



# ST MARY'S NEWSLETTER

## This Week's News!

Dear Parents and Carers,

Congratulations on navigating the first week of the school year with 'flying colours'! All children have settled into their classes extremely well and this reflects in the preparation and care shown by all community members: staff, parents and students.

The Year Six students and staff set off early this morning for Leadership Camp which is held at Forest Lodge in Jack River. As principal, I have the privilege of joining them and so, this week until we return, our Deputy Principal, Mrs Veronica Fraraccio will be Acting Principal.

Hopefully as the week progresses, the need to park on the courts before school will decrease as students start to become more at ease with using the 'bush track' for morning drop off. I encourage you to support your child in developing confidence to use this system (of course, I don't expect this of the Prep students just yet!) The courts will remain available for parking this week only. I do ask, that for the safety of all children, parents parking on the courts exit the school by 8:50am as the courts are required for numerous classes including Bike Ed.

At the beginning of each year, I like to provide clarity on several important logistics; here they are:

- School operational hours are 8:15am- 3:45pm. Any student onsite outside of these times is required to access [TheirCare Out of School Hours Care](#).
- Please observe the speed limit of 20km (or less) at all times.
- SMART watches must be on school mode and are not to be used for contact between parent and student. All student/parent communication is via the office phone.
- Student mobile phones are to be handed in to the office each morning and not used for any reason whilst on the school premises.
- ICT agreements will go home for signing next week. Please return these asap.
- Signed absentee notes are a legal requirement following any absence (emails and verbal communication whilst useful don't fulfil our legal obligation).
- Please familiarise yourself with the notice re Bushfire Preparedness (further in this newsletter).
- Parent Information Sessions will be held next week (Week 3) with onsite sessions at 3:30pm & 4:00pm (recordings will also be sent). Further details will be provided next week.
- Tuckshop begins this Wednesday. Ordering closes at 12:30 Tuesdays, and is via [CDFpay Portal](#)
- Weekly Assemblies are held Fridays 2:30pm (in the hall) - all welcome

I think that's well and truly enough information for one week! I encourage you to check the website or call the office when questions arise (the Facebook page is a great but unofficial resource; from time to time information can be inaccurate, so best to check with school).

A very big welcome to all new families who have joined St Mary's, we encourage you to introduce yourselves to staff and other parents so that you quickly feel 'part of the family'! Save the date for the Annual Welcome Picnic, which at this stage, will be held on Friday Feb 23 from 4:00-5:30pm; we hope you can join us!

Blessings for a lovely week,

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## DATES TO REMEMBER

Information Evenings:

Monday 12<sup>th</sup> Feb – 3.30pm Preps  
4.00pm 5/6 level

Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> Feb – 3.30pm 1/2 level  
4.00pm 3/4 level

Ash Wednesday Whole School Mass -  
Wed 14<sup>th</sup> February @ 11.40am

Welcome Picnic –  
Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> Feb from 4pm - 5.30pm

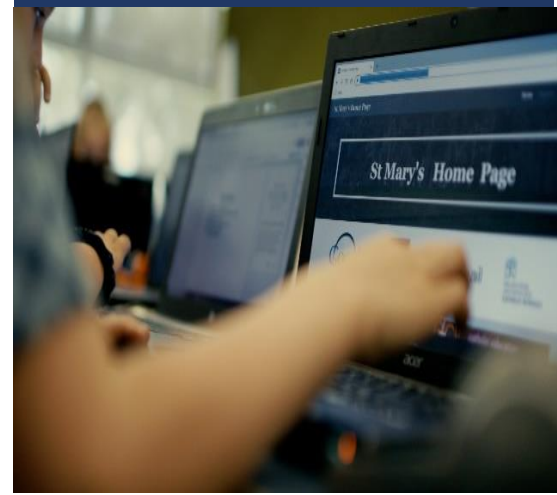
Whole School Sports Day –  
Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> Feb

School Photo's Monday 4<sup>th</sup> March

School Closure Day – Friday 8<sup>th</sup> March  
STAFF PD

Public Holiday - Labour Day  
Monday 11<sup>th</sup> March

End of Term 1 – Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> March



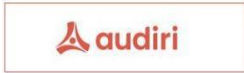


## Fees & Levies 2024

School Fees and Levies statements for 2024 will be emailed this week. If you did not receive your 2024 Fee Schedule and Fee Agreement on Friday please contact the office or alternatively you can find the forms on our website [Fees & Levies 2024](#)

Please see page 3 for healthcare card information and Concessional Fee applications.

### Important Info for Parents



In addition to our existing forms of communication, which include blanket text messaging, we also have the 'Audiri' app (previously known as Skoolbag) as another communication option.

This is an app for iPhone and Android that enhances communications with the Parent/Student community. To install the app, search for "Audiri" in either the Apple App Store, or Google Play Store. For Windows Phone, and Windows 8.1 or 10 users, search for 'Audiri' in the Windows store. Once installed open the app and search for "St Marys Catholic Primary School Mount Evelyn" and follow the prompts. If you have any queries please email us.

### Student Information/Medical Reports

To keep our records up to date of any new medical information or changes to your child's existing information please email Bec Williams:

[bec.williams@smmountevelyn.catholic.edu.au](mailto:bec.williams@smmountevelyn.catholic.edu.au)

### WHAT'S ON THIS WEEK (Term 1 Week 1)

Monday, 29 <sup>th</sup> January	8.45am	Staff Return Onsite
Tuesday, 30 <sup>th</sup> January	8.45am	Return to school for students Grade 1-6
Wed, 31 <sup>st</sup> January		
Thursday, 1 <sup>st</sup> February	8.45am	Prep 2024 begin
Friday, 2 <sup>nd</sup> February	2.30pm	Whole School Assembly

### WHAT'S ON NEXT WEEK (Term 1 Week 2)

Monday, 5 <sup>th</sup> Feb	8.45am 8.00am departure	School Begins Grade 6 Camp Bike Ed Grade 5
Tuesday, 6 <sup>th</sup> Feb		Grade 6 Camp Bike Ed Grade 5
Wed, 7 <sup>th</sup> Feb		Prep Day off Grade 6 Camp return Bike Ed Grade 5
Thurs, 8 <sup>th</sup> Feb		
Friday, 9 <sup>th</sup> Feb	2.30pm	Whole School Assembly

## School Procedures for the Bushfire Season

Schools and children's services listed on the DET Bushfire At-Risk Register (BARR) will be closed when a Code Red fire danger rating day is determined in their Bureau of Meteorology district. Our school has been identified as being one of those at high bushfire risk and is listed on the BARR.

Please see link for [Fire Danger Warnings](#)

## WHAT'S ON CDF PAY

- Tuckshop
- Cook Book & Tea Towel Fundraiser
- St Mary's Beanies
- Uniforms - brand new older style \$5.00 each

<https://smmountevelyn.cdfpay.org.au/>

### **IMPORTANT - HEALTHCARE CARD HOLDERS**

If you have a current Health Care Card or Pension Card, you may be eligible for the Camps/Sport/Excursions Fund (CSEF) payment. This funding will be used towards excursions, camps and sporting activities run through the College.

If you applied for the CSEF at your child's school in 2023, you do not need to complete an application form in 2024 unless there has been a change in your family circumstances. Your child's school will apply for the CSEF on your behalf.

You will only need to submit an application form in 2024 if any of the following changes have occurred:

- New student enrolments (all year Prep students):
- Your child has started or changed schools in 2023, or you did not apply at the same school in 2023,
- Changed family circumstances such as a change of

custody, change of name, concession card number, or new siblings commencing at the school in 2024.

Schools are able to accept and process applications up until the end of term two each year. CSEF payments are made to schools from March onwards each year. Application forms are available, click on tab to access. Please complete and return this form to us along with a copy of your concession card. Payment is \$150 per student for all students in all year levels.

### **Applications for 2024 close in June**

### **CONCESSIONAL FEE PROGRAM**

St Mary's School is a school which operates with the consent of the Catholic Archbishop of Melbourne and is owned, operated and governed by Melbourne Archdiocese Catholic Schools Ltd (MACS),

#### **Eligibility for Concessional School Fees**

Concessional school fees are available to any family that meets the below eligibility criteria:

- of Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander heritage.
- holding an HCC and eligible for CSEF.
- experiencing severe financial hardship.
- holding a DVA Gold Card.
- identified as refugees and holding an ImmiCard is strongly encouraged to apply for concessional fees.
- 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.
- FFPOS or full time HSS are ineligible for the concession as no government funding is available for FFPOS or full time HSS

#### **The School Fee Concessional Program for eligible students is:**

1 child – \$15 per child per week, direct debit (\$780 per annum or \$195 per term)

2 children – \$23 for the family per week, direct debit (\$1,196 per annum, or \$299 per term)

3 + children – \$30 for the family per week, direct debit (\$1,560 per annum, or \$390 per term)

The above fees cover both tuition fees and levies.

If the above applies to you please contact the office at [accounts@smmountevelyn.catholic.edu.au](mailto:accounts@smmountevelyn.catholic.edu.au)



To register and/or make a booking for your child in the TheirCare Afterschool Care Programme you will need the following information to complete the process and receive all available benefits - for all information follow the website link below. You can also contact us on Ph: 0417 100 089  
TheirCare: <http://theircare.com.au/>





# Jesus has the power to heal



6th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year B

## Gospel

Mark 1:40-45

A leper came to Jesus and pleaded on his knees: 'If you want to' he said 'you can cure me.' Feeling sorry for him, Jesus stretched out his hand and touched him. 'Of course I want to!' he said. 'Be cured!' And the leprosy left him at once and he was cured. Jesus immediately sent him away and sternly ordered him, 'Mind you say nothing to anyone, but go and show yourself to the priest, and make the offering for your healing prescribed by Moses as evidence of your recovery.' The man went away, but then started talking about it freely and telling the story everywhere, so that Jesus could no longer go openly into any town, but had to stay outside in places where nobody lived. Even so, people from all around would come to him.

What did Jesus say to the man after he cured him of leprosy? Use the words below to find out!

Say \_\_\_\_\_ of this to anyone; but go and \_\_\_\_\_ yourself to the \_\_\_\_\_, then make an offering at the \_\_\_\_\_ as Moses \_\_\_\_\_, then all will know you are \_\_\_\_\_.



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How were people with leprosy treated in Jesus' time?

What are some things we can do for sick people today?

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## IMPORTANT LINKS

[Student Medical Authority Form](#)

[Fees and Levies](#)

[Uniforms](#)

[Unexplained Absences](#)

[Child Safety](#)

[Audiri \(Skoolbag\)](#)

[Seesaw](#)

[Nforma](#)

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<https://smmoutevelyn.catholic.edu.au/>