



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 5 - Friday 3 March, 2023

PBIS Expectations: Expectations During Sport

This Sunday is the 2nd Sunday of Lent



During Lent I will share with you some stories of people and villages being transformed thanks to the support of **CARITAS** and **Project Compassion**.



Laxmi's Story: *Laxmi lives with her mother and siblings in Jajarkot, one of the least developed districts in the remote Karnali province, with almost half of the population living below the poverty line.*

Tragedy struck when Laxmi was 10-years-old. Her father, who worked hard to pay for his children's education, passed away. Laxmi was devastated. She used to love to go to school but for the first time she stopped attending her classes.

Before her father's passing, Laxmi joined a child's club at her school that was run with the support of Caritas Nepal, through the Nepal Livelihoods and Resilience Program. Child's clubs support students to develop their speaking, writing and leadership skills through extracurricular activities.

Thanks to the support of her child's club, Laxmi was encouraged to resume her education. She became an active member of her child's club, where she developed the skills and confidence to become a leader, advocating for clean water taps at her school.



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IMPORTANT REMINDERS

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**.



Prioritise Learning Time - Appointments are not an excuse

- non-urgent appointments made before/after school or during holidays
- disrupted learning time disrupts learning

Easter Raffle:

Could all families please start sending in some Easter eggs and Easter themed gifts for our Easter Raffle to be drawn on 5th April, 2023. The more donations we receive the more Easter hampers we can make up as prizes. Easter raffle tickets will be sent home on March 20, with more available on request.

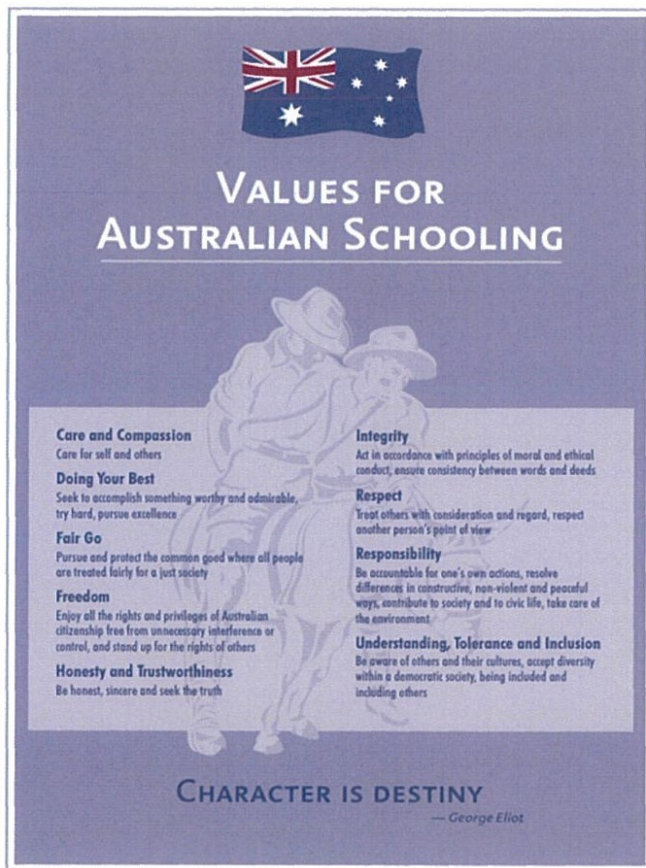


2023 School Closure Days:

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| 1. 31st March | Staff attending Maths Conference (Melbourne) |
| 2. 26th May | STEM Focus |
| 3. 6th Nov | Report Writing Day |

Assembly Next Week: Thursday 9th March at 3pm in the hall.

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.

Swimming Carnival:

What a great day we had for our swimming carnival on Monday. Thanks to all families who were able to come along and support all the students. Well done to **Donaghy** who were the overall House winners on the day. Also well done to **Ryan Moore** who was the **2023 May Baring Winner**.

Once again it was great that Frank Baring was able to turn up and share a little of the history behind the May Baring trophy and its strong link to our school.

Also a big special mention to Emily Morris for the great organization of the sports both before and on the day.



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Time Capsule 2023:

Yesterday at assembly all the students put some work into a time capsule that was lowered into its resting place in the undercover area. The time capsule will be raised again at the end of the year and the work given back to each student so they can see how much they have improved or grown or whether their predictions were correct for 2023. I wonder how many predicted the Saints to win the Premiership this year!!!!



What a Good Spot to Practise Writing Your Numbers!!!!



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.

Well done to this week's Class Award Winners:



Joseph, Melody, Zoe, Pyper, Luca, Emmerson, Otits, Ava, & Harper

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BOOKINGS MUST BE MADE BY WEDNESDAY 5TH APRIL 2023


Vacation Care –2023

MONDAY 10TH APRIL – FRIDAY 21ST APRIL

\$70 per day+ EXCURSION/INCURSION COSTS BEFORE REBATES are applied

WEEK 1 Start 10TH APRIL	WEEK 2 Start 17th APRIL
NOT OPEN EASTER MONDAY	Fish friends day make an aquarium for your rainbow fish
Lego bingo challenge day	Bring your singing voice to make a Disney movie
Super Mario bros movie day extra \$25	Wonga wetlands extra \$25
Bake off day team competition with judges	Design and decorate a clock to take home extra \$5
Make a koala to take home extra \$25 Obstacle course designed by you	Walk the small rail trail with a treat when we get to the end

PBIS: Expectations During Sport

Sport	Respect Ourselves	Respect Others	Respect our Environment
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Wear school sports uniform Bring water bottle Try your best Give it a go/be prepared to try new things Be a good sport Collect personal belongings 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Listen to instructions Be a team player Respect umpire/ referee's decisions Respect rules and decisions Encourage others Acknowledge and praise others Help others succeed 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ensure sports equipment is put away Correct use and storage of sports equipment

Well done to this week's PBIS winners:



Jake, Tenley, Luca, Oscar, Madelyn

Have a great weekend

Matt



Important Calendar Dates - 2023

Term 1

Monday 13 March

Friday 24 March

Friday 31 March

Thursday 6 April

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

Monday 12 June

Friday 23 June

First Day - Term 2

Student Free Day - Stem Focus

King's Birthday

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 3 for Students

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

Term 4

Monday 2 October

Wed-Thursday 1-3 November

Monday 6 November

Monday 11 December

First Day - Term 4

Grade 5/6 Canberra Camp

Student Free Day - Report Writing Day

Grade 6 Graduation Dinner

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