

CANDELA



Dear Lord,

We give thanks for the gift of education and the opportunity to learn and grow in the light of your wisdom. May our minds be open to truth, our hearts full of mercy and our actions reflective of the love taught by Jesus Christ.

Amen

A MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

St. Mary's is a dynamic Catholic community of empowered learners engaging justly in the world.

Dear Families,

St Mary's Art Exhibition

Jan Tivisini, Art Teacher and the staff of St Mary's are proud to be displaying the wonderful artistic talent of our students at the Biennial St Mary's Art Exhibition. The theme of our 2025 Art Exhibition is *Pilgrims of Hope*. Come on a journey of discovery and enjoy the colours, textures and creative talent of our students. The Art Exhibition is open on Sunday 14th September at 11am and coincides with the Parish 70th Anniversary. On Monday 15th September we have a Dotty Dress Up day for all staff and students. The Exhibition will be Open all day for our students and open to Parents and Guests at 2.30pm until 4.15pm. The final opportunity to view the art work will be on Tuesday 16th September 3.30pm until 7.30pm. We hope to see as many parents and family members as possible.

St Mary's Parish 70th Anniversary Mass and Celebration

On Sunday the 14th of September the Parish and School are celebrating St Mary's 70th Anniversary. Everyone is invited to attend Mass with Fr Steve at 10am and then visit the Art Exhibition in the MLC, FLC and Hall. After the Art Exhibition everyone is welcome to attend a catered fingerfood luncheon in the Hall. This will be a wonderful opportunity to reminisce about the past, celebrate the present and feel hopeful about the future of our great Parish and School.

Book Week

Thank you to Fiona, all staff, students and parents for supporting our Book Week activities. It is so much fun dressing up as characters from our favourite books and sharing a love of reading with one another. I also thank everyone who supported our Book Fair. The school has raised approximately \$5,000 which will go back into supporting St Mary's literature resources.



Father’s Day Breakfast

Thank you to Mel Mayne, the Parents Association and the team of amazing parents who have volunteered to organise, and cater for the Father’s Day breakfast. This event always draws a large crowd generally catering for over 650 people. I have no doubt it will be streamlined to ensure efficient serving of breakfast. I am also grateful to staff who have volunteered their time to assist. This is such a wonderful community event where we get the opportunity to thank our dads and grandparents. The hall will be open from 7am until 8.30am. Please remember to supervise your children as staff are not on duty until 8.30am.

Grandparents and Special Friends Day

Wow! What a spectacular day was had by all of our Grandparents and Special Friends Day. We had over 1000 guests in our school. I am so grateful to Ana Amorim, Jen Baker, our leaders and staff for ensuring the day was well organised and a great success. Thank you also to the many Grandparents who contacted me after the event to share their gratitude. It was our pleasure to invite you into our school and parish.

Trivia Night/ St Mary's Fete 2026

The Fete Committee invites everyone to support fundraising by joining us all at a Trivia Night on October 25th in the St Mary’s Hall. Thank you to Emma and the Team involved. We look forward to a great social night. Please read the information further in the Candela. Get a table together to support this wonderful initiative.

The fete email address is fete2026@smgreensborough.catholic.edu.au

ST MARY’S

TRIVIA

Night

Saturday 25 October 2025
@ 7pm



DOOR PRIZES



RAFFLES



GAMES

\$30 early bird | \$40 on the day
BYO snacks & drinks

All funds raised on the night will help bring our 2026 school fete to life

Get your early bird ticket now:





School Hall, St Mary’s Primary School
210 Grimshaw St, Greensborough

Prep 2026 Interviews

The Prep 2026 interviews are in full swing. The interviews are a wonderful time to get to know the students and their parents. I look forward to welcoming the students to our great community. It is an absolute pleasure getting to know the prospective St Mary's families. We have 75 Preps for 2026 with a waiting list.

Closure to Grimshaw St Updates



In October, for four weeks there will be full closure of Grimshaw St from the Greensborough Bypass to William Street. NELP has advised the school that the major interruption to traffic will be one week of the four weeks. We have devised a contingency plan for entrance into the school via William St. Attached is the map and clear directions that must be adhered to for clear traffic flow. We also request everyone to be patient and understanding as drop off and pick up may take longer than usual. I am meeting with NELP personnel on Thursday 11th September. I will ensure any updates provided to me in relation to road closures or access to the school are shared with you immediately so that you can plan your trips accordingly.

Infrastructure Update

We are still in the tender process for the refurbishment of the two storey building. The builders have been shortlisted to two. We have decanted the building in readiness for the program to begin. Shortly we will be providing our Maintenance team with a new facility as they currently work out of the end of the two storey building. I will update you with any further information as soon as it becomes available. We do not yet have a firm start date.

Congratulations

Congratulations to Harvey W, Year 5, has been selected to Basketball Victorias 2025 Metro Jamboree and 2025/26 Future Development Program (FDP). The BV FDP is aligned with and underpins the teaching and philosophies of the National Performance Pathway. It is designed to provide young Victorian Basketball Players with individual skill acquisition and concept training along with being part of the Performance Pathways. Athletes are exposed to Basketball Victorias Six Principles of individual development over the course of the year. The Metro Jamboree is a 4 day event held throughout the September school holidays where the top 60 boys and 60 girls from across the state come together to compete as part of a development tournament.

Great job Harvey!

Planned Power Outage

AusNet have informed us that St Mary's Primary School and Parish has a planned power outage scheduled for Friday, 12-September at 8pm until Saturday 13-September at 5am.

Working Bee

We look forward to seeing you for our Working Bee this coming Saturday, 6-September at 8:30am.



Traffic Safety

Once again, I have noticed of late that some parents are coaxing their children to get in the car prior to the *kiss and drop* area. Be patient! This is a dangerous activity as there is no staff supervision and then the drivers are becoming frustrated that it is taking so long to exit the car park. Please remember, when supervising the entrance into cars we notice who the children are leaving with and that they are safe because they are leaving in the designated area. Please remind your child/ren they are to wait at the front of the school admin area if being picked up at the 'Kiss and Drop'. Please get into the habit of collecting your child at the 'Kiss and Drop'. *Kiss and Drop* is not a parking place. All cars will be requested to move on after a reasonable amount of time if your child is not present at *Kiss and Drop* after the dismissal bell.

Front of Admin Drop-Off Procedures

Just a reminder that all students must exit their vehicles on the left hand side of the car at the Admin drop off area. This is a safety issue due to cars occasionally overtaking at that time and thus compromising the safety of our students.

Policy Updates

Each month I will provide updated or new policies to our community for your perusal. New Policies - all Policies can be found [here](#).

- [Attendance Policy](#)
- [Parent/Guardian/Carer Code of Conduct](#)
- [Student Extended Holiday Procedures \(absent for 3 or more days\)](#)

Condolences


Condolences to Jen Baker on the passing of her loving grandpa (Lolo), Ronald. We pray for Peace and Comfort during this sad and difficult time.

Kind Regards,
Marisa Matthys
Principal



Student of the Week



Class	Week 3	Week 4	Week 5	Week 6	Week 7
Prep K	Chloe A For being a resilient learner and persisting with writing tasks. Chloe you are showing more confidence in using heart words in your writing and recording the sounds that you hear in words. Keep it up!	Mason H For being a responsible worker. Well done on listening carefully to instructions to complete your work. It has been great to see you working hard on having a go at writing independently. Keep it up Mason!	Mia B For the great use of our vocabulary words in your own writing. Mia, your writing is becoming so descriptive and interesting to read. Way to go!	Connor F For consistently displaying whole body listening when you are sitting on the mat. What a great role model you are for showing that you are ready to learn. Keep it up Connor!	Joshua B For the responsible way you offer to help out in the classroom. Your willingness to carry out classroom responsibilities and help your friends when they need it is a wonderful example of being a welcoming member of Prep K.
Prep M	Danae G For always showing our school values of respect, responsibility and safety. You help create a safe and fun classroom! Great job Danae!	Will M For the calm and respectful way you have been joining our meditations. You have been still, silent and focusing on your breath. Great job Will!	Lachlan M For your whole body listening skills and always raising your hand before speaking. You demonstrate how to be respectful and responsible when we are having floor discussions. Keep up the great work Lachlan!	Oscar M For your effort and focus in our reading groups. You are building such great fluency and trying your best. Well done Oscar!	Felix S For always letting teachers teach and learners learn. You are a great role model. Keep up the wonderful work Felix!
Prep S	Thomas Q For being a responsible learner who always listens attentively and completes all learning tasks in a timely manner. Keep up the amazing work Thomas!	Meadow P For being a helpful and supportive member of Prep S. You are always the first to help someone in need. Keep up the kind gestures we really appreciate you!	Cleo A For being not only an excellent student, but for also showing kindness, responsibility, and a willingness to go above and beyond. It's clear you strive for personal growth and help create a classroom environment where everyone can succeed.		
1BC	Xavier For always participating enthusiastically during whole class learning. You show great focus, listen carefully, and share thoughtful responses. Bravo!	Cody For showing greater enthusiasm in your learning and putting in a fantastic effort with your work. Bravo!	Grace O For showing great effort in participating in whole class learning. We are so proud of the way you are growing as a learner. Brava!	Christopher For your positive attitude towards your learning. You have been focussed and working hard to give your best effort, Bravo!	Ellie For participating fully during whole class learning and being a responsible learner by following instructions the first time. Thank you for being a role model in our class Ellie. Brava!
1G	Chloe For displaying excellent behaviour, completing tasks to a high standard and being a caring and supportive role model to your peers. Brava Chloe!	Ella For being a responsible, reliable and conscientious member of our class. Well done Ella, your daily efforts never go unnoticed.	Erin G For demonstrating responsible and respectful behaviour and excellent participation in our class learning every day. Well done Erin! Fantastica!	Allira For demonstrating responsible behaviour and excellent class participation. Well done Allira!	Ollie For your excellent focus and class participation on a daily basis. Well done Ollie

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1N	Alexander For showing respect by always participating in our Christian meditation in a calm and thoughtful way. Bravo!	Arthur For forming new friendships and showing kindness and enthusiasm when spending time with others. Bravo!	Amelie For showing fantastic participation in our Literacy Daily Review and working hard to improve your knowledge. Brava!	Jude For always showing enthusiasm in your learning and for being kind to everyone. Bravo!	Everly For consistently being responsible, respectful and safe. You actively engage in your learning and always try your best. Brava!
2M	Valentino U For your wonderful contributions to the scenarios within our weekly behaviour focus of being responsible and safe when you are an upstander. Keep up the fantastic work Valentino!	Max B For always being willing to share your ideas and wonderful sentences with our new vocabulary. Keep up the fantastic work Max!	Orlando L For your wonderful contributions during Book Week and with our narrative writing. Keep up the fantastic effort Orlando!	Ollie W For your resilience and growing confidence in your learning. You are doing such an amazing job Ollie! Keep up all the hard work!	Mila H For all of your hard work in our maths topic of multiplication and division. You are doing an amazing job at giving everything a go, even the challenges. Keep up the fantastic work Mila!
2R	John For always sharing your ideas and insights with the class, and for being a great assistant to your teammates! Keep up the great work	Madison For demonstrating improved focus and concentration to complete tasks carefully and sensibly and sitting on her floor spot each day. Well done.	Archie C For your courage and resilience after breaking your arm and your happy smile when you returned to school. Well done Archie!	Harvey For showing great effort in participating in whole class learning. I am so proud of the way you are growing as a learner.	Charlie C For being a responsible learner who always listens attentively and completes all learning tasks in a timely manner. Keep up the amazing work Charlie
2V	Isabelle M For consistently demonstrating respectful and responsible classroom behaviours. You set such a wonderful example for others. Keep it up!	Josh P For your excellent focus when completing learning tasks. You continue to show such dedication to your learning. Keep up the hard work.	Byron A For excellent engagement and listening on the floor. It is wonderful to see you following instructions the first time.	Angelina G For the consistent hard work and dedication you show towards your learning. Your hard work is paying off. Keep it up!	Jayson S For your being respectful through your calm participation in meditation each morning.
3F	Alessandro C For consistently demonstrating respectful behaviour in the classroom. You are always kind to your peers! Keep up the great work!	Alex T For your enthusiasm and contributions during our history lessons on Vikings! Keep up the amazing work!	Isabelle P For all your hard work during all learning areas and especially during spelling! Keep up the great work!	Ned W For showing great tenacity towards your learning and your willingness to extend yourself in all learning areas. Terrific effort!	Lucas T For using great manners and for being respectful to your peers and teachers. Keep up the amazing work!
3L	Imogen F For consistently trying your hardest in all of your learning. You put extra effort into everything that you do! Keep it up!	Dylan G, Harvey F, Joseph B and Ruben K For the effort you put into organising the 3-6 downball competition. You came up with the ideas, spent time planning and created a fantastic event! Well done boys!	Zoe K For always being a respectful and responsible member of our class. You are a role model for 3L!	Harvey B For always choosing to extend and challenge yourself in maths learning. Keep it up Harvey!	Amelia T For being a kind and caring friend to all those who need it. Well done Millie!



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3P	Eden A For demonstrating persistence and tenacity in your learning. Well done Eden!	Cooper For being an enthusiastic and positive member of 3P, always bringing joy to our classroom.	Alessandro For embracing your leadership role as Italian Ambassador with dedication and serving as a positive role model for our class.	Finn S For being a responsible learner by always taking on challenges in your learning, especially in maths. Well done Finn!	Melika S For bringing your creativity and gratitude to our classroom. You make 3P a happier, brighter place!
4B	Allison T For always being an organised student and working hard in your learning tasks, especially with your handwriting. Great work Allison!	Kate WT For always 'giving it a go' in your tasks and sharing your ideas during class discussions. Keep up the fantastic work!	Chloe D For always being kind, supportive and respectful to your classmates. Well done for also working hard in your learning tasks, especially handwriting. Keep it up!	Neive VDD For consistently challenging yourself with each task and contributing thoughtfully to our class discussions. Amazing work!	Alexander F For always completing your work to the best of your ability. Well done for also trying to challenge yourself. Keep up the great work!
4F	Hannah D For working hard on your learning tasks to ensure they are finished on time and to a high standard. Keep up the great work Hannah !	Evangeline F For showing great engagement in the classroom during our core knowledge lessons and assisting others in the classroom with their learning. Well done Evangeline !	Rebecca F For trying your best during literacy reviews to spell new words using our PhOrMes program. Well done Becky !	Aaliyah I For trying your best in the classroom and writing amazing sentences in literacy sessions	Elisha P For learning how to be your best self in the classroom and communicating with your teacher
4V	Massimo R For your hard work, determination, and curiosity during our maths sessions. Massimo, you ask insightful questions that strengthen your learning and lead to great success. Well done on your fantastic division work, Massi – you are a true superstar!	Tori P For being respectful and always following instructions the first time. Tori, you consistently allow teachers to teach and learners to learn. You are focused, determined, and hard-working, and your efforts never go unnoticed – we all truly appreciate you!	Evie H For focusing hard on your learning. Evie, your dedication, effort, and determination to stay engaged has truly stood out. Keep up the great work.	Will K For demonstrating respectful classroom behaviour by stopping, thinking, and making positive choices. Well done, Will, on helping make our classroom a better place!	Evie K For your amazing effort across all of your learning tasks, especially in writing. Your creativity and persistence really shine through, and it inspires others in our classroom. Keep it up, Evie!
5OB	Isabelle You show great persistence by giving tasks a go independently and demonstrates maturity by seeking help when you need it. Isabella, your positive attitude towards learning is a wonderful example to others. Well done, Isabella!	Oliver D For always showing respect and kindness. Ollie, you consistently demonstrate empathy by acknowledging different perspectives and supporting your friends in subtle, thoughtful, and effective ways. Your positive attitude and quiet leadership make a meaningful impact on those around you.	Savannah Savannah you are being recognised for your notable efforts in following classroom routines and contributing in a respectful and thoughtful way. Your growing consistency and positive attitude help create a supportive and focused learning environment for everyone.	Harvey For your diary entry from the perspective of a character in War Horse. You showed a deep understanding of the text by capturing the emotions, thoughts, and experiences of the character with empathy and detail. Well done, Harvey – what an impressive piece of work.	Michael S Michael you have shown great effort, growing consideration for others, and a positive enthusiasm in the classroom. Your contributions have been noticed and appreciated. Well done, and keep up the great work!

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5R	Harry T For taking on feedback in a respectful manner and accepting the decision of trusted adults. This has been a wonderful example of your growth this term, Keep it up!	Scarlett S For your consistent respectful attitude in the classroom. You are always working hard to meet the classroom expectations. Well done Scarlett!	John S For your positive attitude and enthusiastic participation in the book week activities and dress up. It was wonderful to see your Wonka costume John!	Ashleigh M For her hard work and determination in completing her narrative, inspired by the novel War Horse. Keep up the amazing work!	Alessia B For her determination and perseverance in planning and creating her narrative, and for embracing challenges and feedback with confidence.
5S	Lawrence B For eagerly participating in classroom discussion and activities. Your smile lights up the room and makes your peers feel happy and calm. Keep up the great work!	Santiago For taking on feedback in a respectful manner. You have shown that you can grow and lead by example when you put your mind to something. Well-done!	Taylor S For your positive attitude towards learning and using your manners inside and outside the classroom. You are a representation of what we stand for at St. Mary's.	Ava J For your hard work and determination in learning. You have shown an incredible amount of growth academically and socially. Keep up the great work!	Max C For being inclusive of all your class mates during class sport and movement breaks. Your enthusiasm brings everyone together in an inclusive way. Great job.
6G	Tyler D For consistently working hard to make progress towards your learning goals. Well done!	Charlotte S For consistently completing your work to a high standard and modelling exceptional behaviour and leadership.	Regan F For consistently leading the school with strength, grace and poise.	Sophie V For working hard to make progress towards your learning goals.	Mikey K For consistently producing high quality work, even when working independently.
6MP	Nico D For always having a positive attitude towards your learning! You are always working hard and putting effort into everything you do. Well done!	Flynn B For participating in class discussions, using a clear, loud voice to share your thinking. Keep up the hard work!	Sam B For displaying a positive attitude towards your learning and always showing respect and kindness towards your peers. Keep up the great work!	Oliver P For the focus and effort you put into your Confirmation Artwork, it was lovely to see it displayed in the Church. Well done!	Olive M For your hard work and determination in your learning, which has been evident in your Mathematics growth. Keep up the hard work!
6W	Liam D For contributing positively in class discussions.	Will Sla For participating more in all class discussions and activities.	Dante L For always trying your best in all areas of your work. Super effort.	Will Sid For always working to a high standard and contributing positively to all class discussions.	Lachlan H For improving your focus and contributing in class. Well done, Lachlan.