



This Week's News!

Due to the Extreme Fire Danger Rating yesterday, our school relocated to Mount Lilydale Mercy College and the day was a great success. Thank you to the dedicated St Mary's staff for their flexibility and commitment, and in particular to Mrs Emma-Lee Collins for organising workbooks for all students to ensure learning continued seamlessly.

We are also sincerely grateful to Mount Lilydale Mercy College for their generous hospitality. The outstanding facilities enabled our school to operate independently, with sole use of Centennial Hall, access to various classrooms, independent bathroom facilities, a dedicated play area, and separate playtimes from the secondary students. We greatly appreciate MLMC's ongoing support in accommodating us on days of Extreme Fire Danger, ensuring the safety and wellbeing of our students and staff.

Last week the Gr 5 students participated in Bike Education with the culmination of a bike trip down the Warburton trail. A huge thank you to Mrs McCormick for organising this event and for staff and parents who assisted with the Bike Ed program.

Mrs Bec McCormick is also organising District Swimming for Grades 4-6. Please email Mrs McCormick at bec.mccormick@smmountevelyn.catholic.edu.au with your child's name, age (D.O.B), selected events and if they are interested in participating in a 50m freestyle relay team. Please refer to the Parent Portal for further information.

A reminder for Year Six families: the Year Six Badges, Bomber Jacket and Captains Assembly will be held on Friday, February 13th at 2:15pm. This is an important tradition for our Year Six students, and we strongly encourage all students to attend. Families are warmly invited to join us for this special occasion.

Below is the playtime schedule for Term 1, 2026. Please note that the area under the veranda is available for students in Grades 1–6 to engage in quiet activities.

Play areas - TERM 1 – 2026					
	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Gr 1 - 6	Quiet play under the verandah (next to the admin block)				
Prep	Prep Playground	Prep Playground	Prep Playground	Prep Playground	Prep Playground
1/2	Equipment	Courts & Soccer Pitch	Equipment	Oval	Equipment
3/4	Oval	Equipment	Back half of oval & Soccer pitch	Courts & Soccer pitch	Front Half of Oval (including soccer goals) & Courts
5/6	Courts & soccer pitch	Oval & one Court	Courts & front half of oval (including soccer goals)	Equipment & One Court	Back half of oval & Soccer pitch & one Court
Gaga pit	5/6s	3/4s	1/2s	5/6s	3/4s

Inform and Empower Raising Kids in a Digital World Webinar for Parents is next **Thursday 19th Feb beginning @ 7.30pm**. Please refer to the Parent Portal to register. We encourage all parents and carers to attend and be part of this important conversation.

With prayers for the remainder of this week and the coming week,

Ronnie Pritchard

Deputy Principal

DATES TO REMEMBER

Year Six Bomber Jacket and Captain Assembly. Fri Feb. 13 @ 2:00pm.

Beginning of School Year Mass

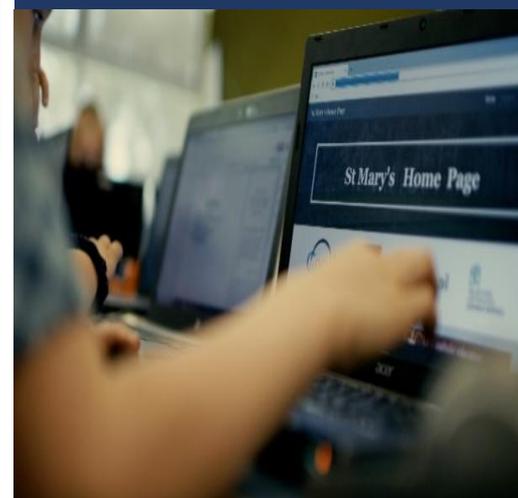
Welcome Picnic TBA

Sacrament Information Evening March 18 @ 7:00pm

Parent Information online Session (teaching, learning and wellbeing): TBA

Parent Teacher Interviews TBA

Last Day Term Thursday April 2 @ 2:30pm.





WHAT'S ON THIS WEEK - Term 1/ Week 3

Mon 9 th Feb	School begins @ 8.45am
Tues 10 th Feb	Whole School Mass @ 11.35am
Wed 11 th Feb	
Thurs 12 th Feb	
Fri 13 th Feb	Whole School Assembly @ 2.00pm Grade 6 Bomber Jacket & Captain Assembly

WHAT'S ON 2025 - Term 1/ Week 4

Mon 16 th Feb	School begins @ 8.45am
Tue 17 th Feb	
Wed 18 th Feb	Ash Wednesday Whole School Mass @ 11.30am
Thurs 19 th Feb	Inform & Empower Webinar for Parents beginning @ 7.30pm
Fri 20 th Feb	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 an Extreme/Catastrophic 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](#)

CDF pay App (via Flexischools)

The CDFpay Portal has changed to a new platform using an app - “CDFpay via FLEXISCHOOLS App”, available on the Apple App Store and Android Play Store.



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. See website link below.

You can also contact us on
Ph: 0417 100 089

<https://theircare.com.au/schools/>

RAISING KIDS IN A DIGITAL WORLD

Cyber Safety Webinar for Parents & Carers

Presented by Martin McGauran, primary school teacher and eSafety educator and Carley McGauran, psychologist and mum.



Incredible session... Should be essential for all parents!

Webinar is strictly for parents and carers only

St Mary's Catholic Primary School

Thursday 19 Feb
7.30 - 9.00 pm

Register for webinar:
bit.ly/19Febwebinar



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Thrive, Grow and Shine

Look no further than the Australian Girls Choir because we encourage, challenge and inspire young people as they learn to sing, dance and perform.

Join us at our FEBRUARY OPEN DAY



AUSTRALIAN SCHOOL OF PERFORMING ARTS





Be reconciled before you offer your gift to God

6th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A

Gospel

Matthew 5:23-24

Go and make peace with your neighbour first, then come and offer your gift.

Jesus said to his disciples: If you are bringing your offering to the altar and there remember that your brother has something against you, leave your offering there before the altar, go and be reconciled with your brother first, and then come back and present your offering.

Jesus wants us to make peace with those who we have wronged

When someone does wrong things against me, I can make peace with them by....

When I do wrong things against someone, I can make peace with them by....

Find your way through the maze



IMPORTANT LINKS

[Student Medical Authority Form](#)

[Fees and Levies](#)

[Uniforms](#)

[Unexplained Absences](#)

[Child Safety](#)

[Audiri \(previously Skoolbag\)](#)

[Seesaw](#)

[Nforma](#)



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