

# NEWSLETTER

3 MAY 2024  
 TERM 2, WEEK 1

ST MARY'S MEMORIAL SCHOOL

## PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

'God of Peace, we pray for all who show love and peace in our world. May the message of Jesus' love spread throughout our earth. We ask for the gift of peace in our hearts.'

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

Welcome back to Term 2, everyone! It's truly heartening to witness the vibrant return of our dedicated staff and enthusiastic children after what I hope was a rejuvenating break for all.

I'm delighted to extend a warm welcome to Mrs Desiree Henthorn, who was introduced to our school community during this week's Community Prayer. Mrs Henthorn brings with her a wealth of experience, knowledge, and boundless energy, and I'm thrilled to see her enthusiasm for her new role at our school.

Additionally, a warm welcome is also extended to Ms Jodie Caruso, our newly appointed OSHC Assistant Director. Ms Caruso's support will undoubtedly be invaluable to Vicki, our OSHC Director, as well as to our dedicated staff, children, and families who utilise the service.

It's also a pleasure to welcome back Lily Scott, who has rejoined us from parental leave on a part-time basis, two days a week.

I had the immense honour of being accompanied by Charlee Hyland from Year 6 at the Anzac Day dawn service. Charlee reverently laid a wreath, paying tribute on behalf of St Mary's Memorial School to all those who have served or continue to serve our country. Lest We Forget.



### AGM

A warm invitation is extended to all members of our school community to join us for the 2023 School Board Annual General Meeting. The meeting will take place on Wednesday, May 15 at 6:30 pm in St Mary's Hall, followed by a light supper. We look forward to seeing you there in Week 3.

### UNIFORM & LOST PROPERTY

As the cooler weather settles in, particularly evident on those crisp, chilly mornings, we kindly remind all students to wear their full Winter Uniform for the duration of this term. With just one week left in the changeover period, it's important to ensure everyone is appropriately dressed for the season.

If you find yourself missing any essential winter items such as jumpers, hats, water bottles, jackets, or lunch containers, we encourage you to check the Lost Property box located near the entranceway by the Milton Street gate. There are numerous unclaimed items waiting to be reunited with their owners and taken home.

## DIARY DATES

**Tuesday, 7 May**  
 Yr 6 SAPSASA Netball Carnival

**Wednesday, 8 May**  
 SMMS Community Group Meeting @ 7:00pm  
 - ALL WELCOME

**Thursday, 9 May**  
 Community Prayer  
 Mother's Day Gifts distributed to students  
 Yr 5 & 6 Makers Empire Incursion  
 Principal Tours - 9:15am & 5:30pm

**Friday, 10 May**  
 Whole School Assembly R-Yr2  
 Mother's Day Sweet Treats  
 Walk to School Safely Day  
 Yr 5 & 6 SSSA Mountain Bikes

**Monday, 13 May**  
 Yr 4-6 SAPSASA District Cross Country

**Tuesday, 14 May**  
 Whole School Mass - 9:30am

**Wednesday, 15 May**  
 2023 Annual General Meeting - ALL WELCOME

**Thursday, 16 May**  
 Community Prayer

**Friday, 17 May**  
 Pentecost Parties

## CONGRATULATIONS

In early March, we were delighted to learn that one of our valued parents, Genevieve Brown, had been nominated for a 2024 Catholic Education Award in the Volunteer category. This nomination is a testament to Genevieve's outstanding commitment and dedication to our school community.

A letter of commendation from Dr Neil McGoran, Executive Director of CESA, and Mr John Neate, Chair of SACCS, was sent to Genevieve in April, recognising her exceptional contributions within our school. While the award may not have been conferred this year, the nomination itself is cause for significant celebration.

I would like to echo this sentiment and extend my sincere congratulations to Genevieve. Her tireless efforts, valuable contributions, and the time she dedicates as a volunteer, parent, and member of the SMM Community Group enrich our school community in countless ways. Thank you, Genevieve, for all that you do.

## SCHOOL IDENTITY DEVELOPMENT

In the Week 11 newsletter of Term 1, we extended an invitation to all families to view the Design Notion storyboards, which were displayed in the glass case near the staffroom. We encouraged everyone to share their feedback by placing it in the Thoughts Box provided.

We extend our sincere gratitude to those who took the time to provide us with their valuable feedback. Your input is greatly appreciated.

## ST MARY'S MEMORIAL SCHOOL STRATEGIC PLANNING PROCESS

As some of you may already know, St Mary's Memorial School is embarking on an update of our Strategic Plan. Strategic Planning in an educational setting like ours involves envisioning long-term objectives, identifying key priorities, and outlining the necessary steps to achieve them. It encompasses an analysis of our strengths, weaknesses, opportunities, and risks, and involves the active participation of stakeholders including teachers, students, parents, and community members.

We are committed to fostering broad engagement throughout this process to ensure widespread interest and ownership of this key document. To facilitate this endeavour, we have partnered with strategic planning and engagement specialists, [Strategic Matters](#).

While an initial workshop was conducted with our staff in late January, the bulk of our planning efforts will occur during May, June, and July of this year.

To ensure diverse perspectives shape our strategic plan, we are forming a small Working Group comprising both staff and students. Additionally, Strategic Matters will be collaborating closely with our School Board and conducting two more workshops with our staff.

As part of our approach, you can expect an invitation to participate in an anonymous online survey, creating an avenue for you to contribute your insights and perspectives.

I am enthusiastic about this process, and its importance in defining a clear vision for our school's future.

For those seeking further information, please don't hesitate to reach out to me.

I look forward to your contributions and insights.

## STAFF PROFESSIONAL LEARNING

We extend our gratitude to our families for generously allowing our staff the time and space to engage in a full day of professional learning on the Pupil Free Day, Monday, April 29th. This dedicated time enabled our teaching staff to delve deeper into curriculum backwards planning, gaining practical insights into its application in Numeracy, a journey we've been on for the past 18 months. These skills are not only invaluable in Numeracy but also across all learning areas.

A special thank you goes to Ben Regester, Leader of Learning, and Deborah Hansen, CESA System Numeracy Coach, for their exemplary facilitation of this enriching day of learning.



Our Curriculum Education Support Officers (ESOs), with the invaluable support of Cathy Regester, Inclusive Education Coordinator, embarked on a series of online modules centered on What's the Buzz—a research-based program aimed at fostering social and emotional literacy among young people. Recognising that individuals navigate the social and emotional landscape differently, this program is considered the gold standard approach, affirming every individual's right to express their feelings and actions with compassion.

In Term 2, students from Reception to Year 6 will have the opportunity to participate in a series of lessons facilitated by some of our trained ESOs, with support from class teachers.

Additionally, after lunch, we had the pleasure of welcoming Emma Warne, Clinical Psychologist and Clinical Director from Adelaide Psychological Services, for a highly interactive and engaging learning session on Tailoring Strategies to Assist Students with ASD and ADHD.

It's truly exciting to collaborate with such highly qualified professionals, as we endeavour to provide our Curriculum ESOs with relevant learning experiences that enhance their capacity to support students across the school.

Don't forget to check out the Term 2 Calendar included in this week's newsletter. It's a great resource to update your home diaries and stay organised for the upcoming term. We hope you find it helpful for planning ahead in the weeks to come.

**A few key dates for your diaries include:**

- **Wednesday May 8, 7:00pm** – SMM Community Group meeting at the school
- **Thursday May 9** – Principal School Tours hosted with School Leaders
- **Friday May 10** – Walk Safely to School Day
- **Sunday May 12** – Mother's Day
- **Wednesday 15 May, 6:30pm** – St Mary's Memorial School Annual General Meeting
- **Monday 20 May, 10:00am** – Principal's Volunteer Thank You Morning Tea
- **Pupil Free Day** – Tuesday 11 June (please note OSHC is not available)

On behalf of our entire school community, I extend warm Mother's Day wishes for next Sunday, 12 May, to all the wonderful mothers, grandmothers, and mother figures among us. Your love, care, and dedication shape the lives of our students and enrich our school family. May your day be filled with joy, appreciation, and the warmth of love from those you hold dear. Happy Mother's Day!

Kindest regards,

Mrs Sonja Smith  
Principal



# FROM THE APRIM



EASTER LASTS FOR 50 DAYS ENDING ON PENTECOST SUNDAY.

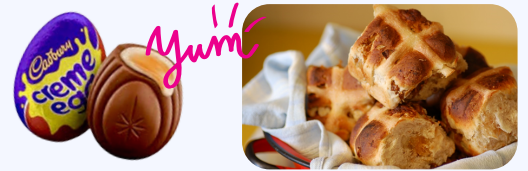
HOW CAN YOU CONTINUE TO CELEBRATE THIS SPECIAL SEASON?

Welcome back to school and Term 2! I hope you had a wonderful break from routine.

## HAPPY EASTER!

It is strange for most people to think it is still Easter. It is quite a long season in the liturgical year; as it should be – Jesus rose from the dead! This is something to really celebrate.

I am very strict during Lent, sticking to my Lenten fasting and refusing to eat Hot Cross Buns and Easter Eggs (most of the time 😊 – Cadbury Creme Eggs are my weakness). What I have absolutely loved about this year is that Hot Cross Buns have stayed in the supermarkets and bakeries for longer than ever before and I am taking full advantage!



For Community Prayer this week our Social Justice Leaders really enjoyed leading a prayer for Easter. Random children walked into the Church calling out Easter greetings while our Student Leaders feigned confusion as “Easter was weeks ago!”. After Ms Ierace’s entire class came in yelling “HAPPY EASTER!” they “suddenly remembered” it was Easter and then began Community Prayer proper with an Easter blessing. They then invited our gorgeous RI children up and they sung an Easter song for our community. So cute, so fun and so much joy. Exactly what Easter is all about.

So as you continue to enjoy Easter Eggs (a bit harder to find now though) and Hot Cross buns (please keep coming!) I pray that the love, peace, joy and blessings of Easter are in your hands, heart and mind.



At the end of the Easter Season is Pentecost. Children are aware that this special day is the birthday of the Church and every class is invited to think of ways to celebrate this birthday and plan a party. Please ask your children about it – perhaps you even have ideas on ways they can celebrate the Holy Spirit.

Joy & Blessings  
Tamara Smith





## An Easter Prayer

Good and gracious God, Our most glorious Creator,  
 As we greet the signs in nature around us:  
 Of the autumn colours and autumn blooms,  
 For crisp mornings that make us feel alive,  
 We give you praise for an even greater sign of new life:  
 the resurrection of Jesus,  
 Our Lord Jesus Christ, that we especially celebrate at this time.  
 The sadness and despair of his death has given way to the bright  
 promise of everlasting life.  
 For the Resurrection is a sign that justice can triumph over treason,  
 Light will overcome darkness, and love will conquer death.  
 As we celebrate, we also dare to ask for your grace that we may  
 live the promise given to us,  
 By imitating the life of Jesus in reaching out to the poor,  
 the outcasts, the least among us,  
 As we strive to be neighbour to all those we meet.  
 We ask your special blessings each and every day on the leaders of our world.  
 May they strive to make our world a place of hope,  
 love and peace in a world hungry for peace and so in need of your love.  
 We praise you in this Easter season. Change our lives, change our  
 hearts to be messengers of Easter joy and hope.  
 We make our prayer through Jesus Christ,  
 our risen Lord forever.  
**AMEN**

## 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 sacrament of Confirmation will be celebrated by Patrick O'Regan on Wednesday June 26th at 7pm at Our Lady of Victories Church, Glenelg. Children who have received Baptism and already celebrated the sacrament of Reconciliation are invited to participate.

**All Confirmation candidates are invited to attend the 10:30am Mass on Sunday May 19th** to be presented to the parish community, along with their sponsors (if possible). After Mass there will be a BYO picnic in the grounds of St Mary's Memorial School.

Each child and parent / carer are invited to have an interview with either Fr John or Tamara Smith to help support them as they journey through this program. Preparation for the sacrament of Confirmation will include 3 formal sessions after school, at times yet to be decided.

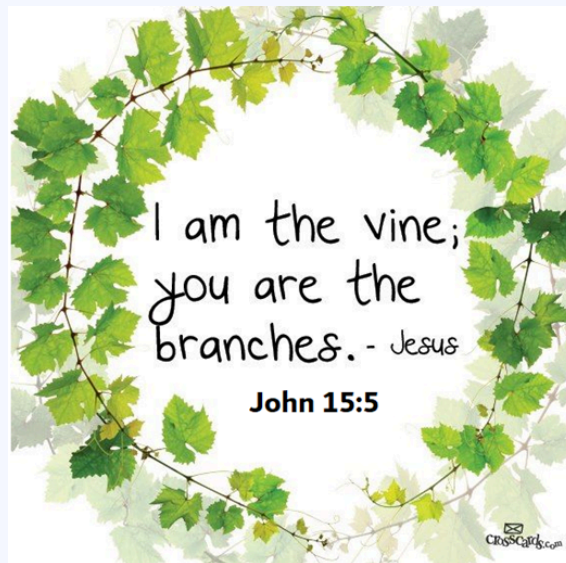
If you have any questions about the sacramental program feel free to contact Father John. Father John would also love some parents to help out with activities - if you are willing and able please email him: [jdherd@hotmail.com](mailto:jdherd@hotmail.com)

### 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](mailto:glenelgcp@bigpond.com)  
 Web: [www.glenelgcp.com](http://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. Please note that the times for these Masses may, or may not, change.

Week 2	No Mass	
Week 3	Catholic Education Week Mass Whole School	Tue 9:30am
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	Rec, R1 & Yr 2 Liturgy	Tue 9am
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  
 APRIM | [tsmith@stmarmem.catholic.edu.au](mailto:tsmith@stmarmem.catholic.edu.au)



## COMMUNITY PRAYER

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

**OUR LADY OF VICTORIES CHURCH**



# MUSIC



Last term our Year 2 students learnt how to play the Djembe and accompanied the Hosanna song for the Stations of the Cross presentation in the Church.



At the Stations of the Cross the Year 5 students also improvised their own movements and sang The Story of the Cross as a Recessional as the Receptions left the Church.

During music lessons the Year 5 students learnt how to play 'This is the Day' on the Ukulele and sang and played for the Responsorial Psalm at the Easter Mass in the Church.

This year I introduced the Catholic Gospel Choir and many students from years 3-6 joined in to sing at Community prayer, Stations of the Cross and the Easter Mass.







# PRINCIPAL'S MORNING TEA FOR VOLUNTEERS

*Please join us*

MONDAY, 20 MAY  
10AM - 11AM  
ST MARY'S HALL

## VOLUNTEERS MAKE A DIFFERENCE!

WHETHER YOU ARE HELPING ON A BEACH WALK, READING IN CLASSROOMS, SELLING ICEBLOCKS, ATTENDING EXCURSIONS/CAMPS, COACHING OUR SPORTS TEAMS OR COORDINATING SPECIAL EVENTS, WE THANK YOU FOR YOUR DEDICATION TO OUR SCHOOL

PLEASE RSVP FOR CATERING PURPOSES  
**BY FRIDAY, 17 MAY TO**  
[AMAISEY@STMARMEM.CATHOLIC.EDU.AU](mailto:AMAISEY@STMARMEM.CATHOLIC.EDU.AU)



You are invited to the  
**St Mary's Memorial School's**  
**Annual General Meeting**

Wednesday, 15 May  
 6:30pm  
 St Mary's Hall

Please RSVP via the QR Code by Friday 10 May 2024



*♥♥♥*  
**Mother's Day**  
**VIRTUAL GIFT STALL**

All gifts will be delivered to students on Thursday, 9 May 2024



**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

**SAVE THE DATE**  
*St Mary's*  
**SOCIAL NIGHTS**  
 BROADWAY HOTEL  
 @6:30PM

<b>FRIDAY</b> 24 MAY	<b>Year 6 Social Night</b> Parent Representative Sahana Gaonkar	<b>FRIDAY</b> 21 JUNE	<b>Year 4 Social Night</b> Parent Representative Genevieve Brown
<b>FRIDAY</b> 31 MAY	<b>Year 3 Social Night</b> Parent Representative Daniela Velez	<b>FRIDAY</b> 2 AUG	<b>Year 5 Social Night</b> Parent Representative Alex Pinnell
<b>FRIDAY</b> 26 JULY	<b>Year 2 Social Night</b> Parent Representative Paula Rowntree		

*With thanks to*

**St Mary's Memorial School**  
Community Group

PLEASE CONTACT THE YEAR LEVEL PARENT REP TO BE ADDED TO THE FACEBOOK PAGE.



## TERM 2 CALENDAR

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Week 1	April 29  PUPIL FREE DAY	April 30	May 1	May 2 8:45am Community Prayer	May 3 Newsletter Year 5 Air Raid Shelter Excursion
Week 2	May 6	May 7 Yr6 SAPSASA Netball Carnival	May 8 7:00pm SMMS Community Group meeting in the Staff Room  ALL WELCOME	May 9 8:45am Community Prayer Principals Tours – 9:15am and 5:30pm Year 5/6 Makers Empire Incur-sion Mother's Day (SMMCG – Deliv-ery Day)	May 10 Walk Safely to School Day Whole School Assembly – Hold-fast Bay Council R-Yr 2 only (tbc) Yr 5&6 SSSA Mountain Bike Mother's Day – Student Leaders Sweet Treat at drop off.
Week 3	May 13 CATHOLIC EDUCATION WEEK Yr4-6 SAPSASA District Cross Country	May 14 9:30am Whole School Mass Tasty Treat Tuesday - Cookies	May 15 6:30pm School Board – AGM in St Mary's Hall	May 16 8:45am Community Prayer	May 17 Newsletter Pentecost Parties
Week 4	May 20 Principal's Volunteers Morning Tea Year 1S Excursion	May 21 Year 6 Mass	May 22 National Simultaneous Storytime 12pm (AEST)	May 23 8:45am Community Prayer Year 2 Museum Excursion	May 24 Whole School Assembly – Year 4 Year 6 Parent Social Night (SMMCG Event)
Week 5	May 27 Sorry Day	May 28 Year 5 Mass	May 29	May 30 8:45am Community Prayer	May 31 Year 3 Parent Social Night (SMMCG Event) Newsletter
Week 6	June 3	June 4 Year 4 Mass Tasty Treat Tuesday - Cookies	June 5 World Environment Day	June 6 8:45am Community Prayer	June 7 Whole School Assembly – Hold-fast Bay Council Yr3-6 only (tbc) Reception Transition Visit 1
Week 7	June 10  Kings Birthday Public Holiday	June 11  PUPIL FREE DAY	June 12 Reception Zoo Excursion	June 13 8:45am Community Prayer Yr6 Boys Basketball	June 14 Reception Transition Visit 2 Year 5 Excursion Old Tailern Town (tbc) Family Movie Night (SMMCG Event) Option 1 Newsletter
Week 8	June 17	June 18 Year 3 Mass	June 19	June 20 8:45am Community Prayer	June 21 Whole School Assembly – Year 3 Reception Transition Visit 3 Year 4 Parent Social Night (SMMCG Event)
Week 9	June 24	June 25 R-Yr2 Liturgy Tasty Treat Tuesday - Cookies	June 26	June 27 8:45am Community Prayer	June 28 Reception Transition Visit 4 Family Movie Night (SMMCG Event) Option 2 Newsletter – Year 1
Week 10	July 1 Student Academic Reports sent home	July 2 Yr 5&6 SACPSSA Netball Carnival	July 3	July 4 8:45am Community Prayer	July 5 Whole School Assembly – Year 1

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



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helping families just like yours

# SRC X CCA RELAY AT THE BAY



*To Support the Childhood Cancer Association*

REGISTRATION COST:  
\$10 PER ADULT  
\$5 PER CHILD

SUNDAY 8.45AM FOR 9AM START  
MAY 19TH 2024



Starts at Jimmy Melrose Park (adjacent to the Stamford Grand Hotel).  
Event concludes with raffle at The Moseley, Moseley square, Glenelg 11am.

'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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