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MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents and Guardians,

Welcome to the 2023 school year and especially to all the new families who join us as well as the returning members of our St Mary's learning community.

We've had a great start so far this week and had an exciting morning with all our new Kinder students 'officially' starting school yesterday. Whilst there were a few nerves early on, from some students and parents, the classroom were soon busy with lots of learning taking place and plenty of laughs too. I do say this a lot but I cannot express too many times how privileged we are to be part of the learning journey of our newest learners as well as all the students here at St Mary's.

It's important that if you have any questions or concerns regarding your child and the start of the year, please make sure you arrange a time to speak to your child's teacher. Having good communication is really important as we work alongside and in partnership with you, their parents and guardians, to ensure we help your student to flourish with their learning, become life long learners and to grow into the wonderful people that we wish and hope for them to be. We are privileged to work with the students in our care and I am always excited by what lies ahead for St Mary's each year.

Finally, I hope the students are ready to learn, see, do, explore, read, question, laugh, grow, improve, smile, try, write, share, imagine, connect and do their very best in 2023.

Have an amazing rest of this week.

Regards,
Glenn

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YOU KNOW: IT'S
TIME TO START
SOMETHING NEW
AND TRUST THE
MAGIC OF
BEGINNINGS
- MEISTER ECKHART

KEY DATES

Wednesday 8th February - No Kinders

Thursday 9th February - School Swimming Trials

Friday 10th February - Beginning School Mass @ 9.30am

Monday 13th February - P&F Meeting @ 3.30pm in the school hall

Tuesday 14th February - PUPIL FREE DAY

Wednesday 15th February - No Kinders

Thursday 16th February - Deanery Netball Trials

[2023 Parent Planner coming soon.](#)

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

We acknowledge and pay our respects to the traditional custodians, past and present of this land of the Wiradjuri people who long before us lived, loved and raised their children on this land.

We also acknowledge all the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander families in our community and acknowledge their deep physical and spiritual connections to their land.

ST MARY'S SCHOOL NEWS

WELCOME NEW STAFF MEMBERS

Whilst we are excited about the new students and families joining us in 2023, we are also extremely excited to be able to welcome 3 new staff members to our school learning community.

- Ms Rebecca Chadwick will be teaching Year 1/2A as well as the role of our Assistant Principal.
- Miss Julia Barlow will be teaching in Year 1/2 B.
- Miss Grace Gillard will be teaching Year 4.

Please ensure you introduce yourself to them if you see them at school. We look forward to all three of them sharing their many skills and talents with all the students, staff and members of our St Mary's school.



Ms Chadwick



Miss Barlow



Miss Gillard

ASSEMBLIES

Assemblies are held each fortnight on a Friday. All classes will be allocated to an assembly to host and present.

Next Friday we have the Beginning School Mass at 9.30am. Assemblies will commence the following Friday.

**SAVE THE DATE -
VIP ASSEMBLY
FRIDAY 10th MARCH**

SAVE THE DATE

**PUPIL FREE DAY
TUESDAY 14TH
FEBRUARY**

St Mary's staff will be participating in a Professional Learning Day

BEGINNING SCHOOL MASS

FRIDAY 10TH FEBRUARY

9.30AM

at the St Mary's Church

Students K to Yr 6 will attend.

All family and friends are warmly invited to join us to celebrate our new beginnings.

ST MARY'S STAR OF THE SEA MASS TIMES

Saturday: 6:00 p.m **Sunday:** 9:00 a.m
Mid week mass times available via Parish
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BEFORE AND AFTER SCHOOL PICK UP & DROP OFF

As we start back to school, please ensure you take extra care when picking up and dropping off students by car.

A reminder that all parents are able to come and collect students from their classroom, however, we do ask that you don't congregate around the classroom doors as we still need to ensure students and staff can move freely and safely in and out of the rooms before the school day ends.

Students picked up by parents:

- Students will be exiting via the Main School gate and the School Office gate.
- Parents who park in the 'Drop and Go' car parks and in the northern end of the car park are asked to exit their cars and collect their child from the Main School gate.
- Parents who park towards the southern end of the car park are asked to collect their child from the School Office gate.
- We now have access again to the northern end of the car park as the construction parking signs are no longer required.

Students who walk/cross Federation Avenue:

- Students who walk/cross Federation Avenue will assemble on the corner of the COLA and wait for the teacher to walk them across the road.

John St: (between the school and the RSL Park)

- Please do not drop off or pick up students along John St (as marked in the image), as this is a very narrow and busy section of street before and after school, particularly with buses using it.



Additional Parking:

To ease congestion in the car park, parents can park at the Church and then wait for their students to be walked over the road by a staff member.



Students walking, riding or scooting to school:

A reminder that it is recommended that students under the age of 10 do not ride bikes or scooters to school unaccompanied by an adult.

Upon entering the school grounds, students must hop off and walk their bike or scooter. Scooters and bikes must also be walked across the school crossings at all times

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SWIMMING TRIALS

A note will be going home with students who attended our water assessment day today regarding nominations for the Albury Deanery Swimming event which is being held on Monday February 27th.

Please refer to the note for information on the requirements for student nominations. The trials will take place next Thursday, February 9th.

SCHOOL UNIFORM

Summer uniform is to be worn until the end of Term 1. Students are to wear their school hat for outside play. Students without a hat will be asked to sit out of the sun for the play period.

Boys are to wear grey socks and girls are to wear blue socks. No colour, brands or logos.

Sports shorts are to be plain blue with colour, brand or logos.

VOCAL ENSEMBLE

All Welcome!

Rehearsals for our school's vocal ensemble will commence next Wednesday 8th February (first half of lunch).

All students are most welcome to come along and have some fun in a supportive setting :-)

Thank you, Ann

TUCKSHOP

St Mary's is looking for a Tuckshop coordinator or coordinators to run the Tuckshop for 2023. If you are a parent, guardian or grandparent that would be interested in filling this role please contact the school office for further information.

A huge thank you to Clara Davis who did a wonderful job in this role last year!

Further information will be sent home asking for volunteers to assist in the running of tuckshop throughout the Term.

MOBILE PHONES & SMART WATCHES

Mobile phones and Smart watches are to be signed into the office at the start of each school day, where they will be kept securely. At the end of the day students may collect their belongings before heading home.

P&F MEETINGS

Monday 13th Feb at 3.30pm in the school hall.

Please let the school know if you would like to put anything on the agenda. All welcome.

SCHOOL FEES

School fee statements will be sent via email by the end of Week 2. Fee Payment Agreement forms will be sent home with your eldest child on Monday.

For all fee enquiries please contact Vanessa at the office.

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CLASS & SCHOOL COMMUNICATION

As I mentioned at the start of the newsletter , good home/school communication is really important to help support the learning development of your child.

Your child's classroom teacher should always be the first point of contact regarding your child's learning needs and requirements.

- If you need to speak to your child's teacher or other staff members of St Mary's for more than a quick hello or message, please arrange an appointment time with them.
- Please note that during the school day, teachers do not have time to respond to emails, take phone calls etc as they have other duties and preparation to do when they are not face to face teaching.
- Each family will be sent information on how to connect to your child's learning and teacher via the Seesaw platform when this is set up. This is a great way not only to see what samples of your child's learning, but it also has a feature to allow communication between families and teachers.
- We understand that for some parents, sending a message or email may not be possible until after your work hours are complete. Staff are not expected, and all staff are encouraged by Glenn not to respond to any messages outside of regular working hours (past 5:30 p.m or before 8:00 a.m and on weekends).
- All staff will endeavour to respond to Seesaw messages, emails or phone messages within 24 hours, excluding emergency situations or scenarios.

General Information:

St Mary's uses a variety of means to share general information for all families, which may include COMPASS, our school newsletter, our website, Facebook page and physical notes.

COMPASS

New families will be receive information next week to assist you with your log in to COMPASS. All reports and current information can be found on your COMPASS App.

If you are an existing family and are having trouble with your log in, please contact the office for assistance.

BIRTHDAY BASKETS

Birthday Baskets is a wonderful new initiative supported by our School Council. Each family will receive an order form. Order forms will need to be completed and returned to St Mary's at least a week prior to your child's birthday or alternatively you may send your order form in earlier. St Mary's would to thank Kat Nixon for taking the lead and organising our Birthday Baskets once again this year .

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ST MARY'S SPORT DATES

ST MARY'S CARNIVALS	SWIMMING	CROSS COUNTRY	ATHLETICS
	School Swimming Trials - 9th February Carnival date TBC - Term 1 Deanery: 27th February - Albury Diocesan: 8th March - Wagga Wagga Mackillop: 30th March - Sydney	School Cross Country 28th March - RSL Park Corowa Diocesan : 1st May - Griffith Mackillop: 13th June - Eastern Creek	School Athletics: 25th May - Morris Park Corowa (TBC) Deanery: TBC- Albury Diocesan: 26th July - Albury Mackillop: 18th October - Sydney

DIOCESAN TRIALS	AFL	CRICKET	HOCKEY
	Deanery Trial: Boys - 22nd Feb - Thurgoona Girls - TBC - Wagga Wagga Mackillop Trial: 28th March - Wagga Wagga	Diocesan Trial: (Wagga) Boys & Girls - TBC Mackillop Trial: (Wagga) Boys - TBC Girls - TBC	Diocesan Trial: Boys & Girls - TBA Mackillop Trial: Boys & Girls 5th May - Lyneham
	NETBALL	SOCCER	TENNIS
	Deanery Trial: 16th February - Albury Diocesan Trial: 3rd March - Wagga Wagga	Deanery Trial: TBC Diocesan Trial: Boys 27th April - Wagga Girls 28th April - Wagga	Diocesan Trial: TBA Mackillop Trial: TBA

IMPORTANT INFORMATION REGARDING DIOCESAN SPORTS TRIALS - from the CEDWW Sports Team

Diocesan sports trials are mainly for Year 6 students and some Year 5 students who show a high standard of skill and sportsmanship for the chosen sport, however, if there is an exceptional younger student they may be considered.

Each school in the Diocese is restricted to a certain number of students for each sport, so a school trial may have to be held if we have too many names. We are normally permitted 4 spaces for each boys and girls event. Preference may also be given to Year 6 students if we have too many nominations. Once we have finalised the nominations at school, **parents are responsible for registering their student** via the <https://csnsw.sport/> website

To be eligible, students **MUST** have an out of school commitment to **participation in the chosen sport**. If your child chooses to nominate for a trial and is selected, we will give you further information on the registration process. Parents are responsible for transporting your student to the trial and any associated costs as part of the Diocesan trials process.

OTHER EVENTS	PAUL KELLY CUP	COROWA CRICKET CUP	JACKIE MURPHY NETBALL
	Year 5 & 6 Boys and Girls - TBA	Year 3, 4, 5 & 6 Boys and Girls - TBA usually in Term 3	Year 4 & 5 - 1st September - Wagga Year 6 - 8th September - Wagga

ST MARY'S SCHOOL NEWS

BUILDING/RENOVATION UPDATE

It's been exciting to see the progress of the building works that have taken place from the end of last year until now. We were so very close to being back in the new Year 5 and Year 6 classrooms this week, but as there were still a little bit of finishing off to do, we look like being in there next week.

Brickwork has begun this week for the lift and the demolition of the internal walls upstairs in the Admin building has been completed and the final walls are being removed on the ground floor at the moment.

It is amazing to see the new spaces this demolition work has created for our new Library, STEM Makerspace, Administration and foyer. At this stage we still look like being on track for an end of Term 1, start of Term 2 completion and handover.



INSTRUMENTAL LESSONS

At St Mary's we offer an external Instrumental Lesson program for students Years 3 - 6, run by Musicorp. Lessons are completed weekly at school. For more information, scan the QR Code below.

Existing Instrumental Program students will be contacted by Adam from Musicorp, regarding when lessons will recommence this term.



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FEDERATION FESTIVAL GRAND PARADE

We would like to thank the St Mary's Parents & Friends for organising this years Federation Festival Grand Parade and all who attended on the day. Thanks to an amazing team effort, it has been confirmed that we won the 'Best school float' entry. Congratulations.



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ST MARY'S WELLBEING

CENTACARE

At Centacare South West NSW
we are passionate about supporting
all people in our community.
We are part of Wagga Wagga, Albury,
Griffith, Mulwala & surrounding communities.
We believe in wellbeing for all.
We run courses in...

ANGER MANAGEMENT

Offering you greater awareness and understanding of how your brain works, what lies beneath your anger, and how grief and loss impact anger. This course is especially suitable for separated parents who have been court-ordered or legally recommended.

PARENT TRAINING IN BEHAVIOUR MANAGEMENT

Parents will learn the basics of behaviour management and how to apply these skills effectively and consistently to increase parenting and carer confidence in managing challenging behaviours.

KEEPING KIDS CALM

This program helps parents/carers to understand their children's emotions and behaviour and offers strategies on how to help their child be calm and better manage challenging behaviours.

KEEPING KIDS IN MIND

This course is for parents who have separated and are having a difficult time managing conflict between each other. It also aims to help parents support their children through their experience of separation.

1-2-3 MAGIC AND EMOTION COACHING

An education course for parents/carers about how to manage difficult behaviour in children aged 2-12 years old.

ENGAGING ADOLESCENTS

This course teaches parents and carers strategies for how to have challenging conversations with their teenagers about their behaviour.

PARENTING CHILDREN WITH ADHD

The goal of this course is to inform and empower parents/carers to work together with their child to cope with the challenges of ADHD. This course provides practical, workable strategies that will make a difference in the lives of all family members.

TRIPLE P PROGRAM

Can help you with a specific problem, or provide tips on parenting and help with understanding your child's development and behaviour.

SUPPORT WITH YOUR RELATIONSHIPS

We offer individual, couples and family counselling to help support, strengthen and improve relationships.

SUPPORT FOR YOUR MENTAL HEALTH

Speak confidentially with one of our professional counsellors or psychologist who are skilled in helping people to improve their mental health and wellbeing.

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TERM 1 TIMETABLE 2023

PROGRAMS	WHERE	WHEN	TIME	FEES	FACILITATOR	ABOUT
Anger Management	Online via Microsoft Teams	Tuesday 7th, 14th, 21st, 28th February and 7th March Registrations close: Wednesday 24th January	6:00pm - 8:00pm	\$ \$100 C \$60	Yun and Tammy	This program helps support people to understand and cope with their feelings of anger.
Keeping Kids in Mind	Online via Microsoft Teams	Wednesday 15th, 22nd February and 1st, 8th, 15th March Registrations close Wednesday 1st February	6:00pm - 8:00pm	\$ \$100 C \$60	Viv and Tracey	This program is for separated parents who are experiencing ongoing conflict.
1,2,3 Magic and Emotion Coaching	Online via Microsoft Teams	Wednesday 1st, 8th, 15th, March Registrations close: Wednesday 15th February	11:00am - 1:00pm	\$ \$80 C \$50	Kate and Stina	A program for parents/carers about resolving difficult behaviour in children aged 2-12 years old, incorporating children with special needs.
Understanding the Impacts of Trauma on a Child's Development	Online via Microsoft Teams	Tuesday 7th, 14th, 21st March Registrations close: Tuesday 28th February	11:00am - 1:00pm	FREE	Greta	Helping children who have experienced trauma.
Parenting Children with ADHD	Online via Microsoft Teams	Monday 13th, 20th, 27th March Registrations close: February 27th March	6:00pm - 8:00pm	\$ \$60 C \$40	Maree and Tammy	Parenting Children with ADHD program has been designed to give parents and carers an understanding of what ADHD is, its nature and how it impacts on the child and his/her family.
Engaging Adolescents	Online via Microsoft Teams	Tuesday 14th, 21st, 28th March Registrations close: Tuesday 28th February	6:00pm - 8:00pm	\$ \$60 C \$40	Keryn and Nicola	An education course for parents/carers about resolving difficult behaviour in teenagers.

Book today

\$ = Standard C = Concession Prices

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