

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 2

Monday 15th April
Friday 28th June

Term 3

Monday 15th July
Friday 20th September

Term 4

Monday 7th October
Wednesday 18th Students Last Day
Friday 20th December
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



*Grant all servicepersons who sacrificed health and life for the good of all, the gift of your deep peace.
May we who inherit the freedom for which they fought become instruments of your peace in our homes, workplaces and world.
We ask this prayer through Christ our Lord.*

Dear Families,

After such a wonderful, relaxing Term 1 break it is a pleasure to welcome back our students to begin Term 2.

We have an upcoming professional development (**Pupil Free Day**) on **Friday 24th May** with the Wangaratta Unlocking 2030 Conference. The guest speaker, Selina Fisk, will speak about the management and response to collections of data. Teachers will have the opportunity to select from various workshops. We have also been asked to present in one of these workshops. Ashley Pasqualotto and Julie Humphreys will be joined by Kitty Hancock in sharing our school's learning journey and growth in results.

Hannah Walls has been appointed the Numeracy Leader for 2024-25. She will be a great asset to leadership in this area with her passion for Mathematics and eagerness to lead.

The Junior LETI Expo was a wonderful success on Friday with over 40 parents/family members in attendance. The children were articulate in their explanation of their maps and special places. A huge amount of work had gone into their constructions and explanations.

Mental Health Week (Week 1) included a talk to Year 5/6 students by Chelsea Frawley, the school community dressing with a dash of green for wellbeing; and participation in a combined St Mary's and Myrtleford P-12 Games Day for Foundation to Year 6. A very successful day to play together, build coping strategies and enjoy the sunshine.

We look forward to continued learning and activities throughout Term 2 with the approaching Cross Country, the viewing of the Marian College G.R.O.W. Production and Mothers' Day.

Kind Regards,
Trish

PUPIL FREE DAY'S FOR THE REST OF THE YEAR

Term 2

Thursday 25th April	Public Holiday
Friday 24 th May	Pupil Free Day (Staff PD Wangaratta)
Friday 7 th June	Pupil Free Day (Staff PD Catholic Identity)

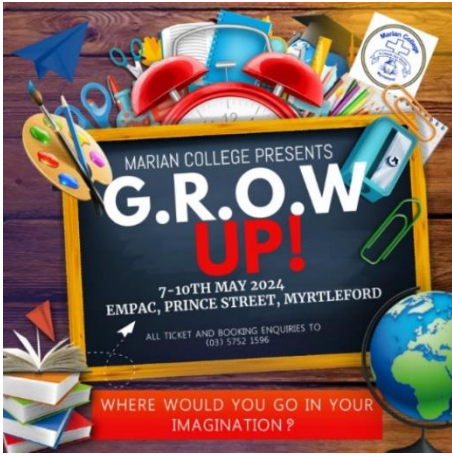
Term 3

Wednesday 28 th August	Pupil Free Day (Staff PD Data Analysis)
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Term 4

Monday 4 th November	Pupil Free Day (Report Writing Day)
Tuesday 5th November	Public Holiday (Melbourne Cup Day)
Thursday 19 th December	Pupil Free Day (Staff Planning Day 2025)
Friday 20 th December	Pupil Free Day (Staff Planning Day 2025)

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.



INFORMATION ON G.R.O.W. UP

Wednesday 8th May 11:30am - Years 5/6
 Thursday 10th May 1:30pm - Foundation - Year 4

G.R.O.W. UP!

This year the Year 3 students from St Mary’s Primary will be involved in the production!

The two performance times available are Thursday 9th May, 6:30pm - Opening Night and Friday 10th May, 6:30pm - Evening Show.

Tickets can be booked through the Marian College Office from this week. Prices are
 \$8 (All concessions)
 \$15 (Per Adult)
 \$40 (Family of 5)

SCHOOL ADVISORY COUNCIL MEMBERS

Welcome back to Term 2. Thank you all for your continued support for St Mary's through the School Advisory Council. As we did not receive any further Expressions of Interest or Nominations for the position of Chair our Chair for 2024/25 will be Genna Richter. Congratulations to you Genna - I know you will be a dedicated leader for this team and a continued member of our parent community!

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

SCHOOL NEWS



DATES TO REMEMBER

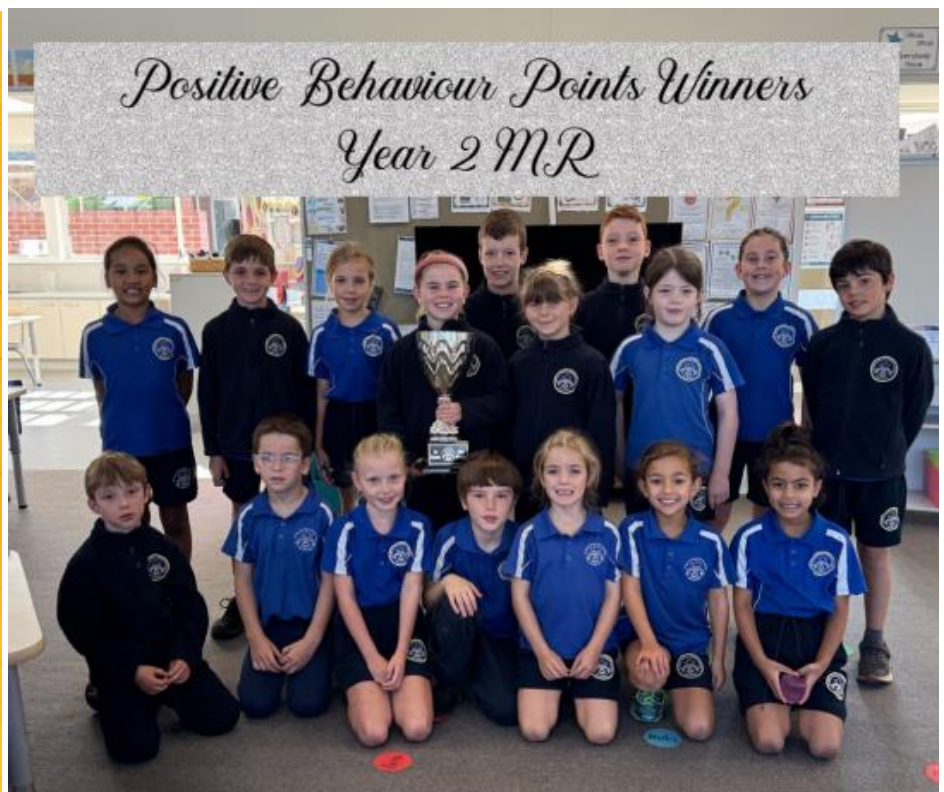
APRIL	
Wednesday 24 th	Reconciliation Parent Information Night 6:30pm
Thursday 25 th	ANZAC Day Public Holiday
MAY	
Thursday 2 nd	JLC Area Mass 9:15am
Monday 6 th	JLC Autum Walk 11:30am
Monday 6 th	Assembly EMPAC 2:30pm
Monday 13 th	Cross Country
Friday 17 th	MLC Area Mass 9:15am
Monday 20 th	Assembly 2:30pm EMPAC
Tuesday 21 st	Reconciliation Celebration 6:30 – 7:30pm
Friday 24 th	Pupil Free Day (Staff PD)
JUNE	
Monday 3 rd	Assembly 2:30pm EMPAC
Wednesday 5 th	Cross Country O & M Division Wangaratta
Friday 7 th	Pupil Free Day (Staff Catholic Identity PD)
Monday 10 th	King's Birthday Public Holiday
Friday 14 th	No School Buses Running (due to MP-12 having a pupil free day) St Mary's is Open
Monday 17 th	Assembly 2:30pm EMPAC
Friday 21 st	Cross Country Benalla
Tuesday 25 th	Parent Teacher Interviews
Wednesday 26 th	Parent Teacher Interviews
Thursday 27 th	Parent Teacher Interviews
Thursday 27 th	SLC Mass 9:15am
Friday 28 th	Last Day Term 2

SCHOOL APP

The school Team App allows us to inform parents about events that are happening in our school and to send reminders to families about upcoming excursions or notes required to be returned to school.

Follow the steps below to access St. Mary's Team App:

- 1 - Download Team App (<http://teamapp.com/app>).
- 2 - Launch Team App and search for St Mary's Primary School.
- 3 - Sign-up to Team App. You'll be sent an email to confirm your registration.
- 4 - Search for St Mary's Primary School and request access to group(s) that apply to you.



MENTAL HEALTH & WELLBEING LEADER

Welcome back to a new term, I hope you had a wonderful break. As the school's Mental Health & Wellbeing leader, it is my role to promote a whole school approach and support our students, staff, and families. If you ever need any support, please don't hesitate to reach out.

My role sits within the Mental Health in Primary Schools (MHIPS) program. MHIPS was created by the Murdoch Children's Research Institute and the University of Melbourne.

I am here to help:

- Advocate for and value student voice;
- Identify and help implement evidence-based classroom approaches aligned to student needs;
- Coordinate clear referral pathways for those in need;
- Build staff capacity.

It has been a fantastic learning journey for me thus far and I look forward to being able to support your child and family, whenever needed.

Ashley Pasqualotto

DATA UPDATE - NO MORE MARKING WRITING TASK

No More Marking is an informative assessment for schools nationwide which utilises a process of judging called comparative judgement for student writing, which is often one of the most complex and difficult areas to objectively mark. Comparative judgement is based on the principle that people are better at making comparisons between pieces of work than at making absolute judgements about quality.

Following repeated comparisons, the resulting data is statistically modelled and responses are placed on a scale of relative quality. In March, our Year 2, 4 and 6 students participated in the first of two writing tasks for the year, and we have just received our outstanding results. Each cohort of students was judged along with approximately 4000 other students across 96 Australian schools.

Across all three year levels, our students performed above the overall school average, with year 4 students performing 2 years above others their age!

This is a testament to the amazing teaching and learning happening across all classrooms and we congratulate both our students and teachers.

Year 2 Average Writing Age

All schools – 7y 5m

St Mary's – 7y 8m

St Mary's sits in the top 70% of all schools.

Year 4 Average Writing Age

All schools – 9y 5m

St Mary's – 11y 10m

St Mary's is the 6th highest school among all Year 4s.

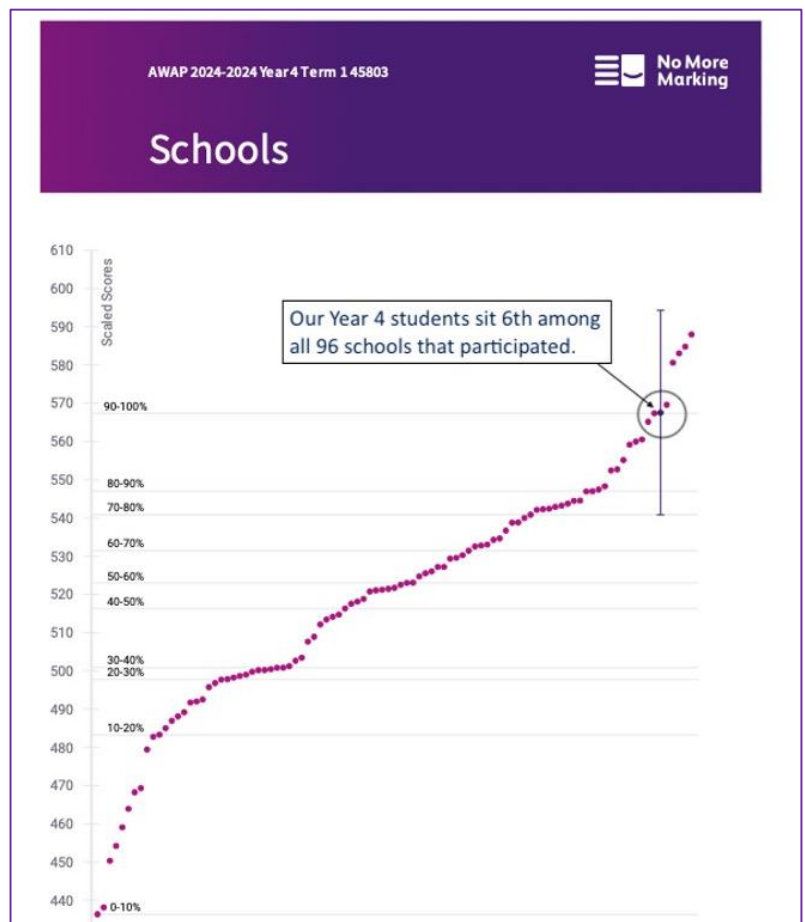
This is the top 90% of all schools.

Year 6 Average Writing Age

All schools – 11 y4m

St Mary's – 11y 10m

St Mary's sits in the top 65% of all schools





Thank you to our wonderful families and school community for your kind and generous donations for our Project Compassion campaign during Lent.

We raised a phenomenal \$935.50 for Caritas. This will be used for vital work to improve the lives of many people.



SACRAMENTAL DATES 2024

Reconciliation: Parent Information Night: 24th April 6:30pm

Reconciliation Celebration: 21st May 6:30pm

Confirmation and First Eucharist Parent Information Evening: 23rd July 6:30pm

Sacramental Masses: Saturday 14th September at 6pm and Sunday 15th September at 9am

JUNIOR NEWS

We will be having our Term 1 Area Mass on Thursday 2nd May 9:15am. All families are more than welcome to attend.

FOUNDATION

Foundation Music

Miss Deith was lucky enough to be able to sit in on a bit of Music this week. What a group of lovely Ukulele musicians!

NUMBERS

We have been refining the skill of writing numbers using the same posture and pencil grip.

The Easter Bunny visited our classroom during the holidays, what a nice surprise to find at school on our first day back!

Reading

It is amazing to see the students reading! We are working our way through the first series of Decodable Readers where students are sounding out letters and blending them into words!

Money

We have been learning about money! Students have been using play money to identify money what is least in quantity and most in quantity.

We played money bingo with coins and sorted coins and notes.

Religion



We visited the convent last week and Pia asked her Granny Barb who is a former teacher at St Mary's and member of the Associate Presentation Sisters all about Nano Nagle. Pia brought in a photo of a real nun from when her Granny went to school in Melbourne.



Students are getting used to controlling the pencil and their whiteboard whilst in a seated position. They are learning to start writing on the left hand side of the page and travel to the right.

YEAR 1

Please see our weekly class newsletter for more details.

LITERACY

We are currently reading 'Lest we Forget' in preparation for ANZAC day and are writing sentences from the text. In Big Write, we have been conferencing and then writing about the best sandwich in the world.

MATHS

We are working on: Addition, subtraction and money.

RELIGION

Last week, we finished our Easter focus and are now looking at the daily life of Jesus.



YEAR 2

LITERACY

We continue our work with Orton Gillingham and Heggerty. We are also reading texts related to our LETI Unit of Healthy Minds, Healthy Bodies. Currently we are enjoying reading 'Grow Strong' by Cheri J. Meiners.

MATHS - We are working on: addition with regrouping, Money, telling time half past, quarter past/to

RELIGION - After finishing off the Easter story, we have begun our new unit 'Daily life in Jesus' Time' by watching The Prince of Egypt. While an interesting story in itself, we have been observing the examples of daily life in Egypt back then.

LETI - This term our LETI unit is called Healthy Minds, Healthy Bodies. We will be sharing more of our learnings in the coming weeks.

JLC LETI EXPO

Our LETI Expo was a huge success. We thank everyone who came to see our work and hear what we learnt about last term. This term our LETI unit is called Healthy Minds, Healthy Bodies. We will be sharing more of our learnings in the coming weeks.





MENTAL HEALTH GAMES DAY

On Friday last week we had the Mental Health Games Day with students from Myrtleford P-12. The students were wonderful and interacted well over a multitude of games. Thank you to everyone.





Have a fantastic week,

Carolyn, Jo, Kelly, Nicole, Sandra and Sonia.

MIDDLE NEWS



MLC Religion

On the Road to Emmaus (Luke 24:13 - 35) was fun to listen to. It was about when Jesus had risen from the dead and the men on Jesus' journey didn't know who he was and that he had risen. We got to complete a crossword and some colouring in.
By Zoe



We have started joining our letters in our writing and it is fun. Archie

Have a great week.
April, Julie and Anna

SENIOR NEWS

Welcome back to Term 2! A great term of learning ahead. Congratulations to Mitch, Billy and Hunter for progressing to the next round of Vic Schools cricket and to Xavier, Willow and Hunter for progressing in basketball. We've started off with a mental well-being chat from Chelsea Frawley, about knowing your personal strengths and 'flexing' them instead of looking at the negatives. Last Friday we had outdoor games with Myrtleford P-12 to also raise awareness for our mental well-being.

ELECTION

The SLC held a successful election about what our 'Favourite Takeaway Food' would be if we were given the choice. This was the conclusion to our Democracy Inquiry Unit, where students were able to be involved in an election and see the preferential voting system at work. Students were active participants in the counting of the votes, checking for valid votes first, directing people to voting stations, and making sure that everything was above board. We then worked our way through each preference. This was an excellent opportunity for everyone to see that the initial favourite may not necessarily win. McDonalds initially lead with 20 votes, however they were not the successful winners. We ended up with a 'hung parliament' with no outright winner achieving the required number of votes - 77. Working through the process we ended up with our winner - PIZZA/PASTA. Thank you to everyone who came along and voted.

Hopefully when they come to voting age they will know how to make an informed decision about who and how they vote, knowing the process involved.

Preference	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	Total
1 st Preference	21	17	9	8	16	10	19	7	22	13		
2 nd Preference	27	17	10	9	17	12	19	24	13			
3 rd Preference	25	19	10		18	13	20	26	13			
4 th Preference	28	20			20	13	23	26	13			
5 th Preference	28	20			26		26	27	15			
6 th Preference	33	20			30		28	30				
7 th Preference	42				32		34	33				
8 th Preference	64						38	39				
9 th Preference	75							67				
10 th Preference												71
11 th Preference												

Votes needed to win: 77



TERM 2 LEARNING OVERVIEW

LITERACY

We have finished reading 'Holes' by Louis Sachar, which focussed on the relationships between people, making judgements about people you don't know and being honest.

This term we will be reading the novel "War Horse" by Michael Murpurgo; we will focus on investigating rich vocabulary, taking effective notes, learning to use appositives and expanding sentences, joining sentences, writing topic sentences and forming paragraphs and constructing narratives.

This story is also about relationships. The students will be working through modules of work around the characters. The story is told from the horse's point of view.

NUMERACY

We continue revision of multiplication and division, exploring fractions and decimals and beginning BODMAS (order of operations). We are also introducing 'challenging maths tasks' on a Wednesday that support our explicit teaching of mathematical concepts through inquiry and problem solving.

RELIGION/INQUIRY

This term in Religion our topic is Life Relationships. We will explore how relationships change over time, what it means to be part of a family and the importance of family, the significant changes in human development and how we deal with these changes. We will look at the physical and emotional changes during puberty and how we deal with these changes, continuing to be respectful of people at all times.

Please note there will be an evening session this term which you are to attend with your child, regarding puberty. It might be a good idea to start thinking, if you haven't already, about your child's development and being open to honest and informed discussions.

The date and time for this evening will be posted on Team App, Classroom bulletin and in the newsletter. Please keep an eye out for this.



FINALLY!!!!!! - The arrival of our Year 6 SHIRTS!!!!!! Well worth the wait :)



The new SLC Bulletin will come home each Monday to highlight events during the week and our learning focuses. Have a wonderful week.

TEAM VIC SCHOOL CRICKET TRIALS

During the holidays Mitch, Hunter and I (Billy) attended a selection process in Mooroopna, to hopefully succeed in becoming a part of the Team Vic cricket side. When we arrived we signed up then got into some drills to demonstrate our abilities. We started with a warm up then continued into the cricket nets and finished with some fielding drills. Initially there were about 500 cricketers and after we showed the coaches our skills, it went down to 120. Thankfully, Mitch, Hunter and I all progressed to the next level which will be located at St Kilda. This round isn't until the 5th of June so we will need to keep focused and train to be prepared!
- Billy McMahon



Have a great week.
Hannah, Gab, Jenna and Adam

EASTER RAFFLE WINNERS

Thank you to all our wonderful families for your donations toward our Easter Raffle. Thank you to our Parents and Friends helpers who put the prizes together. We had a total 70 prizes. We had some very excited children who won a prize and some families were lucky enough to win a couple. **The Raffle raised \$1097.00**

1st Prize: Niamh McManus
 Harriet Earl
 Sebastiano Revrenna
 Ilyas Alhayaley
 Beau Masin
 Luca Sacco
 Laura Lovelle
 Daniel Earl
 Maisie Fitzpatrick
 Brodie Pozzan
 Phoebe Cresswell
 Freddy Ives
 Aviva Lovell
 Lachlan McDonald
 Christian Sylwestrak
 Summer Sacco
 Harper Richter
 Helen Foster
 Daniel Ives

2nd Prize: Lara Nanipieri
 Millie Dyball
 Mirella Glogolia
 Emmet Phillips
 Eila Banigo-os
 Sophie Kimball
 Lewis Matthews
 Madison Rae
 Zoe Richter
 Javier Banigo-os
 Luca Zamperoni
 Hazel Mirt
 Craig Power
 Eila Cullen
 Julie Matthews
 Maria Rinaldi
 Mitch McMasters
 Szarazek Family

3rd Prize: Bill Howman
 Oscar Revrenna
 James Reynolds-Smith
 Pia Nanipieri
 Noah Cannata
 Molly & Thomas Mulane-Grant
 Wyatt Knowels
 Judd Carroll
 Poppy Montgomery
 Hunter HARRIS
 Grace & Lachie Orb
 Izzy & Milla McAlpine
 Eve Fitzpatrick
 Izzy Brett
 Violet McKeone
 Billy McMahan
 Elle Morrison
 Carlos Rubiano




COMMUNITY NEWS

PRIVATE INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC LESSONS AT ST. MARY'S PRIMARY

PIANO, CLARINET OR SAXOPHONE LESSONS WITH MRS RACHEL CAMPBELL
(B.MUS PERFORMANCE, GRAD. DIP. ED)

BEGINNING TERM 3 AT SCHOOL, DURING SCHOOL HOURS
BEGINNER TO ADVANCED

CALL 0412635843 OR EMAIL rachelc@smyrtleford.catholic.edu.au
FOR FURTHER INFORMATION AND FEES




**Check out
Scouts!**

At 1st Myrtleford Scout 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:
Joey Scout (ages 5-8) Monday 4:30-5:30pm
Cub Scouts (ages 8-11) Tuesday 6-7:30pm
Scouts (ages 11-15) Tuesday 6-7:30pm
Venturers (ages 15-18) Wednesday 6-8pm

We meet at 183 Buffalo River Rd, Myrtleford.

For more information or to join, contact
gl.1stmyrtleford@scoutsvictoria.com.au
or call 0438 403 068.



1800 SCOUTS
scoutsvictoria.com.au



EDUCATION SUPPORT OFFICER

2 POSITIONS

FIXED TERM PART TIME
29th April - 28th June
Monday, Thursday & Friday

FIXED TERM PART TIME
18th June - 19th July
Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday

Expressions of interest are sought from enthusiastic, energetic, practical and organised persons for the position of Education Support Officer.

The successful candidates will demonstrate initiative, enjoy collaborating with colleagues and have a passion for working with adolescents.

Responsibilities will include support in the classroom and other duties in line with the applicant's skills and interests.

Qualifications or experience in secondary education support would be an advantage.

Other combinations of FTE, days and length of contract will be considered for the right applicant.

Employment details are available by contacting Andrew McKenzie-McHarg at recruitment@mcm.vic.edu.au

Marian College is a year 7-12 coeducational Catholic School. We are committed to Child Safe standards and promote the wellbeing and inclusion of all children.