



**ST MARY'S PRIMARY SCHOOL**

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## Term 4, Issue 34

**Tuesday 22nd November 2022**

Dear Families,

Well I tell you what...this weather is making a mockery of our *NO HAT, NO PLAY* rule! Can you believe that we have had such terrible, rainy, miserable weather for so long? The poor kids just want to get outside to play! Come on summer!!!!



### Classroom Teachers for 2023

We have organised all of our classroom teachers for next year as part of our plans moving forward and we are excited to be able to share this information with you. The teachers are as follows for 2023:

Prep	Prep	
Faye Canty	Jhazmine Elmido	
Year 1		
Dora Swan and Andrea Richardson		
Year 2	Year 2	
Jack Ross/Yvette Silva	Alison Rankin	
Year 3/4	Year 3/4	
Jennifer D'Souza/Shyla Rathnam	Jude Clarisse/Lakota Dugan	
Year 5/6	Year 5/6	Year 5/6
Rose Stapleton/Kasey Dielemans	Alana Hanney	Andrew Thomson

We are lucky enough to have employed 4 new classroom members of Staff. We have secured Jude Clarisse and Casey Dielemans who have both done quite a bit of Casual Relief Teaching for us this year. We have also secured Andrew Thomson, who is returning from teaching in Sydney at the end of this year, as an experienced Year 5/6 teacher, and we also have Jhazmine Elmido who is a brand new Prep teacher. As always, we work for today with an eye on tomorrow!

### November

**Thurs 24th @ 8.30 - 10am**

**Uniform Shop open**

**Thurs 24th @ 9.30 - 11am**

**Prep Transition Session**

**Thurs 24th @ 4 - 6pm**

**Twilight Sports**

**Fri 25th @ 2.45pm**

**Assembly. All welcome!**

**Mon 28th - Fri 9th Dec**

**Swimming**

### December

**Mon 5th**

**Choir visiting Mercy Place**

**Wed 14th**

**Year 6 Graduation Day**

**Thurs 15th**

**Year 6 Fun Day**

**Thurs 15th**

**Carols Night**

**Fri 16th @ 1.30pm**

**Term 4 finishes**

### 2023 Prep Transition this Thursday

Our first Prep transition morning is happening this Thursday at 9.30am. We are having a coffee van onsite so if any parents would like to stay and say hello to our new families over a coffee that would be great. It's always a delight to see how excited the new prep children are!

### Twilight Sport this Thursday from 4pm till 6pm @St Mary's Oval

We hope to see everyone back at school from 4pm on Thursday evening for our annual Twilight Sports. The weather is looking good so please bring a picnic rug and enjoy some social time with your family while you cheer on the kids.

Have a wonderful week, Terry

### Mr Gardiner's Rib Ticklers...

Mr Gardiner: Hey Mrs Grenfell, did you hear the joke about the piece of paper?

*Mrs Grenfell: Um...no I didn't...do I want to?*

Mr Gardiner: No, I won't tell you...it's...tearable!!! Get it??? TEAR-ABLE??? TERRIBLE??? Because you can tear paper??? Get it???

*Mrs Grenfell: AAAAAAARRRRGGGGGHHHH!!!!!! NO MORE!!!! PLEASE!!!!*

Mr Gardiner: Ha ha!!! That's a ripper...GET IT? A RIPPER??? Because it's TEARABLE??? Bahahahahahahahahahahaha



## 5/6 Excursion to Moorabbin Air Museum

Wow! What a day, thank you Ardoch!

Our 5/6 students were lucky enough to visit Moorabbin Air Museum today to visit with their Buddies and listen to two amazing speakers as well as participate in a flight competition - well done Michael on your win.

Guest Speakers;

Captain Victoria McFarlane - a captain of an Airbus A319. Making her way there by working hard and never giving up her dream. Starting with flights in and out of Arnhem land, flying cargo for Toll to her ultimate dream of flying into Antarctica.

Adrianne Fleming OAM - an aviation specialist with over 30 years experience in aviation. Starting Tristar Aviation with her husband and being a huge contributor to aviation in Australia.

These two amazing women are passionate about helping people find their own passion. Just because one person says 'No', don't give up on your dreams.

What a great day out.



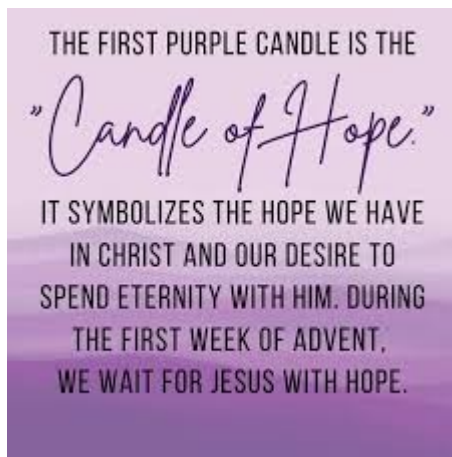


# Advent

Advent, which begins the Church's liturgical year, starts this Sunday. Advent includes the four Sundays and weekdays leading up to the celebration of Christmas. The Advent season is **a time of preparation for our hearts and minds for the anniversary of the Lord's birth on Christmas.**

A Reading from Matthew from this weeks Gospel :

"Therefore keep watch, because you do not know on what day your Lord will come. But understand this: If the owner of the house had known at what time of night the thief was coming, he would have kept watch and would not have let his house be broken into. So you also must be ready, because the Son of Man will come at an hour when you do not expect him.



## Swimming starts next week

Don't forget to:

Wear your bathers

Bring a towel, underwear and thongs

And most importantly make sure you get to school on time for the bus!! First one is @9am.



### Fees

Whilst we have kept our fees the same for a number of years now, in 2023 there will be a slight increase.

We have the approval of the School Advisory Committee (SAC) and make this increase in order to keep up with inflation.

	<u>2022</u>	<u>2023</u>
Family Fee	1,600.00	1,620.00
Student Levy	300.00	320.00
5/6 Camp	351.00	370.00
3/4 Camp	270.00	300.00

As with previous years we will be offering a concession to families holding a valid Health Care Card.

And as always, if you are having difficulties keeping up with your fees please make an appointment to speak with Mr Gardiner.

### Enrolments 2023

If you have a child turning 5 by 30th April 2023, they may eligible to enrol at St Mary's school for Prep next year. Please come to the office for an enrolment form. We are also taking enrolments for other year levels.

## Scholastic Bookclub

Last one for the year!!

**All orders need to be in by the  
25th November,**

**Order online**

**OR**

**Fill out an order and please add  
correct money in the envelope  
as change will be hard to give.**



November

23rd Angelo

24th Allan

24th Drake

26th Shanae

26th Enrique

26th Sandra

27th Angel

### School Contacts

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Deputy Principal: **Mr Bryan Handasyde**

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