

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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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

"May God give you patience and courage in your sufferings."

March 1904

VALUES OF THE WEEK

Joy, Optimism and Creativity

GRATITUDE

When my children were young we often watched the film called "The Castle" where the Kerrigan's are presented as a truly happy family. The father, Darryl, constantly praises his wife's culinary treats; is bursting with pride over his daughter, Tracey, and her beauty school degree; marvels at his son Steve and his ability to sniff out a bargain and laments the plight of his son Wayne who is in prison for robbery. For the Kerrigan's – even though they live adjacent to an airport- everyday is a good day because it is nurtured by love, reverence and above all, gratitude.

The following 'thought for the day' also reflects living with gratitude:

"When times seem tough, spare a thought:

- If you wake up this morning with more health than illness -you are more blessed than the million who will not survive this week.
- If you have food in the refrigerator, clothes on your back, a roof overhead and a place to sleep -you are richer than 75% of this world.

- If you have money in the bank, in your wallet and spare change in a desk somewhere -you are among the top 8% of the world's rich.
- If you can read this message -you are more blessed than over 775million people in the world who cannot read at all".

These thoughts for the day suggest that we need to focus our attention from what we don't have, to being grateful for what we do have. Gratitude is an attitude of the heart and has been referred to as the "grammar" of life. We learn the "grammar" of gratitude when we practice saying 'thank you' for both happy and challenging experiences, for people, animals, art, memories, dreams, the beauty of nature.

There are the everyday things which often go unnoticed and are taken for granted whilst we go busily about life.

If you are a parent/carer who works at instilling a sense of gratitude in your children then you are helping them to be positive thinkers who will enrich the lives of other people because of their appreciation of their own life.

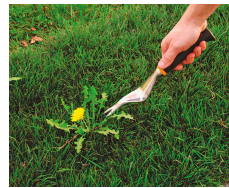
From Leon Burke

Regards,
Catherine Fraser
PRINCIPAL





Every Monday	<u>Bluearth</u> (runners required)
8 Sep (Fri)	<u>Year 7 Transition Program 2017</u> Rushworth P/12 <u>No School Assembly</u> <u>Last Transition Foundation/Prep Day for Term 3</u>
13 Sep (Wed)	<u>Production – Dress Rehearsal</u>
14 Sep (Thu)	<u>Pirates – The Musical & Intermission</u> School hall @ 7:00pm
20 Sep (Wed)	<u>Pupil Free Day</u> Staff Reflection Day
21 Sep (Thu)	<u>Festival of the Sacred, Shepparton</u> Years 5/6 only <u>Landcare Tree Planting</u> Years Foundation to 4 only
22 Sep (Fri)	<u>Last day of Term 3/2017</u> School finishes @ 2:20pm
9 Oct (Mon)	<u>First day of Term 4/2017</u> P.S. 10 weeks till Christmas
13 Oct (Fri)	<u>Transition Foundation/Prep</u> 8:50 to 11:35am
16 Oct (Mon)	<u>Sacrament of Reconciliation 2017/2018</u> Staff Room @ 7:00pm
20 Oct (Fri)	<u>Year 7 Transition Program 2017</u> Rushworth P/12
24 Oct (Tue)	<u>Skipathon</u> Whole school participation
10 Nov (Fri)	<u>School Fete</u> 4:00 – 8:00pm
21 Nov (Tue)	<u>Sink or Swim</u> Meet a Lifeguard (TBA)
22 Nov (Wed)	<u>Life Education Van</u> (TBA)



September Families

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

GARDENING

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

CHICKENS

The ladies are requiring some extra nutrients. If anyone has any grain to spare, a donation would be greatly appreciate.



HEAD LICE / NITS

Cases of head lice have been reported at St Mary's School. Head lice are common in school-aged children and are the most adaptable of creatures. They have survived living solely on humans for 10,000 years. You may be reassured to know that they are commonly found in places other than St Mary's School.



The good news...

We know where they live and we know how to find them.

If you follow these steps, once a week, the control of head lice in your home will be greatly improved.

Step 1 - Comb inexpensive hair conditioner on to dry, brushed (detangled) hair. This makes it difficult for lice to grip the hair or run around.

Step 2 - Wipe the conditioner from the comb onto a paper towel or tissue.

Step 3 - Look on the tissue and on the comb for lice and eggs.

Step 4 - If lice or eggs are found, the child should be treated.

Step 5 - If the child has been treated recently and only hatched eggs are found, you may not have to treat since the eggs could be from the old infection.

If your child has head lice – tell anyone who has had head to head contact with them and ask them to check their family for head lice.

TIPS FOR PARENTS/CARERS IN REDUCING THE SPREAD OF HEAD LICE

At a glance:

As infestations are particularly common in primary schools, it is best to choose a treatment that can be used over time. There is no single solution to eradication, only persistence.

- regularly check your children's hair
- teach older children to check their own hair
 - tie back and braid long hair
- keep a fine tooth head lice comb in the bathroom and encourage all family members to use it when they wash their hair.

PROFESSIONAL LEARNING

Monday, 4 September: Miss Rasmussen attended a DP Media training – Mrs Fraser 3/4.

Tuesday, 5 September – Mrs Fraser attended Reading Recovery.

Thursday, 7 September: Mrs Fraser - Stewardship of Resources Review Panel, Tallangatta.

Thursday & Friday, 7 & 8 September: Mrs Jamieson & Miss Smith – RE Accreditation – Mrs Fredricksen F/1/2KJ & Mr Joe Chant 5/6

THANK YOUS

A big THANKYOU goes to Perry's Butchery; Stanhope Post Office; IGA, Rushworth and the Colbinabbin General Store for assisting us in the running of our footy tipping competition this year. Greatly appreciated.



There were no winners in the last two rounds, so the Jackpot went towards St Mary's School. The wonderful helpers on the Athletics day. The children were very grateful that you helped with the hurdles.

The parents/carers who set up the Father's day stall on Wednesday and Thursday and sold and wrapped the lovely presents. We hope that our dads, grandads, and special friends loved their gift.

Miss Ras, Mrs Jamieson and Simon Fraser for cooking the egg and bacon rolls for our dads, granddads and special friends.

Miss Smith and Mrs Jamieson for the preparation for the lovely Father's day Mass.

CEO VISITORS

We are grateful for the assistance from the following CEO visitors: Mrs Pauline Fisher, Mrs Maria Weatherill, Mrs Karen Archer, Ms Jess Comer, Ms Carly Hill and Ms Bernadette Shiels.

COLDS and ILLNESSES

The recent cold spell has resulted in many families experiencing colds and influenza type illnesses. If your child/ren shows any symptoms of developing a cold/flu please keep them home in the warm house. We would prefer not to have them at school spreading the virus to others.



RUSHWORTH P-12 COLLEGE TRANSITION MORNING FRIDAY, 8 SEPTEMBER

This Friday there will be another transition morning at Rushworth P-12 College. All grade 6 students who are attending the College in 2018 are asked to be at the College to commence classes by 9:00am. Mrs Fraser will be at the College at 12:30pm to walk the students back to school.

NO SCHOOL ASSEMBLY FRIDAY, 8 SEPTEMBER

The timetable will be altered on Friday to accommodate the grade 6 transition morning and to ensure that we are able to have a whole school Production practice. Second break will begin at 12:45pm until 1:30pm. The Production practice will run from 1:30pm to approximately 3:00pm.

There won't be any Assembly.

LAST TRANSITION PREP DAY FOR TERM 3 FRIDAY, 8 SEPTEMBER

The last Transition Foundation/Prep session for term 3 will be this Friday, 8 September. Transition Foundation/Prep will recommence on Friday, 13 October. Mrs Fraser will make contact with potential 2018 Foundation families to arrange an interview before the end of term 4.

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

The due date for the Nutrition Project is next Tuesday. On this day, the students will present their poster/video to the class and discuss what they have cooked. Well done to those students who have already completed their projects. It's fantastic to see the extensive effort that students have put into this assignment.

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

Avaste me hearties!! Our Production is coming together with all students being attentive to their lines and to the singing. Ms Walsh has spent many hours coordinating the songs and costumes and we appreciate our families efforts to have these costumes at school in readiness for the Dress rehearsal next Wednesday, 13 September at 10:00am and the Production on Thursday evening commencing at 7:00pm. Due to stage lighting it is important to wear stage make up. For the main performance, could all students please arrive wearing foundation, blusher, eye makeup and lipstick. Finishing 'pirate' touches will be added at school.

All students will be required to be at the hall no later than 6.30pm as the whole school is required for the very first item.

The cost of the Production is \$5.00 per adult.

We require parent/carers to keep their pre-schoolers with them during the evening. Lighting and sound will be provided once again, by Peter Summers of PCS Sound.

INTERMISSION FOR SCHOOL PRODUCTION

The P&F will be selling soup & bread, hotdogs, assorted cakes and drinks, etc.



**SUSTAINABLE SCHOOLS PROJECT
MONDAY, 18 SEPTEMBER**

Amy and Matt from Veolia have been assisting St Mary's to take part in the Sustainable School's Project. As part of this project, Veolia conduct an education session in schools. The focus of the

St Mary's education session will be waste management and, in particular, segregating waste appropriately. They will conduct this from 11:35am to 1:35pm.

**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**

Permission forms have now been sent home and need to be completed, signed and returned to Miss Smith by 13 September. The performance takes place at Mercy Stadium, Shepparton.

**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.

**SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION
MONDAY, 16 OCTOBER**

The Faith Information evening for parents/carers of children wishing to participate in the 2017/2018 Sacramental program will be held at St Mary's School on Monday, 16 October at 7:00pm. This meeting will involve becoming familiar with the church teachings on Reconciliation and organizing family groups for the 4 week program. Children are not required at this meeting. The Reconciliation timeline for 2017/2018 is *attached*.

**SKIPATHON
TUESDAY, 24 OCTOBER**

The Students Representative Council and Mini Vinnies are working together to raise funds for Fr Joseph's school, which he supports in India. Both groups decided that a Skipathon would be a great way to raise money and do something healthy and active.

On this day all the students in their classes, will take it in turns to skip all throughout the day. At the end of the day we will come together for a skipping celebration. Families are welcome to attend the end of day celebration!

A letter with a sponsorship form was sent home last week. This is for your child to collect sponsors if they are able. Please ensure children are supervised when seeking sponsors. Once you have collected the money, please give it to Georgia in the office, together with their form. If children do not have sponsors they will still participate in the skipathon, as this will be their sport lesson for that day.

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

ATHLETICS SPORTS DAY
 Some of the students participating in school athletics.



Well done Josh and Charlie G on your awards!



Emma running her lap in the relay.

FATHER'S DAY BBQ
 Some of the students having breakfast with their loved ones.



The Lockwoods.



Willow and John.



Some of the students with their dads/grandfathers/friends.

MINI VINNIES
 The Mini Vinnies have had a busy term making Milos to raise funds for the local Vinnies conference and helping out the school community. They have visited the hostel to invite them to the dress rehearsal of school production and have worked with the SRC to organise a fundraiser for Fr Joseph's Indian School.

HOT MILO
 Tuesdays & Fridays
 .50c each
 Limit 1 per student





Abi serving up the hot Milos.

CATHOLIC IDENTITY

NATIVITY OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary is a feast that commemorates the birthday of Jesus' mother. Even though Mary's birth is not recorded in scripture it is a significant event for our faith tradition because of Mary's importance as the mother of Jesus. Her parents are named as Saint Anne and Saint Joachim and tradition places Mary's birthplace in Jerusalem. The feast has been celebrated since the fifth century – on 8 September in the Roman Calendar.

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

Mary returned from Europe and called the first General Chapter of the Congregation. It opened on 19 March 1875 and was presided over by Bishop Reynolds and Fr Tappeiner. Mary was elected the first Superior General and the new Constitutions were passed.

This created challenges for Mary as Bishop James Quinn in Queensland did not want the sisters living under a central authority. The sisters in Queensland either remained in his diocese under his control or should return to Adelaide.

Mary went to Queensland to visit the sisters that were scattered throughout the vast diocese and to meet with Bishop James Quinn. The meeting with the Bishop did not change anything he only wanted the sisters on his terms. He began filling the teaching positions the sisters held with other

teachers and so Mary had no choice but to have the sisters return to Adelaide. There were no sisters in Queensland by 1880.

At this time Bishop Matthew Quinn from the Bathurst diocese, and Bishop James Quinn's brother, also wanted to have control over the sisters. When the Provincial of Bathurst died in 1877 Mary knew the Bishop would not allow another Provincial to be appointed. She travelled to Bathurst to meet with the Bishop.

Bathurst's Bishop had met with the sisters and told Mary that some of the sisters he had brought from Ireland wished to remain in the diocese under his control. Mary attempted to compromise with the Bishop, however, the Council back in Adelaide decided against any compromise and the sisters were to return to South Australia. Some sisters remained in Bathurst and formed the first Diocesan group of the Sisters of St Joseph. Bishop Matthew Quinn adjusted the Constitution to suit the needs of his situation.

Bishop Reynolds informed Mary of an upcoming visit and this took the form of a Commission of Investigation. The investigation was centered on the growing debts of the Institute and the use of alcohol to treat an ongoing medical condition Mary was suffering. The investigation resulted in a favourable report for Mary; however, she received notification that her jurisdiction of the Sisterhood in South Australia had ceased. Mary was asked by the Bishop to leave the diocese.

She left quietly and she would not return to Adelaide for many years, which was very difficult for the sisters who remained.

Mary was welcomed in Sydney as they had a growing need for more schools. Archbishop Vaughan was a friend of the Congregation and when he died in 1883 Archbishop Moran was appointed the Bishop of Sydney. Archbishop Moran affirmed the sisters and their work in the diocese. The Archbishop was appointed by Rome to investigate the controversy between Bishop Reynolds and the institute. He concluded that the sisters were doing much good in the diocese and that the Mother General was well educated and a very talented person. He found that there was nothing to complain about Mary's regard. Many of the Australian Bishops had a growing argument that it would be more appropriate to have diocesan congregations to govern the institute. Mary's election was not upheld by Rome and the Cardinal was to appoint a Mother

General. Sister Bernard Walsh was appointed to take Mary's place.

Mary's mother Flora died in a shipwreck on 30 May 1886. Mary suffered a great personal loss, however, she bore this pain and showed great perseverance as she continued the work of God.

The Bishops continued to petition Rome for diocesan control of the sisters. On 15 July 1888 Pope Leo XIII erected the Institute to canonical Congregation with its headquarters in Sydney.

To placate the Bishops, the Pope appointed Mother Bernard as the Superior General for the next ten years. This represented challenges for Mary, however, she graciously accepted Mother Bernard's' appointment.

Through all these trials and tribulations St Mary of the Cross MacKillop never lost her belief in the God of life. We are very fortunate that she wrote often to her sisters and this is where we get many of the sayings that continue to inspire us. Some of the many sayings she lived by:

Never see a need without doing something about it. 1871

Have courage no matter what your crosses are. 1890

Next week, Mary's work spreads across Australia and to New Zealand as her health begins to fail.



Willow Bertram

Marcos Bain

Grace Barlow

Mrs Ryan

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

STUDENTS OF THE WEEK

TERM 3/WEEK 6 STUDENTS



Year F/1/2 Amber Coates, Makayla Lockwood & Lily Klinkert

Year 3/4 Zahley Francis

Year 5/6 Anita Barlow

TERM 3/WEEK 7 STUDENTS PHOTO



Year F/1/2 Taron Wilkinson & Lailah Francis

Year 3/4 Jackie Jones

Year 5/6 Abi Klinkert & Patrick Donovan

Prin's Award Vali Catalano & Ryley Crabtree

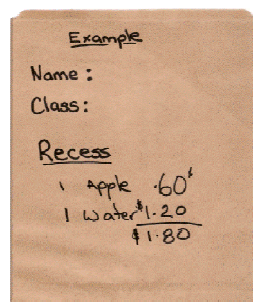




MONDAY LUNCH ORDERS

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
Sauce extra 20c	

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.



Featuring the
5/6 Students & selected College performances
from: Nathalia, Shepparton, Mooroopna, Numurkah,
Cobram, Euroa, Nagambie & Rushworth

Thursday 21 September 2017
Mercy Centennial Stadium - Notre Dame College Shepparton
12.45 pm - 2.00 pm
(Entrance from Stone St, please allow time for parking)

Festival of the Sacred 2017

This is a FREE event for all parents & friends of our school communities

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



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Opening Hours:

Monday to Friday
9am – 5pm

Pathology Clinic:

Wednesdays 9am - 11.30am

Psychologist:

Rachael Masiboy
Every second Monday

Pap Nurse Provider:

Nicole Brereton, Monthly

'Achieving a healthy community is our Mission'



SCHOOL PRODUCTION – COSTUME REQUIREMENTS REMINDER

~~26 July~~ 7 August 2017 ****UPDATE****

Attention: Parents/Carers

Re: Pirates – The Musical “Costumes Required by FRIDAY, 18 AUGUST”

Dear Parents/Carers,

As I am sure most of you are aware, rehearsals are well under way for this year's St. Mary's Production of 'Pirates – The Musical', to be held at the School Hall on **Thursday, 14th September at 7:00 pm.**

In preparation for this, we are asking for your assistance with costuming for the students. Could we ask please that the following items of clothing be provided by you and brought to school in a clearly named plastic bag no later than **Friday, 18 August.**

Foundation/1/2 Students (No shorts or leggings)

1 Plain white shirt or tee shirt.

1 Pair of black pants or jeans (or 3/4 pants or jeans) – cut off and ripped or frayed on the bottom.

Piratey costume jewellery or accessories.

*Students will be provided with a coloured bandana and sash.

Grades 3 & 4 Students (No shorts or leggings)

1 Pair of black pants or jeans (or 3/4 pants or jeans) – cut of and ripped or frayed on the bottom.

1 White Singlet.

*Students will be provided with a tabard and bandana.

Grades 5 & 6 Students (No shorts or leggings)

Clothing suitable for a pirate in a **black, white and red colour scheme.**

Suggestions: White blouse/shirt, white, red or black tee shirt, black pants or jeans (or 3/4 pants or jeans), (skirts for girl if desired) vest, long white socks, work boots, long black boots, bandanas, pirate jewellery etc.

*Swords and accessories will be provided if required.

The students are thoroughly enjoying the preparations and are very excited about the all that the production encompasses.

Thank you for your assistance.

Lou Walsh
Teacher
The Arts

St Mary's Primary School, Rushworth Proudly Presents

Pirates – The Musical

Thursday, 14 September 2017

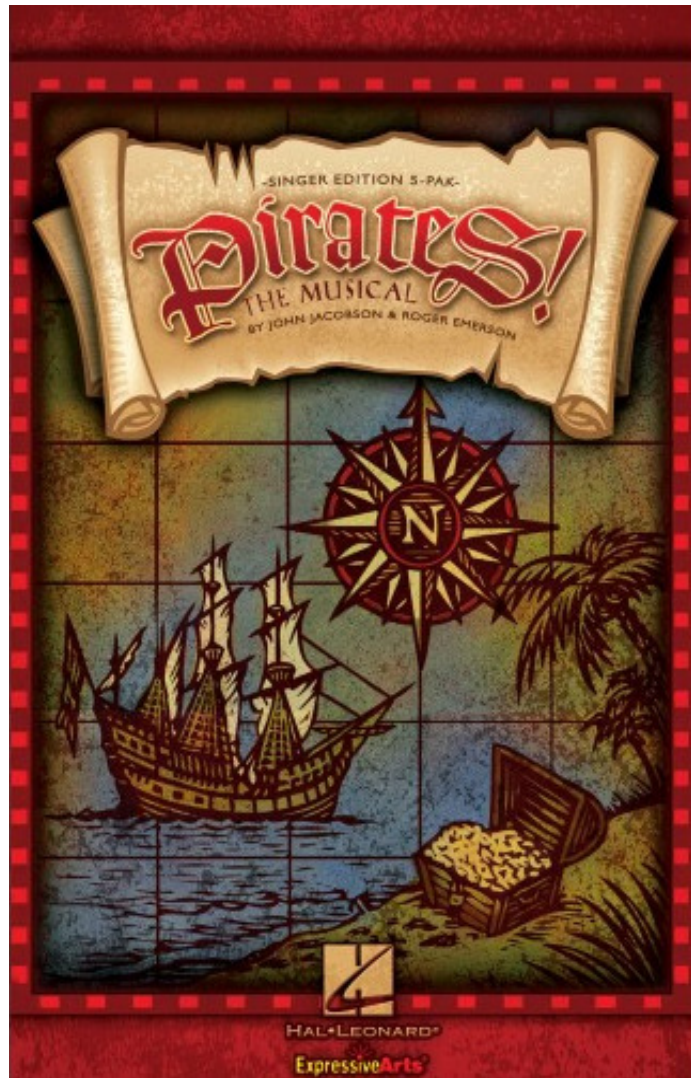
St Mary's Primary School Hall, Rushworth

6:30pm

\$5 per adult



*At Intermission the
P&LF will be selling
soup & bread,
hotdogs, assorted cakes
and drinks, etc.*



Rushworth Tennis Club Inc.

Rushworth Tennis has reformed.

“Meet n Greet”

Tuesday, 19 September 2017

4:30pm onwards

Rushworth Recreation Reserve, Ironbark Stadium

Netball/Tennis Courts

BBQ to follow. Snags in bread and drinks are \$2.00 each.

All interested players and volunteers are welcome to attend.

Information regarding age groups, fees, etc will be available on the night.

Competitions are Saturday morning - Junior Tennis and Saturday afternoon - Senior Tennis.

Mid Week Twilight Social Tennis to be discussed.

Any queries please contact either:

Georgia (0438 535 768) or

Amy (0429 186 273)



Wildflowers

for the

Rushworth Railway Reserve

planting and activity day

Thursday 21 September
10am - 1pm near the Skate Park

with

Outdoor classroom environmental education

provided by

Goulburn Valley Water &
Goulburn Murray Landcare

Morning tea provided

Proudly brought to you by Rushworth Action Group for the Environment - RAGE



Goulburn
Murray
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STANHOPE UTE SHOW 22 – 24 SEPTEMBER 2017

It's on again folks!!!

The shindig starts Friday night with the beautiful and very talented local girl, and The Voice contestant, Kelsie Rimmer and other guests.

The Stanhope Mens Shed are starting the BBQ at 8am and will continue until 4pm on Saturday, then back again from breakfast on the Sunday.

There will be various stalls on Saturday and an Auction later on in the evening.

The beautiful and sensational Christie Lamb and her full band, will finish off the night for us.

STANHOPE UTE SHOW CHILDRENS RACES	
ENTRY FORM	
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ADDRESS:.....	
AGE:.....	
PHONE:.....	
PARENT'S SIGNATURE.....	
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MAKE A CARDBOARD UTE TO RACE	<input type="checkbox"/>
GUMBOOT THROWING	<input type="checkbox"/> Under 6 <input type="checkbox"/> Under 8 <input type="checkbox"/> Under 10 <input type="checkbox"/> Under 13
COLOURING COMPETITION	<input type="checkbox"/> Under 6 <input type="checkbox"/> Under 8 <input type="checkbox"/> Under 10 <input type="checkbox"/> Under 13
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Conditions of Entry	
1. All children must be accompanied by an Adult.	
2. Dolls Pram/Plastic Lawn Mower Races participant must be aged 5 and under.	
3. Cardboard Ute Race participants must be Primary School aged 6 & over and Under the age of 13.	
4. Entry not valid if not signed by a parent or guardian.	

An entry form for the Childrens races are provided. If you have any queries please contact Lyn Emmett on 0427572629.

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!



Steps in Faith Reconciliation Preparation ~ 2017/2018			
Date and Time	Event	Facilitator	Place
Monday, 16 October @ 7.00pm	Parent Faith Info night on Reconciliation	Lisa Hitchcock	St Mary's School
Weekend Mass 21 & 22 October	Registration for the Sacraments – Parents and candidates attend Mass at their chosen Mass centre to present their Registration to Fr Joseph	Fr Joseph Thippabathini	Mass Centre within our Parish-Rushworth, Stanhope, Murchison or Cornella.
Week beginning Monday, 13 October	Week 1 – LOVING	Parent & child group	TBA
Week beginning Monday, 30 October	Week 2 – CHOOSING	Parent & child group	TBA
Week beginning Monday, 6 November	Break in program	Revise the first two chapters	
Week beginning Monday, 13 November	Week 3 – FORGIVING	Parent & child group	TBA
Week beginning Monday, 20 November	Week 4 - CELEBRATING	Parent & child group	TBA
THE SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION WILL BE CELEBRATED DURING ADVENT.			
THE SACRAMENTS OF CONFIRMATION AND FIRST COMMUNION WILL BE CELEBRATED ON SUNDAY, 22 AUGUST 2018. (Church and time TBA)			

Each candidate and their family will attend Mass on the weekend of 21 or 22 October to present their Sacrament Registration.

Some reminders:

1. Remember to sit beside your child when at the meeting and encourage him/her to discuss the questions.
2. Arrange a prayer focus for each meeting ie. cloth, candle, bible, symbols.
3. Read the chapter for the week before the meeting and be prepared, bringing any items suggested.
4. This is your special time with your child. You are your child's first faith educator.
5. Revise the chapter with your child during the week before the next meeting.
6. Make sure that you enjoy the time meeting other families on the same faith journey.