

St. Mary's Catholic Primary School

Weekly Newsletter



Term 4 Week 8

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

I found myself and those around me constantly busy and rushing to deal with the everyday messiness of life and it got me to thinking about how we can continue at this constant pace in a crazy and every changing and demanding world. In this busy world that we live, it is important to take time and reflect on our lives. With the constant interruptions of social media and trying to keep pace with all that entails our lives today, calmness and reflection must be a focus for our health and wellbeing. We try to instill this important aspect of life in our students when we have wellbeing days and practice mindfulness within the school setting. These skills are once that we hope they will share with their families and go on to use as part of the daily routine in life. In Psalm 46:10 it speaks to us of taking the time to be still and know that God is with us. The Dalai Lama spoke of how a "Calm mind brings inner strength and self-confidence, so that's very important for good health."

A calm mind is able to see things logically and with clarity. Stillness of mind can only be achieved by relieving it of negativity. To relieve the mind of negativity, it becomes necessary to rid it of waste and fill it with nothing but positivity.

Inner calm can be found in many places—the beauty of a sunrise, the smile in a child's face, an act of kindness, a caring word, prayer, meditation or quiet reflection. Remembrance of God soothes our souls. Let the burden of being in control go, in realisation that God has it covered. Staying calm when the world seems to be crumbling around us is a daunting task, but it is the only way we can return to inner peace.

Kathryn Stuart



Reminder

A reminder about the road works that are happening on Myrtle St which will continue for a number of weeks. If you need to park to drop the children off you can also use the car park in Bakers Lane and have the children walk up from the gate in Webster St as well as using the side gate at on Villeneuve St. Please be mindful that there are a number of large trucks and machinery working throughout the day in Myrtle St and particularly at drop off and pick up times. Thank you for your patience during these road and water works which are out of our control. It is not long now until the school holidays and we can all have a relaxing break.

Staffing Update for 2024

Miss Dean has had a beautiful baby boy on Tuesday called Lenny George. We are excited to meet Miss Dean's new bundle of joy.

Next year there will be some changes for the 2024 school year with staff:

- Karen Power has resigned her position
- Jan Halligan has resigned her position
- Lizzie Butcher will be leaving us with a change in career
- Anthony Mitrow will be moving on from our school in 2024
- Shannon Carnes will be working 4 days in 2024
- Sally Hill will be taking LSL in terms 1 & 2 and return to us for terms 3 & 4

The class structures and teachers will be out in the following weeks.

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



Loving God

Please grant me peace of mind and calm my troubled heart.
I can't seem to find my balance so I stumble and worry constantly.
Give me the strength and clarity of mind to find my purpose and walk the path you've laid out for me.
Amen

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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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Scarlett

Scarlett tries her hardest in all learning areas, both with specialists and in the classroom. She is respectful of peers and has grown in confidence and resilience this term. Scarlett is gaining her voice in the classroom and is prepared to voice her opinions in a constructive manner.

Well done, Scarlett!

STUDENT AWARDS



Ruby, Holly .J, Francesca, Phraser, Austin, Sasha, Bradley. S.F, Daisy, Penny, Jamie .S, Tameika and Oakley

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 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 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.



AWARDS FROM—STUDENTS VS SATFF NETBALL GAME



Eli .V.L - B. O. C.

Mrs O'Connell - Most Consistant

Lizzie - Most Determined

Charlie. N - Most Determined

Mia - Most Entertaining

Beau - Most Entertaining

THANK YOU FOR YOUR KIND DONATION



St. Mary's School would like to thank O'Brien Real Estate for their generous donation

We have been gifted with new sporting balls for the children to enjoy.

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: smauxiliary@gmail.com or call the office.

Everything counts!!

P&F ST. MARY'S ALEXANDRA PARENTS & FRIENDS

Christmas Raffle

\$5 PER TICKET

DRAWN:
FAMILY CHRISTMAS PICNIC
13TH DECEMBER 2023

Prizes

- 1st - nintendo switch valued at \$469
- 2nd - Hamper for Her valued at \$150
- 3rd - Hamper for Him valued at \$150
- 4th - Simpsons Fuel Voucher valued at \$100
- 5th - KMH Hair Voucher valued at \$100
- 6th - Marysville Lolly Shop Hamper

Each family will receive
10 raffle tickets next week.

We would love you to sell these
raffle tickets to your friends and
family. There are some amazing
prizes to win.

Raffle tickets sold at \$5 each.

Please return your money and
raffle tickets (with the name and
phone number section) to the
office by 13th December. This will
be drawn at the Family Christmas
Picnic.

GRAND OPENING



thornton trike track
SUNDAY 3 DECEMBER
10AM
THORNTON RECREATION
RESERVE
ANY QUESTIONS?
CALL US ON 0422 787 132

PRIZES FOR BEST DECORATED BIKE!

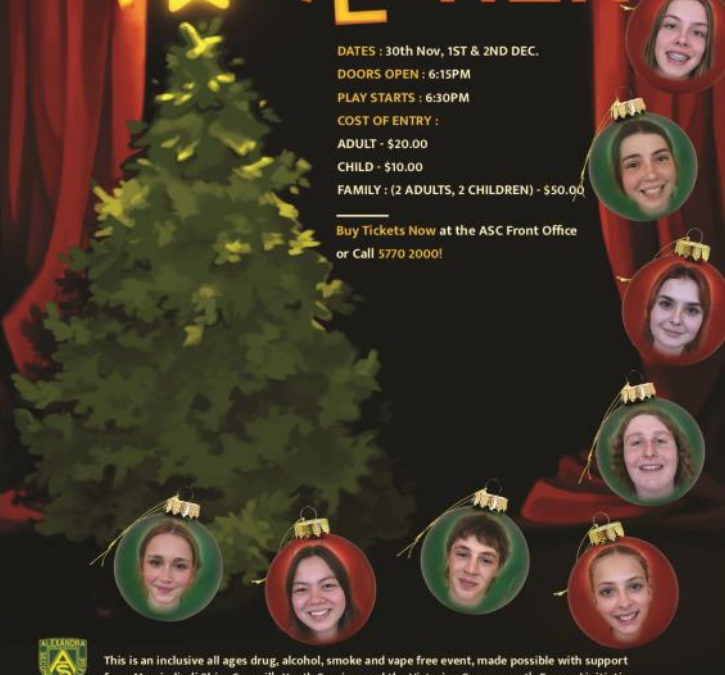
Project proudly supported by TEDFNC and Murrindindi Shire Council

- Alexandra Secondary College 2023 -

WE'RE ALL IN THIS TOGETHER

DATES : 30th Nov, 1ST & 2ND DEC.
DOORS OPEN : 6:15PM
PLAY STARTS : 6:30PM
COST OF ENTRY :
ADULT - \$20.00
CHILD - \$10.00
FAMILY : (2 ADULTS, 2 CHILDREN) - \$50.00

Buy Tickets Now at the ASC Front Office
or Call 5770 2000!



This is an inclusive all ages drug, alcohol, smoke and vape free event, made possible with support from Murrindindi Shire Council's Youth Services and the Victorian Government's Engage! initiative




REMINDER: HAVE YOU REGISTERED?

NAB AFL Auskick is a community run program that relies on the honesty, involvement and support of all people involved. A key part of your participation at Auskick is to ensure you are registered on our registration platform.

It is important you are registered for the following reasons:

- 1 This ensures your Auskick Coordinator knows who you are and knows how many kids to plan for and equipment to provide at each session
- 2 Registrations have the following key benefits:
 - a. Insurance for any injuries sustained during play
 - b. Awesome goodies in your AFL Club colours as well as the essentials such as a footy, pump and footy cards
 - c. The option to become a Junior Member at your favourite AFL Club completely free of charge and attend selected Toyota AFL Premiership Series AFL Games and NAB AFLW Games
 - d. Exclusive offers from AFL partners
- 3 Lastly your Auskick Centre receives equipment funding and other support based on each individual registration

Register via the QR code below
or visit play.afl/auskick



EILDON CHURCH FOOD DRIVE

We are running another food drive this year to make food hampers for the needy in our community.

St Mary's Primary School will be a drop off spot.

Please place your appropriate food items in the box in the front office.



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:

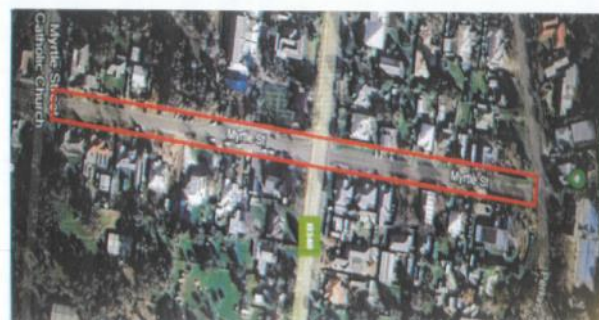
Installation of the new water pipes is generally in the nature strip, however where this not possible we will install them in the road pavement.

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).

Map of affected area:



We appreciate your understand in this matter.

See map of affected area on the next page.