



ST MARY'S NEWSLETTER

This Week's News!

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome Back to Term Four. I hope you all had a wonderful school holiday break, enjoying precious time with family and friends. It is wonderful to see our school once again filled with the energy and enthusiasm of our students as we begin the final chapter of the school year.

It is with great sadness that I share the news of Paul Dorian's passing last week. Paul attended St Mary's as a child and he has been a pivotal member of our St Mary's contributing so much in all aspects of school & community life, especially coaching many soccer teams. We keep Paul and his wife, Ilona and children, Josh, Emily & Sammy (5/6W) in your thoughts and prayers.

Footy colours day - Friday 9th October. Students can wear their favourite footy colours (AFL, Soccer, NRL), over their school uniform, add a jersey, scarf, or beanie and join in the fun! Footy clinics will be running at recess.

Louis Gibson Cammo day on the final day of Term 3, Thursday 17 September, our St Mary's community came together for a very special Louis Gibson Cammo Day, a day to honour, remember and celebrate our beautiful student and friend, Louis.

Our students and staff looked fantastic wearing cammo and the colours of nature in memory of Louis. The day included a terrific soccer match between our teachers and Grade 5 students, with our teachers taking out the win! We also gathered for a moving remembrance ceremony to reflect on Louis and the special place he holds in the hearts of our St Mary's community.

Louis' family generously donated a beautiful book, *The Memory Tree*, to our school library, providing a lasting and meaningful way for Louis' memory to continue to be part of our school. We are incredibly grateful for the generosity of our families, with \$511.40 raised through gold coin donations for Asthma Australia. Thank you to everyone who helped make this such a special and memorable day.

SunSmart Reminder. Term Four means hats are required for all outdoor activities. The past two days have been a 'grace period' to give families time to find or purchase hats. From tomorrow, hats are compulsory whenever students are outside. Thank you for your support in helping us keep our students SunSmart.

Summer Uniform This term, we will transition to the summer uniform over the next two weeks. As we all know, Melbourne's weather can be unpredictable, so if it is a particularly cold day, students are welcome to wear their winter uniform during this transition period. Please note that during these two weeks, students should wear either the full winter uniform or the full summer uniform - not a combination of the two. Thank you for your support and cooperation.

Cake Bake Fundraiser: Parents are warmly invited to join us for the Grade 6 Fundraiser Cake Bake Sale on Tuesday, 13 October, from 2.15pm. All funds raised will go towards supporting the Grade 6 Fun Day at Gumbuya World. We look forward to seeing you there and appreciate your support of our Grade 6 students! See flyer further in newsletter for more details.

Thank you, as always, for your ongoing partnership, support and dedication to our St Mary's school community. Let's work together to make this final term of the year inspiring, productive and memorable for every student at St Mary's.

Warm regards,

Ronnie Pritchard, Principal

DATES TO REMEMBER

Term 4

**Monday October 5 –
Term 1 begins**

**Friday 9th October –
Footy Colours Day**

**Wed 14th October -
Prep 2027 Information Session
A-K 3.30-4.30pm**

**Thurs 15th October –
Prep 2027 Information Session
L-Z 3.30-4.30pm**

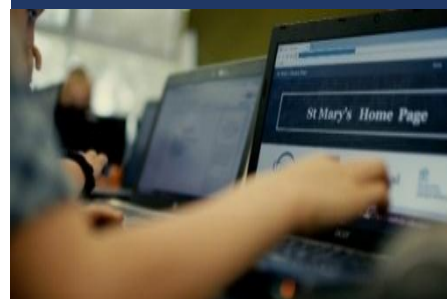
**Thursday October 29 - Junior
Showcase (Prep – 2)**

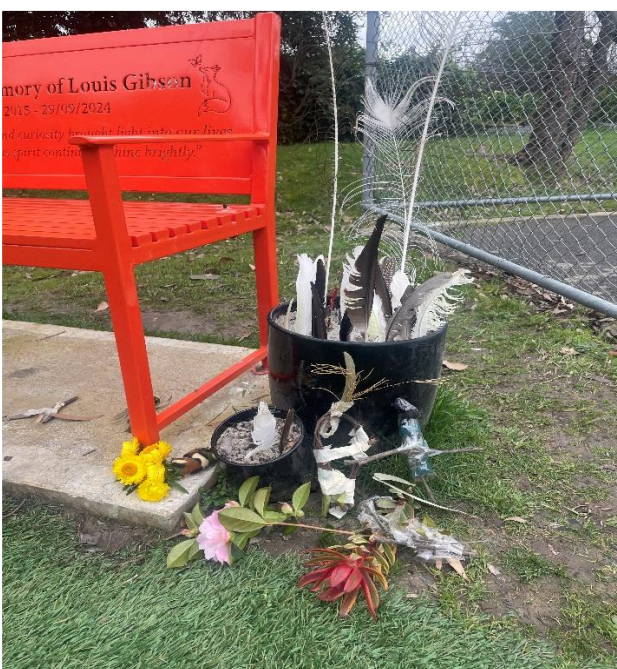
**Melbourne Cup Public Holiday
Tuesday 3rd Nov**

**Tuesday Dec 15th - Last Day for
students, 3:30pm finish**

School Closure Days 2026

Monday November 2nd



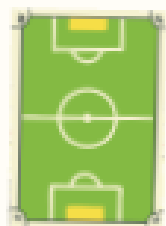


WHAT'S ON THIS WEEK - Term 4/ Week 1

Mon 5 th October	Welcome back Term 4 begins @ 8.45am
Tues 6 th October	District Basketball – selected students
Wed 7 th October	AGC Workshop 12:30-1:30pm
Thurs 8 th October	Opening of Bush Chapel @ 2.30pm
Friday 9 th October	Footy Colours Day Division Athletics – selected students

WHAT'S ON NEXT TERM - Term 4/ Week 2

Mon 12 th October	School Nurse Visit
Tue 13 th October	5/6 Bake Sale for all families (Parents only to attend the bake sale) 2.15 – 3.15pm
Wed 14 th October	School Nurse Visit Prep 2027 Information Session A-K 3.30-4.30pm
Thurs 15 th October	Prep 2027 Information Session L-Z 3.30-4.30pm
Friday 16 th October	Whole School Assembly @ 2.30pm

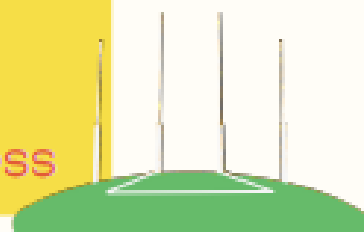


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ST MARY'S SCHOOL MT EVELYN
P-2 PERFORMING ARTS PRESENTS
BATTLE OF THE BANDS
EVERYONE IS INVITED!
Come see our superstars rock the stage!

DATE: THURSDAY 29TH OCTOBER
TIMES: 9 AM & 5 PM
VENUE: SCHOOL HALL

****PREP TO YEAR 2 STUDENTS:****
Please return to school at 4:45 PM for a 5 PM start time!



All families are invited to the Grade 6 Cake Bake Fundraiser 2026!



Where:

In the 5/6 classrooms



Price:

Prices start from \$5
Cash or Card

When:

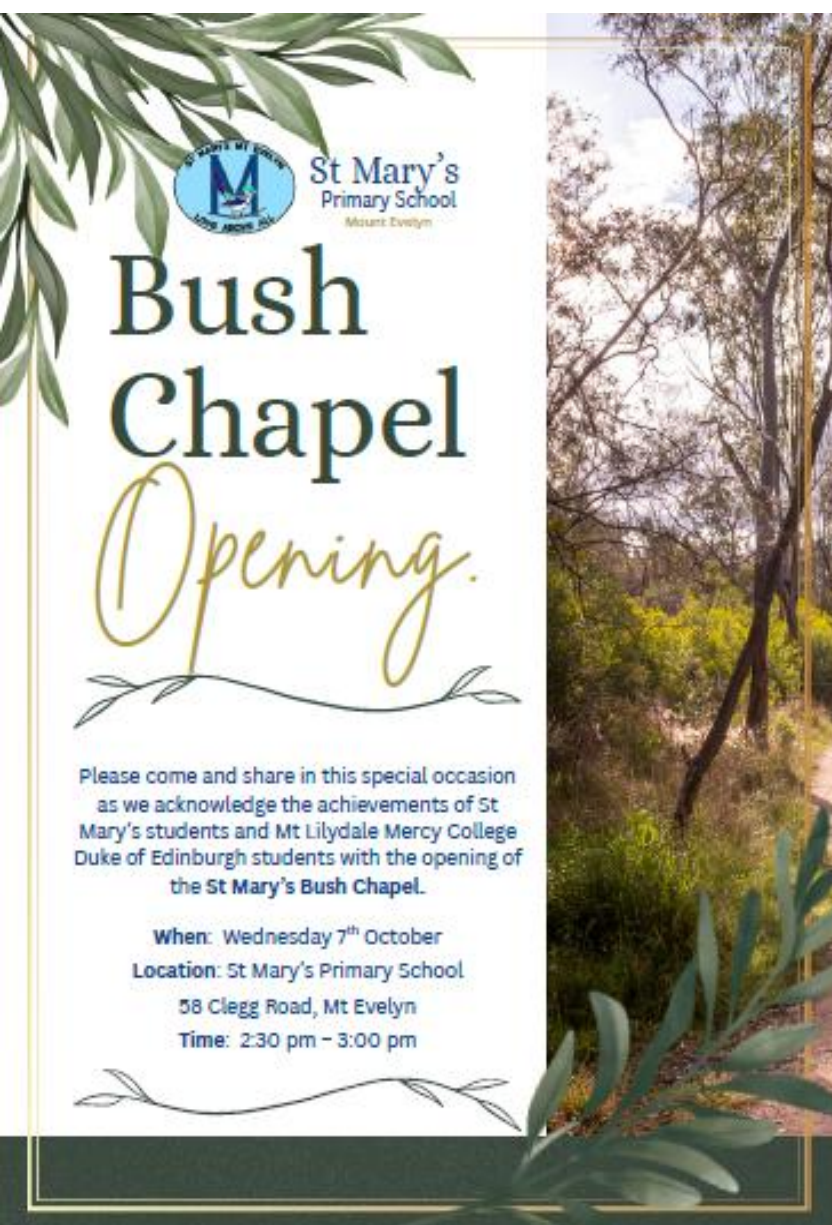
Tuesday 13th October
At 2:30pm



Cake Raffle
Kindly donated by 'Cakes by Rosa.'



Help the Grade 6's get to their Gumbuya World Funday



IMPORTANT LINKS

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