

# St Mary's 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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## **ACKNOWLEDGEMENT**



St Mary's acknowledges the Taungurung 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

***"Look upon your crosses as stepping-stones to an eternity of happiness."***

28.2.1890

## VALUES OF THE WEEK

***Reverence and Awe***

### **FRIENDSHIP**

Probably we are all familiar with the adage, "A friend in need is a friend indeed" Well there are many variations to the expression including:

"A real friend is one who walks in when the rest of the world walks out." –Mencius.

"Friends are those with whom our faults are safe." – G.K.Chesterton.

"Friends ...they cherish one another's hopes. They are kind to one another's dreams." Henry Thoreau

"A friend is someone who gives you total freedom to be yourself." – Jim Morrison

Friendship is one of the most important and yearned qualities of life. To each of us friendship has a different meaning; for all of us it is a gift which needs to be cherished and nurtured. It needs to be cultivated on a daily basis and needs to be free of possessiveness that might lead to suffocation.

Mark's Gospel contains a wonderful example of friendship and is centred around Jesus being invited into someone's house to preach to the people gathered there: "He was preaching the work to them when some people came bringing him a paralytic carried by four men, but as the crowds made it impossible to get the man to him, they stripped the roof over the place where Jesus was; and

when they had made an opening, they lowered the stretcher on which the paralytic lay." Mark 2.3-4  
Illness, in Jesus time, was considered to be the result of sin, either the sin of the person or the sin of the person's parents. For people like the paralytic there was no wheelchair, no government assistance for accommodation, food or clothing, often people like this were cast out by their family and reduced to begging. However, for some reason this particular man had four friends who stood by him. They risked rejection by their neighbours and the possibility of ridicule should their efforts be in vain if Jesus shunned their attempts to present their friend, the paralytic to him.

Do we stick by our friends when our efforts are open to possible ridicule? The four men were extremely generous in their act of friendship.

***"I love you not only for what you are but for what I am when I am with you.***

***I love you not only for what you have made of yourself but for what you are making of me.***

***I love you for putting your hand into my heart and drawing out into the light all the beautiful, radiant belongings that no one else had looked quite far enough to find.***

***I love you because you have done so much for me by just being yourself.***

***Perhaps that is what being a friend really means."***

**Author unknown**

From Leon Burke's writing

Regards,  
Catherine Fraser  
**PRINCIPAL**



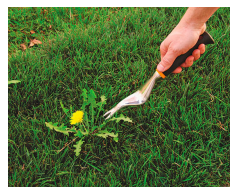


Every Monday	<b>Bluearth</b> (runners required)
23 Aug (Wed)	<b>Book Week – Dress up Day</b> <b>Board Meeting (Notre Dame, Shepparton)</b> 6:00 - 8:00pm
28 Aug (Mon)	<b>P&amp;F Meeting</b> 9:00am in the Staff Room
29 Aug (Tue)	<b>Athletics (Years 3-6), Shepparton</b> McEwan Reserve, Shepparton
30 & 31 Aug	<b>Father's Day Stalls</b> (Wed & Thu)
1 Sep (Fri)	<b>Father's Day Breakfast</b> Breakfast served from 7:30am
8 Sep (Fri)	<b>Year 7 Transition Program 2017</b> Rushworth P/12
13 Sep (Wed)	<b>Production – Dress Rehearsal</b>
14 Sep (Thu)	<b>Pirates – The Musical &amp; Intermission</b> School hall @ 7:00pm
20 Sep (Wed)	<b>Pupil Free Day</b> Staff Reflection Day
21 Sep (Thu)	<b>Festival of the Sacred, Shepparton</b> Years 5/6 only
22 Sep (Fri)	<b>Last day of term 3/2017</b> School finishes @ 2:20pm
20 Oct (Fri)	<b>Year 7 Transition Program 2017</b> Rushworth P/12
10 Nov (Fri)	<b>School Fete</b> 4:00 – 8:00pm

#### MISSING SCHOOL JACKET

A school jacket has been reported as missing. The child's surname is embroidered on the back of the collar. Could all parents/carers please check their child's/ren's school bag. This jacket may have been taken home by mistake.

Thank you for your assistance.



#### August Families

K Langman  
A & J Williams  
M & A McLean

#### September Families

S & G Francis  
C Gleeson  
J & K Jones  
D Milanovic

#### GARDENING

The August and September gardening groups are asked to please weed, sweep and dust cobwebs around the school gardens/grounds. Thank you for your assistance.

#### SYMPATHY

St Mary's School students, staff and parent community offer our sympathy and prayers to the Batt family especially to Renee, Nathan and Shantelle on the death of their mother Melanie Simpson. Miss Smith attended Melanie's funeral last Wednesday to support Nathan and Shantelle. We also offer our sympathy to Janelle O'Dwyer, Admin Officer of St Joseph's school, Nagambie on the recent death of her son John. Georgia and Mrs Fraser will attend John's funeral tomorrow.

#### EARLY ARRIVAL AT SCHOOL

I have noticed students consistently arriving at school well before 8:30am. The school ground is not supervised at this time. I ask that you ensure that your child/ren arrives at school after 8:30am.

If you have an unavoidable reason for an early drop off please advise the school beforehand.

Thank you for your support in this matter.



#### PROFESSIONAL LEARNING

Tuesday, 22 August: SIMON P/L, Wangaratta - Miss Rasmussen and Hayley. Miss Rjis will take 3/4.

Monday, 28 August: Text help – Read/Write, Bendigo - Miss Rasmussen. Miss Isip will take 3/4.

Tuesday to Friday, 29 August to 1 September: Miss Smith on leave. Mr Chant will take 5/6.

### MARBLE RUN DONATIONS – THANK YOU

Thank you for those who have donated to St Mary's Primary School for our marble run. We especially thank Peter Francis for donating lots of plumbing materials and Bunnings, Shepparton for supplying us with the plastic storage boxes.

Thank you also to Rushworth Men's Shed for putting the boards together. These boards are going to come in handy a lot. We now have everything we need for the run. The SRC Team are very grateful for all these supplies. We can't wait to use the marble run!



*Jack A, Jessica, Zaydyn, Anita and Marcos.*

### BOOK WEEK 2017

#### **"ESCAPE TO EVERYWHERE" DRESS UP WEDNESDAY, 23 AUGUST**

Students are asked to dress as their favourite book character or to suit the theme of Escape to Everywhere. There will be literacy activities in each classroom around the Book Week short listed books.



#### **BOARD MEETING WEDNESDAY, 23 AUGUST**

At Notre Dame College, Shepparton. 6:00pm to 8:00pm served with a light supper.

#### **P&F MEETING MONDAY, 28 AUGUST**

The meeting will be held at 9:00am in the Staff Room.

### **INTERSCHOOL ATHLETIC SPORTS TUESDAY, 29 AUGUST (YEAR 3-6 STUDENTS ONLY) ATHLETICS**

All permission should now have been returned. On Tuesday, 29 August the year 3-6 students will be heading to Shepparton to take part in inter-school athletics. Again, St Mary's has been rostered on the hurdles event and will be responsible for the running of that event for that day. Thank you to those parents who have already offered to assist. If you are able to assist on this day with the running of the hurdles (any amount of time will be a great help!!), please let Miss Smith know. Many hands make light work!

#### **KINDER VISIT WEDNESDAY, 30 AUGUST**

Marg and the Rushworth Kindergarten children will visit St Mary's. The children will participate in a Father's Day activity with the F/1/2 classes and have the opportunity to purchase a gift from the Father's Day Stall.

#### **FATHER'S DAY STALLS WEDNESDAY, 30 AUGUST & THURSDAY, 31 AUGUST**

The Parents and Friends Committee will hold a Father's Day Stall where your child/ren can purchase quality gifts for their

fathers/grandfathers and carers. Gifts are priced between \$2.00 and \$7.00 each. The P&F

mums usually wrap the gifts for the students to keep secret!



#### **FATHER'S DAY BREAKFAST FRIDAY, 1 SEPTEMBER**

A green invitation slip was sent home last week. All fathers, grandfathers and friends are invited to a Father's Day Breakfast on Friday, 1 September 7:30am. Bacon and egg roll will be served with tea coffee, water and juice.

#### **NUTRITION PROJECT TUESDAY, 12 SEPTEMBER YEARS 5/6 ONLY**

A letter was sent home in Week 1 detailing an at-home project that the students will be completing this term, and then bringing into school to present to the class on Tuesday,



12 September (Week 9). Basically, the students need to document themselves cooking a healthy meal for their family. They can present their project by making a poster or a video. As stated on the information sheet, I will be available early on Friday mornings (from 8:00am until 8:50am) to assist with this.

**PIRATES – THE MUSICAL  
DRESS REHEARSAL**

**WEDNESDAY, 13 SEPTEMBER**

Rehearsals are well under way for this year's St. Mary's Production of 'Pirates – The Musical'. Rehearsal times will be advised at a later date.

**WHOLE SCHOOL PRODUCTION  
PIRATES – THE MUSICAL  
THURSDAY, 14 SEPTEMBER @ 7:00PM**

To be held in the school hall.

Our students have been practicing their lines and song and dance routines at school and I am anticipating a wonderful performance. Ms Walsh has asked for the costumes to be brought to school and they will be bagged and ready for the dress rehearsal and production. Thank you for your endeavours in organizing the costumes. Thanks to the parents/carers who have kindly offered their time to assist at school with staging and costumes.

**INTERMISSION FOR SCHOOL PRODUCTION**

The P&F will be serving food and drinks on the night.

**PUPIL FREE DAY  
WEDNESDAY, 20 SEPTEMBER**

Staff will be participating in a Reflection day on Wednesday, 20 September. This will be a pupil free day.

**FESTIVAL OF THE SACRED 2017  
NOTRE DAME COLLEGE, SHEPPARTON  
THURSDAY, 21 SEPTEMBER  
YEARS 5/6 ONLY**

A permission note has been sent home today. Please have this form signed and returned to school by Wednesday, 13 September.

The 5/6 students will be presenting their A3 songs and dances at the Sandhurst Festival of the Sacred on Thursday, 21 September. This year, the event will take place at Notre Dame College, Mercy Stadium, Skene Street, Shepparton. The students will need to be at school at 8:40am for an 8:50am departure, and should be back at school at approx. 3:45pm-4:00pm (Please check Facebook for a more accurate time).

**LAST DAY OF TERM 3/2017  
FRIDAY, 22 SEPTEMBER**

This is the final day of school for term 3. Students will be dismissed at 2:20pm.

**SCHOOL FETE  
FRIDAY, 10 NOVEMBER  
4:00PM – 8:00PM  
"Save the date"**

**PREMIERS' READING CHALLENGE**

The Reading Challenge is now CLOSED. Book lists should have already been given to Miss Smith, as data cannot be entered into the system after the shut off date. Congratulations to the 57 students who successfully completed the challenge.

**CONFIRMATION AND FIRST EUCHARIST**

Congratulations to our Sacramental Candidates on their Confirmation and First Eucharist. On Sunday, 13 August Zahley Francis, Grace Barlow, Jackie Jones, James Hipwell, William Hipwell, Joel Poole, William Poole, William Appleton and David Appleton were Confirmed and received First Eucharist at St Laurence's Church, Stanhope.



*St Mary's candidates Grace, Jackie & Zahley.*

This was a lovely parish celebration and all the candidates felt well supported by the faith community. A lovely morning tea was enjoyed afterwards and Kathy Barlow made some delicious personalised cupcakes for each child.



*All Confirmation candidates, along with Fr Joseph and Bishop Tomlinson.*





*Zahley, Jackie and Grace proudly displaying their certificates.*

### **BILLABONG RANCH CAMP**

Grade 3/4 students from St Mary's attended Billabong Ranch in Echuca from the 14th-16th of August for their camp. Students from St Joseph's, Nagambie joined us.



*All St Mary's students getting ready to depart.*

The bus departed St Mary's in the morning and made its way to Echuca where it stopped so students could have morning tea and a play at the Apex Park. We then took off for Billabong Ranch.

When we got there, we met the camp staff and settled into our rooms. Our first activity was an introduction to orienteering where we learned how to use a compass. Before we took to the orienteering course, we learned some basic Bush

First Aid in the case of an emergency. We then made our way to the orienteering course where we were given bearings to find letters that made a sentence. We found this challenging, but fun – it tired us out and made us hungry! A big feed of lasagna, chips, and salad followed by ice cream and fruit salad filled us up, ready for night activities. When the sun went down "Olaf", the goat, met us to guide us on a night walk around the ranch. We got to meet plenty of the animals and even got to pat a camel!



*Chloe getting ready to ride.*

The next morning, we got straight into exciting activities. The Spy Course challenged us to make our way through a maze of strings (lazer beams) without touching them. We were then put into teams where we raced through a commando course where we have to run through, over and around different sized tyres and obstacles. We were then split into three groups and rotated through horse riding, mini golf and animal nursery. Horse riding was the highlight of the camp. We went on a trail ride around the ranch and even got our horses trotting! Mini golf was awesome because it challenged us to concentrate to complete the course. We loved the Herbie hole where it stole our ball at the end. The animal nursery was amazing because we got to hold puppies, bunnies and guinea pigs. We also got to feed and pat heaps of other cool animals including emus, donkeys, lambs, alpacas, goats, lizards, turkeys and ponies. After the rotations, we watched a working horse demonstration where learned how horses are used to move cattle. Bad weather had unfortunately settled in, so we had to swap one of our activities. Instead of bungee trampolining, we did archery, which was an indoor activity. There were two different styles of targets – an outline of an animal and a bullseye target. At the end, we were given 2 arrows to try shoot a balloon. If you shot one, you got a lolly. That night we had Schnitzels and veggies for dinner with ice cream and jelly for dessert. We then had a campfire where we roasted marshmallows and watched a fire twirling demonstration. Before bed, we all brought our pillows, blankets and sleeping bags to watch Flubber.





*Stephan showing his lassoing skills.*

On our final day, we packed our bags in the morning and got ready to go home. Our first activity for the day was roping. We learned how to use a lasso and practiced by trying to throw it over a cone. We then played lasso tiggy where we ran around while Matthew, one of the Billabong Ranch staff, tried to catch us with a lasso. It was so much fun! The last thing we did was bouldering. We were set different challenges to try to complete. This tested our upper body strength.



*Rylee C & Jack with "Olaf" the goat.*

We had so much fun on camp. We have made so many memories that we will never forget...games of 'textas', the games room and getting to know our Nagambie friends just to name a few. We also had our mascots, "Jigsaw" and "Lunar", the

camp kittens, who were constantly watching over everything we did and even tried to sneak into our rooms to sleep with us. We didn't want it to end, but were so glad that we got to go!

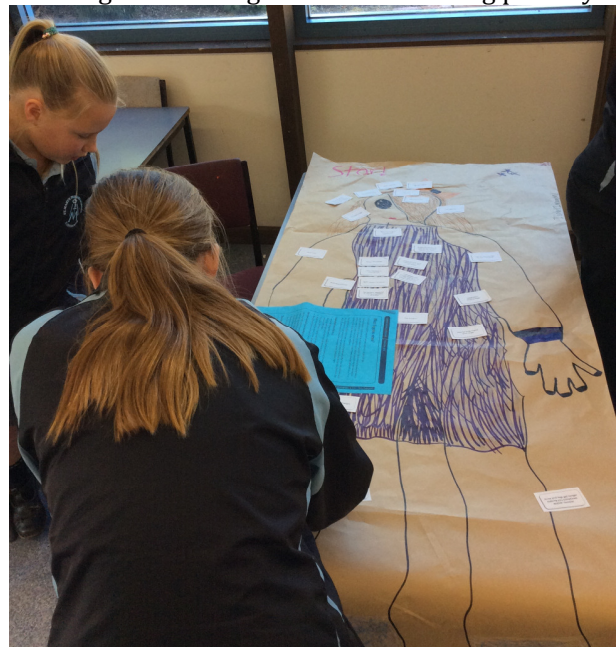


*Shantelle performing bush first aid on Ella J.*

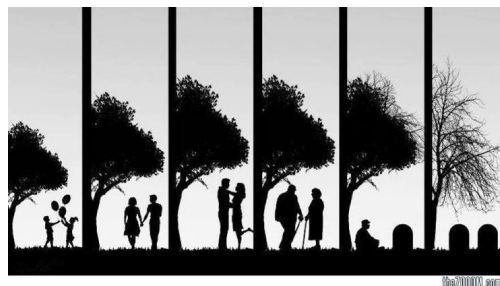
*By Grade 3/4*

### **YEAR 5/6**

In our Life Relationships unit, the students have been looking at the changes that occur during puberty.



The students traced themselves on butcher's paper, decorated their person and glued on some of the changes their body goes through.







In our most recent session, they were looking at the age at which these changes generally occur, and creating a key to colour code these.

### **ST MARY OF THE CROSS FEAST DAY**

Last Tuesday, 8 August, St Mary's and St Joseph's School, Nagambie had a great day celebrating St Mary of the Cross MacKillop's Feast Day.

Our neighbouring Josephite school St Joseph's once again travelled to Rushworth to help us celebrate with a Prayer Service and activities focusing on the amazing life of Mary MacKillop. The children all enjoyed meeting up with their St Joey's friends, all of the great activities throughout the day and the delicious sausages.

Our community was very fortunate to have Sr Nellie Versluys rsj share her great knowledge and love of Mary MacKillop with us and to have the many Josephite Associates join our celebrations. The Josephite tradition is held in great esteem in both Rushworth and Nagambie communities and is something we all strive to follow.

Thank you to our families who cooked the BBQ and helped to make the day such an enjoyable one.



*The 3/4 classes on their spirituality bush walk.*



*Emily McLean and her St Joseph's friend.*



*Corey, Makayla and Nevaeh F enjoying the beautifully cooked sausages.*



*Gen and Kate Stewart, both past St Mary's students and now on the St Joseph's school and St Mary's school staff enjoying the day!*





*Sr Nellie.*

### **ST MARY OF THE CROSS MACKILLOP HER STORY CONTINUES...**

Mary's work alongside the sisters flourished. The Australian order was very suitable for the Australian colonies. Two or three sisters would go out to live with the community they worked in. They were welcomed wherever they went and contributed greatly to the communities in which they lived.

The sisters begged in the street to help support themselves and their work. This practice was seen, by some, as not being appropriate for the religious. During this time there was also a growing dislike at how Fr Woods was administering the schools in South Australia.

Bishop Quinn requested Mary establish communities in Queensland. During 1870 Mary went to Queensland to begin the sisters' work in this state. Mary returned to South Australia in 1871 and she was distressed by what she found.

The Bishop had ordered a Commission to examine the life of the sisters. This was mostly due to the growing dislike of Fr Woods by other priests and this included the institute he founded. The Commission recommended that the Rule be altered to making some lay sisters and each convent was placed under the local priest's authority. These recommendations went against everything Mary had worked hard to establish.

Mary was not deterred. She showed great courage and wrote to Bishop Sheil explaining her concerns. This was not well received and the events that followed led to Mary being excommunicated on 22 September, 1871. The excommunication was lifted five months later as the Bishop was approaching death.

Mary left Australia for Rome in March 1873. After the difficulties of the past Mary decided to go to Rome to ask the Pope to formally approve

the Rule. During this time Mary worked to form secure foundations for the Congregation, however, she continued to face challenges from Bishops who wanted the Congregation to be a Diocesan one.

Monsignor Kirby, the Rector of the Irish College in Rome, was a great supporter of Mary and her work. She wrote a moving letter to the

Monsignor at this time reflecting on her life experience up until this time. Mary was advised to wait in Europe until the Constitutions had been approved. During this time she went on a pilgrimage to Paray-le-Monial, visited her ancestors in Scotland, sought postulants (candidates for religious life) in Ireland and visited schools in England, Germany and France. Mary found this very emotionally and physically taxing and she wrote of her tiredness and loneliness. Finally, on 31 October 1874 she set sail for Australia with fifteen Irish postulants and a letter from Rome approving of the Central Government structure for the Institute. The Superior General and her Council would govern the Institute, however, this outcome would continue to cause pain to the new Institute over the next two decades.

Next week, Mary's leadership and the difficulties she faced...



### **DITTO VISITS ST MARY'S**

Ditto, the Braveheart Lion Cub, presented the Keep Safe Adventure Show for students in Foundation to Year 3 last Thursday. Students learned a lot about personal safety along with a range of strategies and skills to stay safe in a variety of situations.



*Tarsh and Ditto from Bravehearts.*

The program underpins children's instinctive understanding of feelings around their personal safety in a way that is non-confronting, safe and effective. Ditto even brought the children a Ditto adventure activity book with a selection of games and activities that aim to teach younger children personal safety and continue to communicate the core messages presented in the Ditto Show.



*Ditto with the F-3 students.*

### **F/1/2 TIMETABLE & READING**

The F/1/2 classes will now do library and sport on Thursday instead of Wednesday. Students should wear their sneakers on Monday and Thursday. Library books are due back each Thursday. Students can only borrow library books if they have a library bag.

Both F/1/2 classes read each morning, except for Monday due to Art and Bluearth. Thank you to our morning readers who have been reading with the children. We would love to have more morning readers to help the children with their reading. If you are able to come and hear children read, on a day that suits you, please come along at 8:55am for the first 10-20 minutes of the day. Thank you.

The following is the weekly timetable.

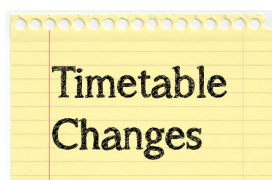
**Monday:** Art and Bluearth

**Tuesday:** Morning reading and Wellbeing with Maree

**Wednesday:** Morning reading

**Thursday:** Morning reading, Italian, Sport and Library

**Friday:** Morning reading and Music



### **MINI VINNIES**

The Mini Vinnies are working with the SRC to organise a fundraiser for the Indian School that Fr Joseph supports. Both groups have decided on the fantastic idea of a SKIPATHON! This will be held early in term four. A letter providing more information and sponsor form will be sent home later in the week.

The Mini Vinnies will be visiting the hostel next week to invite residents to the School Production dress rehearsal and give a small performance from the production.

Milos have been selling well and are available Tuesday and Friday for 50c each. Thank you to everyone for their support of Milos.

### **HOT MILO**

Tuesdays & Fridays

.50c each

Limit 1 per student



*Emily Walker*

*Wishing a very Happy Birthday to all who are celebrating their birthday in the coming weeks.*



# STUDENTS OF THE WEEK

TERM 3/WEEK 3 STUDENTS



Year F/1/2 Tayla Laurie & Lucas Jones

Year 3/4 Chloe Johnstone

Year 5/6 Jordyn Laurie

TERM 3/WEEK 4 STUDENTS  
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Year F/1/2 William Ogden

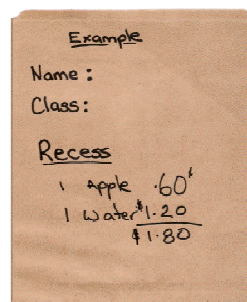
Year 3/4 Ryley Crabtree



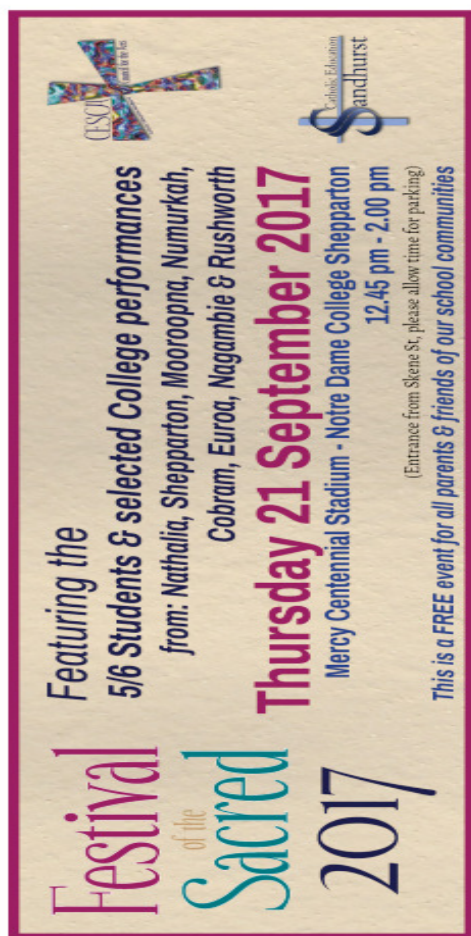
## MONDAY LUNCH ORDERS LUNCH PRICE LIST

Meat pie	\$3.50
Pastie	\$3.50
Party pie	\$1.20
Mini pizza (Sup'/Ham & P'apple)	\$3.00
Sausage roll (large)	\$3.00
Sausage roll (small)	\$0.80
Cheese & bacon roll	\$1.20
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
Sml Big M	\$2.50
Sml Nippys	\$2.50
Primas - Orng or App	\$1.50
<b>Sauce extra 20c</b>	

**Remember:** Children will need to hand in their orders, in a paper bag, early on Monday morning as a staff member from the Rushworth Bakery will arrive to collect the orders at 9.30am.







### **CITY NOTRE DAME NETBALL CLUB ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

The 2017 Annual General Meeting for City Notre Dame Netball Club will be held on Thursday 14th September 2017 commencing at 6.30pm at Starkey Hall (next door to Notre Dame school office).

At this meeting, all positions will be declared open and vacant.  
ALL WELCOME.

For further details, please contact President  
Jodi Cox Ph. 0400 278 503



### **Shepparton Winter City Market**



Bring the family and grab yourself a bargain at this year's Winter City Market!

When: Friday & Saturday, 25 & 26  
August, 2017

Where: Maude Street Mall,  
Shepparton

Cost: FREE

Times: Friday, 25 August 9am to 6pm  
Saturday, 26 August 9am to 2pm

Come along to the CBD to get great bargains from local businesses, visit the market stalls and enjoy free live and local music, food vendors, free jumping castles and activities for the family.

For the full range of activities on the day as well as a list of great promotions and sales happening around town check the Facebook page.

<https://www.facebook.com/GreaterShepparton>

## RUSHWORTH SPRING GARDENS EXPO

A variety of wonderful garden-related stall holders will be showcasing their wares on the day, including poultry, honey, herbs, orchids, whirligigs and weathervanes, ceramics, metal sculptures, vintage treasures, olive oil, seedlings, native plants, fresh produce, stone-baked breads, mulches, and botanical art, and that's just a taster....See you there!

