



# St. Mary's Primary School Newsletter

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Term: 2 - Week: 1

## 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 2**

20<sup>th</sup> April –  
26<sup>th</sup> June

### **TERM 3**

Monday 13<sup>th</sup> July-  
Friday 18<sup>th</sup> September

### **TERM 4**

6<sup>th</sup> October -  
19<sup>th</sup> December

### **MASS TIMES**

#### Myrtleford

Saturday @ 5:00pm

Sunday @ 9:00am

#### Bright

Sunday @ 11:00am

#### St Patricks Whorouly

Last Sunday of the

Month @ 6:00pm



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## PRINCIPAL MESSAGE

Welcome back to Term 2. I hope all families enjoyed a restful and joyful Easter break, with time to reconnect, recharge and celebrate the hope that Easter brings. It has been wonderful to see our students return to St Mary's with such enthusiasm, smiles and readiness to learn. Term 2 promises to be a rich time of growth, reflection and community connection.

We have many exciting events to look forward to **THIS TERM**, including Catholic Education Week, where we will celebrate learning, faith, and the strong partnerships we share with our families and parish community. During Myrtleford Wellbeing Week, alongside Marian CC and Myrtleford P-12, we will focus on nurturing the social, emotional and physical wellbeing of our students, highlighting the importance of balance, kindness and care for one another. We will also pause to acknowledge National Sorry Day, a meaningful time for reflection, understanding and commitment to healing and reconciliation with First Nations peoples. Additionally, students are preparing for the Whole School Cross Country, an event that celebrates perseverance, school spirit and resilience, while encouraging personal effort and mutual support.

This week's Gospel reminds us that Jesus calls us to walk in faith, to recognise His presence in our lives and to respond with love and trust. This message strongly reflects our school charism at St Mary's. Each day, our students are encouraged to live out their faith through kindness, service and respect—whether that is welcoming a classmate, trying their best in learning, or standing up for what is right. As a Mary-inspired community, we strive to follow her example of humility, compassion and openness to God's call.

As we move through Term 2 together, I encourage our students to continue being active learners and caring members of our school community. Thank you to our dedicated staff and supportive families for the vital role you play in the life of St Mary's. Together, we create a community where every child is known, loved and encouraged to shine.

I look forward to a fulfilling and faith-filled term ahead.

*Andrea O'Connor*

## 2027 FOUNDATION ENROLMENTS

For families who have children eligible for Foundation in 2027, we kindly ask that you contact the school office to register your interest. Early notification greatly assists us with future planning, including class structures, staffing, and resources, ensuring we can continue to provide high-quality learning experiences for all students.

**St Mary's will host an Open Morning on Friday 15<sup>th</sup> May at 10:00am**, and all families are warmly invited to attend. We encourage both current and prospective families to join us and to share this invitation with anyone considering St Mary's for their child's education.

## CESL CATHOLIC EDUCATION WEEK LEARNING WALK AND SHARED LUNCH

St Mary's families are warmly invited to join us for a whole-school Learning Walk and shared lunch to celebrate Catholic Education Week on Thursday May the 7<sup>th</sup>. This is a wonderful opportunity to engage with your child's learning, visit classrooms, and see firsthand the experiences that shape learning at St Mary's. The Learning Walk will commence at 12:30 pm, followed by a shared community lunch at 1:30 pm, where families can come together to connect and celebrate as a school community. We look forward to welcoming you and sharing this special time together.

*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.*

## ANZAC DAY

St Mary's PS have been invited by the Myrtleford RSL to commemorate ANZAC Day on Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> April at the 11am service. Student representatives will lay a wreath as mark of respect.

St Mary's will hold a liturgy ran by the SRC on Friday the 24<sup>th</sup> April at 2:30pm. Families are welcome to attend.

## SCHOOL NEWS

### DATES TO REMEMBER

#### APRIL

Friday 24 <sup>th</sup>	ANZAC Day Liturgy at School 2:30pm
Saturday 25 <sup>th</sup>	ANZAC Day Service 11am
Tuesday 28 <sup>th</sup>	Confirmation & Eucharist Parent information Evening 6:30pm Year 4 Room

#### MAY

Friday 1 <sup>st</sup>	Assembly 2:20pm Nagle Centre
Thursday 7 <sup>th</sup>	Whole School Learning Walk & Shared Lunch - 12:30pm
Friday 8 <sup>th</sup>	Mother's Day Breakfast 8:15am
Thursday 14 <sup>th</sup>	Cross Country 11:30 – 1:30pm
Friday 15 <sup>th</sup>	2027 Foundation Open Morning 10am
Friday 15 <sup>th</sup>	Assembly 2:20pm Nagle Centre
Tuesday 19 <sup>th</sup>	Year 5/6 Wellbeing Presentation EMPAC 2pm
Thursday 21 <sup>st</sup>	Wellbeing Day (PMP12 - & St Mary's Primary School)
Tuesday 26 <sup>th</sup>	National Sorry Day School Liturgy 10am
Wednesday 27 <sup>th</sup>	National Simultaneous Storytime "Luna Roo"
Friday 29 <sup>th</sup>	Assembly 2:20pm Nagle Centre

#### JUNE

Wednesday 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Division Cross Country Wangaratta
Friday 5 <sup>th</sup>	School Closure Day (Wellbeing: CESL)
Monday 8 <sup>th</sup>	Public Holiday
Thursday 11 <sup>th</sup>	School Closure Day
Friday 12 <sup>th</sup>	Regional Cross Country
Friday 12 <sup>th</sup>	Assembly 2:20pm Nagle Centre
Monday 15 <sup>th</sup>	St Mary's Performing Art Festival
Sunday 21 <sup>st</sup>	Confirmation & Eucharist Mass 9am
Monday 22 <sup>nd</sup>	Ovens & Mitta Division Winter Sports (Year 5/6)
Wednesday 24 <sup>th</sup>	Whole School End of Term Mass 11:30am
Thursday 25 <sup>th</sup>	School Reports Released via SIMON
Friday 26 <sup>th</sup>	Last Day Term 2

## JLC NEWS

### WELCOME BACK TO TERM 2

We hope all our students and families enjoyed a relaxing break and a wonderful holiday time away from routine and school. As the cooler Autumn days arrive, we are excited to welcome everyone back and begin Term 2 together. There is lots to look forward to, with many engaging learning experiences and activities planned for a busy and rewarding term ahead. We were very excited to see that we have had a visitor who delivered some yummy Easter eggs to our classroom while we were away!



### FOUNDATION

It has been wonderful to welcome all of our Foundation students back for the beginning of Term 2. The children have returned well and are settling back into the routines of school and learning. It sounds like many families enjoyed a lovely holiday break, and it has been pleasing to see the students ready to get back into the swing of things.

In Literacy, our focus is on revising letter and sound knowledge, practising letter formation, and continuing to build confidence when speaking and writing simple sentences. We are also encouraging the children to use what they know about sounds and letters when having a go at reading and writing.

In Maths, our focus is on helping students understand how numbers are made by breaking them into smaller parts. The children are working with numbers to 5 and 10, identifying parts and wholes, and using five-frames and ten-frames to represent their thinking. We are also building confidence in noticing and describing numbers in different ways.

A reminder that for Term 2, PE days are now Wednesday and Friday, so children will need to wear their sports uniform on both of these days.

We are looking forward to another busy and positive term of learning together. Thank you, as always, for your support at home.

## **YEAR 1 & YEAR 2**

In Religion, we will begin with our new topic, **Pentecost**. This is our belief that the Holy Spirit appeared to Jesus' friends, giving them courage and helping them share messages of love, kindness and hope. We also have our JLC Mass this term and will share the date with you as soon as it is confirmed.

Our **Maths** topic for the next two weeks is **Counting and Place Value**. Students are learning about reading and writing two-digit numbers and are strengthening their understanding of place value (tens and ones) and building on what they already know about smaller numbers.

Our **Inquiry** topic for this term is Health and **Wellbeing – Identity and Change**. Our Key Learning Outcomes are:

1. Our bodies grow and change over time
2. We can keep our bodies healthy in many ways
3. We can be healthy and active in our community.

In **Literacy**, we will continue with reading, writing, sentence structure, tricky words, vocabulary and of course...assessments to see the wonderful progress the students are making.

**MiniLit** – Last term we did extensive assessment to form our groups and begin the program. This term will be continuing the hard work.

Kind regards

Leigh, Sandra, Carolyn, Nicole, Anna and Julie

## **MLC NEWS**

### **YEAR 4**

In Literacy, the Year 4 students have started to read and complete a study on the book 'Uncle Xbox' written by Jared Thomas. 'A coming-of-age story for young gamers, that offers gentle insights into growing up, family and finding your place in a digital world. Or not.' Uncle Xbox blurb.

In Maths, the students have been finishing off our unit on elapsed time and are moving into the multiplication unit. We have also started a new unit in Religious Education called 'The Circle of Life' which parents received an email discussing the key points within the unit. So far, we had looked at how we are connected to those we love, no matter where they are.

### **VICTORIAN PREMIER'S READING CHALLENGE.**

I will be challenging the Year 4 students to try to complete the Victorian Premier's Reading Challenge for this year. I will send out further information regarding this next week.

### **TAKE-HOME READERS REMINDER**

Students are encouraged to read for approximately 15 minutes each night and record their reading in their log. Reading logs are to be submitted to me each Friday morning.

### **YEAR 3**

It has been a fantastic start to Term 2 in the Year 3 classroom, with students settling in quickly and engaging enthusiastically across all learning areas.

### **LITERACY**

Students have begun exploring our new class text Yarra and her Deadly Dog, Dingo, which provides a rich Indigenous perspective and has sparked some thoughtful discussions. We have been focusing on the use of adjectives to enhance our writing, and students will soon begin developing their own factual recounts, applying these skills to create more detailed and engaging pieces.

## NUMERACY

In Mathematics, we have launched into our unit on multiplication and division. Students are exploring arrays and using hands-on materials such as counters to build their understanding of how numbers can be grouped and represented in different ways.

## BLUEARTH (SPORT)

Students have enjoyed being active outdoors in the beautiful autumn weather, participating in a range of expansive games such as Narnia and Barry. These activities encourage teamwork, movement and strategic thinking. Ask your child to explain the rules of these games and what they are enjoying most!

## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

We have begun our new unit, The Circle of Life, where students will explore important themes such as grief, loss and suffering in an age-appropriate and supportive way, encouraging empathy and understanding.

## INQUIRY

Our new Inquiry unit focuses on Connection to Country. Students will be using the Inquisitive platform to explore how people understand, value and connect with the land, deepening their appreciation of different perspectives and cultures.

We are looking forward to a wonderful term ahead!

Have a fantastic week,  
Adam, Jo and Sonia

## SLC NEWS

Welcome back to Term 2 folks. We look forward to finishing off work from some curriculum areas from Term 1 and starting new ones. We would like to run a mini election in Week 2, rounding up our Civics and Citizenship unit. All parents, grandparents and school members are encouraged to head in and vote. Voting will open at 9:05 and close at 11:00. The students will decide the topic this week.

## ENGLISH

This term we will begin our new class text, **Waves** by Donna Rawlins. We will continue to focus on developing the structure of narrative writing, including the use of similes, conjunctions, and expanded sentences. Throughout the term, students will also continue visiting the library and are expected to read a personal novel as part of their home reading. In the second half of the term we will focus on poetry and the work of William Wordsworth, I Wandered Lonely As A Cloud.

## MATHS

In mathematics we will be working with area and perimeter, fractions, decimals and probability and of course the four operations; addition, subtraction, multiplication and division. If your child still struggles with their times tables, please continue to focus on this at home.

## RELIGION

This term we will finish off our Care Boxes including writing a letter to accompany them. I'm sure it will be a lovely gift for students affected to receive and realise that even though it has been months since the fires, people are still thinking about them.

## TIMETABLE CHANGES

We have had a couple of changes to our timetable this term. Specifically, we will be having Bluearth on a Tuesday afternoon. If all student's could wear their sports uniform on **Tuesdays**, Sport with Mrs Knoble will remain the same, 5/6 **Reynold-Smith on a Thursday** and 5/6 **Jackson/Ivone on Fridays**. Please see the timetable attached below and we have also sent home a small copy for the fridge.

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
8:55 - 9:00	Flag raising, roll, bus & prayer	roll, bus & prayer	roll, bus & prayer	roll, bus & prayer	roll, bus & prayer
9:00 - 9:15	Daily Review	Daily Review	Daily Review	Daily Review	PE
9:15 - 10:00	Literacy	Literacy	Literacy	Literacy	
10:00 - 11:00	Performing Arts	Literature	Literature	Literature	Literacy
11:00 - 11:15	RECESS	RECESS	RECESS	Duty - Oval	RECESS
11:15 - 11:30			Duty - Oval	RECESS	
11:30 - 12:30	Science	Maths	Maths	Maths	Literature
12:30 - 1:30	Literature	Inquiry	Inquiry	Religion	Maths
1:30 - 1:55	Duty - oval	LUNCH	LUNCH	LUNCH	LUNCH
1:55 - 2:20	LUNCH				
2:20 - 3:20	Maths	Bluearth	Religion	Italian	RRRR or Assembly
3:20 - 3:45	BUS DUTY		BUS DUTY		

Term 2 - 5/6 RRS					
	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
8:55 - 9:00	Roll, Bus, Prayer, Flag raising	Roll, Bus, Prayer	Roll, Bus, Prayer	Roll, Bus, Prayer	Roll, Bus, Prayer
9:00 - 10:00	Literacy	Literacy	Literacy	PE	Literacy
10:00 - 11:00	Science	Literature Study	Italian	Literacy	Literature Study
11:00-11:30	RECESS				
11:30-12:30	Performing Art	Mathematics	Mathematics	Mathematics	Mathematics
12:30-1:30	Literature Study	Inquiry	Literature Study	Literature Study	Religion & Library
1:30-2:20	LUNCH				
2:20 - 3:20	Mathematics	Bluearth	Religion	Inquiry	Assembly / RRRR

Have a great week,  
SLC Teachers

## SPECIALIST NEWS

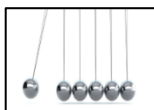
### VISUAL ARTS

Term 2 in Visual Arts is going to be an exciting, messy and highly creative journey. This term, students will explore the theme *Nature vs Manmade*, investigating the contrasts and connections between the natural world and human-made art. Drawing our inspiration from artists such as Paul Klee and Jean Dubuffet, students will experiment with imaginative techniques, bold textures and expressive art. Each week will be hands-on and allow our students to take creative risks and develop new skills along the way. We are set to have a vibrant term full of creativity and curiosity, exploration and artistic growth. We can't wait to see where their creativity leads!

In weeks 1-3 students will be working with clay. We have smocks in the Art Room, however if your child would prefer a large old shirt from home then they can bring that too.

Mrs Ivone

### SCIENCE



Term 2 is set to be an exciting and creative time in Science for our F-6 students at St Mary's PS. We will begin the term by continuing our focus on respectful and appropriate behaviours in a Science Room, where we have a lot of equipment and things going on which are different to a normal classroom. The students will discover different topics and exploring through doing via experiments and outdoor exploration. They will work on prediction, engaging in experiments and writing about the findings they discover. Over the term, students will collaborate, improvise, and develop a deeper understanding of the world around them while strengthening their cooperation, listening and reviewing skills.

Mrs Knobel

### PE



Welcome back to term 2. This term will have students being active in many ways using the basketball court and the oval for PE lessons. We will start preparing for the up and coming cross country event which is to be held on Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> May. Planning is well underway and we are looking forward to another House event. Thank you Mr Davis for your support in this.

PE classes will see all students working on cooperation, teamwork and respectful involvement in all activities. Foundation –Year 2 will continue to focus on Fundamental Motor Skills (FMS) which enables students to be more coordinated and in control of their body. This will then help them join into more complex games and activities as the year progresses.

The Year 3-6 classes will cover sports such as AFL, netball, basketball, T-ball and soccer. The emphasis is always on participation and improving the individual child's skill level at their pace. We will also focus on respectful behaviours in game settings and good sportsmanship.

Mrs Knobel

### Performing Arts

Term 2 is set to be an exciting and creative time in Performing Arts for our Year 3–6 students at St Mary's PS! We will begin the term by continuing our focus on drama, where students will explore character, movement, voice, and storytelling through a range of engaging and confidence-building activities. Over several weeks, students will collaborate, improvise, and develop short performances while strengthening their expressive and teamwork skills.

Later in the term, we will transition into music learning, giving students opportunities to explore rhythm, sound, and musical expression in fun and interactive ways. The highlight of the term will be Week 9, when students will showcase their learning at the St Mary's Performing Arts Festival, performing to our school community. We can't wait to see our students shine on stage and celebrate their creativity—please save the date! 🌟🎤

## CATHOLIC IDENTITY NEWS



### *Celebrating the 250th Anniversary of the Founding of the Presentation Sisters Congregation* **SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM FOR 2026**

This program is a Parish based program and anyone within the parish can participate. They do not need to attend St Mary's to participate and receive the Sacraments.

#### UPCOMING DATES

**Confirmation and First Eucharist Parent Information Evening:**  
Tuesday April 28<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm in the Year 4 room.

**Confirmation and First Eucharist Sacramental Mass:**  
Sunday June 21<sup>st</sup> at 9am St Mary's Church

Have a wonderful week,  
Jo Bennett (Catholic Identity Leader)



## PARENT'S & FRIENDS NEWS

**FRIDAYS ARE FOR PASTA!**

**Choices:**  
Bolognese (beef)  
Napoli (meat-free tomato)

**Sizes:**  
Small \$6 | Large \$8

**Pasta Combo Deals:**  
Small pasta, juice box, sweet treat \$10  
Large pasta, juice box, sweet treat \$12

**Juice Options:**  
Apple | Orange

Gluten free pasta and GF sweet treat also available

**To Order:**

1. Write your order on an envelope with your child's name & class on it.
2. Pop the exact money in the envelope.
3. Hand in to the office on Wednesday mornings by 9am.
- 4.

Alpine Gate will deliver the orders on Fridays at the beginning of lunch for your child to enjoy!

\*Sweet Treat will be a brownie or choc chip/smartie cookie

JOIN US FOR OUR  
**Mother's Day  
Breakfast & Raffle**

Friday 8<sup>th</sup> May 2026  
8:15am at school

Let's celebrate all the incredible Mums  
and Mother figures in our lives!

Tickets will be sold prior for \$2 each  
Raffle will be drawn at the breakfast

First Prize is a trailer of wood!

# PIE & LAMINGTON ORDERS - IMPORTANT DATES

ORDES NOW OPEN

Please ensure all orders and payments are submitted by **10<sup>th</sup> June online**, as late orders cannot be accepted. Items will be available for collection on **18<sup>th</sup> June**. Instructions on how to order and pay are on the bottom of the order form.

Thank you for supporting our school!

 <b>FAMILY OWNED BAKERY</b> 87 Standish Street Myrtleford	<b>Orders close</b> <b>Wednesday 10th June</b>							<b>Collection Day</b> <b>Thursday 18th June</b>											
	Family Pies							Pie Packs						Lamingtons				Total	
	Beef	Chicken	Steak Bacon & Cheese	Mushroom	Onion	Apple	Austrain Apple	Chicken 4pk	Beef 4pk	Pastie 4pk	Sausage Roll 6pk	Cauli, Broc 4pk	Curry Veg 4pk	1 Doz Lamington	1/2 Doz Lamington	1 Doz Jelly Cake	1/2 Doz Jelly Cake		
Name	\$17.00	\$18.00	\$18.00	\$18.00	\$18.00	\$15.50	\$15.50	\$23.00	\$21.00	\$20.50	\$26.00	\$26.00	\$26.00	\$13.00	\$7.00	\$13.00	\$7.00	Total	
<b>Total Sold</b>																			

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## How SchoolTV can support parents & carers



SchoolTV delivers the greatest impact when it is used consistently across the whole school community. This guide outlines how parents and carers can use SchoolTV in complementary ways to strengthen wellbeing practice, build shared understanding and support positive outcomes for students.

1

### **Access trusted guidance when it matters most**

Use SchoolTV when your school shares a topic to build your understanding of wellbeing, or when concerns arise about your child's wellbeing, offering timely, expert-led guidance you can trust.

2

### **Understand and respond to wellbeing needs early**

Learn to recognise early warning signs and emerging issues through clear, evidence-based guidance that supports early intervention and preventative approaches at home.

3

### **Build confidence supporting your child**

Use SchoolTV to better understand and navigate the challenges young people face today, and to foster constructive conversations with your child using practical, age-appropriate strategies.

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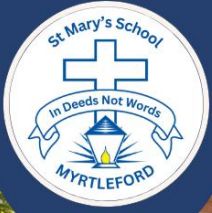
### **Make informed decisions and seek support sooner**

Access credible advice and guidance to understand next steps, explore support options, and make informed decisions for your child's wellbeing, helping to bridge the gap while families and students await professional support.

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### **Rely on one trusted, school-endorsed resource**

Use SchoolTV as a consistent, reliable platform recommended by your school, making it easy to share trusted information with other adult caregivers and reducing the need to search multiple online resources.



# ST. MARY'S 2027 ENROLMENTS

We invite all families with children beginning school in 2027 to join us for one of our Foundation Open Mornings and our Parent Information Night. During our Open Days, families and students will have an opportunity to tour classrooms, ask questions, and discover all that St. Mary's Primary School can offer your child and family. Our Parent Information Night will focus more on the *how* and *why* of our teaching model with time for more in-depth discussion.

- ✓ Tours - Thursday, 19th March 10-11am
- ✓ Tours - Friday, 15 May 10-11am
- ✓ Parent Info Night - Wed, 29 July 6pm
- ✓ Transition Days for enrolled students will begin in Term 4

**Every day is an Open Day at St. Mary's.**  
Please feel free to organise an individual visit at any time.



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