



ST MARY'S NEWSLETTER

This Week's News!

Dear Parents and Carers,

As the weather warms up, our school community is bursting with life and excitement. It has been lovely to see our students enjoying the clearer skies and longer days, filling the playground with bright smiles and enthusiasm. With the warmer weather well and truly here, a gentle reminder to ensure all students have their school hats, water bottles and sunscreen ready each day so they can play comfortably and safely.

5/6 Cake Bake Sale A huge thank you to all the families who supported our Grade 6 Cake Bake Fundraiser by generously baking, donating and purchasing delicious treats. Your support and generosity helped make the fundraiser a wonderful success. A special thank you to Rosa (Vali and Mila's Nonna) for donating the beautiful raffle cake, and to the Cincotta family for generously donating the strawberries. We are so grateful for the wonderful community spirit shown by our St Mary's families. Your contributions will help make the Grade 6 students' fun day at Gumbuya World a memorable one!

Socktober

(Crazy colourful sock day) is upon us! On Tuesday 27th Oct, we will celebrate by wearing crazy/colourful socks to school. Mini Vinnies will be speaking at assembly about this worthy cause, led by the student president Brayden M. This is a Catholic Mission fundraising event, for Mission Month. A gold coin donation would be most welcomed and would go to support the work of Catholic Mission. Check out the posters around the school.

A Huge Three Days for Harper and Thorwood Kings Gold! Harper and her pony, Thorwood Kings Gold, had an incredible three days of competition! Representing St Mary's in the Interschool classes, Harper achieved fantastic results, including 1st place in the Year 5/6 Interschool Rider, 3rd place in the Ridden Show Hunter Pony (12hh and under 13hh), and 4th place in the Interschool Led Show Hunter Pony. Harper's success continued with 1st place in the Working Hunter (not over 12.2hh) and Champion Ridden APSB Part Bred or APSB Riding Pony. Congratulations to Harper and Thorwood Kings Gold on these outstanding achievements!

Italian Day: Save the Date! Mark your calendars for **Wednesday, 18th November**, as we celebrate Italian Day at St Mary's! This special day celebrates the rich culture, traditions and delicious food of Italy. Baker's Delight mini pizzas can be ordered on the CDFpay App from today. Ordering will close at 4pm on Friday 13th November. More information on Italian Day will be shared shortly. We look forward to a wonderful day of Italian culture, food and fun!

Thank you, as always, for your ongoing partnership, support and dedication to our St Mary's school community. Please reach out if I can support you and your family in any way.

Warm regards,

Ronnie Pritchard

Principal

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DATES TO REMEMBER

Term 4

Thurs 21st October
5/6 MCG Excursion

Thurs 22nd Oct – Working Bee
9-11am

Tuesday 27th October –
Socker (crazy colourful sock Day)

Thursday October 29 - Junior
Showcase (Prep – 2)

Melbourne Cup Public Holiday
Tuesday 3rd Nov

Wed 18th Nov – Italian Day

Working Bee – Saturday 21st Nov
9am – 11am

Friday Nov 27th – Whole School
Colour Run

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 3

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

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

Mon 26 th October	School begins @ 8.45am
Tue 27 th October	
Wed 28 th October	Second Prep Orientation Session 9.15am-10.45am
Thurs 29 th October	
Friday 30 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!



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 Reach out. Give life.

Check out the posters around the school!

ITALIAN DAY 2026

St Mary's Mount Evelyn

WEDNESDAY 18th NOVEMBER 2026

Ciao a tutti!

On Wednesday the 18th of November we will have our annual St Mary's Italian Day where we celebrate the culture and traditions of Italy. We invite all students to dress in Italian themed clothing on the day. Parents, please join us for a 9am costume parade on the basketball court (weather permitting). The day is sure to be a wonderful experience of culinary delights and cultural fun. A huge thank you to our wonderful P&F who are kindly covering the cost of the Gelato Van and to the Clark family who are once again helping us with this.

Luigi Zucchini will present his incursion 'Spaghetti, Spaghetti', a highly engaging and interactive performance where the students are immersed in Italian language.

And.....don't forget to order your special Pizza lunch online through CDF Pay by selecting the Italian Day option.

I'm looking forward to seeing you all in your wonderful costumes on the day.

Ciao ragazzi!

Signora Campbell



ITALIA

ITALIAN DAY at St Mary's!

Wednesday 18th November 2026

Baker's Delight Pizza
\$5.80 each

Margherita, Hawaiian or BBQ Bonanza

Order online at CDFpay before 4.00pm Friday 13th November

Our very generous P & F are covering the cost of a Gelati for every student!



IMPORTANT LINKS

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Gospel

Mt 22:34-40

When the Pharisees heard that Jesus had silenced the Sadducees they got together and, to disconcert him, one of them put a question, 'Master, which is the greatest commandment of the law?' Jesus said, 'You must love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind. This is the greatest and the first commandment. The second resembles it: you must love your neighbour as yourself. On these two commandments hang the whole Law, and the Prophets also.'

♥ Show your love

I show love for God when I

I show love for others when I

Fill in the missing words to complete the story.

love
second
God
answered
yourself
teacher
heart
first
test
commandment

An expert in the Jewish law tried to ____ Jesus. He asked, "_____, what is the most important _____?"



Jesus _____: "Love the Lord your _____ with all your _____, soul and mind." This is the _____ and most important commandment. The _____ is like it: "_____ your neighbour as much as you love _____."



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