



## St Mary's Lancefield and Romsey

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Term Three has begun and we are so grateful to be back. Fingers crossed we'll be able to keep learning happening at school so that all in our school community can have some semblance of the normal as we move forward!

### **Prep Enrolments 2021**

We still have places available for our Prep classes in 2021. We encourage all those who have yet to enrol to give us a call at the office (5429 1359) to enrol your preppie for next year. We look forward to sharing our amazing school with you.

### **Indigenous Garden & Artwork**

Last year our Year 1/2 students worked with Sam Harrison, (Junior Landcare Facilitator) to design and plant an Indigenous Garden in front of their classrooms. We are so pleased with the outcome that we've decided to extend this garden all the way along the north side of the school building which encompasses the outside of the 3/4 classrooms also. We hope to begin this project sometime this term (dependent on lockdowns and restrictions). We look forward to seeing what our 1/2 's can create. They will be assisted by our Mini Vinnies who will design and create signage for the garden - plant names, a picture and what they would have or can be used for. As part of this project, the whole school will be working on an art creation which will promote and advertise the garden. Students will learn about indigenous art and then create their own tile to be displayed above the garden. We look forward to sharing all this amazing work with you as it transpires. Watch this space....

### **New House Team Names**

You may have noticed over the past 12 months we have slowly been changing our image at St Mary's. We have a new school uniform, new logos and new signage. So we decided it was time to change our House Team names to reflect the area that we live in. We have four teams in the colours green, red, yellow and blue. So we decided that our team names should incorporate the following -

- Catholic Identity
- Indigenous
- Local Landmark
- MegaFauna

After much research, discussion and evaluation, we have decided on the following names to lead our House Teams into the future. They are:

**Catholic Identity** - (Green)

‘Josephites’ : *‘The Joeys’*

In 1919 the Sisters of St Joseph were brought to staff St Mary’s School in Lancefield.

**Indigenous** - (Red)

‘Wilimee Moorring’ : *‘The Wilims’*

Wilimee Moorring means ‘axe place’ representing the Mt William Stone Axe Quarry (a significant Aboriginal site) just outside of Lancefield.

**Local Landmark** - (Yellow)

‘Farmers’ : *‘The Agi’s’*

The Lancefield area was first settled by squatters c.1837 and developed into a potato farming district along with sheep, cattle, wheat and other cereal crops.

**MegaFauna** - (Blue)

‘Diprotodon’ : *‘The Wombats’*

Extinct megafauna remains were found in the Lancefield Swamp. One of which was the Diprotodon, a rhinoceros-sized wombat.

New flags are in the process of being made to promote our new House Team names. We hope that we’ll be able to celebrate these at an upcoming sports day before the year is out.

Jo Shannon (Community Liaison Leader)