



# ST MARY'S NEWSLETTER

## This Week's News!

### Dear Parents and Carers,

It was so wonderful to see so many students attend the Disco last Thursday night. Students danced, socialised and enjoyed the evening with exceptional behaviour. A big thank you to the P&F for all their organisation and the volunteers who ran the evening so smoothly.

St. Mary's was represented in numbers at the Cross-Country event held at Lilydale Lake on Friday 15<sup>th</sup> May. 61 students from grade 3-6 trained and prepared during recess and then took to the course with enthusiasm. We are so proud of all of our students for their commitment and efforts and wish the 12 students who progressed to the next round all the very best for their next race. A heartfelt thank you to Mrs Bec McCormick for coordination of this event.

We look forward to participating in National Simultaneous Storytime this Wednesday. This is an annual event hosted by the Australian Library and Information Association (ALIA). Each year, millions of participants across schools, libraries, and homes read the same Australian children's picture book together at the exact same time. We thank Mrs Fiona Deed for arranging St. Mary's participation in the reading of *Luna Roo the Kangaroo Baller* by Adam Jackson and Adrian Lloyd.

As a reminder, there is a school closure day on **Friday 5 June (Week 7)** where staff will be participating in a professional learning day with **Maria Ruberto**, a highly regarded psychologist, educator and wellbeing consultant. Maria is passionate about supporting the mental health and wellbeing of children, young people, families and educators. Her work focuses on building resilience, strengthening relationships, fostering positive school cultures, and helping individuals navigate challenges with confidence and hope. We look forward to sharing our learning with our community.

### *Principal Appointment Process Update on behalf of Rob Horwood Senior manager (MACS)*

*Dear Parents of St Mary's Mt Evelyn.*

*The principal appointment process is proceeding well.*

*I would like to thank you for engaging with me through the feedback link to determine the qualities you would like to see in the next school principal the things that you value about St Mary's and the opportunities for improvement. The responses indicate a desire for the new principal to focus on keeping the things you value, as well as having a clear vision for the future.*

*Parent feedback was discussed at a recent principal interview panel preparation meeting and will be considered in the principal appointment process.*

*We will be interviewing for the new principal soon, and I will keep you informed of our progress as information becomes available.*

*Kind regards*

*Rob*

### Upcoming events to note (also on the parent portal):

- **MLMC Grade 5 Future Stars Day** – Wed 27<sup>th</sup> May
- **Australian Girls Choir** – Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> June
- **Bayswater Bunnings BBQ Fundraiser** – Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> August

### Reminder: Year 7 2028 - Mount Lilydale Mercy College Applications

Applications for Year 7 2028 are being accepted. These are due no later than **Friday 14 August, 2026**.

**The Orange Door** – St Mary's cares about the safety and wellbeing of our students and their families. Sometimes things at home or in a relationship are not OK or families can be worried about the wellbeing of their children or young people. The Orange Door can help you to get the support you need, quickly and easily. It's free and you don't need a referral. For further Information [click on link](#).

Thank you for your continued support of our school community. Please let me know if there is anything that I can do to further support you and your family.

God Bless,

Ronnie Pritchard

## DATES TO REMEMBER

### Term 2

School Closure Day – Friday 5<sup>th</sup> June

Last Day of Term 2 – Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> June

### Term 3

Bunnings BBQ Fundraiser –  
Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> August

### School Production Yr 3-6

#### Change of Dates

Tues 1<sup>st</sup> September

Thurs 3<sup>rd</sup> Sept

12pm & 6pm Shows

Last Day of Term 3 – Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> Sept

### 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

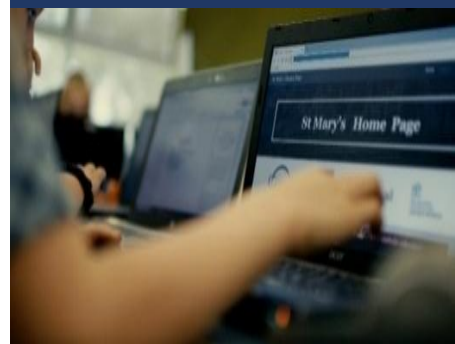
Staff PL – Friday 5<sup>th</sup> June

Last day of Term 2 – Thurs 25<sup>th</sup> June

Staff PL – Monday 20<sup>th</sup> July

School Closure Day – Fri Sept 18<sup>th</sup>

School Closure Day – Mon 2<sup>nd</sup> Nov





### WHAT'S ON THIS WEEK - Term 2/ Week 7

|                            |                                                                                |
|----------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Mon 25 <sup>th</sup> May   | School begins @ 8.45am                                                         |
| Tue 26 <sup>th</sup> May   |                                                                                |
| Wed 27 <sup>th</sup> May   | National Simultaneous Story Time<br>@ 10.30am<br>MLMC Grade 5 Future Stars Day |
| Thurs 28 <sup>th</sup> May |                                                                                |
| Fri 29 <sup>th</sup> May   | Assembly @ 2.30pm                                                              |

### WHAT'S ON NEXT TERM - Term 2/ Week 8

|                            |                        |
|----------------------------|------------------------|
| Mon 1 <sup>st</sup> June   | School begins @ 8.45am |
| Tue 2 <sup>nd</sup> June   |                        |
| Wed 3 <sup>rd</sup> June   |                        |
| Thurs 4 <sup>th</sup> June |                        |
| Fri 5 <sup>th</sup> June   | School Closure Day     |



# SAVE *the* DATE!

## BAYSWATER BUNNINGS BBQ

### ★ FUNDRAISER ★



**SATURDAY  
1<sup>ST</sup> AUGUST 2026**

## Winter Appeal

Please Donate  
by Friday 12<sup>th</sup>  
June

Please bring Canned goods,  
pasta, pasta sauce, tea, coffee  
and Long life milk for the  
people in need.




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## God so loved the world that he gave his only Son

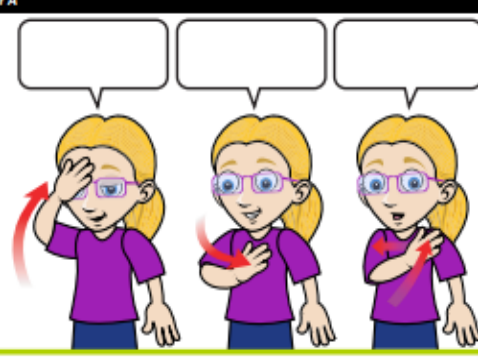
The Most Holy Trinity Sunday, Year A

There is a simple prayer  
that we say almost every day,  
which reminds us of the Trinity.  
That prayer is the Sign of the Cross.

### How do I make the Sign of the Cross?

- Using your right hand,  
touch your forehead and say....  
(fill in the 1st speech balloon)
- Touch your chest near your  
heart and say....  
(fill in the 2nd speech balloon)
- Touch your left shoulder, then  
your right shoulder and say....  
(fill in the 3rd speech balloon)

When and where  
do we use the  
Sign of the Cross?

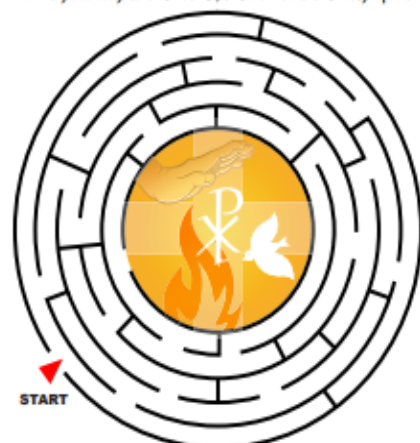


Find your way to the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit

**Gospel**

Jn 3:16-17

Jesus said to Nicodemus,  
'God loved the world so much  
that he gave his only Son,  
so that everyone who believes  
in him may not be lost  
but may have eternal life.  
For God sent his Son into the world  
not to condemn the world,  
but so that through him the world  
might be saved.'





## IMPORTANT LINKS

[Student Medical Authority Form](#)

[Fees and Levies](#)

[Uniforms](#)

[Unexplained Absences](#)

[Child Safety](#)

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