



St Mary's School

*Faith - Respect - Challenge - Teamwork*From Mr Love...

Dear Parents and Community Members,

Welcome Back

A very warm welcome to the 2023 school year at St Mary's School. On a personal note, it has been wonderful to be greeted so sincerely into the St Mary's School community. For those I haven't met yet, I look forward to getting to know you and working in partnership together. I hope you and your families had a wonderful break over the Christmas and New Year period and are ready for an exciting year ahead. A very warm welcome to any new families, staff, and particularly, our new students. This week, we had four students commence their education adventure in Kindy. The students have settled very well and there were few tears from our parents and carers.

Swimming Lessons

School swimming lessons are underway. Although the timing of these lessons are less than ideal, I can't be more proud of how the students have adjusted and prepared themselves for this vitally important component of their curriculum. During swimming lessons, many items of clothing are misplaced, we strongly encourage that parents and carers label all their children's belongings such as towels, bathers, undergarments, goggles and school uniform. Please refer to previous communication on Swimming Lessons or ring the Office if you require further clarification.

Parent/Teacher Information Night and ACM

Please mark **Wednesday 8 February**, the St Mary's School Annual Community Meetings and Parent Information Evening. All parents and carers are invited to join the staff of St Mary's School for this very important event in the school calendar. The School Advisory Council and Parent and Friends Committee will conduct their ACMs, I will present an Annual Report on behalf of Mr Ben Will and classroom teachers will address the parenting bodies of each class. The evening commences at 5.45pm with the K-2 Information sessions, the ACM will be held at 6.10pm and the 3-6 Information sessions will be held at 7.00pm. Meat and gravy rolls will be available and refreshments will be provided at the conclusion of the evening. We hope to see you there.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Week 2

Mon 6 Feb	Whole School Morning Prayer 8:50am
Wed 8 Feb	<i>SWIMMING</i> Parent/Teacher Information Meeting and School/P&F ACM 5:45 K/PP and 1/2 6:10 AGMs 7:00 3/4 and 5/6

Thurs 9 Feb SCITECH Incursion

Fri 10 Feb *SWIMMING*

Week 3

Wed 15 Feb	<i>SWIMMING</i>
Thurs 16 Feb	Nagle Principal Visit Yr 5/6
Fri 17 Feb	Year 5/6 Leadership Day Gtn CENSUS DAY NEWSLETTER

Week 4

Mon 20 Feb	Whole School Morning Prayer and Merit Certificates 8:50am
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REMINDER
Online LUNCH
ORDERS need
to be in by
10AM please.

From Mr Love cont...

Census Friday

17 February is Census Day for the State Government Data Collection. It is vitally important that all students from Pre-Primary to Year Six are present on Friday. If your son/daughter is absent, a written note of explanation must be provided to meet guidelines. This Census has many purposes, one of which relates to funding so please ensure your child is at school on Friday 17 February.

Whole School Mass

Yesterday, the St Mary's School community gathered to celebrate the beginning of the school year with a whole school Eucharistic celebration. Thank you to Miss Miotti for leading this celebration and all the students who took on various roles. Please refer to the Term Calendar for future liturgical celebrations as all families are welcome to attend.

Parents and Friends Committee 2023

You may or may not know, upon enrolment of your child/ren into St Mary's School, you automatically become a General member of the Parents and Friends Group. The P&F has always played an integral role in supporting the Principal, school leaders and teachers at St Mary's. 2023 will be no different. I invite any parent or caregiver to come join the elected P&F Committee members and myself as an active participant to help facilitate the continued growth and development of a variety of school-based projects.

If you are interested in attending the P&F Meetings, please come speak to me or let the Office know of your interest. Hope to see as many parents or care-givers attend.

Fruit of the Spirit

Throughout the year, there will be Newsletter reflections with linked scripture to the Fruit of the Spirit. Again, St Mary's School will use the Fruit of the Spirit to guide our students to become faith-filled individuals, representing Catholic virtues in all that they do. To begin the year, I would like to focus on the scripture where the Fruit of the Holy Spirit is identified. Please take a moment to read Galatians 5: 22-23: *'But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control. Against such things there is no law.'* In class, under guidance from their teachers, the students will be encouraged to use the ideas and language of the Fruit of the Spirit in their daily lives. The first Fruit of the Spirit to focus on will be the Fruit of Love. How will you show the Fruit of Love?

Medical Updates and Health Considerations

It is extremely important that the school is aware of any medical conditions or other health considerations that your child/ren may have. If you are new to the school or aware of any new medical conditions or other health considerations that may have developed over the holidays, then please come and collect the appropriate forms from the Office as soon as possible. For students with existing medical plans, updated medical forms will be sent home in the coming weeks for your child's medical plans to be updated. These forms need to be completed on a yearly basis and, where necessary, signed by your doctor. Thank you for your assistance in this matter.

Good News Story

Our first snippet of good news must go to all the students of St Mary's School for the way they have settled into the new school year. I am so very proud of you and your smiles bring great joy. It is so good to have you back!

Take care,
Brett

Term Dates 2023

Term 1

Wed 1 Feb Commences

Thurs 6 Apr Finishes

Term 2

Wed 26 Apr Commences

Fri 30 June Finishes

Term 3

Tues 18 July Commences

Thurs 21 Sept Finishes

Term 4

Tues 10 Oct Commences

Fri 8 Dec Finishes - Students

Pupil Free Days Term One 2023

Mon April 24 Staff PD Day

Friday June 2 Catholic Day

Mon July 17 Staff PD Day

Friday Sep 22 Staff PD Day (TBC)

Mon Oct 9 Staff PD Day

Public Holidays 2023

Mon Mar 6 Labour Day

Friday April 7 Good Friday

Mon April 10 Easter Monday

Tues April 25 ANZAC Day

Mon June 5 WA Day

Mon Sept 25 Monarch's Official Birthday TBC

Mon Dec 25 Christmas Day

Tues Dec 26 Boxing Day

BIRTHDAYS

12 Jan	Max
13 Feb	Cole
05 Jan	Evie
05 Jan	Bailey
20 Jan	Harvey
04 Feb	Scarlett
15 Feb	Chayse
04 Jan	Isla W
14 Jan	Harry W
20 Jan	Jemima
01 Feb	Zavier
04 Feb	Elias
05 Feb	Asha
11 Feb	Hudson
14 Feb	Harry C
17 Jan	Clancy

DID YOU KNOW

About 70% of an adult's body is made up of water.

DID YOU KNOW

The average family uses 6 trees worth of paper every year.

CRUNCH AND SIP

Pickles and gherkins are types of cucumbers?



Cucumber makes a refreshing snack for Crunch&Sip*. Small cucumbers are the perfect size for kids or slice a larger cucumber into sticks.

Did you know...

03 Feb	Tremaine
06 Feb	Danyul
07 Feb	Sunnie
14 Feb	Tayva
10 Jan	Mrs Carson
22 Jan	Mrs Smith
28 Jan	Mrs Box
11 Feb	Mr Scaddan

2023 SCHOOL FEES AND UNIFORM ACCOUNTS

2023 School Fees will be issued by Week 3. Attached there will be a form to complete if you wish to pay your school fees via a Payment Plan. Existing Payment Plans can continue.

2023 TERM ONE PLANNER

Please find the 2023 Term One Planner attached for your reference.

2023 STUDENT DETAIL AND MEDICAL RECORD

Each family will receive a copy of their Full Student Details Report/s and Medical Records on Friday along with the Collection of Student Images, Movie Permission and IT Usage Agreement forms. Please check and if necessary, update the details on these forms and sign and return to the school office by **Friday 10 February 2023**.

If you need to advise the school of new medicals details, please request a form from the school office.

St Mary's School






Now Accepting 2023 Kindy Enrolments!

- ✓ Children born on or after July 1, 2018 to June 30, 2019.
- ✓ Outstanding facilities with an expansive new K.PP playground and modern classrooms.
- ✓ 3 Days a week, progressing to 4 or 5 through the year.
- ✓ Outstanding community and family feel.
- ✓ Fees capped at \$390 per child.
- ✓ Contact us for a free tour and information pack.










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PARISH NEWS

Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time – Year A

We all have our special gifts, but sometimes we fail to recognize this. We may feel that we have little to offer others. This is never true. As Jesus says: "You are the salt of the earth! You are the light of the world!" Let us ask Jesus to help us recognize our unique gifts and share them with others

Today is also Word of God Sunday

The Church in Australia celebrates the Sunday of the Word of God on the first Sunday in February – February 5th in 2023 (Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time, year A). Pope Francis established the day, which is devoted to the "calibration, study and dissemination" of the Word of God. Visit www.catholic.org.au/wordofgodssunday to access resources to help commemorate the day and for suggestions on how to better engage with Sacred Scripture in various ways and settings.

The next Parish Council meeting will be held on Tuesday, February 14th at 5pm, in the staff room at St Mary's School.

The New School Year started on Wednesday, February 1st. We welcome our new Principal, Brett Love and all our wonderful teachers. Including two new teachers, Melinda Jupp and Sonya Eime. Many of you will remember Brett from approximately 10 years ago when he was the Yr 5/6 teacher at St Mary's. It is wonderful to have him back as part of our faith community. We also welcome Verity Harriman to the administrative staff. We pray that all the children have a wonderful year full of learning new things, making new friends and renewing old friendships.

Our Aged and Sick; Pray for Fr. Robert O'Bryan, Fr. Brian Ahern, Fr. Larry Rodillas, Win & Ray Bowman, Kevin Beckmann, Nell Cripps, Col Constantine, Jean Williams, Paul Leeson, Jo Mattens, Betty Thompson and all the residents of Brookview

Cancellation of Cathedral Tours

The Monsignor Hawes Heritage Centre Museum will be closed for the month of February and therefore the Cathedral Tours will also be suspended for this period of time.



DONATE THE CASH THAT'S IN YOUR CONTAINERS TO NORTHAMPTON LIONS CLUB

We'll get 10 cents for each one.
With your help, we can make a change.

Bring your eligible containers to:
St Mary's School Northampton
Drop off anytime in the staff car park.

ELIGIBLE CONTAINERS

Most glass, plastic, aluminum, steel and paper-based cartons between 150mL and 3L.

Visit containersforchange.com.au to find out more



- ICPA -

Isolated Children's Parents' Association

Your Membership

- ICPA advocates for access to an equitable education for all rural and remote students.
- As a member of ICPA you are a member of your Branch, your State ICPA and ICPA Australia.
- If you do not have a Branch near you or your State/Territory does not have an ICPA State Council you can join as a Lone Member.

ICPA BRANCHES

- 101 Branches across Australia.
- Advocate for local educational issues and are represented by delegates at State and Federal Conferences.
- Fundraise to send delegates and observers to Conference and to support rural and remote families at a local level.

ICPA IN YOUR STATE OR TERRITORY

- 5 State Councils - NSW, NT, QLD, SA and WA.
- Advocates to the State or Territory Government and stakeholders for students from rural town schools, distance education, early childhood or boarding as well as state allowances, local bus runs, communications, tertiary, trade, training and more.
- Holds an annual Conference where Branch delegates put forward State/Territory based motions.

ICPA AUSTRALIA

- Advocates to the Federal Government and stakeholders on Federal education issues. This includes the Assistance for Isolated Children, Youth Allowance, In Home Care, early childhood through to tertiary education and access to adequate telecommunications.
- Holds an annual Conference where Branch delegates put forward Federal based motions.

ICPA AUSTRALIA
voice for regional education

Become a member at icpa.com.au/au/membership

SunCity Tennis Academy

Leaders in Regional Coaching Service!

Term 1 2023 Coaching Schedule

Northampton Tennis Club

4 week Program



Wednesday February 8th - Wednesday March 1st

3-5yrs	6-8yrs	9-13yrs	14yrs-Adults
Red Ball	Orange Ball	Green Ball	Yellow Ball
\$55.00	\$77.00	\$77.00	\$77.00
per person	per person	per person	per person
3:30-4:00pm	4:00-5:00pm	5:00-6:00pm	6:00-7:00pm

**Session times may be changed *Rackets are available to borrow*

**Programs are subject to enrolment numbers - Classes may be combined or cancelled*

**Players may be encouraged to change groups at the advice of the Coaches for a better fit*

***All Bookings are Invoiced for the Term Block**

For all bookings & enquiries:

Subject: Northampton Tennis Coaching
tennis@suncitytennisacademy.com.au

Contact Details:

- Jarron (Director): 0409 485 117
- Maranda (Accounts): 0448 772 464

Memberships & Court Hire:

<https://www.facebook.com/NorthamptonCommunityCentre>

When Booking in Please Provide:

- Participants Name & Age
- Preferred Session type
- Guardians Name, email & mobile number
- Any Medical information we may need to be aware of
- YES or NO Photo/Video Consent



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COME AND TRY TENNIS

NORTHAMPTON PLAYGROUP

At Enda Bandy Centre

COME AND JOIN US!

MONDAYS DURING SCHOOL TERMS
9AM - 11AM
\$1 PER CHILD AND A PIECE OF
FRUIT

FRIENDSHIP & COMMUNITY
CREATIVE ACTIVITIES
BYO SNACKS

TERM 1 2023

1. 06/02 - WELCOME BACK, VALENTINES PAINTING
2. 13/02 - KINDNESS DAY, TASTE TESTING
3. 20/02 - PLAYGROUP @ LIONS PARK
4. 27/02 - TEXTURED/TACTILE ART ACTIVITIES
5. 06/03 - LONG WEEKEND
6. 13/03 - HEARING AWARENESS WEEK - SPEECH PATHOLOGIST VISIT
7. 20/03 - BUBBLES/ BALLOON PAINTING
8. 27/03 - GROSS MOTOR ADVENTURE PLAY
9. 03/04 - OOBLEC EXPLORING

CONTACT DESIREE ON 0400 207 345 OR
VISIT THE NORTHAMPTON PLAYGROUP
FACEBOOK PAGE



WEEKLY HELPERS
CUT UP FRUIT
HELP PACK AWAY TOYS &
ACTIVITIES
WIPE TABLES/BENCHES/HIGH
CHAIRS ETC
SWEEP/VACUUM



WHAT TO BRING
HAT
WATER BOTTLE
CLOTHES THAT CAN
GET DIRTY



TERM PLANNER TERM ONE 2023

WEEK	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY / SUNDAY
JAN	23	24	25	26	27-Jan	28
WEEK 0			Australia Day			29
FEB						
JAN	30	31	1	2	3	4
WEEK 1	STAFF COMMENCE		STUDENTS COMMENCE	BEGINNING OF THE YEAR MASS 9.00am	NEWSLETTER	
FEB			Swimming 10.05am and 11.50am 80 min each session (2 lots of 40 min sessions)		Swimming 10.05am and 11.50am 80 min each session (2 lots of 40 min sessions)	5
FEB						
FEB	6	7	8	9	10	11
WEEK 2	WHOLE SCHOOL MORNING PRAYER 8.50am		PARENT/TEACHER INFORM. SCHOOL AGM 5:45: K/PP and 1/2 6:10: AGM 7:00: 3/4 & 5/6	SCITECH INCURSION	Swimming 10.05am and 11.50am 80 min each session (2 lots of 40 min sessions)	12
FEB			Swimming 10.05am and 11.50am 80 min each session (2 lots of 40 min sessions)			
FEB	13	14	15	16	17	18
WEEK 3			Swimming 10.05am and 11.50am 80 min each session (2 lots of 40 min sessions)	Nagle Principal Visit Yr 5/6 10am	CENSUS DAY Yr 5/6 Student Leadership Day Geraldton	19
FEB					NEWSLETTER	
FEB	20	21	22	23	24	25
WEEK 4	WHOLE SCHOOL MORNING PRAYER 8.50am MERIT CERTIFICATES					26
MAR						
MAR	27	28	1	2	3	4
WEEK 5		SHROVE TUESDAY	ASH WEDNESDAY MASS 11.30 Yr 5.6		NEWSLETTER	1ST SUNDAY OF LENT
MAR	Parent Teacher Interviews					5
MAR						
MAR	6	7	8	9	10	11
WEEK 6	LABOUR DAY PUBLIC HOLIDAY	Parent Teacher Interviews	SAC MEETING 6.00pm	RECONCILIATION PARENT MEETING 3.20PM	ASSEMBLY - MERIT CERTIFICATES 5/6 Family Mass	2ND SUNDAY OF LENT
MAR						12
MAR						
MAR	13	14	15	16	17	18
WEEK 7	LENT		NAPLAN		NEWSLETTER ST PATRICK'S DAY	3RD SUNDAY OF LENT
MAR				4/5/6 Reconciliation TBC		19
MAR						
MAR	20	21	22	23	24	25
WEEK 8	LENT NAPLAN	HARMONY DAY				4TH SUNDAY OF LENT
MAR					NCVISA Summer Carnival	26
MAR						
MAR	27	28	29	30	31	1
WEEK 9	LENT NAPLAN SACRAMENT OF FIRST RECONCILIATION 9.00am		MASS OF THE OILS 5.00pm Yr 6 Attend TBC	ASSEMBLY MERIT CERTIFICATES	STMs Swimming Carnival NEWSLETTER	5TH SUNDAY OF LENT
APRIL						2
APRIL						
APRIL	3	4	5	6	7	8
WEEK 10	Footy Colours Free Dress Day			STAFF/STUDENTS FINISH	GOOD FRIDAY	EASTER SUNDAY
APRIL						9
APRIL	Holy Week Liturgies Palm Sunday k/PP	Washing of the Feet Year 1/2	Holy Week Liturgies Last Supper 3/4	Holy Week Liturgies Stations of the Cross Year 5/6		