



St. Mary's Primary School Newsletter

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School Notices

Yard Supervision:

Morning: 8:30 - 8:55am
Afternoon: 3:20 - 3:35pm

Bell Times:

School Begins 8:55am
Recess: 11:10-11:30am
Lunch: 1:30 - 2:20pm
Finish: 3:20pm

Student Absences:

Please phone the office by 9:00am if your child will not be at school on 57 521808.

Or mark absence on PAM.



TERM 3

21st July 2025
19th September 2025

TERM 4

6th October 2025
16th December 2025
Students Last Day
19th December 2025
Staff Last Day

MASS TIMES

Myrtleford

Saturday @ 6:00pm
Sunday @ 9.00am

Bright

Sunday @ 11:00am

St Patricks Whorouly

Last Sunday of the Month @ 5:00pm



Click on the link

PRINCIPAL MESSAGE

This week the St Mary's and Marian staff and parish communities came together to share in learning at the Catholic Education Sandhurst Spirituality Day. It was wonderful to join in prayer and reflection and listen to amazing theologians presenting on the theme of 'Pilgrims of Hope'. Fr Tony also provided some profound insights to support our spiritual growth. Such days provide opportunities to strengthen our school and parish connection.

I had the absolute pleasure of dressing up on Monday to celebrate the Foundation students 100th day at St Mary's school. The students pulled out the walking sticks and found their glasses to embrace the '100' theme. Ms Frost organised a magnificent 100 Day celebration cake for morning tea which was enjoyed by the Foundation students and their Year 6 buddies. It was great to see our Foundation students make the front page of the local newspaper.

Next Wednesday we will be celebrating our Feast Day of the Assumption of our Lady with Marian College and the St Mary's Parish. This is a deeply significant celebration for St Mary's School, as we honour our belief that Mary was taken body and soul into heaven, reflecting the school's devotion to her as its patron. It serves as a powerful reminder to students and staff of Mary's faith, purity, and role as a spiritual mother, inspiring the school community to live with grace and hope. We will be joining our schools together at Mass and then will listening to the musical performance of *Tella Scuola- Musica*, before sharing a pasta and gelato lunch.

God bless,
Andrea

PARENT TEACHER INTERVIEWS- TUESDAY 19TH - WEDNESDAY 20TH

We invite you to our midyear (Term 2, 2025) Parent-Teacher Interviews scheduled to take place on August 19th & 20th. Bookings can be made via PAM (Parent Access Module). Each meeting will last approximately 10 minutes and will run from 2:30 to 6:00pm. Please note 2 KM/NR will have a slightly different schedule so you can meet with both teachers at the same time on Wednesday.

CESSSES SURVEYS: PARENT ENGAGEMENT

Next week, 80 families will be receiving emails inviting them to complete the CESSSES Parental Engagement Survey. Completing the survey is vital as it provides valuable insights into the St Mary's family school experience and how they perceive the school supports the needs of their children. The anonymous survey data will help to inform school improvement and to develop strategies to better meet community needs.

CYBERSAFE WORKSHOPS

On Wednesday the 28th and 29th of August, e-safety expert Hayley MacDonald will be facilitating workshops for our students and parents. The **parent workshop will be held at school on Thursday the 28th of August at 5:30pm**. I would encourage all parents attend to ensure our students are safe online at school and home. Further information promoting the workshop will be circulated in the coming weeks. To register please [Click here](#).

St Mary's Primary is committed to students experiencing a sense of inclusion that is respectful of their giftedness, abilities, culture and contexts. Our student's experience learning and teaching in a child safe environment that is engaging and liberating.

SIGNING YOUR CHILD IN & OUT & LATE TO SCHOOL PROCESS

All Children who arrive at school after 8:55am or leave school before 3:20pm MUST be signed in/out at the office. If for any reason, you need to take your child out of school during school hours, please come to the office to sign your child out.

STUDENT ABSENCES

If your child is absent from school for any reason, it is vital that you notify the school prior to 9am, giving the reason for the absence (e.g. If your child is sick, attending an appointment, family holiday etc). This can be done via a few ways:

- Mark absence on PAM.
- Send a note with your child on their return to school, or beforehand if you know in advance
- School answering machine is on out of hours, so you can leave a message on 57521808

Why attendance matters

When your child misses school they miss important opportunities to:

- Learn
- Make friends
- Build skills through fun

Days missed = years lost

A day here and there doesn't seem like much, but...

When your child misses just... they miss weeks per year and years over their school life

1 day per fortnight = 4 weeks = Over 1 year missed

1 day per week = 8 weeks = Over 2.5 years missed

SCHOOL NEWS

SIMON EVERYWHERE APP

In response to the St Mary's Communication survey and the recent pilot of the SIMON Everywhere app, we will commence the integration of this app from the beginning of Term 3. The app allows access directly to PAM via your mobile device, allowing the reporting of student absences, access to student assessment, medical and travel information.

The school will communicate notifications that were previously communicated via Teams App through SIMON Everywhere from the beginning of Term 3. Instructions on how to download the app are attached at the back of this newsletter.

If you require additional support, please don't hesitate to contact the school office.

DATES TO REMEMBER

AUGUST	
Monday 18 th	Day 5 Ski Program
Tuesday 19 th	Parent Teacher Interviews 2:30pm - 6pm
Wednesday 20 th	Parent Teacher Interviews 2:30pm - 6pm
Thursday 21 st	Book Week Dress Up Parade 9am Under the basketball court
Monday 25 th	Assembly at EMPAC 2:30pm
Monday 25 th	Dr Horvath Parent Information (Surviving Study – Understanding the three keys to learning and memory)
SEPTEMBER	
Monday 8 th	Assembly at EMPAC 2:30pm
Wednesday 10 th	St Mary's Athletics Day – Marian College Oval
Friday 19 th	End Of Term 2:20pm Finish

LIBRARY NEWS

BOOK WEEK DRESS UP PARADE THURSDAY 21ST AUGUST - "BOOK AN ADVENTURE"

We will be holding our Book Week Dress Up Parade next Thursday 21st August at 9am under the basketball court. Come dressed in your favourite Book character. All families welcome to come along.



BOOK FAIR

Thank you to all the families who supported the Book Fair. It was a huge success. The school made \$907.00. This money will go towards purchasing new books for the library.





FOOTY COLOURS DAY

Congratulations to our students for achieving their positive behaviour points reward!

We will celebrate on Tuesday, 19 August with a hot dog lunch and after lunch footy fun during parent-teacher interviews.

Each student will receive one hot dog each if they wish.

MUSIC NEWS

On Wednesday the 6th August the St Mary's Choir attended the Albury Wodonga Eisteddfod. The choir sang beautifully and received amazing feedback from the audience and the adjudicator. They performed an unaccompanied African Lullaby called Allunde and a song from Seussical the Musical, Alone in the Universe.

We were awarded a highly commended and the comments from the adjudicator commended the beautiful voices and performance technique of the choir.

It was a very long session with many fabulous choirs that we were privileged to see perform with students from Foundation through to Year 12.

Our category included nine school choir ranging from 17 students through to 65 students.

I am so proud of all the students and the hard work that they have put into this performance. Congratulations to all students.

Mrs Campbell



STAFF PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT DAY - WEDNESDAY 13TH AUGUST

The staff from St Mary's, Marian College, Father Tony and parishioners joined the whole of the Sandhurst Diocese in a professional development day on Spirituality. This incorporates thousands of staff and was an amazing learning experience for all.

Father Jake Mudge taught us what a true pilgrim is, the meaning and symbols of pilgrimage throughout the ages and developed ideas for our own pilgrimages.



We then went to chosen workshops of mystics- people like St Francis of Assisi and Mother Teresa who have such a deep abiding love for God and truly do God's work, usually with great personal sacrifice.

After the various workshops, we came together as a staff and explored what really spoke to us and how we will action our new learning, personally and professionally.



THE MASS FOR THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

The feast day for the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary is Friday August 15th.

St Mary's Primary and Marian College will be coming together to celebrate this important feast day for our Patron Saint, Mary Mother of God on Wednesday August 20th at 9:15am. All families are welcome to attend.



ITALIAN PERFORMANCE AND LUNCH

Many years ago now St Mary's and Marian College secured funding to host Italian performances and celebrate Italian lifestyle through food. Due to this, the students will once again celebrate with great performances and great food.

At 12:00pm the students and staff will attend a performance 'STELLA SCOULA- Musica Maestro!' Which is a celebration of Italian Music.

At 1:15pm- St Mary's students will be served a pasta lunch cooked by the parish Ladies and then they will have a small desert as well.

We are collecting of Non-Perishables For The St Vincent De Paul Winter Appeal

From Monday August 18th - Monday September 1st

Please send in donations in to your child's classroom.

Non-perishable food items are: canned soups, canned food items, powdered milk, rice, honey, long life milk etc. Any foods that do not need refrigeration and have a long shelf life.

All donations are greatly appreciated.




ST MARY'S SCHOOL 'SPRING FLING COMMUNITY' FETE NEWS



The Fete committee met last Wednesday, and the fete planning is underway!!

DUE TO CLASHES OF DATES THE FETE'S DATE IS NOW FRIDAY NOVEMBER 21st from 2:30pm - 6:30pm (PRESENTATION DAY)


Our fete is a combined effort between St Mary's School, St Mary's Parish, and the Myrtleford Community. Our vision is to see everyone come together as one community to raise money for a great cause. Replacement of the Parish Hall floor!!



St. Mary's School Firewood Raffle

ALL FUNDS RAISED WILL GO TOWARDS MONEY RAISED TO REPLACE THE ST MARY'S PARISH HALL FLOOR.

\$5.00 per ticket
Drawn Friday 5th September
 Please return tickets and money to the
 St Mary's School Office by Wednesday September 3rd.



THE ST MARY'S WOOD RAFFLE

This raffle is the first stage of raising money for the St Mary's Parish Hall floor replacement. Our school was established through the St Mary's Parish and was built on the parish lands. We are raising money through this wood raffle and our 'Spring Fling Community Fete' for the parish hall floor.

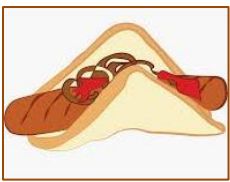
HVP has generously donated 3 cubic m of mixed hardwood and the Chirgwin Family have kindly donated 3 bags of kindling for the raffle. Tickets are \$5.00 each

Please support this amazing raffle to warm your home and to warm our hearts.

We have representatives from the St Mary's staff, Parish, and St Mary's Parents/Grandparents on the committee. We would dearly love to have more parent/grandparent representatives on the committee.



We have many stalls or activities that we need people to help run. We are asking for volunteers to run a particular stall/activity.



- Lucky Dip- Organiser/ coordinator needed.
- Dunk Tank- Organiser/ coordinator needed.
- Mystery Bottles- Organiser/ coordinator needed.
- Footy handball competition- Organiser/ coordinator needed.
- Gumbot toss/ chuck the chicken- Organiser/ coordinator needed.
- Plant Stall- Organiser/ coordinator needed.
- Local produce stall- Organiser/ coordinator needed.
- Flower stall with donated flowers- Organiser/ coordinator needed.

- Drinks and hot chips stall- Organiser/ coordinator needed.
- BBQ- selling sausages- Organiser/ coordinator needed.

If you can help with any of these stalls/activities, please email Jo Bennett at:

jbennett@smyrtleford.catholic.edu.au

If anyone is involved with a community group that would like to help or contribute in some way, we would love to hear from you.

Thank you,
Have a wonderful week.
Jo Bennett

JUNIOR NEWS

FOUNDATION

The foundation students celebrated 100 days of school on Monday. They did activities that involved counting 100 things and making craft that represented the 100 days of school.





100 Days of School

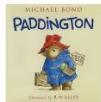


RELIGION

In Religion we have been learning about the Bible. Students have been making connections between their favourite story and the stories in the Bible. We have had discussions about why our stories are special to us and how we take care of these special books.



MY FAVOURITE BOOK...



Mum reads this book at night in bed to me. The book was a gift from Aunt Chris. I love the adventures and misadventures of Paddington.

MY FAVOURITE BOOK...



The book is special to me because my dad reads to me every night and I get learn about God and Jesus.



MY FAVOURITE BOOK...



This book is special to me because it has my family in it. We bought it for Daddy while he was working away a lot.

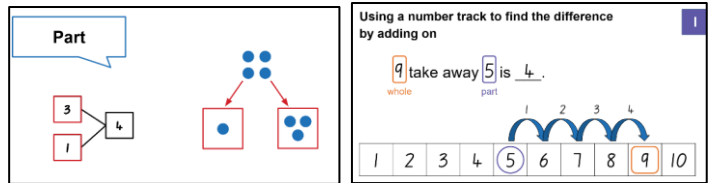
INQUIRY

In Inquiry we are learning about history. Students have been working on family trees at home and presenting them in prayer time during the morning session. We have been learning about different cultures and the special names we each have for our family members.



MATHS

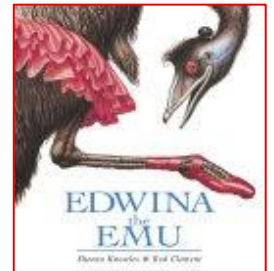
In Maths we have been using counters to show our understanding of a 'whole' number, 'parts' of the whole number and addition and subtraction. Students have used this knowledge to transfer onto a number track (or number line) and use the jump strategy to find the answers to their sums.



LITERACY

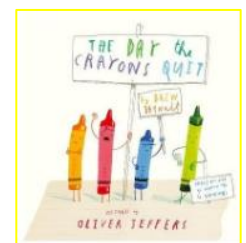
In Storybook lessons we have been reading 'Edwina the Emu' and students did a craft portrait of Edwina.

Students have begun reading and writing full sentences now, and can identify whether a capital letter or full stop is required in the text. Each day, students read five sentences with a partner and for writing, one of the sentences is dictated to them and they practise on their whiteboards before writing on the coloured dotted thirds paper. It is quite impressive!



YEAR 1 - LITERACY

In our morning block we have focused on phonemes (the small sounds in words) and graphemes (the written letters that represent those sounds). We have also studied the digraphs that make the 'ow' sound - 'ow' as in cow and 'ou' cloud. On Thursday we started to investigate the suffix 'ed' which turns words into past tense. We have enjoyed reading the book 'The day the crayons quit' by Drew Daywalt. We have answered comprehension questions on the text and are studying the vocabulary used.



MATHS

In Mathematics, we have just finished our unit of work on the measurement of length using informal units. We have just started to work on patterns and repeating patterns of objects and numbers, which includes skip counting.

LETI

The students have been looking at the changes within families over time, they were particularly surprised to see that many families had a large number of children. They have also investigated the changes in cameras throughout history.

The students have just finished our 'WOW' days which included knowledge building. This week is the first week to begin to respond to the learning outcomes and they are very excited to begin creating.

Home reading: This is just a reminder that the students need to keep up with their nightly reading at home and to fill in their reading diary each time they read. The students are asked to bring this in each day, and I will be checking them all on a Thursday morning.

** Don't forget that Tuesday is our Library Day and all library books need to be returned on this day, so the students can borrow new books to explore.

YEAR 2 - LITERACY

Our focus text for Year 2 has been a bit of a change of pace. We are now looking at poetry and our focus poem has been Hist! By C.J.Dennis. It's been interesting to explore how poems use certain words to create imagery and emotion.

We have also been looking at Verbs in the Past, Present and Future tense.

We have explored how the 'ed' can change a word into the past and that some words turn into completely different words when they are used in the past tense.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

In Religious Education, we have continued to explore Jesus's bible stories.

We have focused on 'The Good Shepherd' through Godly Play and then completed our own responses to the story.

MATHEMATICS

Our work on Multiplication and Division has continued with our work on arrays. It is important for students to have a good grasp of these concepts with concrete materials and strategies before they rote learn their tables.

We have also been working further on our Polygons, this week we looked at manipulating shapes (cutting or joining) to create new shapes. We explored the Tangram puzzle, we have to reconstruct it and then create own picture using the shapes.

INQUIRY/LETI

Everyone is enthusiastically getting involved in our Inquiry and LETI topic 'My Stories, Your Stories, Our Stories'.

Some students have been bringing in more artefacts or pictures from the past for us to look at, and there is still more to come!!

We continue to encourage the students to bring in any artefacts, pictures, stories or information about their history from home. This will also help with their investigation work in LETI.

This unit is a great opportunity to have discussions with parents, grandparents and great grandparents and share our stories.

Home Reading – Week Four and all students should be regularly changing their readers in the morning before school and reading to the teacher on their assigned check in day (ideally before school from 8:30am when the classroom is open). Take home reading books should be at school everyday, particularly on Fridays.

Have a fantastic weekend,
Carolyn, Jo, Kelly, Nicole, Anna, and Sonia.



MIDDLE NEWS

STAFF SPIRITUALITY DAY

On Wednesday, we gathered to take part in a Spirituality Day with the staff from Marian College, Fr Tony and some parish members in the beautiful Wellbeing Centre at Marian. This day was part of a whole Sandhurst Diocese gathering and we were welcomed with an inspiring keynote address by Reverend Dr Jake Mudge.

BOOK WEEK

August is always a very exciting time with our annual Scholastic Book Fair and the Book Week activities happening next week. We have heard the children talking about their Book Week costumes and can't wait to see them next Thursday.

Of the Shortlisted books, we have chosen the following books to use as our class focus books and are getting our displays ready to share with the other classes during Book Week.

Year 3:

These Long Loved Things by Josh Pyke and illustrated by Ronojoy Ghosh.

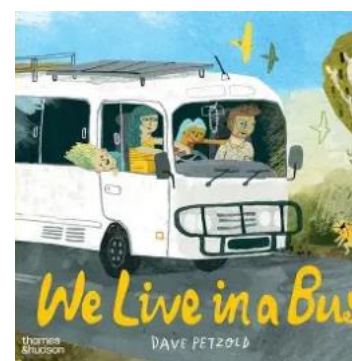
Where do they go, these long-loved things? These stories told, these songs we sing? Once a memory is made, it remains. Even when it is forgotten. From the creators of Family Tree, comes this moving story of love, loss and the power of shared memories.



Year 4:

We Live in a Bus by David Petzold

We live in a bus. She's called Gracie Joy Rufus Bean (we couldn't agree on a name). Gracie Joy Rufus Bean has six wheels and a door that opens when you push a button, tic-shhh! Join one family as they enjoy life on the road - camping under the stars, listening to nature, and making new friends along the way.



MLC CAMP IN TERM 4

We are busy finalising the MLC overnight camp to Beechworth, happening on Thursday, November 6th and Friday November 7th. We will send out more details in the coming weeks. This is always a very exciting time and for some children it is the first time being away from parents for the night. We will be staying at the Old Priory, Beechworth.

Have a great weekend,
Julie and April

SENIOR NEWS

Welcome back Mr Davis and we are very appreciative of the work that Mrs Luck put into both art and Friday's timetable.

Term 4 Dates:

August

Monday 18th - Ski program

Monday 18th - 22nd Book Week

Thursday 21st - Dress Up Book Parade

Tuesday 19th & Wednesday 20th - Parent teacher interviews

Thursday 28th - Hayley McDonald parent information session – e-safety

Friday 29th - e-safety with SLC students

September

Wednesday 10th - Athletics Day

YEAR 6 BABY PHOTOS

In readiness for Term 4 graduation, could Year 6 students please email me a baby photo and a first day of school or kinder photo (about age 4 or 5) for our presentation at the end of year Mass.

MATHS

We have concluded our unit on fractions for this term, however this topic will be revisited in term 4. Currently we are working on angles and using protractors. This will be the focus for the next two weeks. Students are always encouraged to master their times tables and number facts.

MUSIC

Well done to our students who performed in the eisteddfod in Albury last week. They performed well against much larger schools. We are very proud of our students and their dedication to this school community opportunity.

LITERACY

THE GRANDEST BOOKSHOP IN THE WORLD - THE STORY SO FAR.....

The Grandest Bookshop in the World is lining up to be an absolute cliffhanger! Each chapter now sees our main characters involved in life and death magical challenges. We are working through the structure of a narrative, complex language features and new vocabulary.

When Pearl and Vally learnt that their dad had made a deal with the mysterious Obscurosmith to bring his dead daughter to life, the siblings hatched a plan. They have been swept into a dangerous game where their life, memories, and the bookshop are at stake. They must complete seven challenges by midnight to restore the shop and their father's health.

Claye Corcoran

In the book, The Grandest Bookshop In The World, we learn that the game of consequences will have seven challenges. If the Cole family does not win all seven challenges, the repercussions will be major. So far we have met three Cole family members, Pearl, Vally, and their father, Edward Cole. We are introduced to a sinister man dressed in black, the Obscurosmith. Edward is soon to play the 'Game of Consequences.' Pearl and Vally continue to solve the clues, and they learn that not only their father's soul may at be stake but also the fate of their memories and the bookshop. The first challenge begins with a riddle, the children realise it involves real magic. This isn't just a game anymore. This is serious!

So far the story has been excellent and is very interesting. We have met the Cole family and some other characters like the Obscurosmith. The two family members at the heart of the story are Vally and Pearl. The name 'Obscurosmith' was on a business card who goes by the name Magnus Maximillian. The family are magicians. Ruby is a family member passed away with scarlet fever 'a throat disease', the story revolves around Ruby's death.

Hunter Harris

At the start of the story, we meet Pearl and Vally who live in the Cole's book arcade. Edward Cole who owns the book arcade, met a mysterious man named Obscurosmith and ask Mr. Cole for his most valuable thing to offer in order to get his daughter Ruby, who had died, back. Things go wrong and he begins to become unwell. In order to help him, Vally and Pearl enter into a dangerous deal with the Obscurosmith in a game of 7 challenges. If they lose, they will face serious consequences, but Pearl and Vally are suspicious of Obscurosmith and feel uneasy about the games. The first game begins with Pearl and Vally having to find and solve riddles and the games involve real magic and tricks. Stange things start to happen to the arcade, and the building became dangerous.

Lachlan McDonald

THE GRANDEST BOOKSHOP IN THE WORLD, is an interesting book about Edward Cole's, wife and kids; Ivy, Pearl, Ruby, Vally, Eddie, and Linda. Sadly Ruby died of scarlet fever three years ago.

Cole made a bad deal with the Obscurosmith (Magnus Maximillian) in exchange for Ruby to be alive for Easter, but it went wrong! Ruby was only like a breathing doll, nothing like the real Ruby. Pearl and Vally have entered into a deal with the Obscurosmith wants to take over the arcade. This leads to a series of life-threatening challenges.

Harriet Earl

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JUNIOR REGISTRATION



COME & TRY DAY

SUNDAY 14/09/2025
● 3PM - 5PM

GREAT OPPORTUNITY TO

- HAVE A BAT, BOWL, AND FIELD
- MEET JUNIOR COACHES
- FIND OUT MORE INFO AROUND BLASTERS & JUNIOR PROGRAM
- AGES 5+
- FOLLOWED BY COMMUNITY DINNER AT THE SAVOY CLUB AT 6PM



FURTHER INFO EMAIL
OVUCC.MAIL@GMAIL.COM

WWW.OVUCC.COM.AU @ MEMORIAL PARK MYRTLEFORD



Ready to try something new?

Join Scouts

1st Myrtleford Scout Group is looking for young people to join their Group!

Scouting actively engages and supports young people aged 5-25 in their personal development, empowering them to make a positive contribution to society.

Our Section meeting nights are

Joys | ages 5-8 | Monday 4:30pm - 5:30pm
Cubs | ages 8-11 | Monday 5:30pm - 7pm
Scouts | ages 11-14 | Tuesday 6pm - 7:30pm
Venturers | ages 14-18 | Wednesday 6:30pm - 8pm

We meet at 183 Buffalo River Road, Myrtleford

For more information or to join, please email
gl.1stmyrtleford@scoutsvictoria.com.au



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Mountain View Children's Centre



**Best Start for a Bright Future
Early Years Information Night
Tuesday 26 August
6:00–7:00 PM**

Join us for an informative and supportive evening as kinder teachers and local primary schools come together to guide families through the transition to school.

SCHOOL READINESS



SKILLS

School Readiness Skills
Practical strategies and developmental milestones to help your child thrive as they begin formal education.

MAKE THE BEST DECISION FOR YOUR CHILD



Understand when your child is ready to start kindergarten and school—and how to make the best decision for your family

WHAT KINDER AND SCHOOL LOOKS LIKE



Get a clear picture of learning at each stage:

- Kinder: Play-based learning, social-emotional growth
- Prep/Foundation: Key learning areas and expectations

CHILD DEVELOPMENT INSIGHTS



Learn how developmental stages impact learning and school readiness.

Please RSVP to Mountain View by Tuesday 19 August