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2022 College Theme

*'Act with Courage, be strong in your faith'*



*St Mary's College Seymour is a Child Safe School. We promote the safety, wellbeing and inclusion of all children.*

Newsletter No.12

Term 3

5 August 2022

Dear Parents and Guardians

***"If the love of god reigns in your heart, it will quickly show itself in the exterior."***

*.....Sr Catherine McAuley*

Year 3 and 4 students enjoyed the Phillip Island Camp this week. The students' behaviour and care for each other was excellent. St Mary's students are always very good ambassadors for our College. Our expectations and standards reflect the College's Mercy heritage and the values *(Justice; compassion; Respect; Hospitality; Service and Courage)* that Catherine McAuley believed were required for a Catholic community to be true in its mission.

## Positive Behaviours for Learning

**INTEGRITY  
EXCELLENCE  
RESPECT**

Over the past 12 months the College has been working with Jo-Ann Patrick MACS Consultant Positive Behaviour Learning. Mrs Moore the Director Wellbeing has been leading the College direction on embracing the positive behaviours approach to student management. From meetings and survey feedback from staff, student and parents the St Mary's College positive behaviours values will be: **Respect – Excellence – Integrity**. From these values a behaviour matrix will be published that clearly communicates the College's behaviour values and positive behaviours in and out of the classroom. The behaviour values will be branded and visible in the classroom and around the College and on e-platforms such as the College website. Thank you to Mrs Moore who has a vision for a St Mary's model of Wellbeing that is not only best practice but will truly support the holistic needs of students, particularly for students who have more complex needs.

## Welcome Nurse Katherine

In developing the model of Wellbeing, Katherine Treble (College Nurse) on Fridays, has accepted a 3-day per week position at St Mary's. Katherine will continue to be the Health Centre Nurse each Friday, ensuring the centre has a registered nurse in residence 5 days a week. Katherine will work closely with the Wellbeing team on the other two days to set up an early intervention of support for students. St Mary's is blessed to have two nurses, Lisa Glover and Katherine who are not only wonderful in relational skills and knowledgeable but also have such a caring way with the students.

## Creative Play

ROAM architects have completed a creative play design area alongside the Primary Learning Centre. The F-2 staff have reviewed the design. Nick Liddell the College Maintenance Manager will oversee the works and landscaping quotes. The design will be published in the coming weeks.

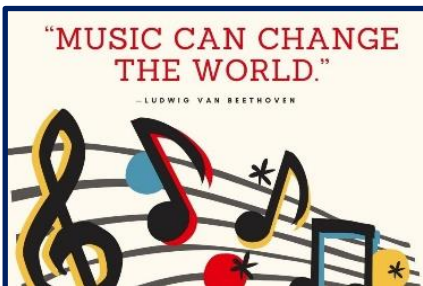
## F-12 Planning

Simone McLaughlin the College VCE Coordinator begins on Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> August. A renewal of Office duties is underway to ensure processes are in place for the future needs when Year 11 begins. Staffing for 2023 is also underway, as we are conscious of the decline in the teaching workforce across Australia. St Mary's has also reached out to the International School offering enrolment places and we are willing to meet any teachers who may be considering travelling north of Kilmore.

## National Consistent Collection Data (NCCD)

Mrs Claire Kelly the College Learning Diversity Leader has the enormous task of collating the data and evidence for the NCCD application. The evidence provided assists in the level of funding the College receives to support students. This funding enables St Mary's to provide LSO support and intervention programs for students who benefit from this directed support.

## Music – The Heartbeat



Music is the heartbeat of a school. The Performing Arts adds in such a positive way to the culture, spirit and positive relationships for any community. St Mary's is blessed to have Mr Dudfield, an outstanding Musician and a passionate teacher of the Performing Arts. In a stage of the Master Plan there will be a Performing Arts Centre providing the facilities for theatre and music performance and personal tuition. Mr Dudfield is keen to begin a Year 3-6 Band.

The College will be purchasing musical instruments to begin the College's journey in musical ensembles.

Best wishes and stay well.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Wayne Smith".

**Wayne Smith**

**Principal, St Mary's College Seymour**

DipEd (ACU) DipREd (ACU) BEd (ACU) GradCertEdAdmin (Edith Cowan)

GradDipREd (ACU) MEdAdmin (Charles Sturt) MTheoStudies (BBITAITE)

## *Deputy Principal Operations*



### Bus Stop Safety

This is a reminder of the dangers students face when trying to cross the road at McIntyre St. The bus timetable means, at times, buses are congregating in the street and making it difficult for students and parents to get a clear and safe view of traffic. Only those students who travel by bus or walk to Wimble and Victoria St are permitted to exit the College using the lane way to the bus stop. Students walking to Station Street are asked to use the Crawford St exit and crossing. The Crawford Street entry to the College has been reopened. Parents who normally pick up from McIntyre St are asked to make alternative arrangements. Parents are permitted to use the Parish car park at drop off and pick up times. Student safety is our priority, thanks for your understanding and support

### Puckapunyal Careers Visit

On Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> of July a small group of Year 9 students and I travelled to Puckapunyal Military Area for a tour of the various departments contracted by Ventia. Ventia, one of the largest essential services providers in Australia, employs many local people at Puckapunyal. Ventia provide excellent support and opportunities including Work Experience and education and training scholarships for young people in our region. The group were exposed to a variety of career options that are offered on the base for civilians who are not members of the Australian Defence Force. The visits included:

- a production kitchen and a discussion on Hospitality careers
- the Puckapunyal Base fire station for an exploration of Emergency Services careers
- the Lands and Environment department with an overview of Horticulture careers
- Maintenance and Support Services
- Domestic Services headquarters for a discussion around the opportunities for cleaners and Health & Fitness Industry careers such as Life Guards.

## Alumni Spotlight



Deon Tullett-Prado attended St Mary's College from Year 7-10 graduating in 2012. He joined our College community having completed his primary education at Puckapunyal Primary School. Deon completed VCE at ACK and then went on to complete a Bachelor of Science at the University of Melbourne. Deon is currently completing a PhD at Victoria University in the area of Cyberpsychology. Deon's research is investigating how gaming and social media are used by students, students' relationships with these technologies and how these relationships can be kept healthy. St Mary's College Year 8 & 9 students are invited to participate and currently 30 students have registered their interest.

If your child is keen to participate, please register to be involved by visiting the following link:

[https://vuau.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV\\_bDebVX0RXhf93T0](https://vuau.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_bDebVX0RXhf93T0)

### Mrs Genevieve Gordon

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## Student Achievement

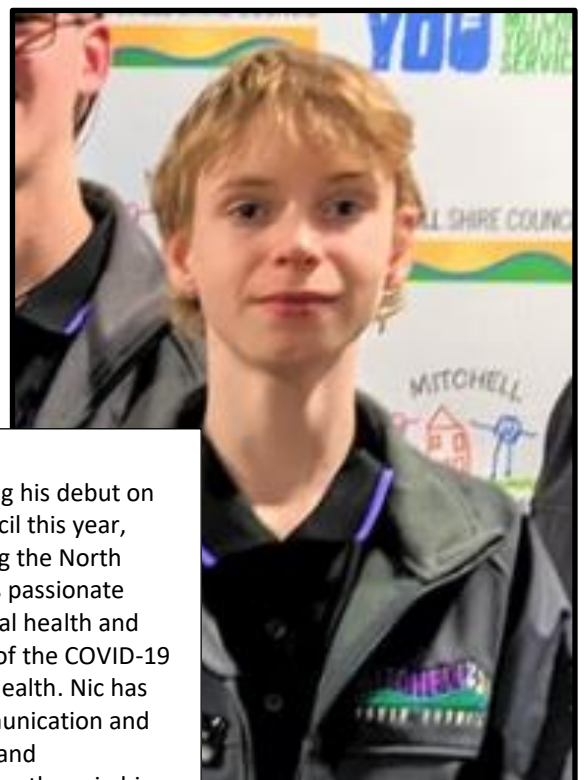
The Mitchell Shire Youth Council is a group of nine talented young people selected to provide feedback and ideas to the main shire council, ranging between the ages of 12 and 25. St Mary's College Seymour has two councillors elected, myself Nic Houghton and Hannah Handford.

After I applied, I was required to complete a series of interviews, and then I was finally selected to join. In our first meeting, we held a vote for the council positions, Mayor, Deputy Mayor and Secretary, out of which I was selected to be the secretary. Our plans for the future include mental health awareness, community resources, equality, and safety.



#### Hannah

Hannah is embarking on her first year on Youth Council and will be representing the North Ward. Hannah is passionate about mental and physical health and will be an advocate for this in the community.



#### Nic

Nic is making his debut on Youth Council this year, representing the North Ward. Nic is passionate about mental health and the impact of the COVID-19 on mental health. Nic has great communication and social skills and demonstrates these in his leadership position at Scouts.



## Director of Learning and Teaching



### Australian Maths Competition 2022

Approximately 40 students across Years 3 to 10 participated in the Australian Maths Competition today. These Maths wizards worked wonderfully to try and solve some mind-boggling problems that have been created by Australia's leading educators and academics. We congratulate all students that participated on rising to a challenge and giving it a go. Well done!

### Celebrating Secondary Learning – Science

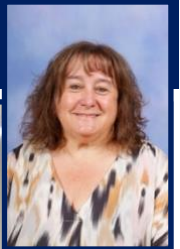
Our secondary students have been taking part in science topics which have allowed them to develop their inquiry and understanding skills. It was a fantastic experience that resulted in some very creative scientific explorations! Thanks Mr Rowland.



**Mrs Julia Wood**

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## Director of Faith and Mission



### Confirmation 2022

Angus McMennemin  
Ava Jarvis  
Benjamin Brown  
Billy D'Orria  
Charli Egan  
Ella Jarvis  
Jasper Radobuljac  
Jed Puppa  
Kate Quillinan  
Mackenzie Pearce  
Matilda Barry  
Olivia Hamilton  
Piper Doyle  
Remy Clydesdale  
Sienna Lynch



**Mrs Rochelle Gough**

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## F-2 Coordinator



The weather is turning with days of more sunshine and less chill in the mornings. Along with this change comes what appears to be a shift of attitude in children. I sometimes wonder if there is a science to it! They are often happier, more enthusiastic, engaged and patient with each other. Warm weather brings a refreshed outlook and an element of joy spending time outside, wearing less clothes and using the time we have with sunshine well. Enjoy it when and where you can.

### TAG Awards

Recipients are Atticus, Jill, Alex, Beau and Riley. Also, Anastasia, Oliver, Harrison, Adeline, Ryan and Bridget. Congratulations everyone and keep up the great job following our TAG - Show Respect, Act Justly, Do your Best.



### Visit to the veggie garden



This week the Ag Studies class have begun working in the school garden with the Junior Primary students. Last year the College successfully applied for the Woolworths School Garden grant. A stipulation of being awarded the grant was that the funds would be used to develop participation in gardening in the Junior Primary cohort. Two large garden beds were purchased and set aside for Junior Primary use. On Tuesday the Ag Studies students assisted while very keen students from Foundation B planted carrot seeds and spinach seedlings. The Foundation students were also given a guided tour of the garden area where they were encouraged to pick and eat the snow peas, cabbages and broccoli. On each Tuesday afternoon in week A, for the remainder of the year, all of the Junior Primary classes will have the opportunity to visit the school garden and to participate in its growth and development.

As our plantings mature to harvestable size, picking and preparing will become key activities. We look forward with excitement to the coming months!

On Tuesday afternoon Foundation B was very lucky to go for a visit to the garden with Mr Allen and the Year 9&10 agriculture class.

The students had an absolute ball exploring the garden and learning about the different vegetables that are being grown over the winter months.

They got to try some snow peas and broccoli which most of them enjoyed....

We got to plant some carrot seeds and some spinach seedlings and are looking forward to seeing how they grow.

- Jill - "I liked it. The best part was when I got to eat some Broccoli, I love broccoli."
- Nate - "It was good. I liked walking around and seeing all the plants and where the watermelon was. "
- Montana - "The best part was when I ate vegetables. When Hunter ate the Broccoli and he didn't like it, one of the big kids buried it, I don't know why they buried it?"
- Lewis - "I liked eating the broccoli. I liked hanging out with the big kids too."



## 100 days



We are approaching our 100th day of school!

We are so excited to celebrate this achievement with the students. Each day we have been marking off the days and all the students are very good at keeping this count up to date. We will be having lots of different activities and events based around 100.

We will be celebrating on **Wednesday the 17th of August** and our theme will be '**100 Days Brighter**'.

Look out for all the brightly coloured Foundation students on the day.

### Lunchtime activities

Our lunchtime activities continued last week with a Science experiment - Skittles Rainbows. Students were excited about what might happen and even had trouble believing it when they saw it! They predicted what might happen and then checked them at the end. Some predictions were that nothing would happen, the whole skittle would melt into the warm water or the colour would slide off because sugar melts in warm water. They were still surprised at how pretty the rainbow is as each colour makes its way to the centre



Until the next fortnight, stay well and take care.

**Mrs Anne Spencer**

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# Book Week

The theme for this year is 'Dreaming with eyes open.'

Book Week will be celebrated next week, August 8-12.

The following activities are planned to celebrate 2022 Book Week.

- \* The Book Fair in the Reading Cave: Books and other items will be available for purchase before and after school. Parents are welcome between the hours of 8:30am and 3:45pm Monday to Friday. The current recommendations are to wear masks indoors unless exempt.
- \* Book Parade: F-6 Friday Aug 12 at 9:15am. Students are asked to dress up as their favourite book character. Parents welcome!
- \* Colouring Competition
- \* St Mary's Writing Competition: Categories Years 3-4, 5-6, 7-8 and 9-10. Students are asked to write a story of no more than 1000 words with the words of this year's theme included somewhere within the story.
- \* Guessing Competition - pick the teacher's favourite books.
- \* F-4 will be looking at all of the nominated books in the Picture Book of the Year category and voting on their favourite title with Mrs Buhler.

**Ms Christine Buhler**  
**Mrs Kerrie Pearce**  
**Mrs Linda Heveren**



## Defence School Mentor

### Excursion

On Wednesday July 26<sup>th</sup> I headed off to the Bendigo Discovery Centre with Year 5 students. It was evident that learning through fun was the order of the day and the Discovery Centre did not disappoint! The students told me the drop slide was scary and fun at the same time, while the planetarium provided comfy chairs and bean bags that allowed everyone to sit back, relax and be amazed by our solar system.

### Kids Club

Foundation – Year 4 have been making fuzzy art in the shape of a butterfly. Fuzzy art is a technique where the outline of a shape has raised lines made from a soft texture similar to velvet fabric. The shape is then coloured in and we then added a holding stick for our butterflies.

### Defence Kids Hangout – Year 5 to 10

As the weather is still cold, the students have been able to come in with a friend, play games and also have a hot chocolate to warm up. Hot chocolates are always a winner and it was good to see the students interacting.

### Australian Military Wives Choir

The choir welcomes women and girls who have a significant relationship with an Australian Defence Force member or foreign defence force member stationed in Australia. This includes partners, mothers, daughters and sisters. If you can't get to an in-person choir you can sing virtually with the AMW Choir online. Further information can be found at <http://www.amwchoir.com/>.



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# Parents and Friends Association

Parents & Friends



The P&F Uniform Shop 50% off sale will continue. Take advantage of the discounted prices and grab yourself a bargain. There is a wide range of both winter and summer uniform available.

 <b>St Mary's College</b> Second-hand School Uniform Price List	
Jumpers, Track pants, (fleece)	
Grey Shorts, Polo Shirts	\$5.00
Poly-Cotton Shirts	
Sport T-Shirts	\$10.00
Sports Shorts (Navy)	\$10.00
Sports Rugby	\$25.00
Sport Track pants	\$10.00
Summer Dresses	\$10.00
Pinafore	\$25.00
Skirts	\$20.00
Boys Winter Pants	\$10.00
Ties	\$5.00
Winter Coat	\$25.00
Back pack	\$15.00

**Half Price Sale**

**HALF GAME SHOW, HALF PARTY,  
AND MORE AUSSIE THAN A BALI PRISON**

## Bogan Bingo

EST. 2005  
WE ROCK. WE KNOW.

**Extra Info**  
Tickets can be purchased at:  
[www.trybooking.com](http://www.trybooking.com)

**Age: 18+**

If you wish to reserve a table, please  
contact Brooke on: 0413 052 796

**Tickets : \$50 each**

**When: Saturday 22nd October 2022 at 7pm**

The next meeting will be held on **Monday 29th August at 5:30pm**  
in the **Primary Learning Centre**.

If you would like to join the P&F or assist, please contact-  
Megan – 0415 151 474

Steph – 0407 514 249

Or Cath [catherine.evans@smseymour.catholic.edu.au](mailto:catherine.evans@smseymour.catholic.edu.au)

We look forward to seeing you at a future meeting.

Bogan Bingo is being held on Saturday 22nd October at 7pm. There will be lucky door prizes, live and silent auctions, a wine wall and some fun games on the night. Tables of 10 or single tickets are available.

To reserve a table please contact Brooke Curic, 0413 052 796

## Office Manager/Enrolment Registrar



**St Mary's College**

*'Act with courage, be strong in your faith'.*

**Now Offering**

**Yr 11, 2024 and Yr 12, 2025**

**Open Day**

**Monday 22 August 2022**

Tours available at 10am, 2:30pm and 5:30pm.

To book a tour please visit our website:

<http://www.smseymour.catholic.edu.au/enrolment-information>

**Enrolments for  
2023 are welcome**



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Enrolments are still open for 2023. A reminder to current families to enrol siblings. Please share information regarding our Open Day event with friends and colleagues if they wish to enrol a student for 2023.



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Always remember  
you are **BRAVER**  
than you BELIEVE  
**STRONGER**  
than you SEEM  
**SMARTER**  
than you THINK  
& **LOVED**  
more than you know

Ms Lisa Glover  
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# Canteen



The Canteen staff are seeking helpers to assist on a roster basis.

## **Canteen Duty is from 10:45am – 2:30pm**

If you are able to assist, please fill in the details below and return it to the College together with a **Parent Volunteer form** available from the office or via this link [Volunteer-Details-Checklist.pdf](#). Volunteers must be fully vaccinated against COVID 19 as per MACS Operations Guidelines.

Please contact the College office if you require any further information.

**Name:** .....

**Phone:** .....

**Child's Name:** .....

**Child's Class:** .....

**Do you have a preference for any particular day?**

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# College Calendar

## Term 3

<b>Week 5A</b>	Mon 8 – Fri 12 Aug	Book Week
	Fri 12 Aug	Book Week Dress Up Day and Parade 9:15am
	Fri 12 Aug	Year 7-10 Round Robin 9:00am-3:00pm
<b>Week 6B</b>	Wed 17 Aug	Year 10 and Primary Captains attending Mass 9am
<b>Week 7A</b>	<b>Mon 22 Aug</b>	<b>College Open Day</b>
	Mon 22 Aug	Year 7 Reflection Day
	Tue 23 Aug	Year 8 Reflection Day

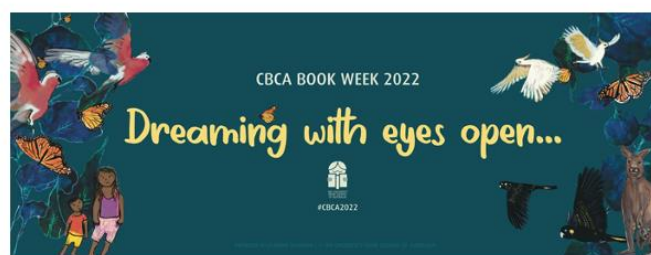
### Bell Times 2021

*Supervision of students begins at 8:30am*

Homeroom	8:45 – 8:55
Period 1	8:55 – 9:55
Period 2	9:55 – 10:55
Recess	10:55 – 11:20
Period 3	11:25 – 12:25
Period 4	12:25 – 1:25
Lunch	1:25 – 2:10
Period 5	2:15 – 3:15

### Term Dates 2022

**Term 3: 11/07 – 16/09**



**What:** Come to school dressed as your favourite book character!!

**When:** Friday August 12, 2022

**Time:** 9.15am

#### Parent Welcome!!

The Book Fair will also be open after the parade for any last-minute purchases.

Students are asked to come to school dressed up as their favourite book character to celebrate Book Week for 2022.

### St Mary's College

90 High Street, Seymour  
Telephone: (03) 5792 2611  
PO Box 269, Seymour 3661  
Office Hours: 8:15am-4:30pm

### St Mary's Parish Seymour ~ St Joseph's Tallarook

**Parish Priest: Father Eugene Ashkar**

Telephone: (03) 9412 8406 / 0455 123 509

**Mass Times:** St Mary's - SAT 6:00pm, SUN 10:00am;  
St Joseph's - SUN 8:30am



## 1<sup>st</sup> Seymour Scout Group

Scouts are amazing!

Check them out!

Joey Scouts are girls and boys aged 5-7

Cub Scouts are aged 8-11

Scouts are aged 11-15

Venturers are aged 15-17

Rovers are aged 18-25

They enjoy adventure, imagination, and being outdoors during their weekly meeting, and occasional sleepovers and camps.

Less screens - and more action, more fun, more friends, and more social skills! Looks good on a resume too!

### Enquiries:

Go to <https://scoutsvictoria.com.au/locations/>

to find your closet group!

1800 726 887



## Give life. Give blood in Seymour

Cnr William St and Wallis St  
15 to 19 August



Monday	2.45 – 6 pm
Tuesday	12.30 – 7.30 pm
Wednesday	1 – 7.30 pm
Thursday	9.30 am – 4.30 pm
Friday	7.45 am – 11.30 pm



## Treaty Yarning Circle – Seymour

Thu, August 11, 2022 5:30PM – 7:30PM

Gorranwarrah House, Seymour

6 Callen Street, Seymour, VIC 3660



### About this event

Our Engagement team is hosting a Treaty Yarning Circle for Community in the North East region!

Come along, ask questions, give your feedback and help us shape the journey towards Treaty in Victoria.

This is a culturally safe space. The wellbeing of Community is our main priority.

A light dinner will be provided.

Registrations essential — [click here](#).

### Contact

For any questions, reach out to Rebecca Welsh from our Engagement Team.

Email: [RebeccaW@firstpeoplesvic.org](mailto:RebeccaW@firstpeoplesvic.org)