



ST MARY'S NEWSLETTER

This Week's News!

Dear Parents and Carers,

Congratulations to our netball and soccer teams who competed last week at the Yarra Division finals day. They demonstrated outstanding teamwork, sportsmanship, and determination throughout the entire competition. Our Netball team was undefeated, winning every game before taking out the Grand Final. Soccer had a tough day out and put up a great effort against some very tough competition. A MASSIVE thank you to all the parents that supported the day, we really couldn't offer these programs without you! Shout out to the Dean family who kindly organised brand new soccer tops for our team, they looked amazing. We wish the Netball team the very best of luck as they prepare to compete at the Regional Championships in a couple of weeks.

Zoe from Prep R competed in her first competition for the year and performed beautifully. She was fortunate to place 4th out of 9 competitors, which is a fantastic achievement and a wonderful start to her competition season. Congratulations Zoe!

Road Safety & Carpark. We are very fortunate to have the bush track available for drop-off and pick-up. Please use this facility wherever possible.

Last week, I spent time at the front of the school observing traffic and student movement. After speaking with Melissa, our wonderful crossing supervisor, and the team at Guardian ELC, there are shared concerns about vehicle speeds, parking and child safety. I will continue working with them to identify ways we can improve safety in the area. A few important reminders:

- **Please use the bush track for drop-off and pick-up wherever possible.**
- If you have older children, please park in the designated car park, collect your child and leave promptly. This allows spaces to remain available for Prep families and families with younger children.
- Please do not drop off or park on the nature strip at the front of the school. This is unsafe and blocks the view of vehicles exiting the school.
- Please do not drop off at the roundabout.
- Please drive slowly and carefully around the school at all times. Thank you.

Other reminders:

- Please put in your diaries: Term 3 P&F Bunnings fundraiser, this **Saturday 1st August**, click on the link for more details [Bunnings Sausage Sizzle](#) - Item donations and cash donations can be left at the office.
- **Tuning in to kids** (6 week parenting program) starting Wednesday 5th August 1pm-3pm – click on the link for further information [Tuning in to Kids](#)
- **Feast Day Andrew Chinn concert:** Friday 14th August, at 2.15pm
- **Book week parade:** Wed Aug 26th, at 9am
- **P&F Winery Tour** – Saturday 29th August ((Don't forget to book your tickets on CDF pay).

IMPORTANT PLEASE READ - Attendance Reminder:

A friendly reminder to please notify the school if your child will be absent and to ensure they arrive at school on time each day. Regular attendance and punctuality play an important role in supporting successful learning and establishing positive routines.

We have recently introduced a new attendance platform. If your child is marked absent from a teacher without a reason recorded, you will automatically receive an email at **10:00 am**.

To avoid receiving an unexplained absence email, please ensure you select the appropriate reason from the dropdown box when submitting your child's absence. **A REASON MUST BE SELECTED.**

If you do receive an unexplained absence email from reception@smmountevelyn.catholic.edu.au, simply reply to the email with the reason for your child's absence.

There is no need to call the school office, as replying to the email will update your child's attendance record.

Ronnie Pritchard
Principal

DATES TO REMEMBER

Term 3

Term 3 begins – Monday 13th July

Dental Van Visit – Tues 4th July

**Bunnings BBQ Fundraiser
this Saturday 1st August**

Feast Day – Friday 14th Aug

Book Week Parade – Wed Aug 26th
@ 9am

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

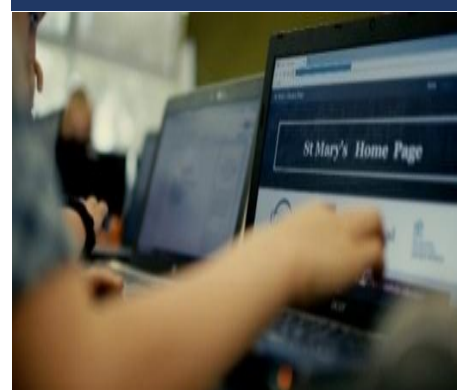
Thurs 29th Oct

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

School Closure Days 2026

School Closure Day – Fri Sept 18th

School Closure Day – Mon 2nd Nov





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

Mon 27 th July	School begins @ 8.45am
Tue 28 th July	Prep Grandparents Day 9.15-10.45am
Wed 29 th July	Prep – Responsible Pet Ownership Incursion 11.30am-1pm
Thurs 30 th July	5/6 level MLMC Matinee Play
Friday 31 st July	Whole School Assembly
Saturday 1 st Aug	Bayswater Bunnings BBQ Fundraiser

WHAT'S ON NEXT TERM - Term 3/ Week 4

Mon 3 rd July	School begins @ 8.45am 100 Days of Prep
Tue 4 th July	Dental Van Visit
Wed 5 th July	
Thurs 6 th July	Working Bee 5/6 Expo 9-10.15am
Fri 7 th July	Whole School Assembly



2026 Junior Development Program

Join the Softball Victoria Junior Development Program, tailored to beginner to intermediate skilled players from 7 to 15 years of age, and develop fundamental skills and game sense leading into the 2026/2027 Summer season!

Perfect for Beginners

Learn from experienced coaches and state representative players

Develop your skills including batting, fielding, pitching, catching and base running

2 hours a week for 6 weeks in July/August

\$90 includes participant pack with T-shirt, cap & drink bottle

Keilor Park & Districts Softball Association

81 Stadium Drive, Keilor Park
Saturday's, 25 July - 29 August
2pm-4pm
Ages 7-15
ONLY \$90

(Receive a \$20 refund if you register for the Summer Season at the completion of the program)

REGISTER HERE:
www.softballvic.org.au/events/363067



Contact: Tim Hatzi - State Participation & Development Manager email: tim.hatzi@softballvic.org.au or ph: 0479 104 403



- Bus departs St Mary's at 10:00am
- Wine tasting at Tokar Estate
- Two-course lunch with wine tasting at Helen's Hill Estate
- Finish the afternoon at Payne's Rise for a relaxing glass of wine.

The tour concludes at Payne's Rise, where the bus service ends. Guests can make their own way home from there.

Cost: \$135 per person

All welcome
(this is an adult event
- no children please)



ST MARY'S PARISH ANNUNZIATA EVENT

Raffle Prizes

- 10.30 am Mass
Maria SS. Annunziata followed by:
- BBQ Food, Drinks & Coffee
- Song & Dance Entertainment
- Raffle
- All Welcome



Come and Enjoy

Sunday 20th of September
2026

Free
Face Painting
Jumping Castle

Join in the Fun
St. Mary's Parish
58 Clegg Road, Mount Evelyn
Melways Ref: 120 F2

Tuning in to Kids

Emotionally Intelligent Parenting

A five session evidence based Parenting Program:
Empower yourself with skills – Invest in your child's wellbeing
FOR PREP TO GRADE 4 Parents

Would you like to learn how to be:

- Better at talking/ connecting with your child?
- Better at understanding your child and their emotions?
- able to help to prevent behaviour problems in your child?
- teaching your child how to understand and manage big feelings such as, Anxiety and Anger

Tuning in to Kids shows you how to help your child develop *emotional intelligence*.
Children with higher emotional intelligence:

- have greater success with making and keeping friends
- have better concentration at school
- are more able to calm down when upset or angry.
- These FREE sessions are informal and fun, a chance to make new friends, as well as learn lifelong skills for your toolbelt.

Where: St Mary's Primary School (Italian Room)

When: Wednesdays 1-3pm

Commencing: Wed 5th Aug – Wed 2nd Sept

Please Email Kathryn James (Pastoral Care) if you have any further questions.

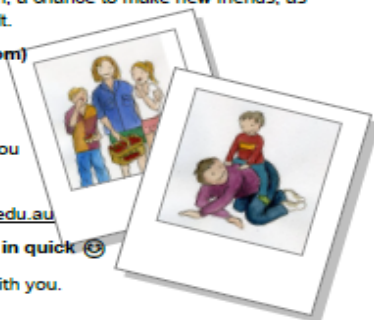
Email: kathryn.james@smmountevelyn.catholic.edu.au

RSVP : Mon 30th July. Limited Spaces so get in quick ☺

We can't wait to share this wonderful program with you.

Warm regards,

Kathryn James & Kiera Harvey (Tuning in to Kids Facilitators)



IMPORTANT LINKS

[Student Medical Authority Form](#)

[Fees and Levies](#)

[Uniform Policy](#)

[Unexplained Absences](#)

[Child Safety](#)

[Seesaw](#)

[Nforma](#)

[TheirCare](#)



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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.

Exceptional Before & After School Care and amazing School Holiday programs!

TheirCare provides inclusive, child-led, **FUN** outside school hours care

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