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## MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents and Guardians,

What a fantastic Beginning School Mass we had last Friday. It is always great to be able to come together as a whole school community and it was wonderful to see many family members be able to join us for Mass as well as to spend some time with the students during our extended recess. A big thank you to Mrs Parkinson for her organisation of the Mass and to Father McGrath for celebrating it with us.

Last Friday I sent a COMPASS message regarding our uniform and in it I mentioned a phrase of 'doing the little things well'. I wish to reiterate that it is so important for our students to start developing these 'little things' or habits early in the year as it sets them up for great success into the future. Some students find this a challenge at times and that's OK, as we are here to support them along the way. That's where your support is crucial too. We need all students to learn that even if they don't like the rules or expectations that you have for them at home or we have for them at school, that they can't pick and choose what suits them. That's where having consistency and high expectations are really crucial and important. If we teach or model for students that some rules are OK to follow and some others aren't, it creates a level of confusion for them. Being consistent with high expectations will build and develop students levels of resilience to be able to cope with any situation, both positive or challenging, that they may come up against now or as they get older.

A couple of quick reminders that are also in this newsletter. Please do not drop students off at school before 8:30 a.m. as there is **no teacher on duty** until this time. Even a couple of minutes before 8:30 is too early. Also, as I am on duty most mornings before school I have noticed we still have several parents dropping students off along John St near the RSL Park. Please refrain from doing this as it is a dangerous place to be stopping and letting students out. Just like not arriving early, we want everyone to be safe at all times

Have a wonderful week.  
Regards,  
Glenn

**BEST THING WE CAN DO FOR  
KIDS... INSTEAD OF TEACHING  
THEM HOW TO ALWAYS BE  
SUCCESSFUL... TEACH THEM HOW  
TO RESPOND WHEN THEY ARE  
NOT SUCCESSFUL.**

## KEY DATES

Wednesday 15th February - No Kinders  
Monday 20th February - Deanery Swimming Carnival  
Tuesday 21st February - Deanery Netball Trials  
Tuesday 21st February - P&F Shrove Tuesday Pancake Morning  
Wednesday 22nd February - Ash Wednesday Mass  
Wednesday 22nd February- AFL Deanery Boys Trials - Albury  
Friday 24th February - Assembly 11.30am start

## 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

## SCHOOL COUNCIL

Our first School Council meeting for the 2023 school year will be held on

Tuesday February 21st

@ 6:00 p.m

Anyone who is interested in joining our School Council are most welcome to attend.

## BOOK CLUB ORDERS

Book Club orders are due back  
Friday 17th February

## SWIMMING TRIALS

Thank you to all our parents and friends who volunteered their time at the Swimming Trials last week.

We have 20 students attending the Deanery event on Monday 20th February.

## PICKING UP / DROPPING OFF

Please **do not drop students off before 8:30 a.m** in the morning as there is no staff on duty until this time.

**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 road before and after school, particularly with a number of buses using it.



## SPORTS REGISTRATIONS

From time to time parents will be required to register their student for a sporting event or trial via the Catholic Sport NSW website.

When this is required, each registration will follow the 'MacKillop pathway', then it will be either a regional or Diocesan registration.

For example, the upcoming Albury Deanery swimming event would follow the 'MacKillop pathway', and then be a 'Regional' registration.

**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  
Website: [stmaryscorowa.com](http://stmaryscorowa.com)

# ST MARY'S SCHOOL NEWS

## 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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## POSITIVE STUDENT LEARNING BEHAVIOUR & SPARK

During our regular policy reviews last year, we looked at our Positive Student Behaviour Management Policy. Staff, parents via a survey, as well as students provide feed back on what they believed are actions or behaviours that support student learning in a positive way or those that may have a negative impact on learning or others.

Following this, we were able to group and categorise these actions and behaviours into the following themes: Safe behaviours, Positive mindset, Always learning, Respectful actions and Kindness toward others. The initial letters of each of these themes spells the word SPARK which we are using as an overall theme. Your children may have already spoken to you about this.

This term each class, including Music and PE, have been working toward creating their own a set of agreed behaviours and actions for each of these areas that will support student learning. They are creating a series of posters for reference in their rooms. These agreed classroom behaviours will support the school wide expectations we have for all students.

**More information about SPARK is available on the next page of this newsletter. A full copy of our updated Positive Student Behaviour Management Policy will be made available for everyone next week once the final formatting and layout of the document has been completed.**

## RESOURCE LINKS



[smcwww.catholic.schooltv.me](http://smcwww.catholic.schooltv.me)



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# ST MARY'S SCHOOL NEWS

## POSITIVE BEHAVIOUR & SPARK AWARDS

At St Mary's we are focussed on



**S**afe behaviours

**Safe behaviours:** Is making positive choices in the classroom and playground to keep yourself and others safe.



**P**ositive mindset

**Positive mindset:** Is to value all opportunities to learn by having the courage to always have a go.



**A**lways learning

**Always learning:** Is understanding you have a right to learn and respecting the right for others to learn.



**R**espectful actions

**Respectful actions:** Is always acting in ways that respects yourself, each other, all staff and the school community.



**K**indness toward others

**Kindness towards others:** Is being welcoming and treating others with respect and kindness as Jesus has shown us.

to support everyone in our learning community

### SPARK Awards:

To promote and acknowledge students who are consistently working on these areas to enhance their own learning, while supporting and interacting positively with others, each fortnight there will be a school wide focus on a specific behaviour:

- Weeks 1 & 2: Safe Behaviours
- Weeks 3 & 4: Positive Mindset
- Weeks 5 & 6 Always Learning
- Weeks 7 & 8: Respectful actions
- Weeks 9 & 10: Kindness towards others

At the end of the fortnightly focus, a student from each class will be awarded a SPARK award for the specific positive behaviour focus area, as nominated by their class teacher.

At the end of each term, all SPARK award winners for that term will be invited to participate in a Principal morning tea/lunch or activity.

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# ST MARY'S SCHOOL NEWS

## DEANERY DEVELOPMENT DAY

At the Deanery Development Day this week, new staff were welcomed into Catholic Education and given a special wooden cross and candle. We would also like to congratulate Roslyn Howard for being recognized for her 25 years of service as a Catholic educator. What a wonderful achievement.



New Staff Members to Catholic Education



Roslyn Howard

## 2023 SCHOOL CAPTAINS AND HOUSE LEADERS



### School Captains

Ollie Matthews & Cienna Dickins

### House Leaders

*Gold*

Charlie Kay & Rahn Sorensen

*Blue*

Abe Spencer & Billy Maffei

*Green*

Charlotte Lake & Jake Witherden

*Red*

Marli Upton & Leo Davis

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# ST MARY'S SCHOOL NEWS

## 2023 BEGINNING SCHOOL MASS



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# ST MARY'S SCHOOL NEWS

## SCHOOL UNIFORM CLARIFICATION (via COMPASS 10/2/23)

Dear Parents and Guardians,

I just thought I'd send a quick message to everyone as I'm aware there maybe some clarification required regarding our school student uniform policy and in particular, student hair. I have also noticed a couple of other items related to our uniform policy that I would like to remind everyone of too, which I have included below.

Our policy states:

**Hair**, if below shoulder length, should be tied back. Hair accessories are to be in the school colours - navy, light blue, white or maroon.

***This is inclusive for both girls and boys.*** I have noticed that we are also getting a variety of different coloured hair accessories being worn to school, so if all parents could ensure they are the colours as listed above, that would be appreciated.

### **Jewellery:**

We have noticed some students wearing bracelets to school. Please note these are **not** to be worn as part of our school uniform. Any form of nail polish is also not permitted to be worn at school.

### **Socks:**

A reminder that all socks, whether they are blue (girls), grey (boys) or white, **must be plain** with no visible logos or brands on them.

I speak to the students about ensuring they do the 'little things well'. These 'little things' include being respectful to others (both students and adults), always using their manners, making sure they on time by answering bells promptly, being organised and ready to learn everyday and following all our school rules and expectations. One of these expectations is for students to be in correct school uniform at all time.

Setting up good habits for all aspects of learning and school are important for all students at the start of each year. We appreciate all your support in helping the students in these areas as well.

I do understand that from time to time there may be a reason that students are out of uniform, if this is the case, a note must be sent with the student to be given to the class teacher that morning.

If you need further information regarding students school uniform requirements, please contact your child's classroom teacher or the school admin. If you would like to discuss our school uniform policy, please contact the school office to make an appointment time to meet with me.

Regards,

Glenn McMahon

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# ST MARY'S SCHOOL NEWS



Would you like your child to be part of the 2023 NSW Premier's Reading Challenge?

The Challenge commences on **February 27th, 2023**. There is no cost involved to participate. The Challenge aims to encourage a love of reading for leisure and pleasure in students, and to enable them to experience quality literature. It is not a competition but a challenge to each student to read, to read more and to read more widely.

The Premier's Reading Challenge (PRC) is open to all NSW students in **Kindergarten to Year 9, in government, independent, Catholic and home schools.**

Children can have books read to them, shared reading by parent and child or reading independently. Current 2023 Recommended Reading Booklists of quality literature and age recommendations are provided as part of this challenge and are a very useful resource if you are wondering "What books are good books for my child to be reading? - catering for a range of interests, ages and variations in reading ability. [NSW Premier's Reading Challenge 2023 : Booklist Home](#)

Your child will receive a special certificate to acknowledge each year of participation in the Challenge. It is very rewarding to see a child's ongoing commitment to reading rewarded with a special Gold Certificate after 4 years, a Platinum award after 7 years and a very special award at the end of Year 9.

Please read the information at [NSW Premier's Reading Challenge 2023 : Home](#) and the updated rules.

If you like to register your child, please email Ruth Parkinson St Mary's PRC Coordinator [parkinsonr@ww.catholic.edu.au](mailto:parkinsonr@ww.catholic.edu.au)

For all those parents who have already indicated their interest to me for 2023, please check your email for your child's unique PRC login and password.

Yours in reading,  
Ruth Parkinson

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# ST MARY'S SPORT DATES

ST MARY'S CARNIVALS	SWIMMING	CROSS COUNTRY	ATHLETICS
	<b>School Swimming</b> Carnival date TBC - Term 1  <b>Deanery:</b> 20th February - Albury  <b>Diocesan:</b> 8th March - Wagga Wagga <b>Mackillop:</b> 30th March - Sydney	<b>School Cross Country</b> 28th March - RSL Park Corowa  <b>Diocesan :</b> 1st May - Griffith  <b>Mackillop:</b> 13th June - Eastern Creek	<b>School Athletics:</b> 25th May - Morris Park Corowa (TBC)  <b>Deanery:</b> TBC- Albury  <b>Diocesan:</b> 26th July - Albury  <b>Mackillop:</b> 18th October - Sydney

DIOCESAN TRIALS	AFL	CRICKET	HOCKEY
	<b>Deanery Trial:</b> Boys - 22nd Feb - Thurgoona Girls - TBC - Wagga Wagga  <b>Mackillop Trial:</b> 28th March - Wagga Wagga	<b>Diocesan Trial: (Wagga)</b> Boys & Girls - TBC  <b>Mackillop Trial: (Wagga)</b> Boys - TBC Girls - TBC	<b>Diocesan Trial:</b> Boys & Girls - TBA  <b>Mackillop Trial:</b> Boys & Girls 5th May - Lyneham
	NETBALL	SOCCER	TENNIS
	<b>Deanery Trial:</b> 21st February - Albury  <b>Diocesan Trial:</b> 1st March - Wagga Wagga	<b>Deanery Trial:</b> TBC <b>Diocesan Trial:</b> Boys 27th April - Wagga Girls 28th April - Wagga	<b>Diocesan Trial:</b> TBA  <b>Mackillop Trial:</b> 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

## P&F SHROVE TUESDAY



## VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

TUES  
**21**  
FEB

**FOR SHROVE TUESDAY  
PANCAKE PREP & PACK UP  
10:00 AM - 11:30 AM**

PLEASE CONTACT THE SCHOOL TO  
CONFIRM YOUR AVAILABILITY  
(02) 6033 1183  
[SMCO-INFO@WW.CATHOLIC.EDU.AU](mailto:SMCO-INFO@WW.CATHOLIC.EDU.AU)

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# ST MARY'S SCHOOL NEWS

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- Shifts will fall between 8:00am - 9:30 am and 2:30 pm - 4:00 pm, Monday to Friday during school terms with a minimum of one hour shift as required

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Applications close Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> September 2022

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For further information, contact Sandhini Chaudhary  
E: [Sandhini.chaudhary@transport.nsw.gov.au](mailto:Sandhini.chaudhary@transport.nsw.gov.au)  
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