



ST MARY'S NEWSLETTER

This Week's News!

Dear Parents and Carers,

Remembering Louis – Thursday 17 September 2026

On **Thursday 17 September** (the last day of Term 3) St Mary's will come together to remember, honour and reflect on the life of our student and friend, Louis Gibson.

On 29 September 2024, during the school holidays, Louis, who was in Grade 3, suffered a serious asthma attack and tragically passed away.

Our St Mary's community remembers the joy, curiosity, fun and cheekiness Louis brought into our lives, as well as his love of the great outdoors and adventure.

Students are encouraged to wear "cammo" to school on Louis' remembrance day — either camouflage-print clothing or clothing in shades of green, black or brown - as that's what Louis loved wearing.

Students can bring a feather to place in the pot beside Louis' seat and soccer pitch as a gesture of remembrance. Students are also welcome to **bring a gold coin donation on the day**, with all donations going towards supporting Asthma Australia.

If families would like to contribute further, donations can be made to Asthma Australia through this link Louis' family has set up :

In Memory of Louis Gibson

<https://fundraise.asthma.org.au/fundraiser/lizgibson/in-memory-of-louis-gibson>

There will be a **special remembrance ceremony during assembly at 2.30pm on the day**.

We look forward to coming together as a community to remember Louis, celebrate the wonderful person he was, and keep his memory close to our hearts.

St Mary's Feast Day:

We had a wonderful Festival Day last week, beginning with our whole-school Mass on Thursday. On Friday, the children enjoyed an exciting Andrew Chinn workshop, which culminated in a joyful whole-school concert in the afternoon. Throughout the day, the children also took part in a range of wonderful Festival Day art and craft activities. They thoroughly enjoyed being creative, celebrating together, and, of course, sharing a delicious cupcake to mark the occasion. It was a fantastic celebration filled with music, prayer, creativity and community spirit.

Congratulations to Mrs Emma-Lee Collins on her appointment as Deputy Principal at St Mary's. We are delighted to see her take on this important leadership role and look forward to her continued leadership in Learning and Teaching, as well as the genuine care and commitment she brings to our St Mary's community. Please note that from Term 4, Mrs Collins will take up the role of full-time Deputy Principal. As part of this change, Mrs Lauren Kruse will move into a full-time classroom teaching position in 3/4C. We congratulate Mrs Collins on this well-deserved appointment and thank both Mrs Collins and Mrs Kruse for their ongoing dedication to our students and school community.

Other reminders:

- **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).
- **Father's Day Stall** – Wednesday 2nd September
- **Father's Day Picnic** – Friday 4th September 1.30-2.15pm

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

Principal, Ronnie Pritchard

DATES TO REMEMBER

Term 3

Book Week Parade – Wed Aug 26th @ 9am

Father's Day Stall – Wed 2nd Sept 8.50am -10.45am

Father's Day Picnic – Friday 4th September 1.30 - 2.15pm

School Production Yr 3-6
Change of Dates

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

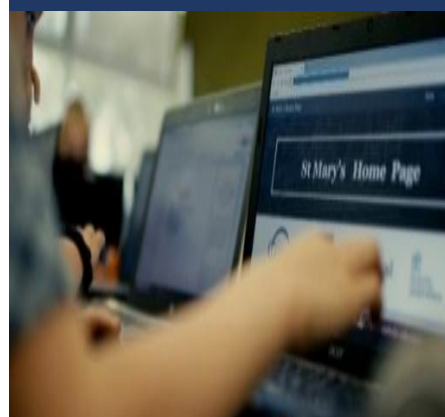
Last Day of Term 3
Thursday 17th Sept – Louis Gibson
Remembrance 'Cammo' Day

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





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REMEMBERING & HONOURING OUR FRIEND LOUIS GIBSON

ST MARY'S WELCOMES ALL STUDENTS TO WEAR
CAMOUFLAGUE CLOTHING OR (BROWN & GREEN) IN HONOUR OF
OUR BELOVED LOUIS.

A GOLD COIN DONATION WILL ALSO GO TO **ASTHMA AUSTRALIA**.
IN ADDITION, STUDENTS MAY BRING A **FEATHER** TO PLACE IN THE
TUB BESIDE LOUIS' SEAT AT THE SOCCER PITCH, AS A GESTURE OF
REMEMBRANCE.

If any families would like to
donate to Asthma Australia in
honour of Louis, please scan
QR code.




WHAT'S ON THIS WEEK - Term 3/ Week 6

Mon 17 th Aug	School begins @ 8.45am
Tues 18 th Aug	
Wed 19 th Aug	Prep Excursion to MoPA Tuning In to Kids 1pm-3pm
Thurs 20 th Aug	
Friday 21 st Aug	District Athletics Whole School Assembly @ 2.30pm

WHAT'S ON NEXT TERM - Term 3/ Week 7

Mon 24 th Aug	School begins @ 8.45am
Tue 25 th Aug	
Wed 26 th Aug	Book Week Parade @ 9am Tuning In to Kids 1pm-3pm
Thurs 27 th Aug	
Fri 28 th Aug	Whole School Assembly @ 2.30pm

FATHERS DAY PICNIC



Join us for
Assembly at
2.30pm in
the hall

Friday 4th of
September

1.30pm -
2.15pm

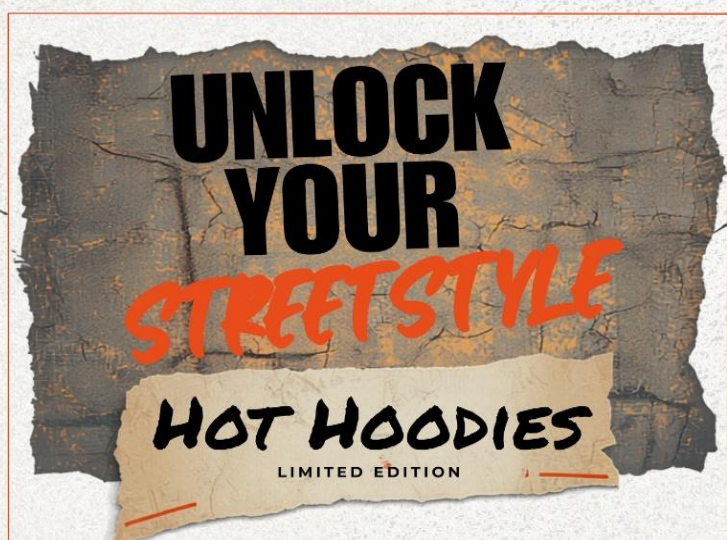
*SAVE THE
DATE!*



Father's Day Stall

Wednesday 2nd September
2026

Please send money and a bag
with your child on the day.



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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.

The advertisement for TheirCare features a group of children holding a large sign that says "TheirCare Where Kids love to be". The background is blue with white stars. The text "Exceptional Before & After School Care and amazing School Holiday programs!" is written in a curved path. At the bottom, it says "TheirCare provides inclusive, child-led, FUN outside school hours care" and "Click here for more information about registration, fees and bookings!". The TheirCare logo and website information are at the bottom.

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