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

Dear Parents and Carers,

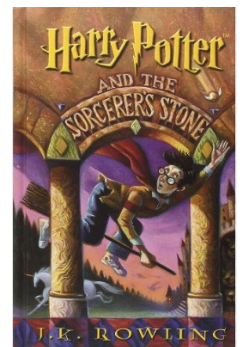
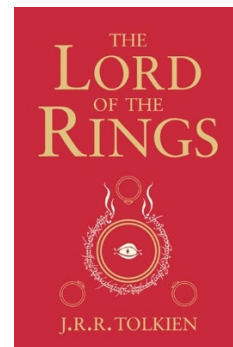
Book Week

This week schools, libraries and community organisations across Australia celebrate Children's Book Week.

St Mary's College is celebrating with various activities running across Foundation to Year 10. Our College is committed to improving reading outcomes for all students as emphasised in our School Improvement Plan (SIP). Within classes we are providing effective literacy instruction grounded in scientific evidence-based practice through Macquarie University's MultiLit programs. MultiLit is a whole-class literacy program providing all children with the essential core knowledge and strong foundations to become successful readers and writers.

When you think about bestselling books what titles come to mind? Perhaps ***Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone***? It's sold 120 million copies worldwide which puts it in eleventh place. Maybe ***The Lord of the Rings***? It's sold 150 million copies worldwide which puts it in seventh place.

The number one best-selling book in all of history is **The Bible**. The Bible has sold over 5 billion copies and has been translated into more than two thousand languages.



Christians believe that the Bible is more than simply a collection of stories or a book of history. It is understood to be the very word of God, revealing his love, encouragement, and instruction to humanity.

The Bible is one of the most influential books in human history and it seems appropriate to draw attention to it during book week given the theme for 2023 is 'Read, Grow, Inspire'.

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

College Review

Every four years Catholic schools in the Archdiocese of Melbourne undertake review. School reviews are used to support deep learning and ongoing monitoring of improvement over the review cycle. MACS appointed reviewer, Dr Mary Lovelock returns to St Mary's this coming Monday 28th and Tuesday 29th to meet with staff and student focus groups and to visit and witness our classrooms in action. Following Mary's visit, the College will be provided with a School Review Report that will influence the direction of the College's next School Improvement Plan (SIP) and the 2024 Annual Action Plan (AAP).

MACSSIS

Schools are expected to engage with, and gather feedback from, their communities as part of their school improvement cycle. St Mary's College will be participating in **Melbourne Archdiocese Catholic Schools – School Improvement Surveys (MACSSIS)**.

MACSSIS is an annual process whereby schools listen to the thoughts and feelings students, families and staff have about how their school can improve. These surveys help inform the ongoing improvement of schools across the Archdiocese of Melbourne.

A dark blue rectangular graphic with white and yellow text. At the top left is the Melbourne Archdiocese Catholic Schools logo, which consists of three yellow stylized figures. The text 'Melbourne Archdiocese Catholic Schools' is in white. Below this, 'MACSSIS' is written in large yellow letters. Underneath, the text 'Imagine if, in about 20 minutes, you could help improve your child's school.' is written in white, with 'improve your' in yellow. At the bottom left, it says 'The MACSSIS family survey is open Monday 28 August – Friday 15 September 2023.' in white. On the right side, there is a small yellow icon of a school building with a cross on top, and two small yellow figures standing in front of it.

Melbourne Archdiocese
Catholic Schools

MACSSIS

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you could help **improve your**
child's school.

The MACSSIS family survey is open
Monday 28 August – Friday 15 September 2023.

We will *invite families* to *participate* via an *email invitation* that is valid anytime across the survey window, from **Monday 28 August** to be completed by **Friday 15 September 2023**. Participating families will be emailed a code and PIN.

As the survey is completed families are asked to send a photo of the closing screen to genevieve.gordon@smseymour.catholic.edu.au, this will enter your child/ren into the draw for a **pizza lunch** supplied by the College for them and two of their friends, the principal and a teacher of their choice.

Enjoy your weekend.
Best wishes,



Genevieve Gordon

Acting Principal, St Mary's College Seymour
BAppScPE (RMIT), BExSchHons (UB), MEdWellbeing (ACU)



Vietnam Veterans Day- 18th August.

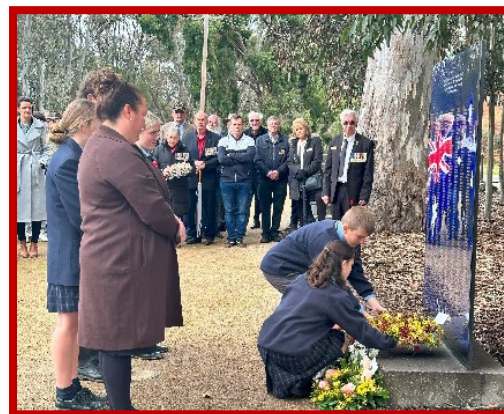
On the anniversary of the battle of Long Tan, 18th August our student leaders attended the Vietnam Veterans Commemoration, at the Vietnam Veterans Walk, High Street, Seymour. **Caleb Baumann** and **Bella Hargreaves** spoke at the ceremony, acknowledging 2023 as the 50th anniversary from when the Australia Governor-General formally declared an end to Australia's participation in the Vietnam War.

During Australia's involvement some 60,000 personnel served in Vietnam, their names scripted in the 106 glass panels at the Vietnam Veterans Walk in Seymour.



The Vietnam Veterans Walk is celebrating its 10th year since opening and we are most grateful to all those who were involved in bringing this walk to life, as it is one of it's kind in Australia.

Our leaders also read a poem "The Soldier and His Dog" by Bill Charlton.



A wreath was laid by our *primary captains* **Harvey Smith** and **Lilly Fanning**, supported by *College Captains* **Caleb Baumann** and **Bella Hargreaves**, *Vice Captain* **Finn Hargreaves**, all accompanied by our Vice Principal Mrs Genevieve Gordon. Also attending on the day were our *student leaders* **Olivia Hamilton, Baxter Loweke, Felix Muscovich, Olivia Cleave, Logan Shearer, Finn Melville, Marion Sellars, Ethan Fisher, Annie Dignam, Zac Brown, Chloe Butterworth, Coco Wessels** and **Liesl Rayner**.

I would like to thank all our students for their respect, and pride representing our school, and to Genevieve for organising the group.



Q: Do you have any empty long Pringles containers or similar at home? With a project or two in mind I am looking for empty pringle containers, tennis ball containers, or similar tall cannisters. If you have any can you please drop off to the college office labelled "Defence Kids Club".



Foundation – Year 4 Defence Kids Club have been outside decorating the walkways with chalk art. With lots of chalk, friends and a beautiful sunny day a masterpiece was created!



Mrs Janice Kerris

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Science Week

Year 10 Rocketry Project

St Mary's College was successful in our application for the STEM in Space Project and MACS STEM Innovation Grant for 2023.

This grant provided us with valuable rocketry equipment and resources, as well as professional development on the theoretical and practical knowledge needed to safely launch rockets.

The rocketry project has been delivered across subject domains, in:-

- Science (covering Newton's Laws of motion and scientific method),
- PE (measuring the height of moving objects), and
- Maths (completing calculations using algebra and trigonometry).

A huge thank you for the enthusiasm and expertise of all staff involved.

So far, Year 10 have practised using the inclinometers in PE to attain angles and measurements to calculate the speed and height of the ball. Students have also built and trialled their bottle rockets, and are now refining their design to improve stability and speed through careful adjustment of the static margin. We look forward to experimenting with some further model rockets in the coming weeks.



Check out the video of the preliminary launching of 10B's water bottle rockets on Facebook, courtesy of Daniel.

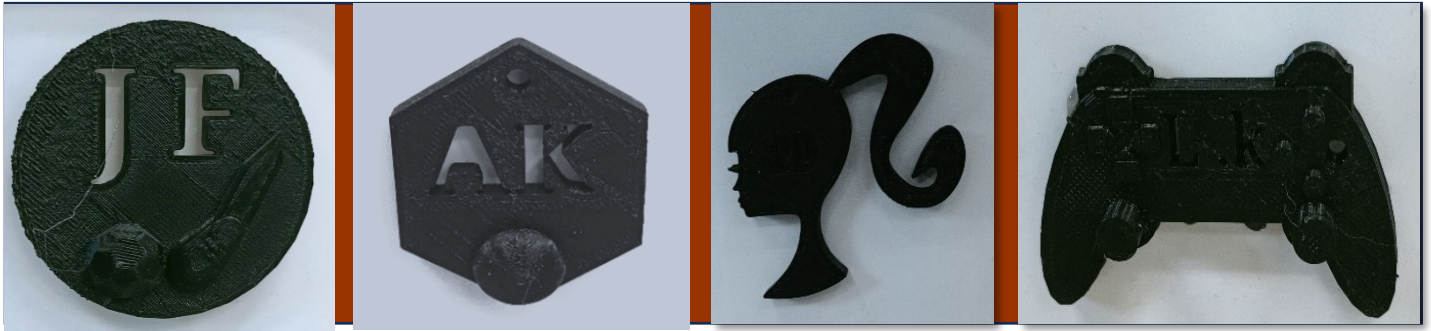
Rebecca Scollen
Science Teacher

Design Technology CAD and CAM Design



Students completing Design Technology–Materials Technology have been busy this term designing in CAD (Computer Aided Design) and producing using CAM (Computer Aided Manufacturing) technology identification tags.

Year 7 students have been learning about additive technology and materials. Working with PLA filament to 3D print an identification tag that is easily identifiable from a distance. *Once Third Term is over they will get to take these home and use for the purpose of an individualized key ring.*



Year 8 students have been learning about subtractive technology and manufactured timber. They have designed in CAD an identification tag that is laser cut from plywood and includes a laser engraving that is unique to each student.

These tags have the dual purpose of identifying their work storage container for the term and will be used as a keyring once the Term subject is finished.



The **Year 9/10 Design Technology** class were set the design brief that required both additive and subtractive technology to be used.

The school wishes to acknowledge the support of the Cherry Tree Wind Farm grant 2022 that allowed the school to purchase 2 larger format Snapmaker 3-in-1 devices that can be used as a laser cutter and engraver, 3D printer and CNC machine. These devices are allowing St Mary's College students to design and make for the 21st Century using technologies that are ubiquitous in current industry design settings.



Andrea Richards
Technology Teacher

Parents & Friends Association

The P&F will hold their annual **Father's Day Stall** on **Friday 1st September** to coincide with the Father's Day breakfast. We are asking for donations of anything children could purchase for their Dad or special person. Baked goods must include an ingredient list. Any support is greatly appreciated.

As always, the P&F encourage and welcome new members. If you have any questions about what it means to be on the P&F or would like to help at the Fathers Day Stall feel free to reach out.

Kind regards,

Steph (0407 514 249)
P & F Family Liaison



Indonesian

Selamat Hari Merdeka... happy independence day

Thursday 17th August was Indonesian Independence Day, known as Hari Merdeka.

During the week students learnt about the history of how Indonesia became an independent country and about their coat of arms, the Garuda, and the 5 principles of Pancasila. Indonesia is the 3rd largest democracy in the world and celebrates the unity of hundreds of different islands, cultures and languages.

The students also looked at how Indonesians celebrate Hari Merdeka.



The students were invited to wear red and white (merah dan putih), the colours of the Indonesian flag. It was a very colourful event and our Indonesian partner school in Singkawang were excited to see us sharing in their special day.



In classes, we celebrated by playing games such as 'Lomba Sarung' (*Sarong races*), Hari Merdeka Kahoot, Pena dalam botol (*Pen in the bottle*) and on Friday the Year 8's cooked up some 'Nasi Goreng Enak' (*delicious fried rice*) and 'Dadar Gulung' (*coconut filled pancakes*).



It was great to see so many excited students supporting our Indonesian Language and culture program.

Terima kasih semua! (Thanks everyone)

Bu Cullum Mrs Jacqueline Cullum
jacqueline.cullum@smseymour.catholic.edu.au

Always busy with lots of snotty noses, coughs and colds, a few gastro bugs around, several Covid infections and always lots of knocks, bumps and scrapes.



I would encourage you to go into **PAM** to update your child's Medical profile, the more we are aware of, the more we can care for their needs. We have also recently added sections for:

1. **Dietary intolerances and preferences.** This is really important when planning for excursions, camps school events and celebrations.
2. **Medications.** This has been expanded to enable 4 medications to be listed. This area is for medications that are administered during school hours only. A reminder that ALL medications administered at school need a Medication Authorisation Form (MAF) signed by you and your GP or Pharmacist. The local pharmacies are familiar with the form and happy to oblige. You can upload the form to your child's medical profile adjacent to the medication, or you can drop it into me along with the medication. The form is now available on PAM for you to download and/or print as needed. I can also email one or you can pick up a copy at the Health Centre.

PAM - Go to home page.
- Scroll to bottom of page and click on Knowledge bank.
- Select Parent Access Module Documents.
- Select MAF doc.

A reminder that **Covid 19** is not a seasonal virus. It circulates all year round and we continue to see it cause illness at all ages. Currently it produces only mild symptoms. We have the vaccinations to thank for this. However it continues to cause serious illness in those immunocompromised and whom have other medical conditions. We know very little about the long term effects of Covid, so it is really important to limit the spread and severity now as much possible: this, we do have control over.

We also have control over limiting the spread by keeping our vaccination protection current. It is recommended that we have a Covid vaccine booster every 6 months.

This week's Victorian data: Covid cases in hospital = 99
Covid cases in ICU = 6
On average, 2 lives were lost each day

Please keep testing for Covid if your child has flu like symptoms or keep them at home until symptoms subside. Free testing kits are available at your local library. We are not able to test at school now, even with your consent.

The Health Centre door is always open, please pop in and say hello.

Cheers & Stay well.



Lisa Glover RN

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Office Hours 8:15am-4:30pm

St Mary's Parish Seymour - St Joseph's Tallarook

Parish Priest: Father Eugene Ashkar
T (03) 9412 8406 / 0455 123 509

Mass Times: St Mary's - SAT 6pm, SUN 10am
St Joseph's - SUN 8.30am

Dates To Remember

| Date | Event |
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| TERM 3 | |
| Mon 28 th Aug - Fri 8 th Sept | Yr. 5 & 6 Intensive Swimming Program commences (Swim times: C: 11:30am-12:15pm; B: 12:15-1.00; A: 1.00pm-1:45pm) |
| Fri 1 st Sept | Father/Special Persons Day Breakfast (7.30am) Yr. 8 & 9 Army Defence Work Experience  |
| Mon 4 th Sept | F-2 Incursion -G'Day Asia (Time TBC) |
| Thurs 7 th Sept | Southern Ranges Athletics (Specific Students) F-2 Excursion -Echuca Twisted Science & MRPS (Paddlesteamer) Yr. 7 -10 InDEx Science Expo |
| Fri 8 th Sept  | St Mary's Feast Day District Athletics Carnival (Specific Primary Students) |
| Tues 12 th Sept | Yr. 3 Excursion - ACMI |
| Fri 15 th Sept | Footy Colours Day (Last Day of Term)  |

OUTSIDE SCHOOL HOURS CARE



We have availabilities for After School Care
and Holiday Programs!
Contact us to find out more!

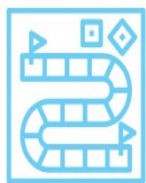


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Our Patch St Mary's College

BOARD GAMES CLUB



**Mondays &
Wednesdays**
at Before School Care

Included for free in
Before School Care fee
from \$4.35*
*dependent on CCS eligibility

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Cook up a storm at Our Patch St Mary's
in the mornings!

COOKING CLUB



Thursdays
at Before School Care

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Community Events



We're in town

See you soon, Seymour
4 to 15 September



Seymour
Pop-up Blood Donor Centre
Woolworths Seymour Car Park
Cnr William and Wallis Street
Check website for opening hours.

 give blood

Got a bit of time next month? Time to give blood and change lives? 1 in 3 people in Seymour will need blood, and they need people like you to give it.

We're rolling into town from 4 -15 September:-

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| Monday | 2.45pm – 6.00pm |
| Tuesday | 12.30pm - 7.30 pm |
| Wednesday | 1.00pm - 7.30 pm |
| Thursday | 9.30 am - 4.30 pm |
| Friday | 7.45am - 11.30 am |

Woolworths Seymour Car Park
Corner William and Wallis Streets

Don't forget to pre-book your spot at lifeblood.com.au, on our app or on 13 14 95.

If you would like more information, please contact Stephanie Reynolds on either 0404 094 428 or sreynolds@redcrossblood.org.au



Expressions of Interest for Season 2024!!

KILMORE JUNIOR FOOTBALL CLUB

GIRLS OF ALL AGES

U10 GIRLS - BORN 2014, 2015, 2016

U12 GIRLS - BORN 2012, 2013

U14 GIRLS - BORN 2010, 2011

U16 GIRLS - BORN 2008, 2009

U18 GIRLS - BORN 2006, 2007

INTERESTED?

CONTACT - KJFCPRESIDENT@GMAIL.COM



FREE COMMUNITY FOOD SHARE SEYMOUR

Leave what you can, take what you need.

Come in for a cuppa and a chat, free takeaway non-perishable hampers will be available and some items for the furry family members. Look forward to seeing you soon.



Monthly Food Share is available on the first Thursday of the month.
10am to 3pm @
The Centre - 3 Wallis St Seymour
(next to Vinnies)

For more information call in and see us at The Centre - Seymour
1300 843 236

 [TheCentreCommunityCollege](https://www.facebook.com/TheCentreCommunityCollege) 

 
education is the key to the door

All Abilities Pathways Expo

For Inclusive Ed school leavers and families living with disabilities

Seymour Family & Children's Centre

29 Stewart Street, Seymour



Services include:
Wdea Works
Intereach
Goulburn Options
Familycare
Nexus Primary Health
GOTafe, and MORE

September 14th

2.30pm - 4.30pm

Light afternoon tea provided
Lucky door prize available

Pathways represented by arrows:
Social Connection
Employment
Support
Education
Volunteering

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