

St. Mary's Catholic Primary School

Weekly Newsletter



Term 4 Week 7

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

REMEMBRANCE DAY **11th NOVEMBER, 2023**

On Saturday we offered thanks and prayers for those who have given their lives in the defence of Australia. Sincere thanks to Aleesha Kerr and her daughter Mila attending the Remembrance Day Ceremony at Leckie Park and for Holly Jordan who represented our school at the wreath laying. Thank you also to 3/40°C for the assembly which included a reminder about Remembrance Day and also the beautiful display of poppies around our school flagpoles.

As the years go by it's important that we never forget the reasons we do what we do...

At 11 am on 11 November 1918 the guns on the Western Front fell silent after more than four years of continuous warfare. The allied armies had driven the German invaders back, having inflicted heavy defeats upon them over the preceding four months. In November the Germans called for an armistice (suspension of fighting) in order to secure a peace settlement.

They accepted allied terms that amounted to unconditional surrender. The 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month attained a special significance in the post-war years. The moment when hostilities ceased on the Western Front became universally associated with the remembrance of those who had died in the war. This first modern world conflict had brought about the mobilisation of over 70 million people and left between 9 and 13 million dead, perhaps as many as one-third of them with no known grave. The allied nations chose this day and time for the commemoration of their war dead. (Australian War Memorial Website)

Kathryn Stuart

[More photos on page 5](#)



We had a visit from a koala today at school



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

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
11th P & F Meeting/Dinner 6pm
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

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

LOST PROPERTY

2 **new** size 10 jumpers have gone missing. Please check that your child has their correct jumper. If you find any that are not yours please return to the school office

**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.

PRINCIPAL'S AWARD



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Olivia B

Olivia B is a kind and compassionate member of our class. She thinks of others and invites them to join in, ensuring peers belong and feel welcomed. Olivia regularly challenges herself in learning, she is a dedicated learner who thrives to help others succeed with her. Olivia takes initiative when she notices another class member struggling and will go out of her way to support them to understand in a gentle and thoughtful manner.

Congratulations, Olivia!

STUDENT AWARDS



Jack, Laura, Luke, Javi, Declan.A, Abi,
 Annabella, Abigail and Mireia.

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)

2023 SCHOOL CALENDAR—TERM 4

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
WEEK 8 Nov 20 -24	20	21	22 Foundation 2024 Transition 9-12—Buddies	23	24 FETE 12-1:30 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 P & F Dinner / Meeting 6pm Corner Hotel	12 ASC Transition Day Year 6 Graduation	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.



All families will have their school fees and student levies billed in February 2024 with a statement sent out in the second week of term. In 2024, monthly statements will be issued by the school, via email, if there is a balance on the school fees. This will also include families on direct debit plans. Our aim is to have 100% of our families commit to paying the school fees and levies in either of the following three ways: In full at the start of the year; per term or by direct debit periodically – weekly, fortnightly or monthly

All accounts are expected to be finalised by the end of November 2024.

Please make contact with Kathryn or Colleen if your circumstances change and this is unattainable.

For the 2024 school year there will not be any increase in the school fees and charges. This is to ease some of the current financial burden facing our school families and community.

The following is a list and brief explanation of our charges.

- **Tuition Fee of \$1070 per family.** This fee supports the operational costs of the school.
- **Capital Levy of \$370 per family.** The capital levy helps to ensure that we can upgrade school buildings. We enjoy the facilities we currently have thanks to system wide building grants and importantly the hard work, generosity and commitment of families over many years.
- **General Curriculum Levy of \$275 per student.** This covers classroom supplies, art supplies, class sets of books, and maths, sport and music equipment.

Technology Support Levy of \$125 per child. As always, keeping up with technology, as well as servicing our current needs is a costly process. We are a well-equipped school, however, our children deserve the best. New devices are purchased across the school each year as we upgrade current outdated with new ones. This levy contributes to the cost of the student device, support and software.

- **Excursion and Incursion Levy of \$125 per student.** This levy is for all grades and assists with the cost of camps, excursions and incursions, including the whole school Cross Country running event at Eildon.
- **Swimming Levy of \$20 per student.** This levy is for all grades and helps with the running of our Swimming program.

Please remember to update card details with the office annually. Authorisation forms for Direct Debit can be obtained from the school office. Please feel free to make arrangements for payments at the office.

MACS Concessional Fee Policy

The following families are strongly encouraged to apply for concessional school fees if they meet the following eligibility criteria:

- Any family of Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander heritage.
- Any family holding a Health Care Card and eligible for CSEF.
- Any family holding a DVA Gold Card
- Any family identified as refugees and holding an ImmiCard.
- Any family required to relocate their (Australian resident) child to St Michael's Catholic Primary School, North Melbourne, due to the child requiring long term medical treatment at The Royal Children's Hospital, Melbourne. Pro-rata concession is provided for part-year attendance. An annual statutory declaration is required to confirm eligibility.
- HSS who attend a MACS primary school on a part time basis, who meet any of the criteria detailed above.

To apply, please contact the school office.

Camp Schools Excursion Fund

The Camp, Sports and Excursion Fund (CSEF) is provided by the Victorian Government to assist eligible families to cover the costs of school trips, camps and sporting activities. If you hold a valid means-tested concession card or are a temporary foster parent, you may be eligible for CSEF. An application form is attached.

We thank you for your cooperation and support.



Dear Resident,

To ensure the long term reliability of the water supply network, Rankin Plumbing has been appointed by Goulburn Valley Water to replace the old water supply pipes in your street.

Works are planned to commence on 20th November and take approximately 6.00 weeks to complete.

Interruption to water supply

As part of the work we may need to shut down the existing water main and this will turn off your water supply. If required, you will be contacted with the exact time and date of the work to be completed.

Access to your water meter

We may need to access your water meter during construction, this is generally in the front of the property however it may be at the rear of your property. Please make sure the meter is accessible and there are no obstructions.

A few things you need to know:

Installation of the new water pipes is generally in the nature strip, however where this not possible we will install them in the road pavement.

Please take care in the area as there will be changed traffic conditions throughout the duration of the works. There will be construction equipment in use and the areas will generally be isolated from the public. A map of the construction area can be found for your reference.

We will aim to minimise disturbance to the areas however as the pipes are underground we cannot avoid digging holes to replace them. The disturbed areas, including the nature strip and road pavement will be reinstated upon completion of work. We will work to minimise construction noise and disturbance to you and your neighbours.

If you require any further information regarding this matter please contact Goulburn Valley Water - Customer Service Centre (1800 45 45 00).

We appreciate your understand in this matter.

See map of affected area on the next page.

Map of affected area:



REMEMBRANCE DAY

Holly J, Milla and Mrs Kerr attended the Alexandra Remembrance Day service at Leckie park on behalf of the school.



FREE FISHING KITS FOR YEAR 5'S



Christmas Raffle - Donations Wanted!!



As you would be aware, on the 13th of December the school is hosting the
Family End of Year Christmas Picnic.

Leading up to the event we will be asking for donations from businesses
within our community.

Over the past few years, businesses have donated products (big and small),
vouchers, monetary donations and other items.

We will be selling raffle tickets, prior to the event.

If you or someone you know is willing to donate please email

The St Mary's Auxiliary (P&F's) email address: smauxilliary@gmail.com
or call the office.

Everything counts!!

St Mary's School Fete - Friday 24th November

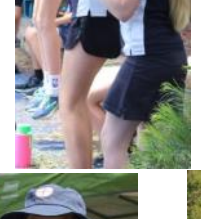
Happening in school hours from 12pm - 1:30pm

Face Painting	\$1 - \$3
Driving Simulator	\$2 - \$3 (2 or 3 min)
Pancakes	\$1 (+ 50c for topping)
Zooper Doopers	\$1
St Mary's Farm	\$1 Entry
	\$2 Feed
Sponge Throw	\$1 for 1 throw

WELLBEING DAY—MELBOURNE CUP TEAM



YEAR 6 STUDENTS VS STAFF NETBALL GAME



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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