



ST MARY'S NEWSLETTER

This Week's News!

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope you had a relaxing weekend spending quality time with your family and friends, getting outside, exploring and being active. It's important to continually "fill your tank" so we are ready for the week ahead and ready to learn and give to others.

We are fortunate at St Mary's that we have an excellent staff including class teachers, specialist teachers, Educational Support Officers (ESO), office staff & leadership staff. This week I wanted to highlight our **St Mary's Wellbeing team** in particular, Mrs Helena Torbit, Wellbeing Leader, Mrs Kathryn James, Pastoral Care Co-ordinator & Ms Keira Harvey, ESO & Social skills counsellor. This team does an amazing job leading our staff, coordinating Wellbeing & Social Emotional Learning (SEL) programs and supporting small groups and individuals in their wellbeing, including times of grief, mental health or Social & emotional needs. As you know the first port of contact is your child's class teacher and we have a team of expert Wellbeing staff if people require extra support and care. Please reach out to your class teacher, a member of the wellbeing team or myself if you have any questions or require assistance.

St Mary's bush chapel: Last Wednesday was the official opening of the "Our lady of the Rosary Bush Chapel". A huge thank you to Mrs Kim-Maree Sunderland, St Mary's sustainability team,

Regional Athletics and Regional Basketball: Congratulations to all the students who competed at the Division athletics last Thursday. They were all amazing as always, giving their absolute best. A massive thank you to all our fantastic parents for supporting the program yet again. Sport wouldn't be possible without you all. A huge congratulations to the following kids progressing through to region on the 22nd of October. Alannah, Logon, Ocea, Darcy and Lara. Congratulations also goes to the Lenny, Cooper, Wade, Hayden, Logon, Kurtis and Owen who participated in the regional basketball completion last Tuesday. They did us proud.

Playground Trial

As part of their learning about government systems and how rules can be changed, our Grade 5/6 students have been developing proposals for our playground areas. I have read a number of their proposals, and it is important that we listen to and value student voice. After considering their ideas, we will trial a new approach this week. Our Preps will remain in their usual play area, while students in Grades 1–6 will have the opportunity to choose which playground area they would like to use.

We'll see how the trial goes and reflect on how well this change works. Let's give it a go! Please send any feedback to the 5/6 teachers or myself. Thank you

Savvy represents Team Victoria at the Australian Interscholar Championships We are so proud of Savvy, who represented Team Victoria under the St Mary's banner in the 50cm Combined Training class with her pony, Axel. Savvy rode one of her best dressage tests, followed by a beautiful clear show jumping round, finishing **7th overall and as the highest-placed Victorian rider in her section!** An incredible achievement! Even more amazing, Savvy fractured her wrist just weeks before the event, and her cast came off the day we left! Talk about timing! We are so proud of her determination, resilience and the way she represented Victoria and St Mary's. Well done, Savvy and Axel!

Louis The Victorian Fisheries Association along with Louis' family had organised for all the Grade 5 students to receive a free Little Angler Kit to encourage kids to try fishing in the holidays and they were handed out by the Gibson family on Louis' Cammo Day. We hope the Grade 5's enjoyed getting out in nature on the holidays and trying fishing for the first time or fine tuning their fishing skills. In addition, the Gibson family have offered a \$50 BCF prize voucher to the grade 5 student who uses their new fishing rod on a fishing adventure inspired by Louis, and then creates a poster about their adventure. Posters will be displayed at the office.

Louis family will judge the winner on Friday 30 October so there's still plenty of time to get fishing and adventuring, grade 5's! A photo of Louis fishing at Powlett River features on the current 2026 Victorian Junior Fisher Card and is available free to children under 18. Click on link below

<https://service.vic.gov.au/find-services/outdoor-and-recreation/buy-a-victorian-recreational-fishing-licence>

Have a fantastic week and please reach out if I can support you or your family in any way.
Warm regards,

Ronnie Pritchard, Principal ronnie.pritchard@smmountevelyn.catholic.edu.au

DATES TO REMEMBER

Term 4

**Monday October 5 –
Term 1 begins**

**Thurs 21st October – 5/6 level
MCG Excursion**

**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**

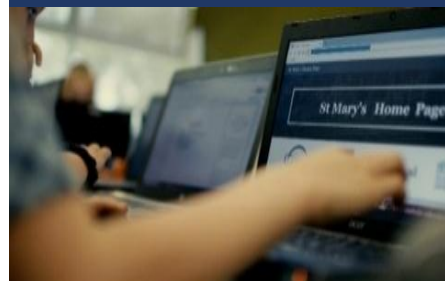
**Thurs 22nd Oct – Working Bee
9-11am**

**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 2

Mon 12 th October	School begins @ 8.45am
Tues 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 Oct	Whole School Assembly @ 2.30pm

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

Mon 19 th October	School begins @ 8.45am
Tue 20 th October	
Wed 21 st October	First Prep Orientation Session 9.15am-10.45am 5/6 level MCG Excursion
Thurs 22 nd October	Working Bee 9-11am
Friday 23 rd October	Whole School Assembly @ 2.30pm Grade 5 Hoop Time – Regional Final



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!




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