



ST MARY'S NEWSLETTER

This Week's News!

Dear Parents and Carers,

We are now more than halfway through Term 2, and the positive energy and enthusiasm across our school community continues to be vibrant. As we head towards the end of term, our teachers are diligently preparing student reports that reflect and celebrate the growth, progress and achievements of every learner. These reports will be shared during the final week of term and provide a valuable opportunity to recognise the hard work, perseverance and successes your children have demonstrated throughout the semester. We are incredibly proud of their efforts and accomplishments and look forward to continuing our partnership with you as we support and celebrate their ongoing learning journey. Thank you for your continued support and engagement in your child's education.

Our Grade 5 students recently enjoyed an exciting visit to MLMC as part of the **Future Stars program**. The day provided students with a wonderful opportunity to experience life at secondary school, participate in engaging learning activities, and explore the facilities. Students represented our school with pride, demonstrating enthusiasm, curiosity and excellent behaviour throughout the visit. We thank the staff and students at MLMC for making the experience both enjoyable and inspiring for our future leaders.

Tonight, a number of our Grade 3 students will celebrate the **Sacrament of Reconciliation**. This is an important milestone in their faith journey, and we congratulate them as they take this special step. We ask our school community to keep these students and all the children preparing for Sacraments and their families in your thoughts and prayers.

This **Friday, 5th June is a school closure day for students**. Our staff will participate in a professional learning day with Maria Roberto, a highly regarded psychologist, author and educator who specialises in wellbeing, resilience and positive school cultures. Maria's work supports educators to strengthen student wellbeing, foster positive relationships and create learning environments where every child can thrive. We look forward to the valuable insights and practical strategies this learning will bring to our school community.

We are seeking your continued support for our **St Vincent de Paul Winter Appeal** by donating non-perishable food items and essential household goods to assist families in need within our local community. Through this appeal, we are helping our students put Social Justice into action, demonstrating compassion, generosity and care for others in a tangible way. Donation baskets are located in every classroom. We greatly appreciate your generosity and support. All donated items will be presented to the St Vincent de Paul Society during our school Mass for the feast of the Sacred Heart on Friday, 12th June.

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

- **Sacrament of First Holy Communion** - Some of our Grade Four students will be taking communion for the first time on the weekends of **13th & 14th June and 20th & 21st June**. Please keep these candidates in your prayers as they prepare for this special sacrament.
- **Australian Girls Choir** – Saturday 20th June
- **Bayswater Bunnings BBQ Fundraiser** – Saturday 1st 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 14th August, 2026**.

May you and your family have a peaceful and productive remainder of the week and enjoy the long weekend. Please remember that my door is always open, so do not hesitate to reach out if I can assist you in any way.

God Bless,
Ronnie Pritchard
 Acting Principal

DATES TO REMEMBER

Term 2

School Closure Day – Friday 5th June

Last Day of Term 2 – Thursday 25th June

Term 3

Bunnings BBQ Fundraiser – Saturday 1st August

School Production Yr 3-6

Change of Dates

Tues 1st September
 Thurs 3rd September
 12pm & 6pm Shows

Last Day of Term 3 – Thursday 17th Sept

Term 4

**Junior Showcase Prep-2
 Thurs 29th Oct**

**Last Day of Term 4 -Tuesday 15th
 Dec @ 3.30pm**

School Closure Days 2026

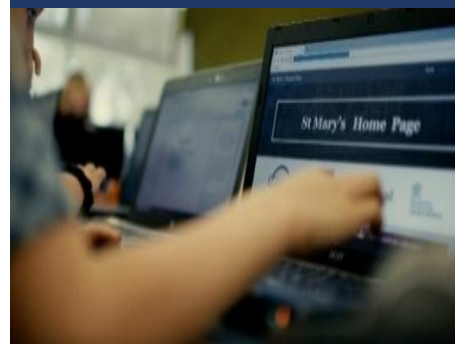
Staff PL – Friday 5th June

Last day of Term 2 – Thurs 25th June

Staff PL – Monday 20th July

School Closure Day – Fri Sept 18th

School Closure Day – Mon 2nd Nov





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

Mon 1 st June	School begins @ 8.45am
Tue 2 nd June	
Wed 3 rd June	Grade 3 Reconciliation Liturgy @ 6pm
Thurs 4 th May	
Fri 5 th May	School Closure Day

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

Mon 8 th June	School begins @ 8.45am
Tue 9 th June	Confirmation
Wed 10 th June	
Thurs 11 th June	
Fri 12 th June	Whole School Assembly @ 2.30pm



SAVE *the* DATE!

BAYSWATER BUNNINGS BBQ

★ FUNDRAISER ★

 **SATURDAY**
1ST AUGUST 2026



Elevate Mt Evelyn

The Community Hub Workshop

Sunday 5 July 1pm – 4.30pm Mt Evelyn Hall Birmingham Rd



Light refreshments provided
All welcome

Mt Evelyn is special because of its people. Come help shape what's next.

What to Expect

- Connect with locals who care about this community
- Explore what makes Mt Evelyn unique
- Workshop ideas and opportunities for our future

What can you bring

- Bring your voice, your ideas and your vision for a stronger more connected Mt Evelyn

RSVP and find out more



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LILYDALE BMX CLUB

COME AND TRY DAY

SUNDAY 21st JUNE 2026
1-3PM

What to wear?

- gloves
- long-sleeved top & long pants
- enclosed shoes

What to bring?

- your bike
- full face helmet (if you have one)

What to expect?

- 1pm or 2pm session.
- Ages 2+
- ALL skill levels

@ Lilydale BMX
Corner of
Anderson St &
Nelson Rd,
Lilydale



Includes four week Auscycling free trial.
Arrive 15 minutes prior for sign on.

If you don't have a bike and/or gear, don't stress! The club will have some loan bikes available for the session, along with limited helmets, gloves etc.

Session to be run by coaches Connor Fallon and Nathan Glab.
Spots are limited. Reserve your spot by emailing treasurer@lilydalebmxcub - specify which session you wish to attend



Gospel Jn 6:51-58

Jesus said to the Jews:

"I am the living bread which has come down from heaven.

Anyone who eats this bread will live for ever; and the bread that I shall give is my flesh, for the life of the world."

Then the Jews started arguing with one another: "How can this man give us his flesh to eat?" they said Jesus replied:

"I tell you most solemnly, if you do not eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you will not have life in you.

Anyone who does eat my flesh and drink my blood has eternal life, and I shall raise him up on the last day. For my flesh is real food and my blood is real drink. He who eats my flesh and drinks my blood lives in me

and I live in him. As I, who am sent by the living Father, myself draw life from the Father, so whoever eats me will draw life from me. This is the bread come down from heaven; not like the bread our ancestors ate: they are dead, but anyone who eats this bread will live for ever."

Can you work out which two of these pictures are the same?



Dear Lord,

Amen.

Write a prayer of thanksgiving to God that you can say before every meal.



IMPORTANT LINKS

Student Medical Authority Form

Fees and Levies

Uniforms

Unexplained Absences

Child Safety

Seesaw

Nforma



Melbourne Archdiocese
Catholic Schools



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WEBSITE –

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

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.