

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

"Let us love and praise God in all."

9.7.1873

VALUES OF THE WEEK

Respect and Responsibility.

Next week is the first week of Advent. We have come to look upon Advent as a time of expectancy, waiting and hoping for Jesus to come more fully into our lives. It is a time to reflect on our lives and on how we connect with others.

The following reflection is food for thought:

One day a father of a very wealthy family took his son on a trip to the country with the purpose of showing him how people less fortunate than him lived.

They spent a couple of days and nights on the farm of what would be considered a low income family.

As they drove back to the city, the father asked his son, "How was the trip?"
'It was great Dad.' replied the son.

"Did you see how poor some people can be?" asked the father.

"Oh yeah" said the son.

"So what did you learn for the trip?" asked the father.

The son answered, "I saw that we have one dog and they had four.

We have a swimming pool that reaches to the middle of our garden and they have a creek that has no end.

We have imported lanterns in our garden and they have the stars at night.

We have a small piece of land to live on and they have paddocks that go beyond our sight.

We have people who work in our house to serve us but they serve others.

We buy food, but they grow theirs.

We have walls around our property to protect us but they have friends to protect them."

With this the boy's father was speechless.

Then his son added, "Thanks dad for showing me how poor we are."

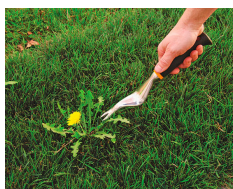
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Regards,
Catherine Fraser
PRINCIPAL





Every Monday	<u>Bluearth</u> (runners required) <u>Breakfast Club</u>
30 Nov (Thu)	<u>Italian Day</u> Invitation to dress in Italian colours
1 Dec (Fri)	<u>Planning Day 2018</u> Pupil free day
5 Dec (Tue)	<u>Sacrament of Reconciliation Preparation</u> 7:00pm at St Mary's Church, Rushworth
5 to 14 Dec (Tue)	<u>Swimming Program</u> Runs for 8 days, from 5 to 14 December
12 Dec (Tue)	<u>Statewide Transition Day</u> All students to attend their chosen school for 2018
13 Dec (Wed)	<u>Parish, Board and P&F Xmas Break Up</u> Rushworth Hotel @ 7:00pm
15 Dec (Fri)	<u>End of Year Mass & BBQ</u> 5:30pm St Mary's Church, then BBQ at school. Concluding at 7:30pm.
19 Dec (Tue)	<u>Stanhope Swimming Carnival</u> Whole school
21 Dec (Thu)	<u>Last day of Term</u> School finishes @ 3:20pm
22 Dec (Fri)	<u>Last day of term (Staff only)</u>



December Families

R & T Donovan
G & M Wright
E Lockwood
M & C Coates

GARDENING

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

27 Sleeps till Christmas

JUST LEADERSHIP

Today Imogen, Isobel, Kaleb and Zhi travelled with Miss Rasmussen to St Mary's School, Mooroopna to participate in Caritas activities. This day prepares our students for 2018 Lenten season when they will share their learning with our students.

GRADE SIX RETREAT

Today our grade 6 students participated in a Retreat facilitated by Ms Kylie Smith from CEO. The students reflected on their 7 years of primary school and shared their expectation of their transition to secondary school. We thank Kylie and Miss Smith for their preparation for this day.

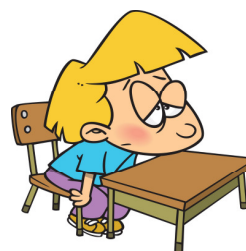
TIRED STUDENTS

It is now over half way through the final term of school. Many of our students are showing signs of being very tired. Teachers are tired also.

Your children are very involved in out of school activities and with the commencement of our swimming program in on 5 December you will need to ensure that they are getting sufficient sleep.

Some things to consider:

- make sure that they are going to bed at a reasonable time.
- ensure that there is enough airflow in their bedroom.
- make sure that their bed is well made.
- check that they are not sleeping with toys in their bed.
- make sure that all devices are off and out of reach.
- make sure that pets such as dogs and cats are not sleeping in their bedroom and more so on their bed.



SCHOOL UNIFORM

I have noticed that many girls have been wearing large very colourful bows in their hair.

These not part of the school uniform.

I have noticed many of the senior students wearing black socks with sporting motifs on them. These are not part of our school uniform.

I ask that parents/carers check the uniform and dress code and ensure that their child is dressed in the appropriate uniform, so that teachers don't have to waste their valuable teaching & learning time by checking on school uniform each day. Thank you for your support in this matter.

The Uniform and dress code has been included in today's newsletter.

PROFESSIONAL LEARNING

Report writing days – All teachers will have a day to write reports over the next two days.

VOLUNTEERS MORNING TEA

The Shire of Campaspe have invited a small group of students from our school to a morning tea at Stanhope Senior Citizens Rooms at 10:00am. This is to acknowledge our involvement in Meals on Wheels.

RE-BUILT SCHOOL WEBSITE

We have recently had our website rebuilt. It is now much brighter with photos and lots of information.

TESTING

All teachers will be testing over the next few weeks in readiness for report writing.

Teachers will each have a day dedicated to report writing at the end of November.

ITALIAN DAY

THURSDAY, 30 NOVEMBER

Our students are invited to wear Italian colours with their uniform or come dressed in an Italian inspired costume. They will participate in Art activities with Mrs Deane and cooking activities with Mrs Ryan. Parent/carer involvement and assistance has been requested and we would love your support. Students will be able to taste their cooking and a gelato ice-cream at second break.

PLANNING DAY FOR 2018

FRIDAY, 1 DECEMBER (Pupil Free Day)

All staff will have the opportunity to plan for 2018. CEO staff will support us on that day to map our curriculum for 2018. This will be a pupil free day.

SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM

TUESDAY, 5 DECEMBER

ST MARY'S CHURCH @ 7:00PM

The sacramental candidates have completed the Steps in Faith program with their families. Please pray for Stephan Sutton, Charlie and Emily McLean, Abbie Ryan, Jackson Morgan and their families as they continue their Sacramental journey in the Catholic Faith Tradition. The children will continue to prepare with their families for their First Reconciliation at the Parish Advent Reconciliation.

SWIMMING PROGRAM 2017

TUESDAY, 5 DECEMBER to

THURSDAY, 14 DECEMBER

Swimming begins next Tuesday and finishes on Thursday, 14 December. We will be alternating between morning and afternoon session times to accommodate Rushworth P-12 College. A permission form has been sent home today.

Please have this completed, signed and returned to the school by Monday, 4 December.



STATEWIDE TRANSITION DAY

TUESDAY, 12 DECEMBER

For the entire day, all students will attend their chosen school for 2018.

BOARD, P&F and PARISH XMAS BREAK UP

WEDNESDAY, 13 DECEMBER

Dinner is at the Rushworth Hotel (bottom pub) at 7:00pm. Two course Christmas meal @ \$26 per head. Please RSVP to Georgia by Friday, 8 December.

**END OF YEAR MASS, GRADE 6
GRADUATION & BBQ
FRIDAY, 15 DECEMBER (5:30PM to 7:30PM)**

On this Friday we will celebrate Mass to acknowledge the end of our school year. During the Mass our grade six students will reflect on their primary school years. Following the Mass we will enjoy a BBQ tea in the school grounds. This evening will conclude at 7:30pm.

**STANHOPE SWIMMING CARNIVAL
TUESDAY, 19 DECEMBER**

Our students will enjoy a fun morning of swimming races and games. This will be held at the Stanhope Swimming Pool. Parents/carers are invited and encouraged to attend.

A permission form has been sent home today. Please have this completed, signed and returned by Monday, 11 December.

F/1/2 - MORNING READERS

The F/1/2 classes need morning readers. Please drop in to the classroom for ten minutes, if you have time, at 8:55am Tuesday-Friday mornings. Thanks to all of our morning readers!

**FIRE CARRIERS AT
ST MARY'S SCHOOL, RUSHWORTH**

FIRE CARRIER



Last Monday, 20 November, we were very fortunate to have Bern McPherson visit our school to help commission our 2018-2019 FIRE Carriers. **FIRE** stands for, **F**riends **I**gniting **R**econciliation through **E**ducation. The FIRE Carrier Project seeks to keep the Reconciliation flame alight in our school community, educating the wider community about Reconciliation, our shared history and cultures. The FIRE Carriers at St Mary's promote Reconciliation, justice and harmony by raising the Aboriginal flag, acknowledging the traditional custodians, helping with Reconciliation activities and celebrating significant dates in our shared history.



The 2016-2017 FIRE Carriers, who have worked very conscientiously in many different ways for Reconciliation, were thanked for all of their efforts.



The new FIRE Carriers were wished well as they begin their new journey working for the benefit of all Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people.

SES VISIT

On Tuesday the 14th of November, the SES came to teach us about safety. When you are in danger, the SES can help you. The SES told us how they can help when trees fall down and they told us that hailstones are dangerous because they can be the size of a golf ball. They gave us a colouring in competition with pictures about storm safety. Some of our favourite parts of the visit were going in the truck, holding the teddies, playing with the lasers, talking about Platy (the Platypus) and listening to Nat, Steve and Robyn talk about being safe in storms, floods and when we are in the car. We loved the SES visiting St Mary's!

By F/1/2 KJ



3-6 students listening to Nat and Steve from the SES.



Kinder-2 students learning about the SES with Robyn.



Jack Arnel exploring the SES truck controls and equipment.



Some of the girls.

SINK OR SWIM

On 21 November we were visited by Jenny, a lifesaver from Life Saving Victoria. She taught our students about how they can keep safe in various bodies of water. Students learnt about water hazards around their homes, things that can be used to perform a rescue, how to properly fit a life jacket as well as how a rip current is formed (and what to do if caught in one). The students really enjoyed Jenny's interactive presentation which was a great learning opportunity heading into hot summer days.



Jenny demonstrating one of many safety skills.

LIFE EDUCATION VAN

Healthy Harold and Gayle visited our students in the Life Education van on 21 and 22 November. Our junior classes learnt about building and maintaining friendships. The middle class learned about the safe use of medicines. The senior students learned about the long and short-term effects of alcohol use. Thanks to Gayle and Harold for visiting our school - all of our students learned so much and loved every minute of our sessions!!!



5/6 students learning about alcohol and its effects.



Taron receiving a sticker from Healthy Harold.



F/1/2 KJ with the Life Ed van.

MINI VINNIES

The Mini Vinnies worked with our Chaplain Jennie Hayes on the Hostel residents visit to St Mary's on Tuesday, 21 November.



The Mini Vinnies and Jennie did a wonderful job organising the visit, escorting the residents around the school, cooking delicious apple and walnut cakes for morning tea and helping serve the residents tea and coffee at break time. All the students loved sharing their learning, reading with the residents and doing a lot of fun activities.

Thank you to all the residents and Chris for a wonderful visit. We are all looking forward to the next one!



Kaitlyn and Kath.

ADVENT

Advent is the season of new beginnings. A new liturgical year begins on the First Sunday of Advent. We observe Advent as a four week period of spiritual preparation anticipating the birth of Jesus.

The word Advent means "coming" which is derived from the Latin word *adventus*.

We commemorate the coming of Jesus in Bethlehem (past), we prepare for his final coming at the end of the world, (future) and we celebrate his coming in our hearts today (present).

It is the season of longing and light. Week by week, candles are lit on the Advent wreath signifying our longing for the light of Christ, as the time of his birth draws near.

Each class will have its own Advent wreath and during Advent there will be a prayer service at assembly each week.

The Nature of the four Sundays of Advent

Week 1 - Mk 13:33-37 Stay Awake
(Violet candle)

Week 2 - Mk 1:1-8 Prepare a way for the Lord
(Violet candle)

Week 3 - JN 1:6-8, 19-28 Proclamation of the coming of Jesus
(Rose candle)

Week 4: Lk 1:26-38 The Annunciation
(Violet candle)



SUSTAINABILITY IN SANDHURST: FROM SANDHURST COMMUNICATION MATTERS

'You fixed the earth on its foundations,
unshakeable forever and ever.' Ps 104:5

SUSTAINABILITY TIP FOR THE WEEK

Buy a keep cup. This can be used whenever
you purchase a hot drink at a café. By doing so,
you will be reducing the amount of throwaway
cups that end up in landfill.

Links to Our Christian Tradition

"Learning to accept our body, to care for it and
to respect its fullest meaning, is an essential
element of any genuine human ecology. Also,
valuing one's own body in its femininity or
masculinity is necessary if I am going to be able
to recognize myself in an encounter with
someone who is different." (155)

Pope Francis
Laudato Si

*What commitment can you make to our
sustainable future this week?*

ZOOPER DOOPER FUNDRAISING TUESDAYS & FRIDAYS

Zooper Doopers are sold
and given out at second
break. They are .50c
each and there is a limit
of 2 per student. Thank
you for continuing to support Mini Vinnies.



CONGRATULATIONS LILY KLINKERT

Recently Lily Klinkert competed in the Palmer's
Gym Championships in Bendigo. Lily competed
against gymnasts from Bendigo, Cohuna and
Moama. It was her first time ever competing in
a gymnastics competition Lily was awarded
first place in her level one category. Lily was
really pleased to have her friends Emily and
Evie there to cheer her on. Well done Lily!



Emily, Lily and Evie.



Lily with her medal.



Violet Newlands
Zhi Reidy
Max Coates
Stephan Sutton

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

STUDENTS OF THE WEEK



TERM 4/WEEK 7 STUDENTS

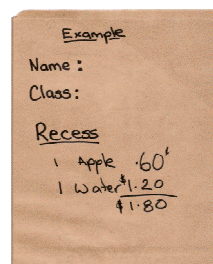
- Year F/1/2** Ava Cruz, Kaitlyn Garvey,
Corey Robertson, JJ
Robertson, Tom Ralph &
Joseph Swiss
- Year 3/4** Jemae Miller, Millie Simpson &
Elsie-May Ralph
- Year 5/6** Jack Arnel & Zaydyn Lockwood



MONDAY LUNCH ORDERS LUNCH PRICE LIST

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Meat pie	3.50
Pastie	3.50
Party pie	1.20
Mini pizza (Supreme or /Ham & Pineapple)	3.00
Sausage roll (large)	3.00
Sausage roll (small)	.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 - Orange or Apple	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.



Uniform and Dress Code

St Mary's School will be recognised, by the way we present ourselves in the community. This includes the way the uniform is worn and the grooming of our students.

- ❖ Students are expected to wear the uniform correctly at all times.
- ❖ As a "Sunsmart" School students are required to wear broad rimmed uniform hats in Terms 1 and 4.
- ❖ A written explanation is required for times when correct uniform is not being worn.
- ❖ Parents/carers will be contacted in relation to continued incorrect uniform.

St Mary's School uniform can be purchased at:

Mister Embroidery, 117 Allan St, Kyabram

Phone: 5853 2777

Girls Summer Uniform

• Checked blue & white dress, skirts or navy shorts & light blue school polo	• Black school shoes, white socks
• School windcheater	• Blue school hat

Boys Summer Uniform

• Navy shorts & light blue school polo	• Black boots or black school shoes, white socks
• School windcheater	• Blue school hat

Girls Winter Uniform

• Navy slacks (pull on pants acceptable) or checked skirt	• Light blue school polo
• School windcheater	• Navy tights/socks
• Black school shoes	• School jacket

Boys Winter Uniform

• Navy trousers (tailored or pull on pants acceptable)	• Light blue school polo
• School windcheater	• Black school shoes/boots
• School jacket	

Sports Uniform

• Navy shorts (winter – track pants optional)	• Light blue school polo
• School windcheater	• Runners (black leather runners are acceptable)
• Track pants and sports shorts are plain navy	

N.B. – School polo is light blue body and sleeves, with navy stripes on the collar. The school emblem is stitched on the front.

Jewellery

The following items of jewellery may be worn: one watch, ear studs or sleepers (no pendant earrings).

Bracelets, necklaces, chokers and heavy metallic pendants are inappropriate.

Grooming

Students are expected to maintain high standards of personal grooming and neatness, and to take pride in their school uniform. Hair ribbons and headbands should be navy blue or checked blue and white only. Extremes of hairstyle or colour will not be tolerated. Coloured nail polish, lipstick and eye make-up are NOT permitted. All long hair needs to be tied back.



Learn to Swim

School Holiday Intensive

at Rushworth Outdoor Pool

Dates: Monday 15th to Friday 19th January 2018
Time: 1.00pm-5.00pm
Venue: Rushworth Outdoor Pool
Cost: \$74.00 (cheque/cash)
Age : 4 years and above
The Program: 30 minute session each day for 5 days
Closing date for enrolments: Wednesday 10th January 2018

All Teachers are AUSTSWIM qualified

Contact Echuca War Memorial Aquatic Centre
 on 5480 2994 to enrol.



Be Respectful, Be Responsible, Be Resilient

MacKillop

2017 Art Exhibition

Sacred Heart Cathedral - Bendigo

Opening Friday 17 November 2017, 6.00pm - 8.00pm

Exhibition open until Sunday 3 December 2017

Waranga Medical Centre

P: 03 5851 8400

F: 03 5851 8425

8 High Street, Rushworth Vic 3612

E: warangamedical@gvhealth.org.au



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

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