



# St. Mary's School Newsletter



*Always faithful to God, ourselves and others in the spirit of the Presentation tradition.*

*St. Mary's is committed to Child Safety and the inclusion of all children.*

**Respect Ourselves - Respect Others - Respect our Environment**

**Term 1 - Week 4 - Friday 24 February, 2023**

## PBIS Expectations: Expectations in the Playground



**This Sunday  
is the first  
Sunday of Lent**

## The Three Pillars of Lent Prayer, Fasting and Almsgiving

These three key pillars characterise the Lenten season:

**Prayer, Fasting and Almsgiving (charity).**

During Lent, "we seek the Lord in prayer;  
we serve by giving alms;  
and we practice self-control  
through fasting."

THE SEASON OF *Lent*



**PRAY**



**FAST**



**GIVE**

**Our School Prayer**  
Loving God,  
We pray for peace and harmony  
in our school, community and world.  
Help us to make St Mary's School  
a place where we all feel  
welcomed, respected and valued.  
May our school be a  
safe and happy community  
where we strive to reach our goals.  
Help us to always Respect Ourselves,  
Respect Others and Respect our  
Environment.  
Amen

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# IMPORTANT

## Absenteeism - Our Legal Requirement

It is a **legal requirement** that **all schools** must follow up any daily **unexplained absences by 9.30 am**.

If your child is going to be away from school or arriving late for any reason the school **must be notified**. The simplest way to do this is through **PAM**.

If your child is an **unexplained absence** you will receive an **SMS** asking you to contact the school and a phone call if necessary. If there is no answer then the **emergency contacts** for your family will be contacted and then if there is still no answer the police are contacted. These steps are followed to ensure that we know that your child is **safe**.



The graphic features a stylized sun with three hands (purple, green, and blue) reaching up to touch it. Above the hands, the text 'better health • better future • better outcomes' is written in a curved path. Below the hands, the text 'Attendance Matters' is written in pink.

### Attending School = Brighter Future

- higher paying jobs
- improved overall health
- improved relationships and support networks

## 2023 Camps, sports and Excursions Fund (CSEF)

The Application Forms for the above fund have been put in the tubs for the oldest sibling to take home.

Below is an excerpt regarding Eligibility, for your information. If eligible, please return the signed application form to the front office as soon as possible.

### CSEF eligibility

Below is the criteria used to determine a student's eligibility for the Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund (CSEF).

#### Criteria 1 – Eligibility

To be eligible for the fund, a parent or carer of a student attending a registered Government or non-government Victorian primary or secondary school must:

- on the first day of Term one, or
- on the first day of Term two.
  - a) Be a holder of one or more of the eligible financially-means tested cards **OR** be a temporary foster parent, and
  - b) Submit an application to the school by the due date.

For the list of eligible financially-means tested cards refer to the CSEF Policy [Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund \(CSEF\): Policy | education.vic.gov.au](https://www.education.vic.gov.au/csef/policy)

Parents who receive a Carer Allowance on behalf of a child, or any other benefit or allowance not income tested by Centrelink, are not eligible for the CSEF unless they also comply with the above.

#### Criteria 2 - Be of school age and attend school in Victoria

For the purposes of CSEF, students may be eligible for assistance if they attend a Victorian registered primary or secondary school. CSEF is not payable to students attending pre-school, kindergarten, home schooled, or TAFE.

#### Special Consideration

A special consideration category exists for:

- Families on a bridging visa, temporary protection visa, in community detention or are asylum seeker families
- Students in temporary out of home care arrangements, including statutory kinship care

#### Eligibility Date

For concession card holders CSEF eligibility will be subject to the parent/carers concession card being successfully validated with Centrelink on the first day of either term one (31 January 2023) or term two (24 April 2023).

For more information on eligibility, see [Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund \(CSEF\): Eligibility | education.vic.gov.au](https://www.education.vic.gov.au/csef/eligibility)



## Shrove Tuesday (Pancake Tuesday):

We had lots of good pancake cookers on Tuesday!!!







Matilda Doolan represented St. Mary's for Division Swimming last Friday in Wodonga, she came 3rd in under 10.50m Freestyle in a time of 47.02. She had a great day representing her school. Well done Matilda!

## Swimming Carnival: This Monday 27th Feb 9.30 am 1 pm

This Monday is our swimming carnival. All families are encouraged to come and cheer the students along. Once again the highlight of the day is the famous annual Year 6 May Baring race where the winner will receive a May Baring medallion and have their name engraved on the May Baring trophy.



## Sacred Heart College OPEN DAY Thursday 23rd March 11.30am-1.30pm



**Come and see the  
College in action.**

Click here to register: <https://forms.gle/kQgj9EDuepZrTXmb8>

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## Galen Catholic College Year 7 2024 Enrolments

Dear Parents and Year 6 students,

We would like to invite you and your family to our

**Family Discovery Tour on Thursday 16th March from 5.30pm to 7pm**

simply scan the QR code below to book your place.

During the evening you will be able to explore the school, tour our facilities and ask any questions to our leadership team and educators. We will also have our student leaders to help with any questions that your son or daughter may have about life at Galen. Our application process is now online [Click here for](#) to start the application. Once you have completed the application form & application fee payment you will then be provided with dates for interviews. If you are unable to join us for the evening, you can also book for one of our Learning walks [Book a Learning Walk](#)

We look forward to seeing you and your family! For any queries please email [enrolments@galen.vic.edu.au](mailto:enrolments@galen.vic.edu.au)

# Family Discovery Tour

Thursday  
**16th**  
MARCH

5.30pm - 7pm

**Focused** on 2024 Year 7 cohort

**Explore** the college

**See** what's new around the campus

**Meet** the school leaders

**Interactive** and hands-on activities

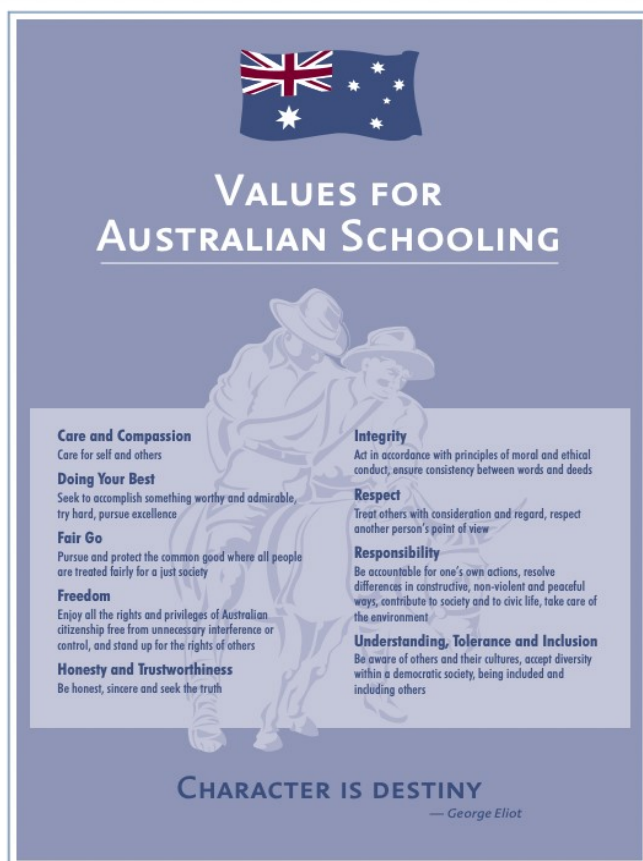
Scan the QR code to register your family

More info:  
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*We look forward to seeing you!*

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# We Are a Respectful Community:



## Values for Australian Schooling

Good citizenship values and models responsible behaviour, attitudes and democratic values.

Good citizenship requires knowledge of a society's major social, political and legal institutions, the capacity and disposition to participate within those institutions, and an awareness of the rights and obligations that citizenship entails. It requires involvement in the civil life of a community whether through formal participation, such as standing or voting in elections for public bodies, or working individually or collectively to build stronger, inclusive and sustainable communities.

## Democratic values

Values such as respect and 'fair go' are part of Australia's common democratic way of life. They reflect our commitment to a multicultural and environmentally sustainable society where all are entitled to justice.

**Nine Values for Australian Schooling** have emerged from Australian school communities and from the *National Goals for Schooling in Australia in the Twenty-First Century*. They are presented below in alphabetical order and not in any rank order of importance.

You can easily see how our key PBIS beliefs of **Respect Yourself, Respect Others and Respect Our Environment** sit comfortably alongside these 9 values.

## Nine Values for Australian Schooling

1. **Care and Compassion.** Care for self and others.
2. **Doing Your Best.** Seek to accomplish something worthy and admirable, try hard, pursue excellence.
3. **Fair Go.** Pursue and protect the common good where all people are treated fairly for a just society.
4. **Freedom.** Enjoy all the rights and privileges of Australian citizenship free from unnecessary interference or control, and stand up for the rights of others.
5. **Honesty and Trustworthiness.** Be honest, sincere and seek the truth.
6. **Integrity.** Act in accordance with principles of moral and ethical conduct, ensure consistency between words and deeds.
7. **Respect.** Treat others with consideration and regard, respect another person's point of view.
8. **Responsibility.** Be accountable for one's own actions, resolve differences in constructive, non-violent and peaceful ways, contribute to society and to civic life, take care of the environment.
9. **Understanding, Tolerance and Inclusion.** Be aware of others and their cultures, accept diversity within a democratic society, being included and including others.





We send our best wishes to  
all who are celebrating their birthdays this  
week!



Lilly

### Well done to this week's Class Award Winners:



Back L to R - Jake, Isla, Matilda, Harper

Front L to R - Connie, Ayla, Milla, Amelia-Rose, Annabelle, Oliver



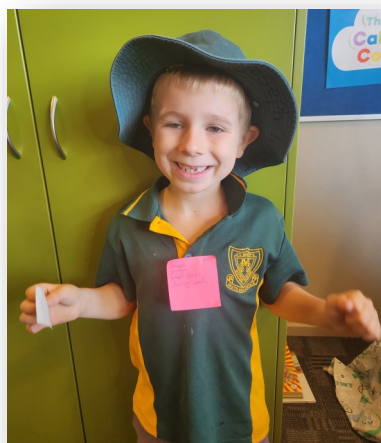
### Frosty Friday Term 1 & 4:

Every Friday our **Senior Catholic Identity Team** will be selling frozen Zooper Doopers for 50c. The money raised goes to support our sponsor child in the Philippines and to CARITAS.

# PBIS: Expectations in the Playground

Playground	Respect Ourselves	Respect Others	Respect our Environment
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Use kind words</li> <li>• Be a good self umpire</li> <li>• Keep hands and feet to myself</li> <li>• Respond to the bell immediately (drink, toilet)</li> <li>• Tell, not do</li> <li>• Be active</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Share with others</li> <li>• Take turns in games</li> <li>• Good Sportmanship with others</li> <li>• Be inclusive</li> <li>• Be a good role model with others</li> <li>• Be tolerant towards others</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Use equipment appropriately</li> <li>• Pack away sports equipment</li> <li>• Pick up my belongings, eg drink bottle, jumper, hat</li> <li>• Put our rubbish in the bin</li> </ul>

**Well done to this week's PBIS winners:**



Hunter



Stephanie, Seth, Amelia-Rose, Luca, Heidi, Ryan

Have a great weekend

Matt



# Important Calendar Dates - 2023

## Term 1

Monday 27 February

Monday 13 March

Friday 24 March

Friday 31 March

Thursday 6 April

Swim Carnival - Rutherglen Pool

Labour Day Public Holiday

Reconciliation Grade 3

Student Free Day - Staff PD

Last Day Term 1 for Students

(Casual Clothes Day - Gold coin donation) 2.30pm finish

## Term 2

Monday 24 April

Friday 26 May

Friday 23 June

First Day - Term 2

Student Free Day - Stem Focus

Last Day Term 2 for Students

(Casual Clothes Day - Gold coin donation) 2.30pm finish

## Term 3

Monday 10 July

Tuesday 5 September

Wednesday 6 September

Friday 15 September

First Day - Term 3

Grade 3/4 Borambola Camp

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Last Day Term 2 for Students

(Casual Clothes Day - Gold coin donation) 2.30pm finish

## Term 4

Wed-Thursday 1-3 November

Monday 6 November

Grade 5/6 Canberra Camp

Student Free Day - Report Writing Day

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