTOBER 26
7PM-11:30PM

Night!

GLENELG BOWLING CLUB
23 PARTRIDGE ST, GLENELG

\$15 PER PERSON FOR ENTRY,
DRINK ON ARRIVAL AND
NIBBLES



ST MARY'S MEMORIAL SCHOOL
COMMUNITY GROUP



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BASKETBALL

STATE BASKETBALL CENTRE

**JUNIOR
2 DAY
CAMP**

30 SEP - 1 OCT
AGES 7 - 16



SCAN FOR
MORE INFO

TERM 3, 2024 TERM PLANNER

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY SUNDAY
Week 1	July 22 Plastic Free July	July 23	July 24	July 25	July 26 Yr 2 Parents Drinks – SMMSCG Newsletter	July 27 July 28
Week 2	July 29	July 30 Year 5 Retreat Day Mass - Year 5 & Buddy Class	July 31 SMMS Community Group Meeting – 7:00pm	August 1	August 2 Assembly – Yr 2 Earth Savers (Mrs S Smith) Yr 5 Mary MacKillop Excursion Yr 5 Parents Drinks – SMMSCG	August 3 August 4 Aboriginal Children's Day
Week 3	August 5	August 6 Andrew Chinn Performance	August 7 SACPSSA Cross Country	August 8 St Dominic's Day & Feast of St Mary MacKillop Walk A Mile Market Of Hope	August 9 Newsletter	August 10 August 11
Week 4	August 12	August 13 Mass - Year 6 & Buddy Class	August 14	August 15 Book Week Incursion	August 16 Assembly – Receptions *Showdown Donuts - SMMSCG	August 17 August 18
Week 5	August 19 Book Week Fair All Week	August 20 Mass - Year 4 & Buddy Class	August 21 Principal's School Tour	August 22 SAPSASA District Athletics	August 23 Book Week Parade 9.00am Newsletter – Yr 2	August 24 Principal's School Tour August 25
Week 6	August 26 SHC Marcellin Music Ensemble	August 27 Mass - Year 3 & Buddy Class Catholic Schools Music Festival Rehearsal	August 28 School Photo Day	August 29 *Father's Day Stall – SMMSCG Yr 5 Sacred Heart Visit (PE) - TBC Yr 1 Hahndorf Farm Barn Incursion	August 30 Assembly – Year 1 Yr 5 Sacred Heart Visit (PE) - TBC	August 31 September 1 Father's Day Seasons of Creation Begins
Week 7	September 2 Sabbath Week Yr 4 Camp - Monarto Zoo Yr 5 SHC Visit (PE) - TBC	September 3 Yr 4 Camp – Monarto Zoo 3MO Overnight Zoo Snooze SACPSSA Touch Football	September 4 Yr 4 Camp – Monarto Zoo 3MU Overnight Zoo Snooze Yr 5 Council Chambers Visit - TBC	September 5 Yr 6 Excursion - Parliament House Yr 5 Sacred Heart Visit (PE) - TBC	September 6 PUPIL FREE DAY Newsletter – Yr 1	September 7 September 8
Week 8	September 9	September 10	September 11	September 12 R U OK? Day	September 13 Assembly - Yr 4 School Disco - SMMSCG Rec - Yr 2 @ 5:30-6:30pm Yr 3 - 6 @ 7.00-8:15pm*	September 14 September 15
Week 9	September 16	September 17	September 18	September 19 Grandparents & Special Friends Day SACPSSA Cricket - TBC	September 20 SACPSSA Cricket - TBC Newsletter – Yr 3	September 21 September 22
Week 10	September 23	September 24 Catholic Schools Music Festival Performance	September 25	September 26	September 27 Assembly – Yr 3 LAST DAY OF TERM 3	September 28 September 29

* PLEASE NOTE, EVENTS ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE
WE REMIND YOU TO VIEW THE UPCOMING EVENTS AND ANY CHANGES IN OUR FORTNIGHTLY NEWSLETTERS

Term 4 Important Dates

First Day Term 4 - Monday, 14 October

Sports Day - Friday, 25 October

Year 6 Camp - Mon 25 - Thurs 28 November

Last Day for Year 6 Students - Tuesday 10 December

Year 6 Dinner (parent run event) - Tuesday 10 December

Last Day for Reception - Year 5 - Wednesday, 11 December

Year 6 Liturgy (evening) - Wednesday, 11 December TBC