



ST MARY'S NEWSLETTER

This Week's News!

Dear Parents and Carers,

100 Days of Prep

Congratulations to our Prep students, families, and teachers on reaching 100 days of Prep!

Yesterday was a wonderful celebration, with plenty of excitement as students proudly wore their 100-day crowns and shared their collections of 100 items.

It was a fantastic milestone and a special day for everyone involved!

Grandparent's morning

Last Tuesday the Preps invited their grandparents to spend a morning with them at school. We began in the hall with a short prayer and welcome. We moved to the classrooms where we talked about and demonstrated some of our regular morning routines and activities. The grandparents had a turn at presenting something they liked to do when they were 5 or 6 years old and had some interesting stories and sentimental items to share. After that we completed an art activity and ate morning tea together. Then it was time to say goodbye. The Preps really enjoyed their time with these most special and important visitors! Congratulations to our Preps for reaching such a special milestone.

Baby News!

Congratulations to Tully's family (5/6W) on the safe arrival of their beautiful baby girl, Ella. We wish the whole family every happiness as they welcome this special new addition.

Bunnings BBQ Wrap-Up and thank you

What a fantastic day! Our Bunnings BBQ was a huge success, and we couldn't have done it without the incredible support of our school community.

On the day, we cooked a whopping **83kg of sausages**, used **74 loaves of bread**, and served **25kg of onions**! Thanks to everyone's generosity and support, we raised an amazing **\$4,005.15** in profit—our **best result yet**.

A huge thank you to our wonderful parent volunteers who generously gave their time to help run the BBQ, and to everyone from our school community who came along to enjoy a sausage in bread. Your support truly made the day such a success.

We would also like to sincerely thank everyone who donated products for the BBQ, helping us keep our costs low. A special thank you goes to our generous local business supporters:

- Bakers Delight Burwood One
- The Meat Inn Place Butchers Lilydale
- The Big Watermelon
- Bakers Delight Lilydale (Roney family)
- Peel Family

Your generosity is greatly appreciated and plays an important role in the success of our fundraising efforts.

All profits from our Bunnings BBQs go directly towards large-scale P&F projects that enhance our school environment and provide lasting benefits for our students. Thankyou once again to everyone who contributed in any way. Together, we achieved an outstanding result!

Nationally Consistent Collection of Data (NCCD) on School Students with Disability: Each year, our school participates in the Nationally Consistent Collection of Data (NCCD). The NCCD helps schools, education authorities and governments better understand the needs of students with disability and how they are supported to access and participate in learning on the same basis as their peers. The collection records the educational adjustments schools provide for eligible students. No personal information is shared, and all data is collected and reported in accordance with privacy requirements.

Other reminders:

- **Tuning in to kids** (6 week parenting program) starting tomorrow 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).

Please reach out if you have any questions or need support.

Ronnie Pritchard

Principal

DATES TO REMEMBER

Term 3

Term 3 begins – Monday 13th July

Dental Van Visit – Tues 4th July

Feast Day whole school Mass –
@ 11:35am

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





Gospel Matthew 14:22-33

Jesus made the disciples get into the boat and go on ahead to the other side while he would send the crowds away. After sending the crowds away he went up into the hills by himself to pray. When evening came, he was there alone, while the boat, by now far out on the lake, was battling with a heavy sea, for there was a head-wind. In the fourth watch of the night he went towards them, walking on the lake, and when the disciples saw him walking on the lake they were terrified. 'It is a ghost!' they said, and cried out in fear. But at once Jesus called out to them, saying, 'Courage! It is I! Do not be afraid.' It was Peter who answered, 'Lord,' he said 'if it is you, tell me to come to you across the water.' 'Come!' said Jesus. Then Peter got out of the boat and started walking towards Jesus across the water, but as soon as he felt the force of the wind, he took fright and began to sink. 'Lord! Save me!' he cried. Jesus put out his hand and held him. 'Man of little faith,' he said 'why did you doubt?' And as they got into the boat the wind dropped. The men in the boat bowed down before him and said, 'Truly you are the Son of God.'

We can have faith that Jesus will always be there to help us in difficult times. Write a prayer asking God to help you when things get tough.

Dear Lord,

_____ *Amen.*

Help Jesus find his way across the water and onto the boat.
Be sure to pick up St. Peter along the way!



WHAT'S ON THIS WEEK - Term 3/ Week 4

Mon 3 rd Aug	School begins @ 8.45am 100 Days of Prep
Tues 4 th Aug	Dental Van Visit
Wed 5 th Aug	Tuning In to Kids 1pm-3pm
Thurs 6 th Aug	5/6 Expo 9-10:15am Working Bee
Friday 7 th Aug	Whole School Assembly

WHAT'S ON NEXT TERM - Term 3/ Week 5

Mon 10 th Aug	School begins @ 8.45am
Tue 11 th Aug	3/4 level Ambulance visit Incursion 9am - 1:30pm
Wed 12 th Aug	Tuning In to Kids 1pm-3pm
Thurs 13 th Aug	Whole School Feast Day Mass @ 11:35
Fri 14 th Aug	Andrew Chin visit and Feast Day celebrations



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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 toolbox.

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.

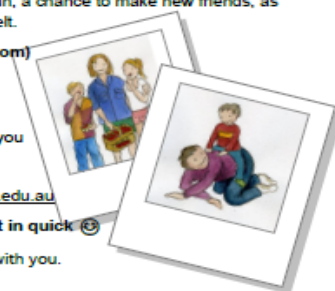
Email: kathryn.james@smmoutevelyn.catholic.edu.au

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)



St Mary's Mount Evelyn ROAD SAFETY & CARPARK

Working together to keep
our school community safe. ♥



We are very fortunate to have the bush track available for student drop-off and pick-up. We encourage all families to use this facility wherever possible.



IMPORTANT REMINDERS



- 1 PLEASE USE THE BUSH TRACK**
for drop-off and pick-up wherever possible.



- 2 IF YOU HAVE OLDER CHILDREN,**
please park in the designated car park, collect your child and leave promptly. This helps ensure parking spaces remain available for Prep families and those with younger children.



- 3 PLEASE DO NOT STOP, PARK OR DROP OFF**
on the nature strip at the front of the school. This is unsafe and obstructs the view of vehicles exiting the school grounds.



- 4 PLEASE DO NOT DROP OFF**
students at the roundabout.



- 5 PLEASE DRIVE SLOWLY AND CAREFULLY**
around the school at all times and be mindful of pedestrians.



Thank you for helping to
keep every member of our
school community safe. ♥



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**2026
Winery Tour
Saturday
29th August**

- 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)*

IMPORTANT LINKS

[Student Medical Authority Form](#)

[Fees and Levies](#)

[Uniform Policy](#)

[Unexplained Absences](#)

[Child Safety](#)

[Seesaw](#)

[Nforma](#)

[TheirCare](#)



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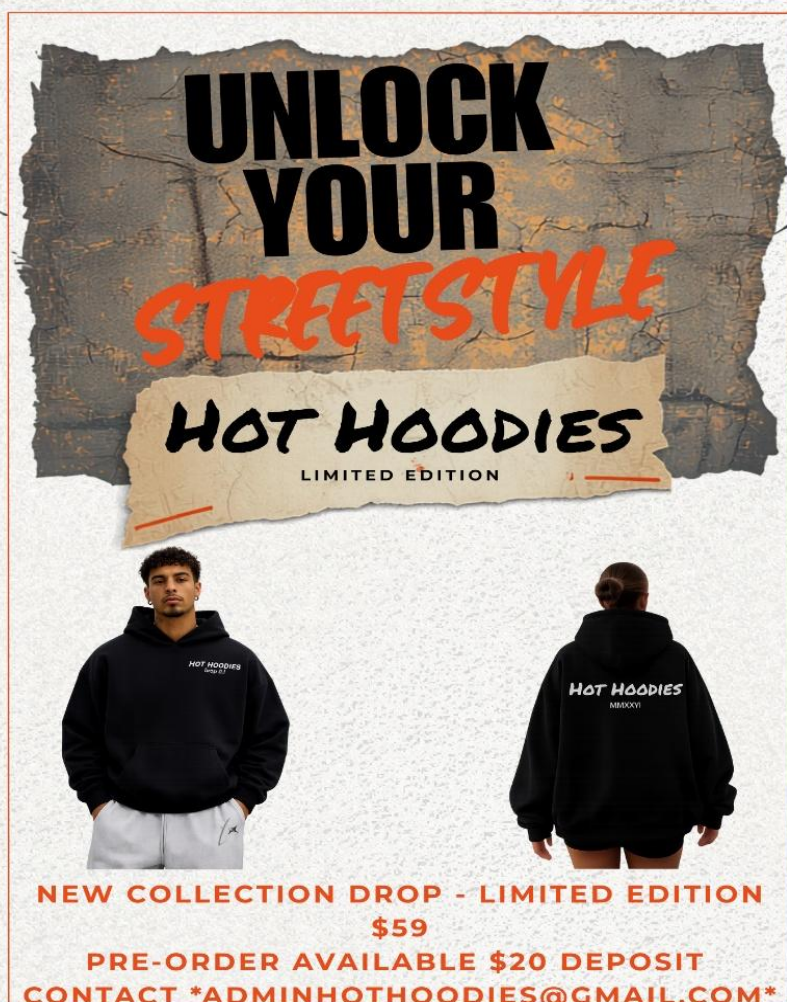
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[CDF pay App \(via Flexischools\)](#)

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.

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