

St Mary's Primary School Newsletter

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St Mary's Catholic School is a community that walks in the footsteps of Jesus and works in partnership with families in the Josephite tradition, to develop and educate the whole child.

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St Mary's School is committed to child safety and to the inclusion of all students.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT



St Mary's acknowledges the Ngurai-illum Wurrung people, the traditional custodians of the land on which our school is situated. We commit to working in partnership with Aboriginal people for reconciliation and justice.

THOUGHT OF THE WEEK

Keep young as long as you can

3.5.1874

VALUES OF THE WEEK

Reverence and Awe

Dear Parents, Friends and Students,
We all know that children receive the best education when parents and teachers work as a team. Parents' enthusiasm, support and involvement are integral to the success of our school as are the skills, dedication and professionalism of teachers. Together, staff and parents can provide educational excellence for every student so that they can achieve their personal best. Together, we can support one another to provide a friendly academic environment and, when appropriate, celebrate our achievements.

This afternoon is the second opportunity for our three-way Learning Conversations which provide an opportunity for students, parents and teachers to share insights and set goals for the student's learning development. It is an expectation that every student and one or both parents attend this meeting.

I hope that throughout the year, our school will be a place where staff, students and families have opportunities to experience God's presence in our lives. Within our school, we can all try to model God's love for each one of us, by being a renewing community where all

members are valued, affirmed and empowered and where our commitment to Gospel values are expressed in every facet of our school's endeavours. For this to happen throughout the year, it will require our collective wisdom and generosity of spirit. May this school year, see staff and parents in partnership in our collective role of faith education. Currently all classes are focusing on the season of Lent. For forty days we become more aware of the needs of people around us. During Lent the Church encourages us to pray more, to make sacrifices and give to the poor. The Lenten Season provides us with the opportunity to continue our prayers and generosity to those in need while also deepening our relationship with God and the Church. Lent is a time for remembering, reflection and preparation for Easter, the central feast on the Christian calendar. I encourage our school families to make this year's Lenten journey a very special and significant one.

Today our Caritas fundraiser was "Crazy Hair Day", next Friday March 12th students are invited to bring their pet to school for a gold coin donation. All pets to be taken home after the parade. Please ensure that your pet is secure ie. on a lead or in a cage.

Cate Fraser
PRINCIPAL



UPCOMING EVENTS

Mark Your Calendars



Each Mon Lunch orders

New prices as of 1 Feb 2021

Tue & Thu Breakfast Club

8 Mar Labour Day Public Holiday

(Mon) NO SCHOOL

12 Mar Pet Parade Caritas fundraiser

(Fri) All pets to be taken home after parade

15 Mar Scholastic Book orders due

(Mon) Order via Loop or return to class teacher

19 Mar P&F Meeting

(Fri) 9am in the hall. All welcome

1 Apr Last Day of Term One

(Thu) Students dismissed at 3:20pm

2 Apr Good Friday

(Fri)

19 Apr Term Two Begins

(Mon) All students return



FOOTY TIPPING 2021

Footy season is just around the corner!

AFL round 1 begins on Thursday March 18.

Footy tipping sheets will be available from the school office, Perry's Butchery, Colbinabbin General Store, Stanhope Post Office and Rushworth IGA.

CAMPS, SPORTS & EXCURSION FUND (CSEF)

This applies to families who hold a current Centrelink concession or Health care card. An application form will be sent home today. Please complete, sign and return this form to the office as soon as possible.

MEDICAL AND PERMISSION FORMS

An email has been sent advising that medical details on PAM require your attention. We ask that parents complete these updates as soon as possible.

SCHOOL FEES

The 2021 school fee letter will be emailed in the next week. Our school fees are increasing slightly and Georgia has developed a table whereby payments can be made weekly, fortnightly, monthly, by term or annually. You are encouraged to make regular payments because School excursions and camps must be paid to enable your child to attend. There is an option to set up Centrepay through Centrelink. Parents and carers are encouraged to see Mrs Fraser asap if you are having difficulty meeting the fee commitment.

SCHOOL PHOTOS

School photos were taken on Wednesday March 3 by GV School Photography. Dale and Stuart were very impressed with the behaviour of our students.

SCHOOL ADVISORY COUNCIL MEETING

MONDAY MARCH 15TH

The next School Advisory Council meeting will be held on Monday March 15th at 6.00pm. Mrs Joan Coldwell Project Officer: School Advisory Council will be in attendance to explain the changes and the roles and responsibilities of the School Advisory Council. Please advise the school as soon as possible of your attendance.

PROFESSIONAL LEARNING:

RE Accreditation Thursday and Friday March 4 & 5
Miss Simmons Mrs Fraser 5/6

Country Diocesan Leadership Program – Tuesday – Friday March 9 – 12 – Mrs Parry Gen Stewart, Jenna Clarke and Liv McEvoy will teach 3/4 on various days

RE Accreditation Thursday and Friday March 11 & 12 Miss Shanahan -Mrs Morse F/1



Taron Wilkinson
Ruby Griffin
Lily Klinkert
Mrs Donoghue

*Wishing a Happy Birthday to
 everyone celebrating a
 birthday in the coming weeks*



The Parents and friends committee held their AGM this morning (Fri 5th March).

Congratulations to the elected office bearers

President	Katrina Ogden
Vice President	Emma Thompson
Secretary	Brynne Schumacher
Ass Secretary	Kelly Ross
Treasurer	Kacey Barlow

General Committee Aroha Potae Shandy Chairul
 Mikaela Hanson Jess Rogers Leanne Cleary Sharon
 Gleeson Christie Thomas & Laura Ackroyd.

The next meeting will be held on Friday March 19 at 9am in the hall. Coffee and tea provided.

The first fundraiser for the year will be Cadbury Easter Egg Drive. Boxes will be given out to all families in the next couple of weeks. (Just in time for Easter and school holidays)



Other fundraising events coming up are Pie Drive, Mothers Day and Fathers Day stalls, Halloween Disco (Friday 29th October) and our Annual Twilight Fete will be held on Friday November 12th.

Please mark these dates in your calendar.

RFNC 2021 U18's

Rushworth Football Netball Club are seeking U18 players for Season 2021. We are looking for players keen to have a run and join a family friendly club.

With 5 weeks until the season starts, we are eager to have an U18's side ready to take to the field for Round 1.



Please get in contact ASAP with our President Ian Harris (0409 204 356) or Kathy Barlow (0488 552 518)

The Grade 5/6 class have been organising netball games for the 3-6 students. Everyone has been enjoying these games and have played well showing great sportsmanship



Riley shooting for goal during the lunchtime netball game



Kaley and Violet defending Heath



MONDAY LUNCH ORDERS **(PRICE LIST)**

	\$
Meat pie	4.00
Pastie	4.00
Party pie	1.70
Mini pizza (Sup' or Ham & Pine')	3.00
Sausage roll (large)	3.50
Sausage roll (small)	.80
Cheese & bacon roll	2.00
3 filling sandwich	3.50
3 filling roll	4.00
4 filling sandwich	4.00
4 filling roll	4.50
Sandwich with the lot	5.00
Roll with the lot	6.00
Big M (small) (Choc/Straw)	2.50
Nippys (small) (Choc/Straw)	2.50
Primas (Orange or Apple)	1.50
Sauce extra	.20c

Remember: Children will need to hand in their orders, in a paper bag, by 9:30am on Monday morning.

