



The Marian



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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,

As I typed this week's Marian article the ABC News app has reported a hospital in Gaza was hit by a missile killing and injuring hundreds of people. Each side is blaming the other – nothing surprising with pointing the finger of blame. Since modern civilization and probably before that time has there ever been a time on earth when there was no war? Has our world lost sight of the basic understanding of respect, tolerance and kindness?

Our students are reminded daily that a simple act of kindness can change a life, can put a smile on a face and make an individual feel that they do matter.

When visiting our son's family last weekend, I was at a supermarket and watched an adult berate a young employee because the adult did not want to have to wait at the front counter to be served. I was embarrassed that an adult would carry on in such a way as to be so rude. I checked on the young employee to see that she was OK.



There is no cost when one shows kindness, and the outcomes of such generosity are often immeasurable. When the Mercy Sisters established a school and hospital in a rural town, they became known as the walking nuns. The nuns would walk the streets visiting families and show all the qualities of their Orders values: *compassion, respect, integrity, justice, hope and joy*. If only these values could become more common place in the one-to-one interactions between people. It might lead to a world that truly believes in peace.

At the Advisory Council meeting this week Mrs Spencer shared a Prayer that reflects on being the change we wish to see in our world.

A prayer for realisation in the world

We come before you with hearts heavy and minds open, seeking your guidance and light in a world filled with challenges and uncertainties. Help us, in this moment of prayer, to realize the profound truths that often elude us in the hustle and bustle of daily life.

Help us realize the interconnectedness of all beings, as we are bound by the same Earth and breathe the same air.

Give us the strength to realize that our actions and choices have a profound impact on the world.

Open our eyes to the suffering of others, and may we be moved to act with compassion and empathy. Help us realize that by extending a helping hand, we can make this world a better place for all.

Help us break down the barriers that separate us and promote understanding, acceptance, and love among all people.

Grant us the insight to realize that peace is not the absence of conflict, but the presence of justice, equality, and respect for one another. May we work tirelessly to bring about a more peaceful world for all.

In this moment of reflection, we ask for the strength and wisdom to be the change we wish to see in the world. Help us to realize our potential and take action to make the world a more compassionate, just, and loving place.

Amen.

Staff We Will Farewell

St Mary's has teaching staff who are moving on to new ventures in 2024. **Mr Harding** and family are moving to Tocumwal. **Mr Callow** is moving to the northern states. **Miss Rogers** is moving to St Patrick's Catholic Primary School, Kilmore. **Mrs Cullum** is retiring from permanent teaching. **Mr Goring** is returning to Melbourne. **Miss Francis** is returning to Queensland. We wish Ed, Rick, Aleisha, Jacqueline Xavier and Jasmine enjoyable final weeks at St Mary's.

Staffing 2024

Education like Health and many workplaces are struggling to attract employees. Recent data predicts the teaching shortage will be an issue for a few years to come before there is an uplift in applications to schools. We have employed experienced secondary teachers to join our College community in 2024. To date St Mary's has not had to enact some of the measures that other schools have had to reluctantly put in place due to teacher shortages.

Padua House Leader: After interviews last week Joanne Kamp has been appointed as the Padua House Leader. Jo joined the College teaching staff this year bringing experience spanning across twelve years in schools. Jo is looking forward to joining the Wellbeing team and bringing her ideas and experience to build on the College development of Padua House and the Padua House Mentors.

Bart Sinkeler: Bart is a Mathematics teacher at Assumption College and is keen to join St Mary's as we return to Stage 6. Bart teaches Maths across Years 7-12. Bart will also be the Secondary Numeracy Domian Leader.

Dean Fox: Dean is an experienced secondary educator with a specialization in economics and mathematics. He commenced his teaching in New Zealand schools teaching Physical Education, Economics, Junior Horticulture, and Mathematics. Dean has spent a significant portion of his career at Mt Lilydale Mercy Catholic College.

Kayleigh Grant: Kayleigh and her husband arrive from England in December. Kayleigh believes that reading breaks through academic boundaries. She believes in fostering the development of others and motivating students to attain individual success. At present, Kayleigh teaches Year 5 teacher at St John's Catholic primary, Hampshire. Kayleigh is qualified to teach various learning areas and her passion is teaching primary students.

Renae Mackay: Renae is a practicing artist. Renae has spent the greater part of her teaching time as a Senior Educator at Kardinia College, where she taught Years 7-12 Arts. She transferred to Marymeade Catholic College teaching Visual Art and VCE Visual Communication Design. Currently at Assumption College Renae teaches across Year 7-12 IB DP Visual Arts, Photography, Media, Textile/Fibre Art, Ceramics, and Sculpture, specializing in VCE Product Design Technology, VCE Visual Communication Design, VCE Art Creative Practice, and VCE Art Making & exhibiting. Renae gains enormous professional satisfaction from working together with peers.

Sara Warner: Sara is an experienced teacher. Sara likes to motivate, challenge, and inspire others. Sara has presented at conferences, had works published, participated in solo and group exhibitions, and displayed artworks. Currently Sara is the Learning Leader in the Arts (Visual and Performing) at Kolbe Catholic College.

Lauren McInerney: Lauren is a past St Mary's and Assumption student and is completing her Bachelor of Primary Education program at ACU (Melbourne). Lauren has previously completed an undergraduate placement at St Mary's. Lauren believes in positive relationships with students and establishing partnerships with families. Lauren places significant emphasis on teamwork and embraces developing new knowledge.

Current advertising for other teaching positions closes on 25th October.

Retreats

We have secondary retreats this week led by the Youth Ministry Team (YMT). Retreats are an important holistic experience for our secondary students to immerse themselves in our College ethos and values. To take a day out to reflect and perhaps understand the real essence of community and the power of Catherine McAuley's act of kindness must never be undervalued.

\$25 000 Grant

The College applied for and was successful in receiving a grant to build an outdoor learning space that can be utilized by both secondary and primary students. This will embrace a greater connection with the Garden of Assisi.

Sacrament of Eucharist

Blessings to our student candidates who will receive the Sacrament of Eucharist this Sunday.

The Sacrament of Thanksgiving is as much a family journey as it is for our young candidates. It is a time when families and our College share in the importance of embracing our Christian faith.



Monday 30th October **ATG Constructions** will begin taking possession of the site for **Stage 0 Building Works**. Mrs Melville has provided all families with the pathway changes when entering the College.

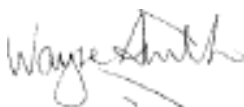
Please ensure you read over the changes, which are likely to be in place until early March 2024.

The College will receive notification later this term on the application submitted for Stage 1 and a Stage 2 Grant Application will be submitted today in line with the College Master Plan.

Best wishes for an enjoyable weekend.



Best wishes



Wayne Smith

Principal, St Mary's College Seymour

DipEd (ACU) DipREd (ACU) BEd (ACU) GradCertEdAdmin (Edith Cowan) GradDipREd (ACU) MEdAdmin (Charles Sturt) MTheoStudies (BBITAITE)

Director of Wellbeing



PBL Values – RESPECT, EXCELLENCE, INTEGRITY

The **PBL focus** for this week is '**challenge myself to continually improve**'. Students are being taught this expectation through social stories. Students will be acknowledged through the PBL ticket system and names will be drawn out for a canteen voucher during Pastoral care on Friday 27th October.

***"Challenging myself to improve is all about me,
and how I can make good decisions for my learning".***

Mrs Allison Moore

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Business Assistant - Financial



Fee Due Dates Reminder

Please be reminded that all Laptop Instalments, Tuition and Capital Levies are now overdue.

Family Fees, Excursion & Camp Levies are due by **31st October 2023**.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank those that have paid their fees or have been making regular payments. For families who have a direct debit arrangement in place, please review the payment instalment amount, in order to meet your commitment in 2023.

The College bank account details are:

Account name: **St Mary's College General Account**

BSB: **083 347**

A/C No: **839 989 790**

Please remember to use your statement account number and surname as the payment reference when paying via EFT.

Should you be experiencing hardship in meeting your fee commitment, please contact me to make an appointment with our finance team to discuss further.

If you have any other queries, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Mrs Lisa Cinquegrana

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Foundation to Year 4 Defence Kids Club has been well supported for our past two activities. In the last two weeks we had a colouring and painting day with free choice activities as well. While we were working away one of the students asked a riddle, which after it was solved, started a wonderful interaction with other students getting involved and asking their own riddles.



On our alternate week we made "paper bag notebooks". Although a little tricky to put together, there were some nice-looking notebooks for the students to take home. The pages in these notebooks have a little secret envelope for treasures like picture cards and photos.

Well done to everyone involved they look fantastic!

Defence Christian's Dinner - Victoria

Defence Christian's Dinner is back.

Place: Puckapunyal Memorial Chapel

Booking: <https://www.trybooking.com/events/landing/1106999>

Cost: \$50

Date: 28 October 2023

Time: 2:30pm, commencing with the Movie (Written in Chalk – The Echo of Arthur Stace), followed by Dinner by Parachute Landing.



DMFS Member and Family Helpline - Support, local community information and advice is available for ADF families through the Member and Family Helpline. It operates 24-7 and is staffed by qualified human services professionals including social workers and psychologists. This is the best way to access DMFS programs and services offered to help Defence families manage the military way of life.

Phone – 1800 624 608 or Email memberandfamilyhelpline@defence.gov.au

DCO Education Assistance Scheme - Defence recognizes that some children may experience disruption to their education due to posting. To help overcome immediate educational difficulties, Defence students may be eligible to receive reimbursement for up to 14 weeks of face to face or web-based tutoring fees for each approved subject. This applies within 18 months of starting a new school in a new location.

For more information on how to apply refer to the DCO website or contact the Defence Family Helpline 1800 624 608.

Mrs Janice Kerris

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Year 7 Science

Our junior scientists are wrapping up the year with the study of physics. Year 7 were introduced to the awesome power of gravity during their space phenomena topic and are now learning about other forces through the study of children's toys. Year 8 are energetic about their study of energy and have learned that breakfast provides the very important chemical energy required to 'do work' in the lab. They also put their maths skills to use, completing calculations to determine the efficiency of a range of bouncy balls. Great work everyone!



Ms Rebecca Scollen

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Small-Sided Football (Soccer) Competition

Our school's Small-Sided Football (Soccer) Competition is in full swing this term, with 40 students igniting the field with passion and skill.

Divided into **two leagues**, the Junior Secondary League sees the **Cool Kids** leading, closely followed by the **Strikers**. Noteworthy moments include Deakin's half-field chip and Senul's Messi-like dribble.

In the Middle Secondary League, **We Love Tottenham** claims the top spot, with **Rebonas** in pursuit. Oliver and Nathaniel's skills shone in a game reminiscent of De Bruyne and Haaland, while defending champions **CAC's** Andrew mounted a remarkable comeback, scoring four goals. Overall top scorers Hendrik and Finn, with 7 goals each, keep the excitement alive, with tight competition in the Middle Secondary League at 4 goals each for Ethan, Zac, Hugh, and Andrew. The race to the St Scrosoppi Cup finals intensifies - stay tuned for more thrilling updates!

Defending champions CAC, currently sitting in third place, will be looking to secure three points against league leaders next week.

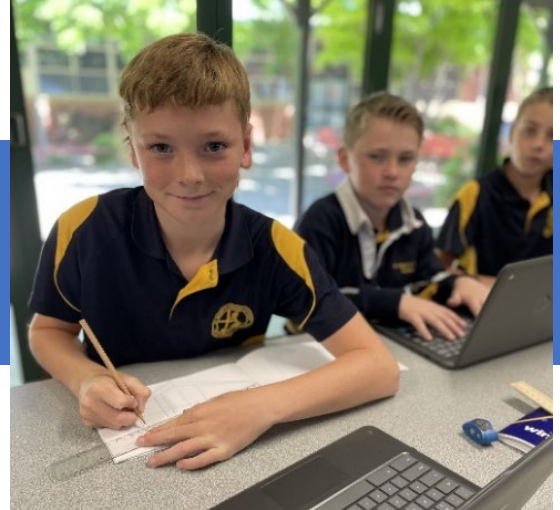
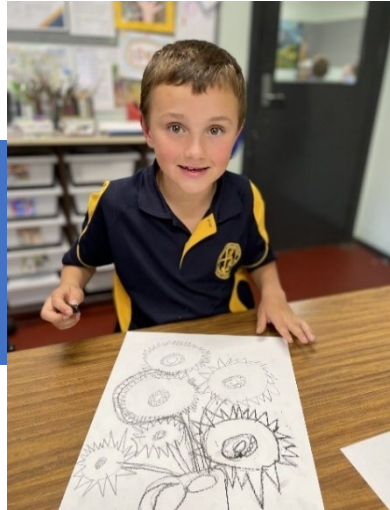
Mr Andrew Lloyd



Art Program

Year 5/6 have been working on Two Point Perspective...

Their City Streetscapes are looking great.



Year 9/10 have been researching and planning their clay masks over the past few weeks...

This week they got their hands dirty and got to work with clay.



**Jodie Neilson
Art Department**

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T (03) 5792 2611

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

TERM 4	
Tues Oct 24 th	F-2 Incursion: Twisted Science (All Day)
Thurs Oct 26 th	F-2 Sports Morning (8.55am -10.55am)
Mon 30 th Oct – Thurs 2 nd Nov	Year 9 Camp - Tasmania
Tues Oct 31 st	Foundation Transition for Enrolled Students (9.00am-11.30am)
Wed 1 st Nov	State Athletics Carnival (Specific Primary Students) – Albert Park Albury Year 7 Boys Hume Region Cricket (Time TBC) - Wangaratta
Fri 3 rd Nov	Year 7 Boys Hume Region Tennis (Time TBC) – Wangaratta
Mon 6 th Nov	Pupil Free Day - Staff Professional Learning
Tues Nov 7 th	Melbourne Cup Public Holiday



Donations Sort ... with the onset of hayfever season and *the sniffles in general*, it would be greatly appreciated if parents of F-6 students could donate a box of tissues to their child's classroom. Thank you in advance.



Our Patch

Our Patch News

Refer a Family to Outside School Hour Care and enter the draw to win a \$100 gift voucher. See flyer for more details.

At Our Patch, we have been part of the Food Share providing families that could not get to The Centre, on the 1st Thursday of the Month, an opportunity to grab something from our Food Share trolley outside the Room. Helping the Community where we can.




Over the past few weeks, we have had children's choice where the children choose the games and activities they want to do or play. The children have chosen to play marble run, pretend they are animals, doctors, vets, or teachers and a made-up game, they have had fun playing on the playground and in the sandpit making tunnels and having fun, Children made their own space in the room as part of their games.

This week we are learning about Indonesia and table manners. Indonesia is made up of over 1800 islands. In Indonesia, they use forks and spoons not knives as most of the food is bite-sized or soft enough to cut with a fork. The Indonesian people use their right hand as they coincide with the left hand as dirty.


Last term we introduced the Reward Bucks where the children earn bucks for doing a variety of things to show the GROW values of Our Patch, Grounding, Relationship, Ownership, and Wonder all the names get put onto tickets and placed in a vase then a name will be picked out of a prize box.



The winner of this pick was Hugh well done for packing up and being ready to go home within 2 minutes after the parents arrived.



Refer a Family!



Refer a family to Outside School Hours Care and enter the draw to win a \$100 gift voucher!
Each family referred is an entry!

Share the WONDER at your school by referring a family to Our Patch!

How to Enter
Spread the word about us!
Make sure your referred family is entering your name in their enrolment form under Where did you hear about us? on the child's enrolment form so you can both be in the draw

Where did you hear about us? ☐ Social Media ☐ School ☐ Friend
If friend, does the child attend our program? If yes, when referred you?

Terms & Conditions
Offer is open from 16 October 2023 to 26 November 2023
Referred family must enrol and make at least two bookings in the offer period for both referred family and referee to be eligible for the draw
Referred families must be new families enrolling in Our Patch for the first time
There is no limit to how many entries/families you can refer to Our Patch as long as the above condition is met.
This offer is not transferrable or redeemable for cash
Prize will be drawn weekly from 23 October 2023 for six (6) weeks.
Our Patch reserves the right to withdraw this offer at any time without notice.

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Lynne Fulton (Patch Leader) Ph: 0475 451 524

www.ourpatch.education

Community Events



SEYMOUR PERFORMERS' WORKSHOP PRESENTS

LEGALLY BLONDE

The Musical

MUSIC AND LYRICS BY
LAURENCE O'KEEFE & NELL BENJAMIN

BOOK BY
HEATHER HACH

SATURDAY 11 NOVEMBER, 7PM
SUNDAY 12 NOVEMBER, 1PM
SATURDAY 18 NOVEMBER, 1PM & 7PM
SUNDAY 19 NOVEMBER, 1PM

SEYMOUR COLLEGE ARTS CENTRE

TICKETS \$28 & \$33
SPWORKSHOP.ORG.AU
0492 860 331

BASED ON THE NOVEL BY AMANDA BROWN AND
THE METRO-GOLDWYN-MAYER MOTION PICTURE
LICENSED EXCLUSIVELY BY MUSIC THEATRE INTERNATIONAL (AUSTRALASIA)

MERENDA
14th November 2023

Certificate III in School Based Education Support

CHC30221

Embark on a flexible and rewarding career where you can make a meaningful impact on the lives of children with additional needs.

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Education Support is a flexible and rewarding career where you can work in the classroom to support students with additional needs.

Prace delivers an industry driven and dynamic learning experience to ensure you are job-ready with the skills employers are looking for. With the guidance of expert teachers in a friendly and supportive classroom, you will develop the skills to:

- Support students with additional needs
- Support literacy and numeracy skills
- Contribute to planning educational programs
- Support the health, wellbeing and safety of students

You will participate in excursions, workshops and gain insights from industry guest speakers.

Pathways

Graduates are in demand and work in a range of educational settings, including primary and secondary schools and schools for children with additional needs. Graduates work as education assistants, teacher's aides and support workers.

Entry requirements

Aged 18 years and over. Moderate computer, email and internet skills. Plus digital technology access. English LLN skills at an industry entry standard.

How to enrol

Call 9462 6077 to arrange a pre-enrolment interview.



Prace Main Office
Merrlands Community Centre - 35 Sturdee Street, Reservoir
Phone 9462 6077 | office@prace.vic.edu.au | www.prace.vic.edu.au

Location

Prace - Mernda Campus
56 Schotters Rd, Mernda
(Adult Education room)

Dates and duration (TBC)

14 Nov - 15 Dec 2023 and
6 Feb - 13 Aug 2024
(Includes Friday 15th Dec 2023
Excludes Tues 26th Mar 2024)
26 Sessions
2 Workshops
100-hour placement

Days and times

Tuesdays
9.15am - 3.15pm
Classes will not run on public or
school holidays

Study Mode

Face-to-face in a
classroom, self-directed
offsite tasks and research,
remote teacher support
sessions, practical
placement and industry/
assessment workshops

Fees

Gov. subsidised:
Concession \$90
Full \$450
Non-subsidised \$5850
^Special consideration may
apply
Plus \$10 Service & Amenities fee

Course commencement is
subject to variation, sufficient
enrolments and eligibility
requirements. Prace encourages
individuals with disabilities to
participate in our programs and
activities. Prace T01D 4036

This training is delivered with
Victorian and Commonwealth
Government funding.

Community Events cont...



CoolHeads
Young Driver Program - it's all about attitude

A thought provoking, confronting and informative road safety program with advice on a wide range of topics for young drivers.

Presented by Greater Shepparton Police and local agencies

Safe driving for life - It's all about ATTITUDE!

WEDNESDAY 8 November, 2023

Riverlinks Eastbank

70 Welsford Street, Shepparton

Arrive by 6.45pm for a 7pm Start (concludes approx 9pm)

Free Entry – but a ticketed event

Registrations open now. Telephone: (03) 5832 9511 or online via riverlinksvenues.com.au/whats-on/event-details/1/calendar/event/cool-heads-november-2023

Enquiries:

Leading Senior Constable Mitchell Bull
mitchell.bull@police.vic.gov.au | 5820 5777

If an Attendance Certificate is required, please register at the CoolHeads Desk prior to taking your seat.



VICTORIA POLICE



INCLUSIVE SPORT COME AND TRY SESSIONS

Every Wednesday from 1st November to 6th December 2023
Seymour Sports and Aquatic Centre,
Pollard Street, Seymour VIC 3660

Come along to the Seymour Sports and Aquatic Centre to try lots of different sports and find out what you like! This is a **FREE** inclusive sporting event.

Wednesday 1st November		Zumba	Under 18's Over 18's	11:30am - 12:30pm 1:00pm - 2:30pm
Wednesday 8th November		Basketball & Wheelchair Basketball	Under 18's Over 18's	11:30am - 12:30pm 1:00pm - 2:30pm
Wednesday 15th November		Athletics	Under 18's Over 18's	11:30am - 12:30pm 1:00pm - 2:30pm
Wednesday 22nd November		Netball & Wheelchair Netball	Under 18's Over 18's	11:30am - 12:30pm 1:00pm - 2:30pm
Wednesday 29th November		Pickleball	Under 18's Over 18's	11:30am - 12:30pm 1:00pm - 2:30pm
Wednesday 6th December		Games Day to celebrate International Day for People with Disability	Under 18's Over 18's	11:30am - 12:30pm 1:00pm - 2:30pm

For people with disabilities – Maximum 25 people per session – please register.



This is a COVID-safe, all-ages, alcohol-free event. We aim to make this event accessible and inclusive to all of the community. If you would like to attend this event and have specific access needs, please contact Wendy Kelly (details below) and we will do our best to accommodate you.

For further information or to register, contact:
Wendy Kelly of Nexus Primary Health
wendyk@nexusprimaryhealth.org.au
0488 541 439