

# St. Mary's Catholic Primary School

## Weekly Newsletter



Term 4 Week 9

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

Next week we are in the First Week of **ADVENT**—the beginning of the Liturgical (Church) Year and a time of preparation. For children, the anticipation of 'how many sleeps until Santa comes' is universally known. As we grow older, the anticipation of receiving gifts, gives way to a sense of rushing to 'get ready' - planning, shopping, cooking, present-wrapping, cleaning, preparing the house for visitors etc. It is so easy to lose sight of the important message of our faith!

**Christmas is a religious celebration.** We identify ourselves as Christians—believers in Christ, or we would not be connected with the Catholic faith or a Catholic School. As parents, carers and grandparents we have a responsibility to ensure that our precious young ones don't completely overlook what we are celebrating. Everyday our students are reminded of the fact that this school is different because of the person of Jesus. His teachings have been followed by faith-filled people for thousands of years and these **ancient words have come to us** so that we can pass this on for the generations to come. Please remind your children, in big and small ways, that Christmas is about the birth of Christ and everything that came after it, right up to this day, in this place!

Kathryn Stuart

Here are some kindness activities that you might like to do as a family during Advent. You can put them on the fridge and mark them off as you complete the kindness. Let's think about what we can do to get ready for the birth of Jesus.



Dear Parents/Carers

We have recently noticed an increase in the number of COVID cases in the local area, as well as in our school community. Please be mindful if your child is feeling unwell or is experiencing symptoms such:

- mild upper respiratory tract symptoms such as a congested or runny nose, sneezing, or a scratchy or sore throat
- cough with no difficulty breathing
- not drinking as much fluid (such as water) as usual in the last 24 hours
- mild vomiting and diarrhea (fewer than 4 times in the last 24 hours)
- mild headache or body aches
- mild fever
- mild fatigue

Please ensure that you test your child and do not send them to school if they are unwell. If they test positive it is recommended that they isolate for 5 days and do not return to school until they are symptom free.

Regards Kathryn Stuart

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.**

#### DECEMBER

**6th** Yr 6 Golf Excursion  
**8th** Whole School Mass 9:15am  
**11th** Transition Morning 9 - 11  
P & F Meeting/Dinner 6pm  
**12th** Transition Morning 9 - 11  
Yr 6 Graduation Night  
**13th** House Swim Sports  
Family Picnic 5pm  
**14th** Yr 6 Pool Party  
**15th** Last day of School  
3:15 dismissal

#### 2024

#### JANUARY

**29th** Staff Back  
**30th** School Starts Years 1 - 6

#### FEBRUARY

**2nd** Foundation Students Start



## RE

### 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.*



### Friday 8th December - Feast of the Immaculate Conception

*Next Friday the whole school will be attending Mass at our parish church, starting at 9.15am. This Mass will be our last Mass for the year, and will include a farewell to our graduating Year 6s, and the announcement of our School Captains for 2024.*

*Parents and friends are welcome to attend. We look forward to seeing you there.*

## PRINCIPAL'S AWARD



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Chase

Chase is always seen to be demonstrating the traits of a valuable school leader both inside and outside the classroom. He accepts roles and responsibilities with pride and enthusiasm. If Chase sees a need, he acts accordingly. Chase lives out our school vision statement daily through his everyday acts. He truly is an asset to St. Marys and will be missed next year.

Well done, Chase!

## STUDENT AWARDS



All of 3/4 O'C

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
<b>WEEK 10</b> 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
<b>WEEK 11</b> 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
<b>WEEK 12</b> Dec 18 - 20	18 School Closure Day Staff PD	19 School Closure Day	20 School Closure Day Term 4 Ends				

## 2024 SCHOOL CALENDAR—TERM 1 WEEK 1

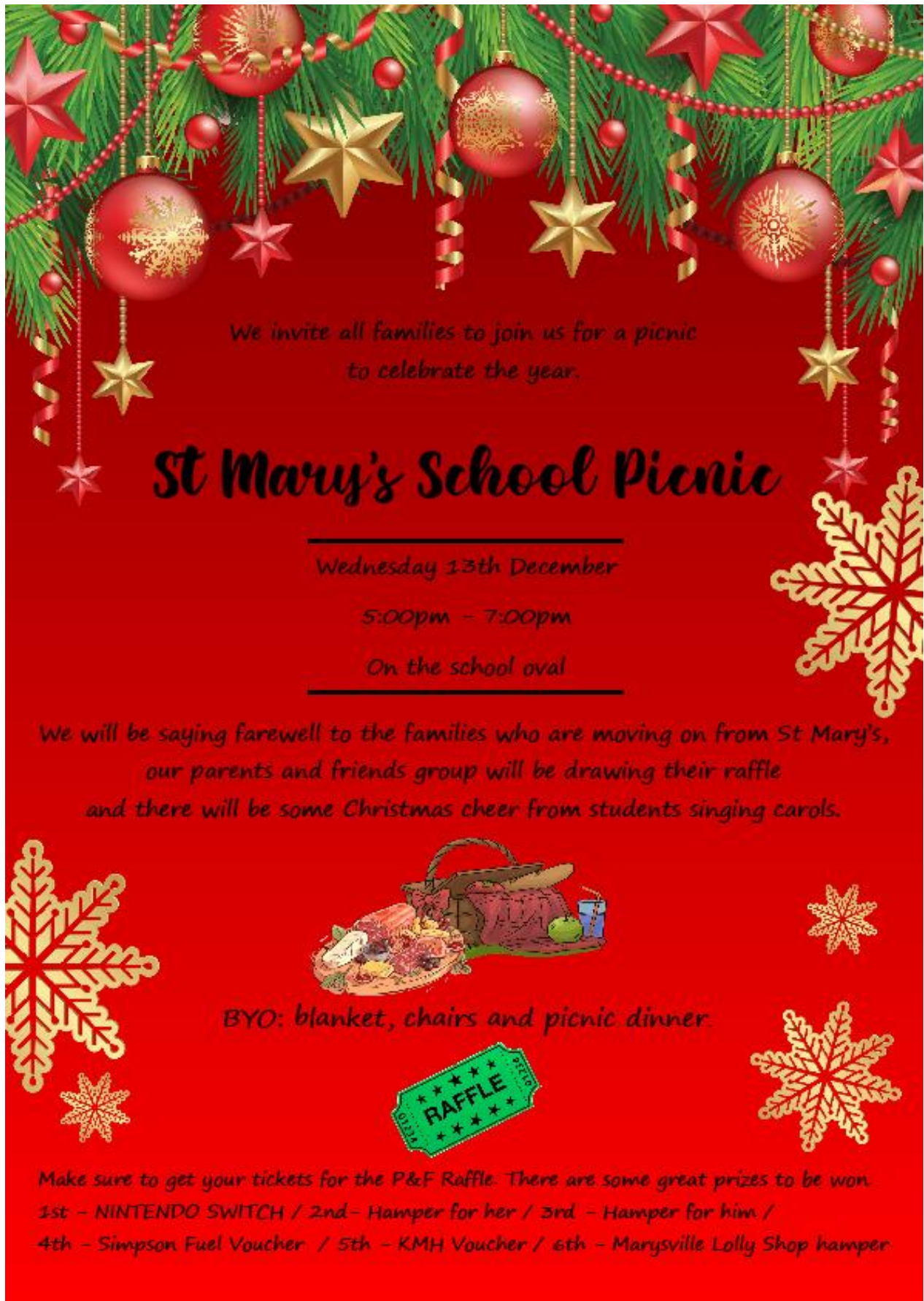
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<b>WEEK 10</b> Jan 29—Feb 4	29 Staff back	30 School Starts Years 1 - 6	31	1	2 Foundation Students Start	3	4



# FETE PHOTO'S







*We invite all families to join us for a picnic  
to celebrate the year.*

## **St Mary's School Picnic**

*Wednesday 13th December  
5:00pm - 7:00pm  
On the school oval*

*We will be saying farewell to the families who are moving on from St Mary's,  
our parents and friends group will be drawing their raffle  
and there will be some Christmas cheer from students singing carols.*



*BYO: blanket, chairs and picnic dinner.*



*Make sure to get your tickets for the P&F Raffle. There are some great prizes to be won.  
1st - NINTENDO SWITCH / 2nd - Hamper for her / 3rd - Hamper for him /  
4th - Simpson Fuel Voucher / 5th - KMH Voucher / 6th - Marysville Lolly Shop hamper.*

SRC



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





# 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 have received 5 raffle tickets this 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 08 9527 757 102

PRIZES FOR BEST DECORATED BIKE  
Project proudly supported by TEDFNC and Murrumbidgee Shire Council



### 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.

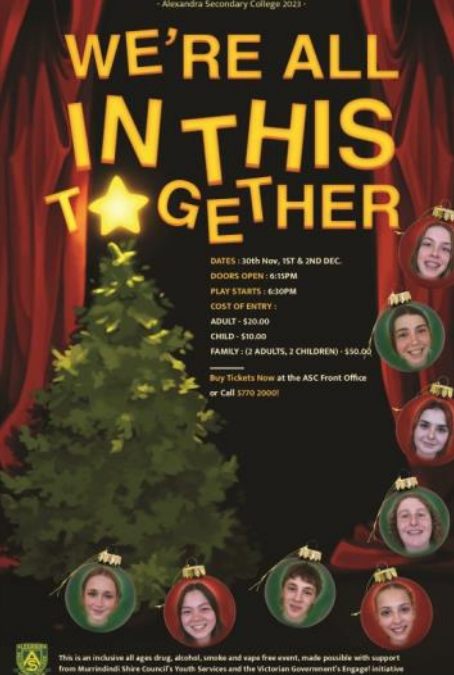
Please place your appropriate food items in the box in the front office.

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 drag, alcohol, smoke and vapes free event, made possible with support from Murrumbidgee Shire Council's Youth Services and the Victorian Government's Engage! initiative



**nab AFL Auskick**

**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 competitively 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](http://play.afl/auskick)



## AIR FORCE CADETS

The Air Force Cadets are now RECRUITING!

FROM 01 OCTOBER 2023  
TO 31 MARCH 2024

APPLY ONLINE

[airforcecadets.gov.au](http://airforcecadets.gov.au)

@airforcecadets

The Australian Air Force Cadets No. 419 Squadron in Shepparton are now recruiting for their 2024 intake. There will be a recruit information evening in Shepparton on the 9th Feb 2024.

If you're between 12 - 15 (must be in high school and turning 13 in 2024) and have an interest in aviation, drones, STEM, leadership and personal development, fieldcraft, a career in the Australian Defence Force, or just want to make new friends, we're keen to have you join our ranks. You'll learn many new skills and have a lot of fun along the way.

We are sponsored by the Royal Australian Air Force and you will have the opportunity to fly and visit Defence Bases in Victoria, and so much more

To register to attend the information evening or for more information email:

[co.419sqn@airforcecadets.gov.au](mailto:co.419sqn@airforcecadets.gov.au)

Expressions of interest to join can be completed at:

[www.airforcecadets.gov.au/how-to-join](http://www.airforcecadets.gov.au/how-to-join)