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2023 College Theme

**'THROUGH SERVICE WE RECEIVE'**

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

Newsletter No .5

Term 1

6<sup>th</sup> April 2023

*Dear Parents and Carers,*

## Crucifixion to Resurrection



"When I was growing up and in terms of my family's ideas, it was a way to celebrate obviously the death and resurrection of Christ, but it was also a way to get together as a family – spending time with each other. To be honest with you, in terms of what it means now, it still means the same. It's not so much about the Easter eggs and the chocolate but it is more about getting together and very much about what Easter symbolises, which is the resurrection." Cross Light Easter Reflection

## Holy Week the Great Week

Easter can be a wonderful time with the pressure of daily life lost in the warmth of autumn days. Easter can be a time for catching up with family or on the road to a treasured destination. Holy Week is the 'Great Week' for Christians. Even at the hour of his death, Jesus' could still forgive those who mocked him. Holy Week puts much into perspective. Blessings on all families at Easter time and may St Christopher the Patron Saint of Travellers watch over our families and staff who are on the roads.



**Term One has certainly been hectic.** A big shout out to the College Daily Organiser **Yvonne Maxwell**, Yvonne is the first non-teacher appointed in the role of Daily Organiser and has done an amazing job covering classes each week. Staffing wise St Mary's is in a far better place than other schools. We count our blessings!

## The Teaching Partnership

This year education across Australia has been in the news constantly regarding the current teacher crisis. Yes, there is a teacher crisis and there are many schools doing their best to have a teacher in front of a class

## College Prayer

Lord God

Bless St Mary's College.

Let your life be our example to follow.  
Through the gifts we receive from you,  
we will love and serve one another  
with gentleness and compassion.

Mary Our Mother, pray for us  
Catherine McAuley and St Anthony of  
Padua, pray for us.

Amen

each day of the week. Why the crisis and why is alarming data suggesting that in the next 5 years, 30% of current teachers will leave teaching? Current research has a common thread as to why teachers are leaving such an important career – excessive paperwork; lack of parent support if a behaviour issue arises and out of work time consumed with preparation.

I know of very few teachers who do not spend time in the holidays and on weeknights working to ensure they are adjusting their teaching programs for their classes. St Mary's staff are dedicated to their students. I observe it day in and day out and they go above and beyond for the common good of the children and teenagers in their care. If the truth be known most staff in schools struggle with life balance. It is in the DNA to be at the ready and thinking of what needs to be done so that students improve their learning outcomes. At St Mary's as a staff, we discuss the importance of life balance and have begun this conversation by ensuring that in the evening staff switch off from workplace emails. The future appointment of a NCCD Assistant will assist in taking some of the administrative workload off teachers by not devaluing the importance of a teacher's role in developing a student's PLP and at the same time value adding to the teacher focusing on the core business - teaching.

Catholic education believes in the importance of school and parent(s) partnerships. Parents are the first educators of their children. It is parents who set the standards of values, behaviours and moral code for their children to live by. Thank you for the support you give to our teachers at St Mary's. When issues arise and when the partnership works together – the child benefits well beyond their years at St Mary's. Rowing a boat in the same direction crosses many a rough wave.

Considering the shortage of teachers in schools and juggling classes, our students are settled and learning and teaching is our focus. The older students are excited about the return to Year 12 and are realising that the final two years of education is serious business, and they will learn very quickly if not already (as they move closer to the VCE) the metaphor from St Paul, 'you reap what you sow.'

Great teachers change lives and make the world a better place now and into the future.

School and parent partnerships is where it all begins.

**The following article is by St Mary's parent and our College Vice Chairperson Kelda Gilmore. It appeared in the Herald Sunday 2nd April.**

Parents need to value teachers, working with them as partners.

From textbooks to tablets, chalkboards to online classes and apps, education has undoubtedly changed over time. But one thing that hasn't changed is the power of great teachers.

Great teachers help children to thrive in so many ways. They not only provide learning opportunities for them to reach their full potential but guide them towards a future as adults who make a difference in their communities. As a mother of two boys in years 4 and 6, I have seen great teachers in action at my children's school, St Mary's Seymour, in regional Victoria.

During Covid home-schooling, my son's teacher, Mrs Brock went above and beyond to ensure we (students and parents) were always supported. She has a way of connecting our family to school life, creating a nurturing space for us all to feel welcomed in the College community and engaged in our children's learning. Teachers like Mrs Brock are worth their weight in gold.

That's why I have been alarmed by reports of heavy workloads, high stress levels and other challenges causing too many educators to leave. Our children deserve to have great teachers. So how can we as parents better support teachers and all they do for our children? How can we reassure them that they are respected and valued?

The first thing we can do is to support our teachers is working in partnership.

At St Mary's, parents are encouraged to share knowledge about their children, including what's happening in their lives. Not only does this help teachers, but there is five decades of evidence suggesting it leads to children being happier at school and improving academically, emotionally and socially. Parents can also support teachers by demonstrating and encouraging respect for them.

Our role as parents is to lead by example. When we show respect for our children's teachers, our children are more likely to follow our lead. This creates an environment in which our children will be able to fully flourish as learners, which is what we all want for our children.

I'm sure other parents would have great ideas about how to support and encourage our teachers. Let's start a conversation about creating positive change for teachers to show them how valued they are. This will ultimately benefit children and their experiences at school. Kelda Gilmore is a nurse with an education management background, and vice-chair of the St Mary's College, Seymour School Advisory Council.

Kelda is a representative on the association of Catholic School Parents Victoria regional <http://vcspb.schoolzineplus.com/r/4RI5J/642635e87f9d9>

### Staffing

Mrs Gordon will be on away on Long Service Leave until Monday 13th June. During Mrs Gordon's leave, **Mrs Moore** (Director of Wellbeing) will be the **Acting Deputy Principal Operations**. Mr Harding will be on leave for the first two weeks of Term Two. Mr Parkinson will be teaching 5/6A during this time. Mr Martin and Mrs Wood will be teaching Mrs Gordon's Mathematics classes. Mrs Hill begins in Term Two and we hope to appoint soon an AFL Sportready Trainee to join the College Community to assist teachers in PE classes.

### Annual Action Plan

Each year the College has an annual Action Plan. In many ways this had already been written for our 2023 priorities:

1. Improving reading skills. This has been the College Strategic Intent since 2020.
2. Teamwork. Teams working together for student academic growth.
3. Return to VCE 2024.
4. Embedding the Positive Behaviour Matrix in and out of classrooms.

### 2023 College Review

The College Review will take place in August. All MACS schools are reviewed every four years to ensure there is compliance with Victoria Registration Quality Authority requirements. The reviewer will be Mary Lovelock an experienced educator who has worked across both primary and secondary settings.

### ANZAC Day

St Mary's will be represented by students and staff at the Dawn Service and the morning ceremony on ANZAC avenue. St Mary's will recite the prayer for the dawn service and lay wreaths at both services.

### Staff Development Days Term Two

**Monday 24th April....** will be focused on curriculum development and the new reporting template.

**Friday 16th June....** is a day led by MACS staff in preparation for the College review in August.

~ There is no school for F-10 on these days ~

Today, we held the annual **Easter Liturgy**. A moving and poignant moment in time for our College community to take time out to think about Christ's Passion. As a Catholic College we nurture a spirituality that comes from the heart. Our students never forget these liturgical moments. May your Easter be a time of peace and joy for all families.



Thank you to the **P&F** for organising a surprise visit from the Easter Bunny and to our Foundation stars on receiving a certificate to finish the first term in big school.



*Wayne Smith*

**Wayne Smith**

*Best wishes, have a restful Easter and may the Geelong Football Club awake from their slumber...go the Navies!*

*PS: What a great Assembly to finish the term !*

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

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# From The Office

## *Opening Hours During the School Holidays*

The College Office will be open the first week of the holidays on **Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> April – Friday 14<sup>th</sup> April.**

The Second-hand Uniform Shop will be open **between 9.00am – 2.30pm** during that week.

## F-2 Pastoral Care Coordinator

*The end of term has arrived in what feels like record time! We have enjoyed a mountain of learning and fun events like Wheelie Wednesday and sushi lunch. At the end of today it will be time to down tools and find time to relax and re-energise in readiness for Term 2.*



So much to report - Year 1 has been investigating **Tallies and Totals** using M&M coloured chocolates. Students were engaged in the task and shared their findings with each other. What a treat to be able to eat your concrete materials after a lesson!!

**Sushi Friday** was a hit with well over 200 orders being taken. I have never seen so many 6-year-olds eating sushi! A huge thank you to Shelley Hamilton of Inari Sushi. That is an awfully large amount of sushi rolls to make and we are very grateful.

**Wheelie Wednesday** continues to excite the kids and Foundation were no different.

Our current Wheelie Wednesday tally stands at Padua 18 and McAuley 17. Mother Nature stopped raining just long enough to allow the Foundation students a lunch time of energetic fun! McAuley pipped Padua by one lap, closing the lead to 1.

*We will report on Year 1's next term.*





Congratulations to our most recent TAG Award recipients:-

Axel, Judd, Addie, Alyssa, Anastasia, Sienna, Xavier, Henry, Alexis and Freya. You are all amazing examples of Respect, Excellence & Integrity!





Rosey has had a wonderful time with Will in Tallarook. Rosey has the best life with our students!

Meat Pie Monday made our classrooms look like bakeries! So many pies. Thank you to everyone for supporting our Caritas fund raisers over Lent. I'm sure



the funds will support them in so many ways in the work they do for those in the world who need them.

The most recent highlight for Year 2 was a fabulous afternoon celebrating Harmony Week - Diversity through Food. We had 5 dishes from 5 countries for students to taste. Many children are unaware that the foods they may eat originated from another country. This was an opportunity to discover that so many cultures are connected through food - India - butter chicken and naan bread, Mexico - nachos, Italy - lasagne, USA



- hot dogs and China - spring rolls and dim sims. Thanks to Canteen Lynne, Jarna, Fiona H and Miss H for support with setting up and serving. It was a wonderful afternoon of learning.

Happy Easter everyone 🐰. Take care if you are travelling on the roads and thank you for your support throughout this term.

**Mrs Anne Spencer**  
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## Year 7/8 Visual Arts/Technology

The year 9/10 have been working on building their cooking skills, using their senses with presentation and aromas, and learning how to share as a large group. They have cooked potatoes in yummy ways, a full banquet of Mexican cuisine, some boutique cakes and then the healthy Acai bowls as a breakfast superfood dish.



**Mrs Amanda Hard**  
Visual Arts/Technology Teacher

## Food & Fibre (Ag Studies) Excursion Report

On the 31st of March Ag Studies students attended the Seymour Alternative Farming Expo.

Prior to attending, students were required to nominate an area of focus while at the expo, and report back to the class. In small groups, students explored the many exhibits, visiting the animal pavilion, watching working dogs round up sheep, and getting close-up to farm machinery.



Students also saw a variety of agricultural drones and were impressed by how large some of these can be. Other items of interest included the display of horses being used to round up cattle, pumping and water storage options and the venomous snake's display. Of particular interest to students keen on fishing was the large barramundi tank, used to demonstrate a variety of fishing lures. Students were very well behaved gained much from the experience.

**Mr Andrew Allen**

## Indonesian Language Competition

### INDONESIAN LANGUAGE COMPETITION

Congratulations to the Year 9 and Year 10 VET Indonesian class for competing in the Education Perfect Global Languages Championship 2023. This is a global competition where students from around the world answer questions in the foreign language they are studying, so for St Mary's it was all in Bahasa Indonesia. There were over 850,000 students competing from over 2,500 schools worldwide!

St Mary's College was ranked 9th in the world and 2nd in Victoria in our category (Indonesian 1-50 students).

I would like to especially congratulate Melrose Pambai who earned a Silver Certificate for answering over 7000 questions in the week-long competition! This put her in the Top 5% of competitors. Wah! Sangat Bagus Melrose. Also, Melhoney Pambai and Evelyn Krammer for earning a Bronze Certificate each and Phoebe Fairweather for being awarded a Credit Certificate.



Well done to the whole class for their participation. I am particularly proud of these students as they achieved this on their own, while I was on leave. Siswa-siswi ini adalah luar biasa! (These students are amazing!)

**Mrs Angela Molinaro**

# Sports News



## Round Robin

On Thursday 30th, our secondary students participated in their first Southern Ranges Round Robin of the year. Round Robins are a great day out for students, allowing them to participate in a range of sports alongside their friends against other schools across the region. This term students competed in Volleyball, Tennis, Cricket and Lawn Bowls!

These are great days where students and teachers can connect in another environment! From all accounts it was a very fun and enjoyable day!

I would like to congratulate the following teams who were the overall winners at their event and will progress to the Hume Region competition later in the year:

Year 7 Boys Tennis Team: **Kye Augello, Billy D’Orria, Luca Kecskes and John**

**McAllister.**

Year 7 Boys Cricket Team: **Jacob Allen, Ben Brown, Jack Findlay, Aiden Hayes, Tyler Jones. William Lynch, Louis McAlpin., Harrison Parker, Jed Puppa and Senul Senevirathna.**



## Division and Regional

Term 1 is renowned for its stellar pool performances from our very talented swimmers of the College.

Representative Secondary Students competed at the Division Level in Benalla and those that placed 1st or 2nd in their events attended more recently, the Regional competition in Wodonga. In Benalla, the students demonstrated great sportsmanship and athleticism which lead to comments like “What are they feeding the students at St. Mary’s College”.

I would like to congratulate all students who competed and especially those that were awarded Age Champion for their respective Age Groups: **Sienna Lynch (U13 Girls), Marcus Kingston (U14 Boys), Oliver Kingston (U15 Boys) and Isaac Smith (U16 Boys).**

After an early morning start, the students were able to recreate their efforts at the Hume Region Event in Wodonga. We had several students place in their races and a group of students that will represent the College at the State Level in late April. These students include: **Marcus Kingston, Oliver Kingston, Hamish Melville, Kyra Pearce and Jack Purvis, Isaac Smith, Sam Charles and Zac Brown.**

## State Swimmers

The Victorian State Swimming Championships will be held at the Melbourne Sports and Aquatic Centre on April 28th. The following students will be competing in Individual Events and/or a Relay. These students will be presented with their State Swimming Jumpers at an appropriate College Assembly to celebrate their efforts: **Levi Brown, Grace Ellis, Ava Gordon, Isabel Gordon, Lachlan Kingston, Charlotte Lynch,**

**Finn Melville, Harvey Smith, Marcus Kingston, Oliver Kingston, Hamish Melville, Kyra Pearce and Jack Purvis, Isaac Smith, Sam Charles and Zac Brown.**

We wish them the best of luck and look forward to watching them on the Livestream on the day!

### **Wonder Recycling Rewards Term 2**

Wonder Bread are working to fuel families with their loaves of bread that are high in fibre, a good source of protein, vitamins and minerals with no artificial preservatives or added sugars. They have started an initiative to create a better future for kids to grow and thrive in recycling and physical activity.

The program is fun and easy and asked schools to recycle bread bags in return for rewards points to redeem on new sports equipment! You can recycle any type of bread bag, if it has contained bread of some sort and is a soft plastic, it counts!

The collection period begins at the start of Term 2, April 24th, and will continue until July 7th. There will be collection boxes around the school for students to deposit their empty bread bags.

Let's get recycling and win some sports equipment for the College in Term 2!

### **Jump Rope for Heart**

Also commencing in Term 2, the Primary Students of the College will be participating in Jump Rope for Heart 2023. This is an awesome fundraiser that promotes students being active and raises funds for life-saving research for the Heart Foundation.

Students will be skipping in their PE Sessions, compete in year level groups and classes for weekly top skipping certificates and participate in a Jump Off Day full of skipping fun! To be ready to join in the fun, you can register your child over the holidays using the link [jumprope.org.au/parents](http://jumprope.org.au/parents). This is where you can create an online page for your child and begin the fundraising process for this great cause!

We look forward to seeing our students become heart-healthy and happy Heart Heroes.

**Miss Courtney Aldous**

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## **Library News**

It's been a very busy Term 1 in the Library for Linda and I as we take up the very welcome invitation to make our College Library 'fit' for St Mary's College return to Year 11 & 12 in 2024-25. Here are some of our Term 1 highlights and a taste of the exciting events to come.

The Library has 'expanded', using the space more effectively, to create 3 distinct zones, allowing multiple classes to use the Library simultaneously. Now that each class in the College has an assigned Library period per cycle, we needed spaces designed for teaching or 'quieter' reading. This also allowed us to design a space where the resources purchased specifically for the Secondaries and 'Senior' students could be displayed, accessed and read. There's plenty of reading and relaxing on the bean bags and lounges in these areas.

We've recruited a team of Library Helpers to assist us on the Loans Desk (supervised) to help in busy borrowing times during classes and Lunchtimes. We're also adding more screens for students to be more self directed in searching for their own material.



The College's Literacy Leader Kerrie Pearce is promoting a DEAR (Drop Everything And Read) strategy for 10 minutes reading at the beginning of each English period, so we've bulked up our range of very popular graphic novels. We've also added new titles to fiction and our focus for this year will be to expand our Senior Fiction range to support the Years 11 and 12s. A new range of resources - magazines and newspapers to meet the needs of students who prefer to read in a shorter form, and E-books will become available soon.

During Lunch times between 40-60 students from every year level visit the Library. Board games, especially Chess, are extremely popular. There are usually half a dozen tournaments contested simultaneously with primary students taking on secondary students proving that Chess has no gender or age boundaries. We hope to host a competitive Chess Tournament for contestants and spectators as we enter the colder winter months.

The whole range of games - Battleships, Checkers, Jenga, Uno, Dominoes, as well as Lego, building block towers, cars and racetracks, and a range of toys continue to engage the kids seeking less 'active' time during their long break. On Fridays we offer supervised 'Computer Time' for students to draw/trace or play approved games. We monitor the social interaction of the students to encourage good online habits and so far, it's all been positive.

Since we are on holidays soon and clearing up and cleaning out, WE ARE HAVING A LIBRARY APPEAL! We are appealing for YOUR CAST-OFFS: any books/magazines, complete Board Games, toys (in good and usable condition) to supplement the stock we have on offer coming into Winter. The less money that we spend on recreational material, the more money we can spend on the more expensive stock like non-fiction, hardcover books and magazine subscriptions. If we can't use it we will pass it on to Vinnies.

Finally, make sure that your child takes a book or two home for the holidays and that they return anything they have forgotten to return - there is always another borrower waiting!

We thank you for supporting our Library and your child's learning

and reading journey. If you get a chance, come in, see what you think, and offer your ideas to help us grow our Library.



**Lorna and Linda in the Library.**

# Defence School Mentor



*As we head towards our Easter break and Term holidays, I would like to wish you all a much deserved safe and happy holiday.*



The past week Defence students have been helping out with the Anzac Appeal stall. All proceeds from the Anzac Appeal go to the RSL to help families and veterans in time of need. Thank you to everyone who has supported this worthy Appeal.

Some of the Defence students have also been preparing for our **Anzac Liturgy** which will be held first day back in Term Two, 26<sup>th</sup> April: 2.00pm – 3.00pm.

~ All parents are invited to attend ~

## Activities for Victoria 2023

## SOLDIER ON



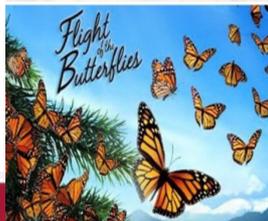
SOLDIER ON MELBOURNE FACEBOOK GROUP

Keep up to date on all our activities, events and veteran information along with any last minute spots available on our Soldier On Melbourne FB Group.

To register or find out more please email [activities@soldieron.org.au](mailto:activities@soldieron.org.au)

All of our support services are **FREE** to veterans and their families!

## IMAX – 3D



Soldier On are providing you with the opportunity to watch a 3D movie at IMAX Melbourne, Flight of the Butterflies! Enjoy the beautiful and colorful world of butterflies in an awe-inspiring tale of dedication and discovery! Limited Places.

"Parents/guardians must provide supervision of all children and young people"

To register your interest email [activities@soldieron.org.au](mailto:activities@soldieron.org.au)

**Date/Time: SAT 29<sup>TH</sup> APRIL (11.15am – 12.15pm)**

**Where: IMAX Melbourne, Rathdowne Street, Carlton VIC**

## AFL - St Kilda Tickets

St Kilda Football Club are proud supporters of Soldier On and are offering you the opportunity to obtain FREE tickets to their home games in Melbourne throughout April!

Limited Tickets available so please register your interest at your earliest advising your game preference.

- **ROUND 4 – St Kilda vs Gold Coast**  
SAT, 8 APR at 7.30pm at Marvel Stadium
- **ROUND 7 – St Kilda vs Pt Adelaide**  
FRI, 28 APR at 7.50pm at Marvel Stadium



**Janice Kerris**

Defence School Mentor

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# Equestrian Interschool Challenge 2023

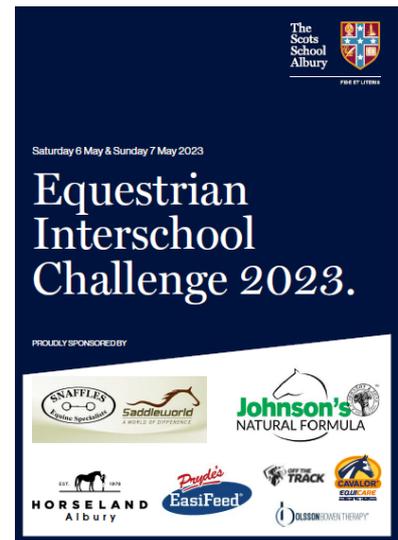
*Expression of Interest...*

If you would be interested in participating in this event click on the below link and have a look.

Any enquires can be directed to Cassie on: 0459 779 611

Who knows, we might even get a team of 4 from our school.

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## Dates To Remember

### Term 1

#### Week 10

Thursday 6th April	11.30am Holy Week Liturgy Multipurpose Hall
	Term One Concludes 2.25pm
	Holy Thursday
Friday 7th April	Good Friday
Sunday 9th April	Easter Sunday



### Term 2

<b>Week 1</b>	Monday 24th April	Staff Commence Term Two - Student Free Day
	Tuesday 25th April	Anzac Day Public Holiday
	Wednesday 26th April	Students Commence Term Two
		Anzac Day Liturgy 2-3pm
		Reconciliation Sacrament 9.45 – 11.00am
		Celebration Liturgy 6.30-9.00pm
	Friday 28th April	School Sports Victoria State Swimming (Specific Primary & Secondary Students)
Week 2	Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup> – Wed 5 <sup>th</sup> May	Year 7 Camp

# Holy Week, Easter Triduum & Divine Mercy

<b>Palm Sunday Saturday Vigil 1/4/23</b>	Confessions	St Mary's	5:00-5:45pm
	Vigil Mass	St Mary's	6:00pm
<b>Palm Sunday 2/4/23</b>	Confessions	St Joseph's	8:00am
	Morning Mass	St Joseph's	8:30am
	Confessions	St Mary's	9:30am
	Morning Mass	St Mary's	10:00am
<b>Holy Week Tues-Wed 4 - 5/4/23</b>	Morning Mass followed by confessions & Rosary	St Mary's	9:00am
<b>Holy Thursday 6/4/23</b>	Confessions	St Mary's	5:00pm & 7:30pm
	Mass of the Last Supper	St Mary's	6:00pm
	Vigil Watch in Chapel	St Mary's	7:30-10:30
<b>Good Friday 7/4/23</b>	Stations of the Cross, Divine Mercy <b>Novena</b> & Chaplet of Tears	St Mary's	9:00am
	Confessions	St Mary's	Following
	Passion Ceremony	St Mary's	3:00pm
	Divine Mercy <b>Novena</b>	St Mary's	Following
	Confessions	St Mary's	following
<b>Holy Saturday 8/4/23</b>	Divine Mercy <b>Novena</b>	St Mary's	9:00am
	Confessions	St Mary's	following
	Vigil Mass with Fire	St Mary's	6:00pm
<b>Easter Sunday 9/4/23</b>	Divine Mercy <b>Novena</b>	St Joseph's	7:40am
	Morning Mass	St Joseph's	<b>8:00am</b>
	Divine Mercy <b>Novena</b>	St Mary's	9:30am
	Morning Mass	St Mary's	10:00am
<b>Easter Week Mon-Sat 10 - 15/4/23</b>	Morning Mass & Divine Mercy <b>Novena</b>	St Mary's	9:00am
<b>Divine Mercy Vigil Saturday 15/4/23</b>	Divine Mercy <b>Novena</b>	St Mary's	5:30pm
	Vigil Mass	St Mary's	6:00pm
<b>Divine Mercy Sunday 16/4/23</b>	Confessions	St Joseph's	8:00am
	Morning Mass	St Joseph's	8:30am
	Confessions	St Mary's	9:30am
	Morning Mass	St Mary's	10:00am
	Confessions	St Mary's	11:00am
	Exposition, Adoration & Confessions	St Mary's	2:00pm
	Divine Mercy Chaplet	St Mary's	3:00pm
	Blessing and Veneration of Image	St Mary's	following

# Before & After School Program

Just a reminder if you're struggling to entertain your children, we are running a holiday program.

Come join us at the Our patch St Mary's holiday program! Full of wonder, fun, adventures and learning experiences to ensure your child is safe and cared for, but happy and entertained as can be! Please look at the pictures below to see how to sign up, kids from all schools are welcome.

We have lots in store for Term 2 come join in the fun.

From Our Patch to You we wish you a safe and happy break

**Lynne Fulton** (Patch Leader)

T: 0475451524 [www.ourpatch.education](http://www.ourpatch.education)

**How To Book**

To book visit  
[www.ourpatch.education/holiday-programs](http://www.ourpatch.education/holiday-programs)  
or call us on 1300 018 310

**Costs**

Fees start at \$14.44 per child per day based on 85% Child Care Subsidy, assumes parents meeting activity levels and 5% withholding amount

<b>Patch Day Fee</b>	<b>There are extra fees for incursion and excursion days. Please check program for specific prices.</b>
<b>\$75.00</b>	

Please see our Booking Terms and Conditions for our cancellation policy

p. 1300 018 310  
e. [info@ourpatch.education](mailto:info@ourpatch.education)

## St Mary's College

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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

# Community Notices

Every child is different.  
So is every foster carer.



## BERRY STREET

**A little of your time can change an entire life.**

In Victoria, the number of children who cannot live safely at home has risen every year over the last 10 years. Children in care have experienced trauma – they need a safe, nurturing home environment to help them recover.

If you are over 21 and have a spare bedroom, we would love to hear from you. As a foster carer, you could make a huge difference to a child or young person in need.

For more information please contact Janene  
T: (03) 5822 8100 or E: [humefostercare@berrystreet.org.au](mailto:humefostercare@berrystreet.org.au)

**Janene Ingram, Team Leader Foster Carer Recruitment Assessment and Training**



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## JOIN THE FUN!

**SEYMOUR Auskick SEASON LAUNCH**

Friday the 14th of April 2023

4pm-5pm

Contact - Bailey Bell

Email address: [bailey.bell@afl.com.au](mailto:bailey.bell@afl.com.au)

Register below scanning the QR code  
or through the link:

<https://www.playhq.com/afl/register/b6e6dd>



# What's on Around the Area

## Top Recycling Tip

Did you know Easter egg foil wrappers are recyclable!? They're too small and light to recycle on their own, but in a big ball (at least the size of a golf ball), you can recycle them in your yellow-lidded recycling bin. Collect your foil wrappers and scrunch them into a ball. Get the whole family involved and see who can make the biggest foil ball this long weekend!

Easter egg foil is made from aluminium which is a valuable recyclable. Approximately 75% of aluminium ever produced is still in use today as it can be recycled endlessly without compromising any of its unique properties or quality. Aluminium's lifecycle provides significant benefits through recycling, saving 95% of the energy it would take to make new aluminium metal – So don't let those small pieces of precious metals go to waste!

## Formidable Vegetable, Micro-Biome Album Tour (live music for the whole family)

April 17 Goulburn park Sound Shell, Seymour (FREE)

Permaculture. Family. Funk. Swing. Having toured to more than twenty countries over the past decade, Formidable Vegetable have delivered their simple message of community resilience and ecological restoration to crowds of thousands at some of the World's biggest festivals and even received praise from the United Nations, who declared their song 'You Are What You Eat' as the official soundtrack to the International Year of Soils in 2015.

[More information](#)

## Free School Holiday Activities in the Region

April 7 – 23

Mitchell Shire libraries team have a full schedule of school holiday activities happening from Lego Masters, Kids Gardening Workshop to a Giant Bubble Party.

[Activities in Mitchell Shire](#)

View upcoming events and program at Murrindindi libraries in Alexandra, Kinglake and Yea, as well as their Mobile library. Including Craft Club, Lego Club and Live Music.

[Activities in Murrindindi Shire](#)

## Sustainability Through Your Own Lens: Photography Competition

### Competition will close for entries on 4 May 2023

The ResourceSmart Schools program is calling all Victorian students to unleash their inner artist by capturing a photo that reflects: What does sustainability mean for you?

To be considered, the entry must detail a sustainability initiative the student has been a part of, at home, in the community or at school.

Each entry must include:

- Name, year level and school of the student photographer.
- Title of the photograph.
- Written reflection of the photograph to the prompt (10-80 words).

[More information and submissions](#)



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