



# ST MARY'S NEWSLETTER

## This Week's News!

Welcome back to Term 2. I hope you all enjoyed a restful break and had the opportunity to spend quality time with family and friends.

Thank you for your contributions in celebrating Ange's 30 years of dedicated service to St Mary's as she transitions into retirement. We extend our sincere best wishes to her for the future. I would also like to acknowledge Mrs Mel Primavera for coordinating the moving and reflective Stations of the Cross on Holy Thursday, and Mrs Melissa Roberts for organising today's Alleluia Day. The whole-school Mass, along with the joyful singing and celebration of the Risen Christ this morning, made for a truly special occasion.

As we return to school, we are welcomed by the crisp air and changing colours of autumn, a season that symbolises growth, reflection, and new learning. Term 2 is always a busy and rewarding period in our school calendar. Classrooms will be filled with purposeful learning, and students will have many opportunities to challenge themselves, build confidence, and strengthen their skills. Thank you to our school community for your ongoing support of our students and one another.

Please note that we have a 2-week grace on moving to the winter school uniform as the days vary in temperature. Here is the [uniform policy](#) link.

Congratulations to Savannah W and her recent results at the Victorian State Interschool Championships. Savannah competed in a very tough primary school field of 30 riders and achieved an incredible result, winning the Combined Training 50cm class. As a result of this, she has been invited to represent Victoria at Nationals, competing against riders from across Australia, under the St Mary's banner, which is a huge achievement. We are so proud of her efforts, dedication, and the way she represents herself and our school at these events.

### Upcoming events to note:

- We have two school closure days: Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> April, with the focus on Maths Staff Professional Learning and Friday 24<sup>th</sup> April focusing on Scripture with Dr Beth Nolan presenting.
- As ANZAC Day falls on a Saturday, we will have a whole school ANZAC Day reflection tomorrow, Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> April at 2.30pm. All are welcome.
- Tomorrow, Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> April, is also the first in the series of Sacramental nights starting at 6pm in the hall.

It is great to be back for an exciting Term 2 ahead. I look forward to seeing the achievements and growth that this term will bring. Please let me know if there is anything that I can do to further support you and your family.

*Ronnie Pritchard*  
Acting Principal

## DATES TO REMEMBER

### Term 2

First Sacrament Evening –  
Wed 22<sup>nd</sup> April 6pm -7pm

Second Sacrament Evening –  
Wed 29<sup>th</sup> April 6pm-7pm

### Term3

Last Day of Term – Friday 26<sup>th</sup>  
June

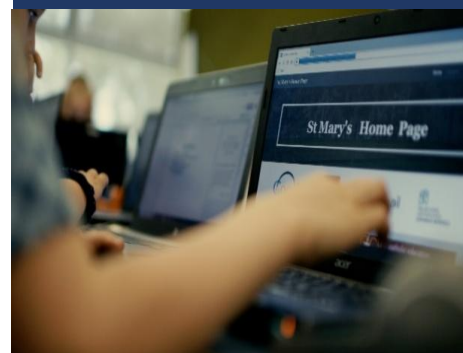
### Term 4

Junior Showcase Prep-2  
Thurs 29<sup>th</sup> Oct

Last Day of Term 4 -Tuesday  
15<sup>th</sup> Dec @ 3.30pm

## School Closure Days 2026

Staff PL – 23<sup>rd</sup> & 24<sup>th</sup> April  
Staff PL – Friday 5<sup>th</sup> June  
Staff PL – Monday 20<sup>th</sup> July  
School Closure Day – Monday  
2<sup>nd</sup> Nov





WHAT'S ON THIS WEEK - Term 2/ Week 1

Mon 20 <sup>th</sup> April	<b>Term 2 begins - School begins @ 8.45am</b>
Tue 21 <sup>st</sup> April	Alleluia Day
Wed 22 <sup>nd</sup> April	First Sacrament Evening 6pm -7pm NO TUCKSHOP
Thurs 23 <sup>rd</sup> April	<b>School Closure – Staff PL</b>
Fri 24 <sup>th</sup> April	<b>School Closure – Staff PL</b>

WHAT'S ON NEXT TERM - Term 2/ Week 2

Mon 27 <sup>th</sup> April	School begins @ 8.45am
Tue 28th April	
Wed 29 <sup>th</sup> April	Second Sacrament Evening 6pm-7pm
Thurs 30 <sup>th</sup> April	
Fri 1 <sup>st</sup> May	

# Kindergarten Information Evenings

Everything you need to know about Kindergarten in Yarra Ranges

These in-person sessions are designed to provide parents and carers with the knowledge to make confident decisions about starting Kindergarten.

Find out about:

- Enrolment processes
- When your child is eligible to start
- Free kinder and funding
- Kindergarten supports
- Kindergarten program options

**Tuesday 5 May 2026**

Upwey Public Hall  
(Sherbrooke Family and Children's Centre)  
7pm - 8.30pm  
Booking: [www.trybooking.com/DKYQD](http://www.trybooking.com/DKYQD)



**Thursday 14 May 2026**

Yarra Ranges Civic Centre, Lilydale  
7pm - 8.30pm  
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## I am the gate for the sheep

4th Sunday of Easter, Year A

## Gospel

Jn 10:1-10

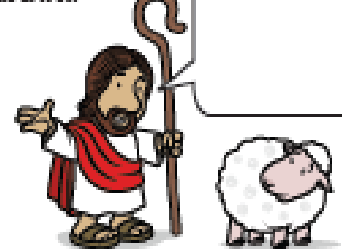
Jesus said: "I tell you most solemnly, anyone who does not enter the sheepfold through the gate, but gets in some other way is a thief and a brigand. The one who enters through the gate is the shepherd of the flock; the gatekeeper lets him in, the sheep hear his voice, one by one he calls his own sheep and leads them out. When he has brought out his flock, he goes ahead of them, and the sheep follow because they know his voice. They never follow a stranger but run away from him; they do not recognise the voice of strangers."

Jesus told them this parable but they failed to understand what he meant by telling it to them.

So Jesus spoke to them again:

"I tell you most solemnly, I am the gate of the sheepfold. All others who have come are thieves and brigands; but the sheep took no notice of them. I am the gate. Anyone who enters through me will be safe: he will go freely in and out and be sure of finding pasture. The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I have come so that they may have life and have it to the full."

Jesus is our good shepherd and we know that we must follow him. What are some of the things our shepherd has told us to do?



A thief has stolen some letters from the passage of text below. Use these letters to discover something that Jesus said to his disciples.



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