

St. Mary's Catholic Primary School

Weekly Newsletter



Term 4 Week 4

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At St Mary's School we encourage an inclusive, learning community that values safety, love and faith.

Wow an amazing week for the community of St Mary's School with an awesome concert performance.

Perhaps the most obvious benefit of staging a school performance is the extension of children in the performing arts, allowing them to share their talents in drama, music, dance and voice. Performing helps children build confidence in these areas, which will in turn build confidence broadly.

Performing arts can be a profound and important part of children's development. The skills learned from performing can continue to affect and improve a child's ability in many areas of their education.

Research tells us, "when children are encouraged to express themselves through art, they develop a sense of innovation that extends into their adult lives".

To watch all our children performing from our Foundation children all the way up to our Year 6 children was an amazing sight to behold. The opportunity to watch children thrive and flourish in a different educational environment is truly exceptional and I am sure one that we will all treasure. It was also a chance for children to explore music and dance from a number of different eras across the years. Who knows what future performers may come for this wonderful opportunity?

A special thank you must go to all of our staff who have put so much effort into preparing the children for the performance and especially to Mrs Cassie O'Connell, Mrs Amy Hedger and Mr Jack Mithen who coordinated, and brought together this astounding performance.

Please see the attached photos of our wonderful performances.



2024 Classes.

As we finalise our classes for 2024 we invite parents/carers to contact principal@smalexandra.catholic.edu.au if you have any EDUCATIONAL concerns we need to be aware of for your child in 2024.

As you can imagine this is a big process so we consider parent input but cannot make any guarantees. Students will also have the opportunity to list their peers that they work well with for our consideration.

REMINDERS AND NOTICES

Assembly

Every Monday Morning 9:00am
and
Every Friday afternoon 2:45pm.

NOVEMBER

- 1st State Athletics
- 2024 Foundation Transition visit 9-12
- 3rd Walkathon
- 6th School Closure
- 7th Melbourne Cup Public Holiday
- 8th School Closure— Staff PD
- 9th ASC Transition Yr 6
- Yr 5 Leadership Day
- 10th Wellbeing Day
- 15th 2024 Foundation Transition visit 9-12
- 22nd 2024 Foundation Transition visit 9-12
- 27TH Swimming Starts
- 29th 2024 Foundation Transition visit 9-12

DECEMBER

- 6th Yr 6 Golf Excursion
- 13th House Swim Sports
- Family Picnic
- 14th Yr 6 Pool Party
- 15th Last day of School

AusNet will be undertaking some tree pruning around the power lines on Myrtle St. This work is anticipated to be carried out between 19th October & 19 December. This may affect parking. Thank you for your understanding

MUSIC speaks what cannot be expressed, soothes the mind and gives it rest, heals the heart and makes it whole, flows from heaven to the soul

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Weekly Church Service ~ Fr Jose Mathew Ph: 5772 1167

Tuesday: 6:00pm Yea
Wednesday: 9:30am Yea
Thursday: 9:30am Alexandra

Friday: 9:30am Alexandra
Saturday: (Vigil) 5:00pm Eildon

Sunday: 8:45am Alexandra
 10:45am Yea
All families are welcome to attend Mass.

PRINCIPAL'S AWARD



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Leo

Leo is a focused student who always tries his best. He accepts challenges and always attempts harder tasks. Leo is considerate of others and a great friend. He lives out our school vision statement by including others and following our school rules to keep everyone safe.
 Well deserved, Leo!

STUDENT AWARDS



Spencer, Charlie, Jett, Eli. W, Darcy, Presley, Riley and Olivia. G

Well done to this week's students who have shown encouragement, inclusion, safety, love and faith in their learning and behaviour.

(Values taken from our Vision Statement)

5. Trust yourself

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 alannah & madeline foundation

Tuning into our children can be a very positive experience for everyone.

You are the expert in understanding your child. You know them better than the people who write books, or give you 'Five Tips for Parents'. Be clear on your values and your expectations, talk and know as a family what is important to you. It will be awkward and strange, teenagers might not say anything - but that is ok - try it, normalise it.

It is far better than just trying to control and micromanage our children - that only causes tension and arguments, and doesn't support them to appropriately use technology in their lives now and in the future.

**PLEASE RETURN
 ALL SCHOOL LIBRARY BOOKS
 BEFORE 1ST DECEMBER**

**LAST DAY FOR BORROWING
 FRIDAY 17TH NOVEMBER**

**SRC will be selling
 icy poles for \$1.00
 at lunchtimes on Wednesdays.
 Money raised will be for
 outdoor games.**

2023 SCHOOL CALENDAR

Term 4, 2023 ST MARY'S ALEXANDRA							
	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
WEEK 5 Oct 30-Nov 5	30	31	1 Foundation 2024 Transition 9-12 Foundation 2024 Parent Information Session and Morning Tea	2	3 Walkathon 3/40'C Assembly	4	5
WEEK 6 Nov 6 - 12	6 School Closure Day	7 Melbourne Cup	8 School Closure Day Staff PD	9 ASC Transition Day Year 5 Leadership Day	10 Wellbeing Day	11	12
WEEK 7 Nov 13 - 19	13	14 P & F Meeting 6pm	15 Staff v Students Netball Game 12:50pm Foundation 2024 Transition 9-12	16	17 1 / 2 S Assembly	18	19
WEEK 8 Nov 20 - 26	20	21	22 Foundation 2024 Transition 9-12 - Buddies	23	24 Fete 3/4C Assembly	25	26
WEEK 9 Nov 27-Dec 3	27 Swimming Starts	28	29 Foundation 2024 Transition 9-12 - Buddies	30	1	2	3
WEEK 10 Dec 4 - 10	4 Swimming Continues	5	6 Year 6 Cathedral Golf Excursion	7	8 Whole School End of Year Mass Year 5 Assembly	9	10
WEEK 11 Dec 11 - 17	11	12 ASC Transition Day Year 6 Graduation P & F Meeting 6pm	13 House Swim Sports day Family Picnic	14 Year 6 Pool Party	15 Nativity Play/Year 6 Assembly/Final Goodbye Colour Run Students Finish	16	17
WEEK 12 Dec 18 – 20	18 School Closure Day Staff PD	19 School Closure Day	20 School Closure Day Term 4 Ends				

SCHOOL UNIFORM SHOP

FCW
FASHION
CLUBWEAR



The Uniform Shop - Selling the pale blue polo's for \$12 while stocks last

You can visit the Uniform Shop, run by Holly, at the Secondary College.
The shop is open Mondays 8:30am—11:30am and Wednesday 12:30pm—3:30pm.
For all uniform enquiries please email Holly hollywal7@gmail.com
Sample sizes of uniform items are available to try on at St Mary's school office

Please Note: from 1st December No Cash will be accepted.
Online sales and EFTPOS at the Secondary College will be available.

St Mary's School Uniform 2024

The new uniform will include the following items:

- polo shirt to be worn each day by all students (including sports days)



- Long sleeve option will be available at a later date for cooler weather.
- Summer – plain navy shorts (basketball or drill) or skort
- Winter – plain navy pants, tracksuit pants or skort with navy tights worn underneath (no leggings)
- Shorts to be worn at midhigh or longer



- Plain white socks and plain black shoes or runners to be worn by all students each day. On sports day students may wear another pair of runners.



- The school jumper will remain the same.

Transition Period

The transition for the new school uniform will be 12 months. This means that students will still be able to wear the current uniform for the 2024 school year and as they grow out of the old uniform they will be able to move into wearing the new polo shirt.

Due to the generous donations all students will receive their first shirt free, which has already been ordered and will be distributed to students in December 2023.

Power Outage Tuesday 31st October

Dear Parents/Carers

As many of you may be aware on Tuesday 31st October AusNet will be turning off the power around Alexandra town and the surrounding areas to complete upgrade works. They have contacted us in advance so that we are able to let the school community know and so we can be prepared.

The school will still be open and running with a few adjustments in place such as ensuring windows are open for ventilation, airflow and light. Obviously, we will not have access to the internet that day so students will be completing learning with limited technology. We will still have access to water for flushing toilets and drinking water.

The phone system will be diverted to our school mobile however you can still ring the school mobile directly if needed. The school mobile phone number is 0487 404 511.

If your child will not be attending school on this day could you please let us know in advance.

Kind regards

Kathryn Stuart
Principal

Our BIG Thanks goes too...

We would love to thank our wonderful P&F team who provided a VERY successful BBQ for our concert goes last night! Thanks to those that were able to assist and those that supported the BBQ as funds raised exceeded \$700!!



We would also love to acknowledge and thank our wonderful Concert Committee – **Jack Mithen, Amy Hedger and Cassie O'Connell** for their expert direction and skill in planning, co-ordinating and creating such a wonderful experience for all.

ST MARY'S PRIMARY SCHOOL

Walkathon

Friday **3rd November** 2023

FUNDRAISER HOSTED BY OUR PARENTS AND FRIENDS ASSOCIATION

ON FRIDAY 8TH SEPTEMBER, STUDENTS AND STAFF WILL BE WALKING ALONG THE GREAT VICTORIAN RAIL TRAIL AS A FUNDRIASER FOR OUR SCHOOL.

THE WALK WILL BEGIN AT ST MARY'S PRIMARY SCHOOL, HEADING TO THE EGLINTON LOOKOUT BEFORE RETURNING BACK TO SCHOOL.

STUDENTS WILL BE ENCOURAGED TO COMPLETE AS MUCH OF THE 10 KILOMETRE COURSE AS THEY ARE ABLE TO.

THERE WILL BE ACTIVITIES, SNACKS AND A SAUSAGE SIZZLE PROVIDED.

STUDENTS WILL RECEIVE A SPONSORSHIP FORM AND ARE ENCOURAGED TO GATHER SPONSORSHIP FROM THEIR FAMILY AND FRIENDS BEFORE THE WALK.

SPONSORSHIP CAN BE A SINGLE AMOUNT OR IT CAN BE AN AMOUNT FOR EVERY KILOMETRE COMPLETED.

MONEY RAISED FROM THE WALKATHON WILL GO TOWARDS NEW SPORTS & PLAY EQUIPMENT.

WE ENCOURAGE FAMILIES TO JOIN IN AND WALK WITH STUDENTS AND STAFF ON THE DAY.

KEEP AN EYE OUT IN FUTURE NEWSLETTERS FOR MORE INFORMATION AND REQUEST FOR HELPERS.

PHOTOS FROM SCHOOL EVENTS



On Monday morning
there was a
JAPANESE INCURSION
'The drums are loud'
'It was fun'

MUSIC OF THE AGES - CONCERT





The Music Of The
Ages Concert was a
great success!
Thanks to
everyone's amazing
effort.

Well Done :)



ALEXANDRA AMATEUR SWIMMING & LIFESAVING CLUB

Season 23-24 Registration Period

OPEN: Friday 13th October 6:00pm

CLOSE: Friday 27th October 6:00pm

Season 23-24

Our season will commence on Monday 20th November 2023 and conclude on Thursday 7th March 2024.

Our Programs Include:

Learn To Swim
Advanced Learn To Swim
Junior Squad
Intermediate Squad
Senior Squad

Registration

Please use the link below to register. A link will also be available on our Facebook page.

If you would like to be added to our email list or have any question please contact us via Facebook or email alexandraswimmingclub@gmail.com <https://www.trybooking.com/CLUXC>



JUNIOR GOLF CLINICS

WITH PGA PROFESSIONAL MATT JAGER & CLUB CAPTAIN LUKE HEARD

16th October	4pm - 4.45pm - Primary School Age
23rd October	5pm - 5.45pm - High School Age
30th October	
13th November	
20th November	

COST: \$5 A SESSION
@ ALEXANDRA GOLF CLUB

To register please email or message Luke Heard:
lukeheard@yahoo.com 0418 376 176

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Doxa YOUTH FOUNDATION Holiday Camps 2024

DATES

Malmsbury Camp: Monday 8th - Friday 12th January
City Camp - Monday 15th - Friday 19th January

MALMSBURY	CITY
Located in an idyllic bush setting in Central Victoria	Located in the heart of the Melbourne CBD
✓ High Ropes Activities	✓ Big Bash & Aus Open
✓ Canoeing & Swimming	✓ Pool & Beach
✓ Archery & Orienteering	✓ Melbourne Zoo & Museum
✓ Night Walk, Movie Night, Trivia	✓ Eureka Skydeck, Movie Night, Trivia

TRANSPORT

Malmsbury: Doxa facilitated bus transport provided from Melbourne & Bendigo
City: Doxa facilitated bus transport provided from Traralgon / Pakenham & Bendigo

COST

Our holiday camps are FREE.
Holiday camps are funded by our amazing donors and philanthropic ventures.

FURTHER INFORMATION

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