

NEWSLETTER

12 APRIL 2024 TERM 1, WEEK11

ST MARY'S MEMORIAL SCHOOL

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

'A beautiful day begins with a beautiful mindset.'

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

It is incredible to think our beautiful students have already completed 11 weeks of learning! I have found great joy in witnessing our newest young people in Reception settle so quickly into formal schooling, exploring new environments and making positive friendships. The transition to a new school year can at times bring a range of emotions for children and adults. I would like to express my gratitude to you, our families and the staff for their efforts in supporting every child with such a positive start to the 2024 academic year. I wish you all a restful two-week school holiday break and look forward to seeing everyone return safely on Tuesday 30 April for Term 2.

Are you missing a jumper, hat, water bottle, jacket, or lunch container? Please check the Lost Property box in the entranceway near the Milton Street gate. There are a lot of unclaimed items ready to take home.

A reminder about the wearing the Winter Uniform in Term 2. There will be a two week change over period to support families in updating any items and children who may still feel a little warm with some milder weather.

The safety of our community is always a priority, and as part of our Work Health and Safety compliance we are required to have four Emergency Evacuation/Lock In drills practised annually. I am pleased to share with you that our recent Term 1 emergency evacuation drill was carried out smoothly with staff and students doing incredibly well following our procedures and directions for the drill, with a report provided to our WHS Co-Ordinator Fiona Lorick.

During the term break we have a few scheduled maintenance works occurring including the high-pressure cleaning of all hard surfaces such as the courts, pavers, and concrete paths. Some refurbishment works will also occur in the Admin Building to provide two new office spaces, one for our newly appointed Deputy Principal, Mrs Desiree Henthorn. It was wonderful to welcome Desiree on Wednesday when she visited the school, and met staff and students. We are thrilled Desiree will be joining our school community and know you will also welcome her next term.

Please also join me in welcoming to our team, Ms Miriam Boruch who is working in the Admin Team Thursday and Friday and as a Curriculum ESO on Monday - Wednesday mornings. Mrs Lily Scott will return in Term 2 from parental leave in a part time capacity supporting our Year 5 and 6 teams as an additional teacher on Wednesday and as the class teacher in 1W class on a Thursday with Mrs Laura Watt.

DIARY DATES

Monday, 29 April Pupil Free Day

Tuesday, 30 April
Term 2, 2024 Commences @ 8:45am

Thursday, 2 May Community Prayer

<u>Tuesday, 7 May</u> Yr 6 SAPSASA Netball Carnival

Thursday, 9 May Community Prayer Principal Tours - 9:15am & 5:30pm

Friday, 10 May Whole School Assembly

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CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to Connie and Michael Trimboli on the safe arrival of their new son Saverio, born on Thursday 4 April 2024. We wish them every blessing from everyone at St Mary's Memorial School.



STUDENT LEARNING

The love of learning is at the heart of all we do and when students share this with me, my heart skips a beat! Harvey from Year 1E proudly showed me his fabulous learning progress today in being able to record numbers from 1 to 100, which is a significant growth milestone from the start of the term. Keep up the great effort Harvey, I can't wait to see what you'll be able to do by the end of the year!



SCHOOL LEADERS

On Tuesday I met with our School Leaders. We had a fantastic catch up and shared how student leadership is an important part of our community. The students also confidently talked about their ideas and initiatives from this term including Friday's MisMatch Day, the Clean Up Australia recycled artwork competition, yard play before school, and hosting School Tours next term. We had a very productive brainstorming session to collectively record key talking points for the tours, with all students enthusiastically volunteering to join me on Thursday 9 May to show new prospective families our incredible school.









STUDENT CONNECTIONS

Last Friday, Patrick from 4A talked to me about the combined recess when all students come together at the same time. As a school we have been trialling this on a Thursday and Friday. I love seeing our children being able to interact with one another, finding their buddies, siblings, and friends from across the school. It also provides a great opportunity for our staff to share time together during the break.

While chatting to Patrick, it was clear that providing students with a range of play alternatives is important. Thank you for visiting me during recess Patrick and sharing a game of Tetra Tower, one which you certainly showed great skill and winning every game!



THANK YOU

On behalf of all staff, I would like to extend a sincere thank you to all of our incredibly generous volunteers for their tireless commitment in supporting our school this term. We have seen a large number of regular volunteers help on beach walks, sell ice-blocks, hand out lunch orders, read to children, attend sporting events and trials, help on excursions and camps, sort lost property, put together the Easter raffle, Easter egg hunt, support us at the Term 1 Community Welcome Evening and today with the Snow Cones. We truly appreciate all you do and hope you will join us in Term 2 for the Principal's Volunteer Morning Tea on Monday 20 May.

SCHOOL IDENTITY DEVELOPMENT

I am thrilled to share with you the school has engaged the professional services of Anna Sapio at Design Notion to support our work in refreshing the development of our school identity. Anna knows our community very well as her children attended St Mary's Memorial School and she was a very active parent in the school.

Last year we worked with Anna to provide our 2024 Reception families with a new Family Handbook as part of their Welcome Pack during the children's first Transition to School visit in Term 4, 2023. The feedback from new and current families has been very positive.

This term Members of the School Board, staff and student leaders have had the opportunity to look at some subtle recommendations to bring back the traditional Dominican colours of black and white in our school logo. We are aiming to strengthen our identity to ensure the logo is readable, scalable, versatile, and memorable.

I invite you all to view the Design Notion storyboards next term which will be positioned in the glass display case near the staffroom and place any comments in the Thoughts Box.

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SOCIAL JUSTICE LEADERS – Mismatch DAY!

On behalf of Sia, Ines, Elizabeth and Fox thank you for the incredible efforts in supporting Project Compassion today by wearing your best mismatch colourful outfits to school. As a school community we raised a total of \$1,542.65 for Caritas Australia which will help make a positive impact and difference for those most in need.

SPORTS DAY - NEW DATE CONFIRMED

Please save the date for your calendars for the rescheduling of our School Sports Day, which will be held on Friday 25 October, Term 4, Week 2.

A few other key dates for your diaries include:

- Monday 29 April PUPIL FREE DAY (please note OSHC is not available)
- Tuesday 30 April TERM 2 Commences
- Wednesday 15 May St Mary's Memorial School Annual General Meeting (CHANGE OF DATE)
- Tuesday 11 June PUPIL FREE DAY (please note OSHC is not available)

As the term ends, I wish you all a wonderful break and look forward to you returning safely on Tuesday 30 April for Term 2. Kindest regards,

Sonja Smith Principal



Dominican Awards

For an excellent attitude towards the Dominican Pillar of Prayer 12-04-24



Eliana McMillan **Harper Stewards Grace Zimmermann** Olive Dunlop **Ellie Lovering Rosie Moore Dan Harmer Jett Burns Hadley Pix** Samara Lama Jaxon Bieg **Lewis Woolley** Asha Sandercock **Charles Braithwaite Harper North** Nicholas Polyichanin Sienna Delaroza Olive Pett **Chloe Treagus** Raphael Bennett

Claire Provis **Tom Farrier** Max Ibecheozar Miriam Abdelmalak Willow Sampson Leo Pfitzner **Chloe Ninnis Evie Pearce James Angus** Sebastian Pope **Jack Heinrich** Rvan Rizvi **Daphne Daley** Penelope Smyth **Mabel Grieve** Alana Zammit **Billy Van Ruth** Charlie Hillman

Charlotte Crossley

PUPIL FREE DAYS

MONDAY, 29 APRIL 2024 & Tuesday, 11 June 2024

UNFORTUNATELY, THERE WILL BE <u>no oshc</u> service provided due to all staff participation in training.

Qkr! Update



We have recently received confirmation that the Android Phone issue has now been resolved. Parents/users can now download the App from the Google Play Store. We thank you for your patience.

TECHINCAL ISSUES ONLY: if you are experiencing any technical issues, please email qkr_au@mastercard.com with your account email address and the error message for assistance. They will liaise directly with you about your concern.

FROM THE APRIM



Last newsletter I spoke about Holy Week and the end of Lent. This week I get to speak to you about the joyous season of Easter. The season of Easter begins on Easter Sunday and ends 50 days later with Pentecost. Throughout Easter the Church focuses on scripture relating to Jesus appearing to people after his death and about the Holy Spirit coming to followers of Jesus inviting them to continue the work and mission Jesus began while he was Earth. The Gospel quote from Sunday perfectly exemplifies this.

So what does it mean to be a follower of Jesus today and to continue with his work and mission? These are some ways you can be the hands and feet of Jesus in our world:

- Welcome the stranger the lost, the lonely, those who are difficult to be with, to poor, those who are different to you, the refugee
- Help those who are struggling those who have no home or money or food or clothing or education or friends or skills or connections
- Speak up for those who do not have a voice those who are forced into slave labour, women who are appressed, people who are not allowed to go to school, children who have to work instead of play, those with mental health problems, those in nursing homes
- Tell the authorities when they are not doing what they should be doing be an advocate, write letters, protest, get informed and get support

There are quite a few challenges there and it is not easy to be a follower of Jesus and continue His work and mission. Many do not choose this path for valid reasons.

But there is more to being a follower of Jesus which may be more in your comfort zone. Prayer is a big part of being a follower of Jesus, as is helping to create positive communities. We did both really well on our first day of Easter in our school, Easter Tuesday.

We began the day with a beautiful Mass, made so with the singing of the entrance hymn by our Year 5s, by the playing of the ukulele and singing of the Psalm, also by our Year 5s, and by the singing of the reflection hymn by our Singing Group. Amazing! Thank you, Jo Dyson for all your hard work with these children during their Music lessons.

After Mass all children got involved in the Easter Egg hunt run by our Community Group. It was a lot of chaos and a lot of fun. Thank you to our parent volunteers who made this activity possible.

Enjoy the photos of our Easter celebrations.

As we head into the school holidays please keep safe and may all the peace and joy of Easter follow you into the break.

Joy & Blessings **Tamara Smith**



























PRAYER



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.

The Sacramental Program is now due to begin again with Reconciliation in Term 2.

If you have any questions about the sacramental program feel free to contact Father John. 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

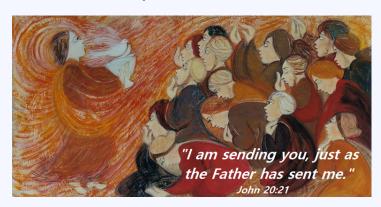
Our Lady of Victories, 13-15 High St, Glenelg SA 5045 Our Lady of Grace, 36 Beadnall Tce, Glengowrie SA 5044

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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.

Week 1 No Mass Week 2 No Mass Week 3 **Catholic Education Week Mass** Tue 9:30am Whole School Week 4 Year 6 Mass Tue 10am Week 5 Year 5 Mass Tue 10am Week 6 Year 4 Mass Tue 10am Week 7 No Mass - Pupil Free Day Week 8 Year 3 Mass Tue 10am Week 9 Tue 9am Rec, R1 & Yr 2 Liturgy 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.



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COMMUNITY PRAYER

ALL FRIENDS AND FAMILY ARE WELCOME TO JOIN US FOR COMMUNITY PRAYER 8:45AM EVERY THURSDAY

OUR LADY OF VICTORIES CHURCH









SMALL POT PLANT \$12

COOKIES & CAKE PACK \$10

POSY OF FRESH FLOWERS \$15

ALL ORDERS ARE TO BE PLACED BY FRIDAY 3RD MAY VIA THE QKR! APP



DUE TO THE NATURE OF THE GIFTS, NO LATE ORDERS CAN BE ACCEPTED.

NB: PHOTOGRAPHS ARE FOR SIZE REFERENCE ONLY - COLOURS/TYPE MAY CHANGE

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CHANGE OF UNIFORM - SUMMER TO WINTER

A reminder that the children will return to school after the holidays in their full winter uniform. If we still experience some warm weather in the first 2 weeks of Term 2, the children may wear their full summer uniform.

It is important to note that children must wear either the complete summer uniform or the complete winter uniform, not a combination.

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 during Term 2 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 <u>St Mary's Memorial School Online Uniform Shop.</u> AfterPay available with delivery information detailed on the online shop home page.

For any further queries, please contact Christine:



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WINTER FORMAL UNIFORM - to be worn in Terms 2 and 3

BOYS

Trousers or Shorts: Navy double knee elastic back pant OR Navy college shorts with elastic back

Shirt: Long sleeve over shirt embroidered with school logo

Windcheater: V-Neck windcheater with school logo

Shoes: Black leather school shoes

Socks: Navy ankle/calf sock (with black school shoes only)

Hat: Navy hat with school logo

GIRLS

Pinafore: Pinafore (Year R-2) Skirt: Skirt (Year 3-6)

Blouse: School blue long sleeve

Pants or Shorts: Navy tailored pant with adjustable waist or adjustable waist shorts

Blouse: Long sleeve school blue shirt embroidered with school logo

Shoes Black leather school shoes

Socks Navy ankle/calf socks or tights (with black school shoes only)

Hat Navy hat with school logo

















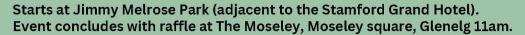




To Support the Childhood Cancer Association

REGISTRATION COST: \$10 PER ADULT \$5 PER CHILD SUNDAY 8.45AM FOR 9AM START

MAY 19TH 2024



'Runners' – 14 km – Jimmy Melrose to Kingston Park & back – WEAR YELLOW 'Joggers' – 7km – Jimmy Melrose to Wattle Reserve & back – WEAR BLUE 'Walkers' – 4km – Jimmy Melrose to John Miller Reserve and back – WEAR PINK





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