Our Mission Statement

St Mary’s School is a Catholic School for the children of the Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish. St Mary’s is a place where relationships are prized in the Spirit of the Josephite tradition. Under the inspiration of Saint Mary of the Cross MacKillop, we are committed to the belief where everyone is treated with fairness and has the opportunity for a quality education in a faith filled environment.

Welcome back to St Mary’s for the 2016 school year. We hope that each of you enjoyed a relaxing holiday and return refreshed for an exciting year of learning. Our building program is progressing well. Brick work, roofing and the construction of the floor began this week. We will continue using our building works car park plan. We expect the internal works in the old building to be completed by the end of February. Full details in our full newsletter next week.

Thanks and appreciation: It was remiss of me to not thank two important groups who did so much to help our school last year. To Nicki, Olga, Paula, Tanya and the team in our uniform shop, thank you for the great job you did in 2015. To Stacey and her team of contributors who assisted with the publication with our 2015 year book, the time and late night efforts to put this together was greatly appreciated. Great job!

Car Park

During the construction of our new building we remind people to take great care in the car park. It is forbidden to drop children off in the centre of the car park. It is difficult for drivers to see small children. It is important to remember that unless you have a Disabled Parking sticker please do not park in the allocated Disabled car park. We do have family members who pickup and drop off students who do have a disability and they have had to park quite a distance from the school. Please take care, safety first! Think safe, drive safe.

Office Relocation

Due to the renovations, there will be changes to the office during February. A temporary office has been set up in the Multi-purpose room with access from the courtyard.

Parent - Teacher Interviews

Will be conducted on Tuesday 16th February. Families will book their own time online. More information will be sent home early next week.

Sports uniform

Prep-6 wear their sports uniform on Fridays

School Closures:

Monday 14th March (Labour Day) and Tuesday 15th March

School Fees

Statement for school fees will be sent home next week. Fees for Term 1 are $245.00 per term. The Excursion Levy is: Prep to 2 $55.00, Year 3 & 4 $65.00 and Year 5 & 6 $75.00. This will also be on your Term 1 statement. Payments can be made by Cash, Cheque, EFTPOS, EFT, Direct Debit or Centrepay. Please see the office for more information on direct debit & Centrepay (Centrelink).

Jubilee Year of Mercy Parish Prayer

Lord Jesus You are loving and Your mercy endures forever.
Your are compassionate and gracious, slow to anger, overflowing with love and faithfulness.
Turn to me and have mercy on me, forgive my sins and grant me the Grace to live the life worthy of your praise.
We ask in the name of Jesus Christ, Our Lord.
Amen
**Diary Dates**

**FEB**
- Wed 10th  
  Ash Wednesday Mass 9.00am
- Fri 12th  
  St Mary’s swimming carnival, Moe pool
- Tues 16th  
  Parent - Teacher Meetings (more information to follow)
- Wed 17th  
  School Board meeting 6.00pm
- Tues 23rd  
  WVPSS Swimming Sports

**MAR**
- Mon 7th  
  School Photographs (more information to follow)
- Tues 8th/Wed 9th  
  Grade 4 Camp - Allambee

**Playgroup:** Please note that due to the renovations playgroup will not commence until Term 2.

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**Music Lessons 2016**

Mrs Carine Surendorff is teaching private lessons at the school.

- **Tuition available in Piano, Saxophone and Voice Training**
  - Students come out of class for their individual lesson during school hours or lunchtime.
  - Beginners as well as advanced students welcome.
  - Enquiries welcome.
  - Phone Carine Surendorff on 0458242459
  - or email jcmsurendorff@gmail.com

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**School Uniform**

The Uniform Shop is open Monday 8.45am to 9.00am and Wednesday and Friday 3.00pm to 3.30pm.

**Girls**
- Green Checked Dress
- Plain white socks
- Bottle green windcheater with logo
- Black school shoes
- Green, gold or white headband
- Sun Hat

**Boys**
- Grey gabardine shorts (not cargo style)
- Gold polo shirt with logo
- Bottle green windcheater with logo
- Grey Socks
- Black school shoes
- Sun Hat

All students are expected to have a St Mary’s school bag.

**Website:** www.stmnewbor.catholic.edu.au  
**School App:** Search Immaculate Heart of Mary

**Alter Serving Roster:**
- **Sun 7th Feb**  
  Emily & Arden
- **Sun 14th Feb**  
  Matthijs & Jasmijn

**Community Events** - Located in the corridor near the office.

- **Circus Royale** - Apex Park Moe Feb 9th & 10th 7.30pm and 6.30pm.

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**PARISHES IN PARTNERSHIP**

St Mary’s Church, Newborough and St. Kieran’s Church, Moe

Contact: 5127 1057

**Weekend Mass Times:**
- St Brigid’s Yallourn North  
  Saturday 5.00pm
- St Mary’s Newborough  
  Sunday 9.00 am
- St Kieran’s Moe  
  Saturday 6.30pm, Sunday 10.30am

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**IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY SCHOOL**

**Friends forever, learning together**

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