

St. Mary's Catholic Primary School

Weekly Newsletter



Term 4 Week

10.11.2023

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

WORLD KINDNESS DAY 13th NOVEMBER, 2023

On Monday we celebrate a very important day for everybody and one which each of us, and our world leaders need to promote.

World Kindness Day is a global day that promotes the importance of being kind to each other, to yourself, and to the world.

If every Australian performed an act of kindness on World Kindness Day, we would have over 25 million acts of kindness in a single day.

The possibilities are endless – together let's make our community, Australia and the World kinder.

This links in with trying to be more like Jesus. Throughout the Bible there are references to the importance of kindness in our lives:

- But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control; against such things there is no law (Galatians 5: 22-23).
- Be kind to one another, tender-hearted, forgiving each other, just as God in Christ also has forgiven you (Ephesians 4:32).

Kathryn Stuart



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.

St Mary's School is committed to the protection and promotion of Child Safety.

REMINDERS AND NOTICES

Assembly

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

NOVEMBER

- 15th 2024 Foundation Transition visit 9-12
- 17th Mass - Whole School 9:15am
- 22nd 2024 Foundation Transition visit 9-12
- 27th Swimming Starts
- 29th 2024 Foundation Transition visit 9-12

DECEMBER

- 1st Yr 5 Speeches 2pm
- 6th Yr 6 Golf Excursion
- 8th Whole School Mass 9:15am
- 12th Yr 6 Graduation Night
- 13th House Swim Sports
Family Picnic 5pm
- 14th Yr 6 Pool Party
- 15th Last day of School
3:15 dismissal

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

YEAR 6 GRADUATION DINNER

Parent's are reminded that payment for this years Graduation Dinner (\$70 per adult) is due to be paid to the school office by November 17th.

We thank you for your cooperation in meeting the deadline for payment.

Head Lice is about again—please check your child's hair over the weekend and treat if necessary. Thank you

PLEASE RETURN
ALL SCHOOL LIBRARY BOOKS
BEFORE 1ST DECEMBER
LAST DAY FOR BORROWING
FRIDAY 17TH NOVEMBER

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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.

STUDENT AWARDS



All the students for their great efforts at the Walk - A - Thon

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)

\$\$ WALK - A - THON FUNDRAISER \$\$

Money in so far \$2339 +

Thank you for helping raise money for our school by getting sponsorship for your Walk - A - Thon.



Please have all money collected,
to the school office
no later than Friday 17th November

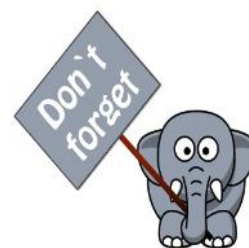


Thanks for all your efforts to make our school the best it can be.

SCHOOL FEES AND PAYMENTS

Families are reminded that school fees and charges are due to be paid in full by **Friday 24th November**. We thank our parents who have paid and who continue to meet their commitments via payment plans. *If you are experiencing difficulties in meeting your payments please contact either Kathryn or Colleen to discuss payment options.*

When families don't meet their fee commitments it makes it increasingly difficult for the school to meet theirs. At 09/11/2023 we have \$61,354.93 outstanding in school fees and charges. Let's see how quickly we can bring this down.



SCHOOL UNIFORM SHOP

FCW
FASHION
CLUBWEAR

The Uniform Shop - Are 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.



2023 SCHOOL CALENDAR—TERM 4

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
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 School Mass 9:15	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 Yr 5 Leadership Speeches 2pm	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 9:15 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				

SRC



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



JUNIOR SCHOOL COMMUNITY PROJECT



**Our Foundation, Year 1 , 2 students
have been enjoying craft activities
thanks to the Community Art Group volunteers.**

WALK - A - THON



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Welcome to the Victorian Government's Little Anglers Initiative. At the 2022 State election, the Victorian Government committed to providing Little Angler Kits to students via schools.

As outlined in the School Update sent by the Department of Education in August 2023, Grade 5 students have been selected to receive the kits based on the Victorian Curriculum area of focus, movement and motor development and safety considerations.

All primary aged students in specialist schools will be offered a kit.

As a participating School, we have just shipped your allocation of Little Angler Kits that will arrive soon. The kits are for your students to take home. The kits include a fishing rod, reel with line, tackle box with some hooks, sinkers, swivels and a lure, as well as a [Kids Guide to Fishing](#) – all FREE!

Little Angler Kit

Frequently Asked Questions - Parents



Q. What are Little Angler Kits?

A. Little Angler Kits are the perfect way for primary school aged children to try fishing. They include a rod, reel with line, tackle box, some tackle (including hooks) and information on how to use them all.

Grade 5 primary school students and all students at specialist schools will be offered a free Little Angler Kit.

The Victorian Fisheries Authority (VFA) will deliver the kits to primary and specialist schools between 16 October and 4 December 2023, unless schools opt out of the program.

Q. Why is the government giving away free fishing rods for kids?

A. The State Government is keen to get more children outside and active, connecting with nature and enjoying time in the great outdoors. Fishing is a great way to do that, which is why the State Government is investing \$96m to improve fishing, boating, piers and aquaculture.

Q. Do I have to accept one?

A. No. Grade 5 primary school students and all students at specialist schools will be offered a free Little Angler Kit to bring home unless parents and carers opt out.

Each school will run a parent opt out process, providing parents and carers with the option to choose to opt out of receiving a kit.

If you do not wish to accept the offer for any reason, the school will not provide your child with a kit.

Q. When will my child's school get their kits?

A. The roll out of kits will occur through the second half of 2023 (16 October – 4 December) as suppliers provide kits to the Victorian Fisheries Authority (VFA). It's not possible to distribute all the kits across the State in one go however they will be in the hands of those who want one by the summer school holidays.

Q. What size are the kits and what do they contain?

A. Little Angler Kits include a fishing rod, tackle tray, some tackle and a kids guide to fishing. The kits are approximately 3 foot long. Please note that the tackle tray does include fishing hooks. The tackle tray will be wrapped in cardboard and placed inside a pocket, inside the kit bag, which will be cable tied to discourage students from opening their kits until they are under the supervision of a parent or carer. Teachers will also tell students not to open the kits until they are safely at home with a parent or carer.

Q. Are the kits safe?

A. Please note that the tackle tray does include fishing hooks. The tackle tray will be wrapped in cardboard and placed inside a pocket, inside the kit bag, which will be cable tied to discourage students from opening their kits until they are under the supervision of a parent or carer. Teachers will also tell students not to open the kits until they are safely at home with a parent or carer.

You can request for an adult to pick up the kit from the school by contacting the school.

If you do not wish your child to receive a kit for any reason, you can choose to opt out of receiving a Little Angler Kit.

[The VFA will create a Little Angler hub on their website, which will be live from 10 October 2023. It will contain useful information, instructional videos and online resources about where and how to fish. Check it out from 10 October 2023 at \[www.vfa.vic.gov.au/littleanglerkit\]\(http://www.vfa.vic.gov.au/littleanglerkit\).](#) Please refer to the information provided on how to use the kit safely with your child.

Q. Where do I learn more about how to use the Little Angler Kit?

A. The VFA will create a Little Angler hub on their website, which will be live from 10 October 2023. It will contain useful information, instructional videos and online resources about where and how to fish. Check it out from 10 October 2023 at www.vfa.vic.gov.au/littleanglerkit. Please refer to the information provided on how to use the kit safely with your child.

Q. We've run out of hooks that came with the Little Angler Kit. Where can I buy more?

Bait and tackle shops are a great place to top up on bits and pieces if you run out. Kmart, Big W, Anaconda, BCF, TackleWorld, Complete Angler and Trellys are just a few to try or you can shop online.

Q. How do I contact a local fishing club now that my child is keen on fishing?

A. The VFA has a directory of fishing clubs on their website at www.vfa.vic.gov.au/fishingclubs

Q. Are there events my child can attend to learn more from experts about fishing?

A. Yes, the VFA runs several free VicFishKids events through the year, as does Fishcare Victoria. Kids can learn new skills, talk to experts and try to catch a fish knowing help is on hand.

Q. We've fished from the pier a few times now and would like to try boat fishing with the kids. What's the best way to do that?

A. Jumping aboard a charter boat is one way or you can hire boats from some seaside townships, including in Port Phillip Bay.

Q. We caught a fish but couldn't identify it. How should we do that?

A. The Victorian Recreational Fishing Guide contains colour illustrations and photos of fish you're likely to encounter in saltwater and freshwater. It also outlines size and bag limits to ensure our fisheries remain healthy. Hard copy printed Guides are free and available from most tackle shops, by calling 136186, or by visiting the VFA customer service desk at 1 Spring St, Melbourne. The VFA can also post them out. The Guide is also available online at www.vfa.vic.gov.au/fishingguide or by downloading the free VicFishing app to your smartphone.

Find out more

For further enquiries contact Chris Padovani, Manager Stakeholder Engagement, Victorian Fisheries Authority:
phone 0427 353 233
email: chris.padovani@vfa.vic.gov.au
visit [Little Angler Kits - VFA](#)

GRAND OPENING

thornton trike track

SUNDAY 3 DECEMBER

10AM

THORNTON RECREATION

RESERVE

ANY QUESTIONS?

CALL US ON 0422 787 132



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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:
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