



ST MARY'S NEWSLETTER

This Week's News!

Dear Parents and Carers,

The whole school came together for a beautiful and reflective Ash Wednesday Mass today as we begin the season of Lent. Both students and staff were invited to consider how they will prepare for Lent - whether through almsgiving (acts of generosity and kindness), dedicating extra time to prayer, or giving up something. You may like to reflect on this as a family.

Inform and Empower - vital information for ALL parents. Thursday 19th Feb at 7.30pm

If there were one information session every parent should attend, it's this one. I've heard this Cyber Safety and Digital Wellbeing parent seminar over the years, and the insights shared are **critical for protecting your children online**. **PLEASE register before 7pm tomorrow**. If you cannot attend you will be sent the recording. Here is the link for you to register for the webinar: bit.ly/19febwebinar

And here is a video invitation for you to watch with some information from Marty and Carley: <https://vimeo.com/1034366431>

What an amazing Grade 6 bomber jacket and badge ceremony on Friday. We look forward to seeing our all of our Grade 6s to be role models and to flourish into growing in responsibility, maturity and faith. Thank you to Mrs Melissa Primavera for setting up the assembly and the continued support of the office staff for organising the jackets and badges. Congratulations to the following:

School Captains - Alyssa J & Harvey F
Vision Captains – Sienna P & Ari R
Faith Captains – Ruby C & Edward C
Clegg Captains – Sylvie D & Cooper J
McKillop Captains - Ocea F & Lenny B
Valinda Captains – Billie K & Jed C
Melba Captains – Sophia B & Owen W
Minnie Vinnies President – Brayden M

A heartfelt thank you to our Parents & Friends for organising the icy pole day. Your time, effort, and generosity are truly appreciated. The funds raised will go directly back into supporting our school and enriching opportunities for our students.

I hope that you are having a great week ahead and please don't hesitate to reach out if I can support you or your family in any way.

Ronnie Pritchard

Deputy Principal

DATES TO REMEMBER

Inform & Empower Webinar for Parents Thursday 19th Feb
7.30pm

Welcome Picnic – Friday 20th Feb
from 3.30pm – 4pm – Open classrooms. 4pm -5pm Picnic on the Oval

Whole Sports Day Tues 3rd March
at Morrison Reserve

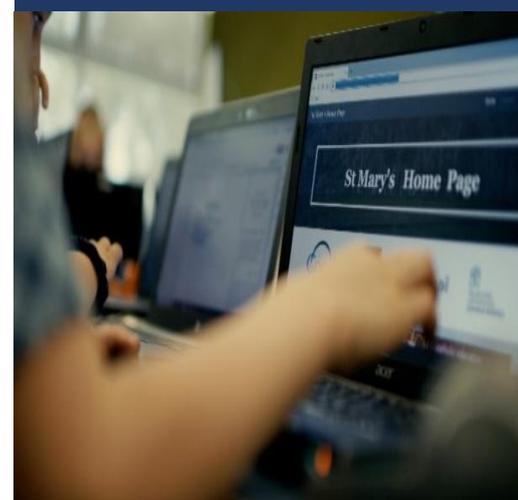
Whole School Photo's – Thursday
12th March

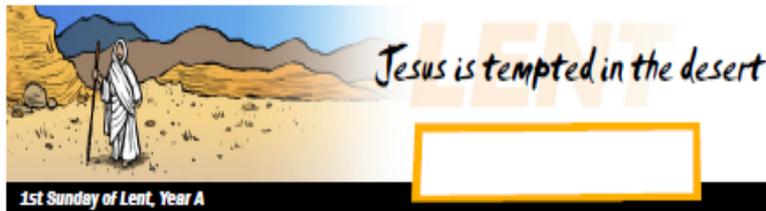
Sacrament Information Evening
March 18 @ 7:00pm

Parent Information online Session
Wed 25th March 6.30pm Online

Parent Teacher Interviews TBA

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





Gospel Matthew 4:1-11

Jesus was led by the Spirit out into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. He fasted for forty days and forty nights, after which he was very hungry, and the tempter came and said to him, 'If you are the Son of God, tell these stones to turn into loaves.' But he replied, 'Scripture says: Man does not live on bread alone but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.'

The devil then took him to the holy city and made him stand on the parapet of the Temple. 'If you are the Son of God,' he said, 'throw yourself down; for scripture says: He will put you in his angels' charge, and they will support you on their hands in case you hurt your foot against a stone.'

Jesus said to him, 'Scripture also says: You must not put the Lord your God to the test.'

Next, taking him to a very high mountain, the devil showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their splendour. 'I will give you all these,' he said, 'if you fall at my feet and worship me.' Then Jesus replied, 'Be off, Satan! For scripture says: You must worship the Lord your God, and serve him alone.'

Then the devil left him, and angels appeared and looked after him.

How did Jesus respond to temptation?

Hey Jesus! If you're so hungry, why don't you turn these stones here into bread?

Hey Jesus! I bet that if you jump off the temple, God will send some angels to catch you!

Hey Jesus! See all these kingdoms? They're yours! And all you have to do is bow down and worship ME! Too easy!

Join up the fruit to complete the text maze:
"Lead us not into temptation."

WHAT'S ON THIS WEEK - Term 1/ Week 4

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| Mon 16 th Feb | School begins @ 8.45am |
| Tues 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 @ 2.30pm Welcome Picnic from 3.30pm |

WHAT'S ON NEXT WEEK - Term 1/ Week 5

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| Mon 23 rd Feb | School begins @ 8.45am |
| Tue 24 th Feb | |
| Wed 25 th Feb | Family Information Night |
| Thurs 26 th Feb | |
| Fri 27 th Feb | Whole School Assembly @ 2.30pm |

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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IMPORTANT LINKS

[Student Medical Authority Form](#)

[Fees and Levies](#)

[Uniforms](#)

[Unexplained Absences](#)

[Child Safety](#)

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

[Seesaw](#)

[Nforma](#)



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SchoolPix is coming to photograph on:

Thursday, 12 March 2026

SIBLING ORDERS

must be placed prior to 8am on Thursday, 12 March 2026



ST MARY'S PRIMARY SCHOOL –

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