

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 School is committed to child safety and to the inclusion of all students.

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 none be afraid

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VALUES OF THE WEEK

Generosity in the service of others

Welcome back to semester two after a rather cold holiday break. Already the calendar is full with excursions and incursions for the students as well as learning conversations, book week parade and activities, father's day breakfast, an Arts show and swimming at Aquamoves. Staff have two school reviews – Stewardship of Resources next Tuesday 30th July and Pastoral Wellbeing on September 5th. This term we will welcome the 4 year olds for the transition program – beginning this Friday July 27th.

I would like to thank the school community for their kind thoughts following my dear dad's death. We honoured my dad with a beautiful funeral service with his wife, children, grandchildren and great grandchildren and many, many extended family, friends and acquaintances in attendance.

My recent study tour to Chicago was a wonderful experience with lots of learning and reflection as well as plenty of sightseeing and entertainment. The intense study each day, the daily masses and the meditation time and sharing sessions with my colleagues was very beneficial for my spirit. I look forward to sharing some of my learnings with you.

Chicago is situated on Lake Michigan in Illinois and is one of the largest cities in USA. Chicago is renowned for its bold architecture and museums. I went to a Chicago

Cubs vs LA Dodgers baseball game, to Hamilton a theatre production about one of America's founding fathers, ZZ Top and John Fogerty (Creedence Clearwater Revival) and Buddy Guy's Legends Blues Bar to name a few. Millennium Park, Navy Pier and Michigan Avenue were favourites.

PARISH FUNDRAISING EFFORT

The parish once again excelled in presenting a wonderful event for their Christmas in July fundraiser for Fr Joseph's Indian school. The entrees with an international flavour, the spit roast meal and the delicious sweets were ideal for such a cold day. The heating in the hall made for a very cosy afternoon. Thanks to Patrick Donovan, Millie Simpson, Madalen Knight and Tayla Laurie for stepping up and showing such great leadership qualities by coming along to sing with me and Mrs Ryan. Thanks to Mrs Furphy for her very impromptu playing of the Christmas songs. Special mention to Rob Donovan, Jamie Laurie and Belinda Simpson for bringing their children and to Tammy Donovan for her organisational skills in organising the sweets for the day. Thank you Sharon Gleeson, Michele Lockwood and Tammy Donovan your sweets were delicious and the time given to bake in your already very busy lives was truly appreciated.

FR JOSEPH

I have had an email from Fr Joseph to say that he has passed his Visa test and Fr Brian Boyle who said Mass at St Mary's on the weekend reiterated that it won't be too long before he is able to return to Rushworth Australia

Cate Fraser
PRINCIPAL





Mondays Breakfast Club

Thursdays Bluearth
(Runners to be worn)

24 July Learning Conversations
(Tue) 3:30 - 5:30pm

25 July Learning Conversations
(Wed) 3:30 - 5:00pm

27 Jul Transition Foundation begins
(Fri) 9:50 - 11:30am
Beauty & the Beast Production
Presented by St Aug's
BookClub Final orders due today

30 Jul Board Meeting (w/- Ann Sexton)
(Mon) @ 6:30pm in Staff Room

31 Jul Stewardship of Resources Review
(Tue)

6 Aug Rushworth P/12, Yr 7 Transition Program
(Mon) 9:00 – 12:30pm

8 Aug Feast of St Mary of the Cross McKillop
(Wed) @ St Josephs, Nagambie

15 Aug Incursion
(Wed) Pick a Peck of Pickled Poems @2:15pm

20 Aug P & F Meeting
(Mon) 9:00am in the staff room

21 Aug Board Meeting (w/- Ben Higgins)
(Tue) 7:00pm in the Staff room

23 Aug PUPIL FREE DAY
(Thu) PD Day for staff

24 Aug Book Week Parade
(Fri) More information to follow

27 Aug Veolia Waste Pioneers
(Mon) Years 5/6 only. More info TBA

30 Aug Father's Day Stall
(Thu) Details to follow

31 Aug Father's Day Breakfast & Stall
(Fri) Save the date

1 Sep Cake Stall
(Sat) Details to follow

4 Sep Sandhurst Arts on Show
(Tue) Years 3/4/5 & 6 only (more info TBA)

5 Sep Pastoral Wellbeing Review
(Wed) Rushworth P/12, Yr 7 Transition Program
9:00 – 12:30pm

10 - 14 Sep Aquamoves, Shepparton (Swim lessons)
(Mon - Fri) Students will travel by bus

21 Sep Last Day of Term 3
(Fri) Students dismissed at 2:20pm

31 Oct School Disco (school hall)
(Wed) 4.30 - 6.00pm

23 Nov School Fete
(Fri) Save the date

FOOTY TIPPING 2018

Don't forget to pick up your footy tipping sheets from the school office, Perrys Meats, Colbinabbin General Store, Stanhope Post Office or Rushworth IGA.



MASTER PLAN

Over the past 2-3 months the staff and Board have been working with Mr Peter Byrne of b3architects to develop a plan for the future development of our learning spaces. Peter led us to think outside the square and he developed 5 options for development. I have had Ms Trish Miller; Planning, Resources & Governance CEO at St Mary's last week to look at the plans and to discuss the possibility of each. I have been in conversation with Peter and Trish and it has been determined that taking into consideration our

enrolment numbers and the square meter area already under roof, we will not be eligible for new buildings. We will now go back to the drawing board to work on plans to refurbish our existing learning spaces into agile learning environments that create flexibility and support a range of teaching and learning approaches on any given day.

WASTE PIONEERS PROGRAM - VEOLIA

The grade 5 & 6 class will participate in the Waste Pioneers Program this term. Veolia and the Shire of Campaspe aim to engage, educate and promote good recycling habits for the next generation of recyclers through this program. Today Francesca Stafford from Veolia launched the program and inspired students to create a design to re-use a 1.25 litre plastic bottle. It will be exciting to see the great ideas and innovative designs in the coming weeks. Please let Mrs Hitchcock know if you'd like to be involved in the program.

HON DAMIAN DRUM MP VISIT

Last Wednesday, 18 July, we were very fortunate to have the Hon Damian Drum MP, Federal Member for Murray, visit our school. The students in the 3/4 & 5/6 classes were able to further their Civics & Citizenship learning by listening to Mr Drum talk about all of his experiences in Government life and asking him some great questions about being a community leader and Member of Parliament.

Thank you to Mr Drum for taking the time to visit us and generously sharing all of his great knowledge and experiences with us.

PROFESSIONAL LEARNING

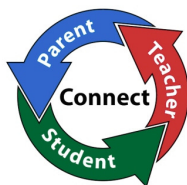
Tuesday, 24 July: Complispace Masterclass (Mrs Fraser & Peta Williams)

Monday, 30 July: CEPD (Mrs Hitchcock) – Miss Rijs 5/6LH

LEARNING CONVERSATIONS

TUESDAY, 24 & WEDNESDAY, 25 JULY

Today or tomorrow you will have the opportunity to speak with your child/ren's teacher to set goals for the second semester. This is an important means of communication between school and home.



TRANSITION PROGRAM BEGINS

FRIDAY, 27 JULY

Our 4 year old transition session will begin this Friday, 27 July at 8:50am until 11:30am. The transition students will not be attending the excursion on Friday.

BEAUTY & THE BEAST

FRIDAY, 27 JULY

All students will travel to Kyabram Plaza Theatre, Kyabram to watch St Aug's production of Beauty and the Beast. The bus will leave the school at 11:00 and return before the end of school.

SCHOOL BOARD MEETING

MONDAY, 30 JULY

The school board meeting will be held next Monday night. Mrs Ann Sexton of Sexton Consultants will be speaking at this meeting about the Principal Summative appraisal.

At the following Board meeting on Tuesday, 21 August, Mr Ben Higgins; CEO Financial Officer will address the meeting about school finances.

Board members please mark these dates on your calendar.

SCHOOL REVIEWS

TUESDAY, 31 JULY

St Mary's Stewardship of Resources Review will be held next Tuesday with Ms Trish Miller Planning, Resources & Governance, CEO and Mrs Jasmine Ryan Principal at St Mary's Cohuna on the validation panel. Mrs Renea Cruz, Board chairperson, Georgia Francis Admin Officer and Mrs Fraser will work with the SOR panel.

On Wednesday, 5 September our Pastoral Wellbeing review will be held with Mr John Mitchell Education Officer; Pastoral Wellbeing, Mrs Liz Trewick Principal of OLSH Elmore and Mr Shaun O'Brien from St Monica's Kangaroo Flat.

CATHOLIC IDENTITY LEADERSHIP TEAM FEAST OF ST MARY OF THE CROSS MCKILLOP WEDNESDAY, 8 AUGUST

All students will attend St Joseph's, Nagambie to celebrate the Feast of St Mary of the Cross McKillop, with our neighbouring Josephite school. A permission form will be sent home next week. Here is some of St Mary of the Cross's early life story:

Mary moves to Penola

When Mary was 18 years old she moved to Penola in South Australia to be a governess for her aunt and uncle, Margaret and Alexander Cameron's children. Mary taught the Cameron children and soon began to teach other children who had no other opportunities for education available to them. She taught those who were in need.

It was at Penola that Mary met Fr Julian Woods. Fr Woods was a priest at the local Catholic Church who had been at Penola for 4 years. St Mary's School two house teams are MacKillop and Woods, named in honour of St Mary of the Cross MacKillop and Fr Julian Woods. Mary made many friends at Penola and enjoyed the small town's hospitality. She was able to contribute to this small community. Fr Woods became Mary's Spiritual Director and she shared with him her longing to serve the educational and spiritual needs of the poor. Mary was aware of the growing number of children growing up in the farming areas of the ever-increasing colony of Australia. Towns were appearing in many areas where no education was available for children. Fr Woods was himself concerned about the lack of Catholic education in South Australia.

Mary obtained a teaching position at Portland and moved from Penola. Fr Woods was still Mary's Spiritual Director during this time. He soon invited Mary and her sisters, Annie and Lexie, to return to Penola with the ambition of opening a Catholic school.

An unused stable was the site to St Joseph's School, in Penola. Mary's brother John helped them to transform the stable to make it more suitable for the children of the town. Mary was now 24 years of age and she was finally able to give her life to God in a manner she had longed for.

On the Feast of St Joseph, 19 March 1866, Mary appeared in a simple black dress. Fr Woods was appointed to secretary to the new Bishop of Adelaide, Bishop Sheil, and this was followed by an appointment as the Director of Education, Chairman of the Board and Inspector of schools in South Australia. This would take him away from Penola, however, not before he had built a new school and appointed the staff. Other women joined Mary, Annie and Lexie and on 21 November Mary and Lexie dressed as religious postulants.

Fr Woods had dreamed of Australia having its own order of nuns. He composed a set of rules to direct their lives. Bishop Sheil approved these rules.

- 1. An emphasis on poverty*
- 2. A dependence on divine providence*
- 3. No ownership of personal belongings*
- 4. The Sister would go wherever they needed*

In 1867 Mary MacKillop became the first sister and Mother Superior of the newly created order of the Sisters of St Joseph of the Sacred Heart. Mary was now 25 years old. Ten others had joined the Sisters of St Joseph by the end of 1867.

Next week Mary's dedication to God and religious life continues, however, there are challenges ahead...

BOOK WEEK

MONDAY, 18 AUGUST TO FRIDAY, 24 AUGUST

This year's book week theme is "Find your Treasure". Children and adults always have a favourite book which they treasure. Our book week parade and activities will be held on Friday, 24 August and our students are invited to dress as their favourite character from the book that they treasure. More details to follow.

PUPIL FREE DAY

THURSDAY, 23 AUGUST

As noted on St Mary's Facebook page last week, the two advertised pupil free days for 2 and 3 August have been cancelled and school will resume as usual.

However, there is a pupil free day on Thursday, 23 August when staff will attend a day "Improving student outcomes in writing, spelling & grammar" with Ms Mlsti Adobiou. This day has been endorsed by our speech pathologist Sheryn Long.

CAKE STALL

SATURDAY, 1 SEPTEMBER

More details to follow.

SCHOOL DISCO

WEDNESDAY, 31 OCTOBER

The P&F will be running a school disco from 4:30 to 6:00pm.

Cost is \$10 per student.

Students will receive a goodie bag, sausage in bread and a drink.

SCHOOL FETE
FRIDAY, 23 NOVEMBER

Keep this date free for one of the school's major fundraising events.



Chloe Johnstone

Riley Knight

Lucas Jones

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

STUDENTS OF THE WEEK

Week 1/Term 3



F/1/2KJ: Desiree Swallow

F/1/2TN: Oliver Walker & Maddison Olney

3/4KR: Emma Francis

Principal's Award Kylan Byrne & Grace Barlow



MONDAY LUNCH ORDERS LUNCH PRICE LIST

	\$
Meat pie	3.50
Pastie	3.50
Party pie	1.20
Mini pizza (Sup' or Ham & Pine')	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
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, early on Monday morning as a staff member from the Rushworth Bakery will arrive to collect the orders at 9.30am.

HOT MILO

Tuesdays & Fridays

.50c each

Limit 1 per student



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Opening Hours:

Monday to Friday
9am - 5pm

Pathology Clinic:

Wednesdays 9am - 11.30am

Psychologist:

Rachael Masiboy
Every second Monday

Paed Nurse Provider:

Nicole Brereton, Monthly

'Achieving a healthy community is our Mission'



Kitty Cat rice cakes



Preparation time: 5 minutes

Cooking time: 0 minutes

Parental Supervision Required

Ingredients

2 plain rice cakes

1 tbsp smooth peanut butter

1/4 carrot, thinly sliced then trimmed into triangles for ears

1/2 banana, sliced for cheeks

coconut thread (shredded), for whiskers

4 currants, for eyes

2 raisins, for nose

Preparation method

1. Spread rice cakes with peanut butter.
2. Place the carrot and banana slices onto the peanut butter.
3. Arrange the coconut, currants and raisins to make the face.
4. Serve.

Notes

If you're not a fan of peanut butter, you could try this with a little cream cheese instead. This is a good way of making healthy food fun for fussy eaters.



Children's Chatter Matters!

Language Learning activities to have a go at home.



Term 3 Language genres/ communicating for different social purposes

These activities will help the students to make the necessary adjustments to their language so they can communicate for a variety of purposes eg; to tell stories, recount events, persuade, give instructions and report information. Learning about the language and types of words we use in each of these different contexts supports not only the child's oral language but written language development also.

1. Giving and listening to instructions;

A key language feature of giving instructions is the use of verbs or action words. For example when reading a recipe you will notice the following action words are used; stir, fold, combine, melt, sift, bake etc. Children benefit from practise identifying these key words in a sentence. As they highlight for the child what they need to do.

Here are a number of activities to practise identifying and using actions words/verbs.

- "Simon says" Take turns at being Simon and count how many different verbs each player uses. The one with the most verbs gets a bonus point. For example; hop on your left leg, tickle your tummy, point to the sky, wiggle your fingers.
- "read a recipe or list of instructions for a game" Highlight the different verbs used and discuss what they mean, for example "fold" can have a variety of meanings.
- when giving instructions ask your child to repeat the action words. Gradually increase the number of verbs, see how many they can remember for each instruction. For example, pick up your socks, take them to the laundry, put them in the washing machine, turn on the machine, wait until it's finished.

The following ipad apps are excellent for taking turns to give and follow instructions.

2. Giving and listening to instructions;

One of the most rewarding learning experiences you can have with your child is while playing board or table top games. At least once week ask your child to drag out an old game. Pretend that you've forgotten how to play the game and encourage your child to give you the instructions. Make sure you follow their instructions exactly as they say them, even if they are wrong. This way the child will realise they haven't given clear instructions and will need to adjust their language accordingly.

This website has numerous free card, paper and dice games.

www.familyfuntwincities.com/fun-indoor-games-for-kids-of-all-ages-categorized

While in the car, accidentally forget which way you are going and ask your child to give you directions. Encourage them to use appropriate instructional language for example; turn left at the next traffic lights, drive 2 more blocks then turn right at the post office. They need to include the action word and key words that highlight where to go.



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Parents and carers would you like to.....

- Build strong and positive relationships with your children?
- Increase your children's confidence and resilience?
- Listen and talk more with your children?
- Understand your children's behaviour and how to respond to them?

Term 3, 2018

When: Thursday 26th July - 30th August 2018
(6 sessions)

Time: Arrival and registration 11.45am
Sessions 12.00pm - 2.00pm

Where: Heathcote Primary School, 31 Herriot Street, Heathcote

Cost: Free

Child Care: Sorry, child care is not provided

Facilitators: Jo Rodriguez, CCS Family and Relationship Services



Groups are subject to maximum and minimum numbers determined seven working days prior to the commencement date. Early registration is encouraged.



For bookings and enquires phone Greg or Nina on 5433 3090