

NEWSLETTER

17 MAY 2024
 TERM 2, WEEK 3

ST MARY'S MEMORIAL SCHOOL

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

'You created us in your image and made us stewards of all your creation, of our common home. You blessed us with the sun, water and bountiful land so that all might be nourished. Open our minds and touch our hearts, so that we may attend to your gift of creation.'

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

This week is Catholic Education Week, a special time to celebrate our unique mission of supporting students to experience the fullness of life and to honour our thriving school community. We are always thrilled to celebrate our incredible school with the students, staff, and families. It is a wonderful occasion to share just a few of the many reasons why we all LOVE St Mary's Memorial School. #LoveMyCatholicSchool.

Year 1 students Finlay and Satya excitedly shared with me that our school is "lots of fun, we have friends and meet new people" and "we get to learn new things." As the Principal, I also love meeting new people every day. A special time for me is greeting our community in the mornings, with the amazing help of Ava in Year 2, as I learn more students' names. #LoveMyCatholicSchool

Sam and Ethan in Year 3 shared with me, "We are such a welcoming, kind, and friendly school for new staff and students" and "It is very easy to make new friends." I couldn't agree more, boys! #LoveMyCatholicSchool



Ben Register, our Leader of Learning and Year 4 teacher talked to me about our school's strong sense of community which is reflected in the close connections between staff, students, and families, fostering a supportive learning environment for all.

Riley Shelden, one of our Year 1 teachers spoke about how our school supports and caters for all students by providing a positive and inclusive environment that promotes growth, learning, and well-being for everyone. I would like to extend my sincere appreciation to our devoted staff for their dedication to excellence and equity, ensuring that every student receives exceptional education, care, and support, because every child matters. #LoveMyCatholicSchool



DIARY DATES

Monday, 20 May
 Principal's Volunteer Morning Tea - **CANCELLED**
 Year 1S Excursion

Tuesday, 21 May
 Year 6 Mass @ 9:30am

Wednesday, 22 May
 National Simultaneous Storytime

Thursday, 23 May
 Community Prayer
 Year 2 Excursion

Friday, 24 May
 Whole School Assembly - Year 4
 Year 6 Parents Social Night

Tuesday, 28 May
 Year 5 Mass @ 9:30am

Thursday, 30 May
 Community Prayer

Friday, 31 May
 Year 3 Parents Social Night

AGM

I would like to extend my gratitude on behalf of the St Mary's Memorial School Board, to all members of our school community who attended the 2023 School Board AGM on Wednesday, May 15th. Our board chair, Chris Donaldson, now invites members of the school community to consider nominating themselves or others who are eager to contribute their skills and vision to our community over the next two years. If you believe serving on the board presents an opportunity for you to make a meaningful contribution, ensuring a bright future for our students, please contact Angela Maisey at amaisey@stmarmem.catholic.edu.au or through the School Office for details on the nomination process.

SCHOOL UNIFORM

Just a friendly reminder that it's time for students to wear the correct winter school uniform, consisting only of items purchased from the School Uniform Shop. For more information and to purchase approved uniform items, please contact Christine Coombe at Belgravia on:- 0424 776 381, email ccoombe@belgraviasports.com.au. visit the St Mary's Memorial School [Online Uniform Shop](#). While our staff will remind students of our expectations, if your child has a legitimate reason for not wearing the correct uniform, please notify their class teacher. We appreciate your cooperation in maintaining our school's uniform standards.

ST MARY'S MEMORIAL SCHOOL STRATEGIC PLANNING PROCESS

In order to ensure a comprehensive range of perspectives shapes our strategic plan, the Working Group, consisting of myself, Desiree Henthorn (Deputy Principal), Renee Barton (School Board), Luke Slattery (Teacher), Angela Maisey (Admin ESO), Luke Staley (Curriculum ESO/OSHC ESO), Nicole Ross (Curriculum ESO), Ashna Gaonkar (Student School Spirit Leader), Charlie Hone (Student School Leader), and Hadley Pix (Student School Environment & Sustainability Leader), met for the first time this week, with the invaluable guidance of Leanne Muffet from Strategic Matters. This marks an exciting milestone in our journey! Following introductions, Leanne provided insights into the group's role, the process, timeline, Terms of Reference, and the purpose behind crafting a strategic plan. Our discussions shed light on how these efforts will assist in defining the school's long-term objectives.

On Wednesday, May 15, all school staff were invited to a workshop with Leanne, and we are scheduled to meet next Wednesday, May 22, to continue our collaborative efforts. Furthermore, Strategic Matters will closely collaborate with our School Board.

We are fully committed to fostering broad engagement throughout this process, ensuring widespread interest and ownership of this pivotal document, with the bulk of our planning endeavours scheduled for May, June, and July of this year.

As part of our inclusive approach, you can anticipate receiving an invitation to participate in an anonymous online survey, providing an avenue for you to share your insights and perspectives.

I am genuinely enthusiastic about this process and its significance in presenting a clear vision for the future of our school.

STAFF PROFESSIONAL LEARNING

Our School Quality Performance Team recently participated in a workshop led by Carol Scerri, who generously shared her valuable insights, experience, and profound knowledge regarding the development of systems that foster high efficacy teaching. She emphasised the significance of collective teacher efficacy, which has a profound impact on the learning outcomes of all students. I am confident that our leadership group departed with several valuable takeaways after hearing from such a passionate educator, principal, and advocate for enhancing student learning. The resounding message was clear: our primary responsibilities are to deliver high-quality education to all students and to ensure a safe environment. It's imperative that we remain persistent in our commitment to our core mission—learning and teaching.



On behalf of our entire school community, I extend a warm thank you to all who participated in Walking Safely to School last Friday, May 10. It was wonderful to witness the enthusiastic turnout of children, parents, siblings, and staff, enjoying the morning walk on such a glorious Autumn day. A special thank you to the parents and families who joined us for the R-Yr2 School Assembly following the walk, where we had the privilege of hosting Gemma Chambers from The City of Holdfast Bay.



Gemma delivered an enlightening Waste Education session, shedding light on the importance of proper waste disposal. As a school community, we are actively exploring ways to enhance our overall waste management systems and cultivate a greater awareness of reducing our impact on landfill.

SCHOOL PRINCIPAL'S TOURS

The first of the 2024 Principal's Tours were held last week on Thursday morning and afternoon, lead by our amazing student leaders. I am thrilled to have so much interest in our school and have the opportunity to meet 28 families who registered online for the tours.

I am incredibly proud of the student leaders who volunteered their time to conduct the tours of our wonderful school. They showed great leadership qualities, positively engaging in conversations with the families during their tours and sharing their experience of St Mary's Memorial School.



Congratulations to our student Dominican Award recipients! Your hard work and dedication are truly commendable—keep up the fantastic work! A special thank you to Fr John for joining us in celebrating our student awards at assembly. Your presence made the occasion even more meaningful.

As we move forward, I am pleased to announce that May 19-26 marks Laudato Si' Week, an eight-day campaign observed annually in May to commemorate the anniversary of Pope Francis' landmark encyclical letter on creation care. In his letter, Pope Francis calls upon each of us to protect the earth, our shared home. Let us cherish this precious gift from God, a realm of beauty and wonder where the fruits of the earth belong to everyone.

Kindest regards,

Sonja Smith
Principal



FROM THE APRIM



This Sunday is Pentecost Sunday which marks the end of the Easter Season and a return to Ordinary Time. On this day we celebrate the birthday of the Church, the day the Holy Spirit descended upon the gathered disciples, sending them out to spread the Good News to all the world. The work of the Holy Spirit is in the disciples of the Church today who continue, in many a varied ways, to spread the Good News of Jesus Christ.

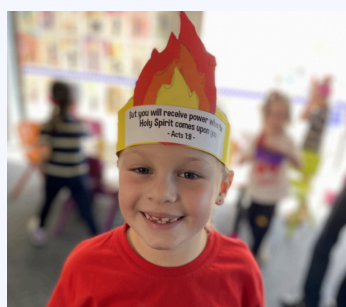
One way the Good News is spread is by celebrating Mass, which we did this week, to celebrate Catholic Education Week. Throughout this week we are inviting children and families to take a photo of something of God's creation that is awesome and wonderful, to highlight this year's theme of 'Opening our hearts and minds to the wonder and awe of God's creation'. If you have seen any of these photos around our school I am sure you will agree the photos the children have taken look amazing.

Caring for and appreciating God's creation is another way we can spread the Good News. Next week is Laudato Si Week in the Catholic Church, a time when Catholics all around the world focus on caring for our Earth, sowing 'Seeds of Hope', which is the theme for Laudato Si Week. As part of our Mass a child from each class planted a seed (well actually a bulb – jonquils, to be precise) as a symbol of our aim to sow seeds of hope in our world. Yet another way a spreading the Good News.

As our week, and the Season of Easter comes to an end, our classes will celebrate the birthday of the Church with their annual Pentecost Parties. I am looking forward to celebrating with children and staff this Friday at school and on Sunday I will celebrate Pentecost in Our Lady of Victories Church. A number of families will be introducing their children to the parish as those journeying through the Sacramental Program for Confirmation and a BYO picnic and BBQ follow.

All are welcome to celebrate with us; yet another way of spreading the Good News.

Joy and blessings,
Tamara Smith



Raising Hearts and Minds Prayer

Loving God,
 Guide us to know life in its fullness,
 to raise our hearts and minds to know God's love.
 Raise our hearts and minds to be inspired by
 Jesus,
 the Catholic faith and tradition.
 Raise our hearts to be loving, compassionate and
 respectful.
 Raise our minds to be inquisitive, capable and
 seek truth.
 May we be aware of listening to the stirring of our
 hearts to prompt action.
 Guide us to respond to the needs of others and
 all of God's creation.
 In all our thoughts, words and actions,
 help us raise our hearts and minds in creating the
 world you desire.
 Loving God hear our prayer
 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.

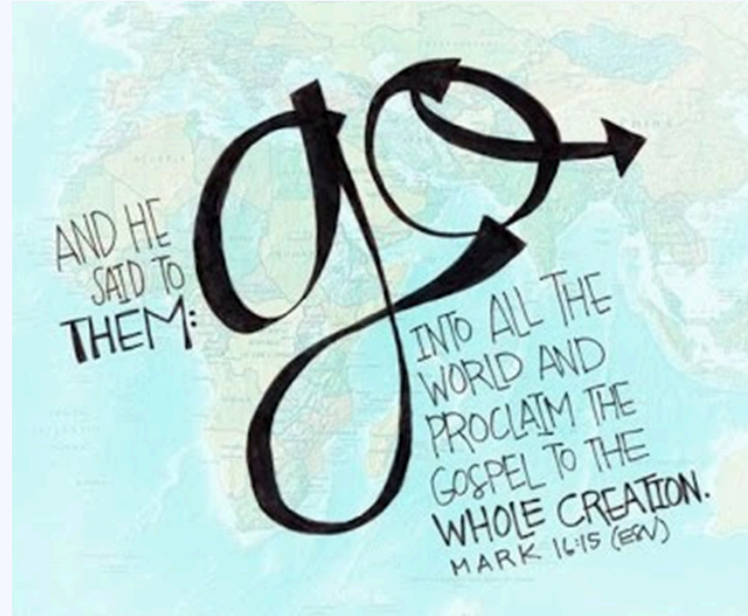
If you have any questions about the sacramental program feel free to contact Father John. Father John would also love some parents to help out with activities - if you are willing and able please email him: jdherd@hotmail.com

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

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 4	Year 6 Mass	Tue 9:30am
Week 5	Year 5 Mass	Tue 9:30am
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 9:30am
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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COMMUNITY PRAYER

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

OUR LADY OF VICTORIES CHURCH



PHYSICAL EDUCATION



In PE Lessons this term, our reception to Year 6 students are participating in a range of invasion game. From strategic manoeuvres, ball skills, participation and learning to be part of a team, invasion games teach our students so many skills.

Our Year 5 and 6 children are gearing up for an exciting netball unit that promises to be both challenging and rewarding. The highlight of this unit is the SACPPSA Netball Carnival, set to take place in Week 10.

Selected students from Years 3 to 6 have been making waves in various other sports events. From representing our school at the SACPPSA Swimming Carnival to conquering the SSSA Mountain Bike Championships, SAPSASA District Cross Country Carnival, and the Knockout Netball Carnival, our students have been giving it their all and representing St Mary's Memorial school well.

The Northwest Junior Soccer Season kicked off with great enthusiasm on Saturday. St Mary's Memorial have 10 teams that took to the field, spanning from under 6 to senior level. It was a thrilling start, with players showcasing their skills and passion for the sport. As the season progresses, we look forward to witnessing the growth and development of our soccer players. A big thank you to all the parents who are coaching, team managing and contributing their energy to our soccer teams. Your dedication is invaluable in shaping our players' experience on and off the field.

The MSBL Mini Term 2 afterschool basketball season is also underway. Huge thank you to all the parents for their unwavering support in making this program possible. Your dedication ensures that our players have the opportunity to learn, grow and thrive on the basketball court.

With such a busy term planned, we couldn't be more excited to see our students thrive, both on and off the field. We believe that participation in sports not only fosters physical health but also instils important values like teamwork, determination, and sportsmanship.

Warm regards,
Jane Hidson & Vicki Messent



SPORT

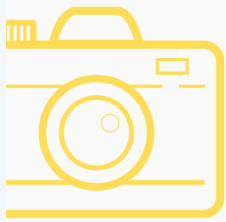


TEAM



School Photo Day

SAVE THE DATE



**Wednesday
28 August 2024**



childhood cancer
helping families just like yours

**SRC X CCA
RELAY
AT
THE BAY**

To Support the Childhood Cancer Association

REGISTRATION COST: **SUNDAY 8.45AM FOR 9AM START
MAY 19TH 2024**

\$10 PER ADULT
\$5 PER CHILD

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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SOCIAL NIGHTS

BROADWAY HOTEL
@6:30PM

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

With thanks to

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