

St Mary's Primary School Newsletter

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

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

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT



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

THOUGHT OF THE WEEK

No duty is too little to be done well.

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VALUES OF THE WEEK

Peace Justice & Honesty

EASTER – A TIME TO RENEW FRIENDSHIP WITH JESUS

The workings of nature as exposed to us in the Australian environment, are truly remarkable. Days of torrential rain has caused rivers and dams to overflow and resulted in widespread damage to nature, livestock and infrastructure. Twelve months earlier the country was ravaged with drought followed by fierce bushfires where everything in the path of the fire was destroyed. All the while Australian citizens have been in the middle of a serious pandemic. In these instances, an essential ecological cycle of life is at work as it has been for thousands of years.

Likewise, in the Church's Liturgical cycle, Easter is a time of revival of faith in the Risen Christ, a time to revive your personal friendship with Him.

In as much as the trees, shrubs, grasses and animals, fish and bird populations are sustained in their natural environment by annual rainfalls, so too does our human spirit need to be nourished, refreshed and sustained in our effort to grow and reach our fulfilment.

The celebration of Easter, which firstly saw Jesus voluntarily accept Calvary and then rise gloriously from the dead, is a wonderful time for a family to revive and revitalize its friendship with Jesus.

Through this friendship God's love can flow through

our family into the world. If we parents can hold faithfully to something stronger and greater than ourselves, then we can provide the stability and inspiration for our children in their attempts to rise to the challenge of goodness. Easter is definitely a time to renew our friendship with Jesus and receive the food of his life in the Sacraments. From Leon Burke

"Lord, May Your Easter faith always flow freely in our lives.

May we allow the Risen Christ to become more life-giving for us. Amen".



We wish our school community a holy and very peace-filled Easter. Enjoy the holidays with your family and stay safe.

Cate Fraser
PRINCIPAL



Mark Your Calendars
UPCOMING EVENTS



Mondays	<u>Lunch orders</u> New prices as of 1 Feb 2021
Tuesdays & Thursdays	<u>Breakfast Club</u> 8:30 to 8:45
1 Apr (Thu)	<u>Cross Country</u> Money raised will go to Caritas
	<u>Last Day of Term One</u> Students dismissed at 2:20pm
4 Apr (Sun)	<u>Daylight Savings Ends</u> Turn back clocks one hour at 3am.
19 Apr (Mon)	<u>Term Two Begins</u> All students return
23 Apr (Fri)	<u>P&F Meeting</u> 1:45pm in school hall
25 Apr (Sun)	<u>ANZAC DAY</u>
28-30 Apr (Wed-Fri)	<u>Grade 5/6 Camp</u> Anglesea Valley Lodge
30 Apr (Fri)	<u>P&F Easter Egg Fundraiser Money</u> Please return all monies by today
11 June (Fri)	<u>Pupil Free Day</u> Staff Retreat
14 June (Mon)	<u>Queen's Birthday Public Holiday</u> No students at school
26 Aug (Thu)	<u>School Production</u> Save the date. More details to follow.



FOOTY TIPPING 2021

AFL round 1 begins on Thursday March 18. Footy tipping sheets will be available from the school office, Perry's Butchery, Colbinabbin General Store, Stanhope Post Office and Rushworth IGA.

PARISH EASTER CEREMONIES 2021

Holy Thursday, April 1- Mass 7 pm at St Mary's Church, Rushworth

Good Friday, April 2- Stations of the Cross – Sacred Heart Church, Cornella 11.00am, St Brigid's Church, Murchison 10.00am, St Laurence's Church, Stanhope 10.00am

Easter Saturday, April 3- Vigil Mass 7.30pm at St Mary's Church, Rushworth

Easter Sunday, April 4 – Mass at 9.00am at Sacred Heart Church, Cornella and 10.30am at St Laurence's Church, Stanhope

PRAYER SERVICES

In the absence of a resident priest our students and teachers have been preparing meaningful Holy Week prayer services.

Last Thursday 2/3HD presented the Palm Sunday prayer service. Today F/1MS presented Holy Thursday and on Thursday 3/4TP will present Good Friday. Next term grade 5/6BS will present the Resurrection. It is important that our students recognise the events of Holy Week leading to the most important feast in our Liturgical Calendar - the Resurrection on Easter Sunday.

GOODBYE AND GOOD LUCK

Mrs Sue Deane is retiring at the end of Term 1. Mrs Deane's last day is this Thursday. Mrs Deane came to St Mary's in 2010 to teach Art to your children. She also took Maths Intervention and Science during her time with us. We thank Mrs Deane for her bright manner and her endless support to students and staff. We wish you well in your retirement Sue. We will acknowledge Mrs Deane's retirement on Thursday.

Mrs Deane is also having a retirement function at St Joseph's Nagambie where she has taught for many years.

CONGRATULATIONS AND GOOD LUCK

Congratulations to Gerry Doolan who will be leaving our school for a career change. This week will be Gerry's last week at St Mary's School. We thank Gerry for his contribution to our students' wellbeing and learning during his 3 years at St Mary's. Best wishes and every success for your new career Gerry from St Mary's school community.

ESO

Beginning next term, Kate Stewart will work an extra day on Monday and Jennie will work as an ESO on Friday instead of Chaplain. This is to cover the variances left by Gerry leaving and Laura's change in work hours.

PROFESSIONAL LEARNING:

Monday March 29 – Camp Risk Assessment – Miss Simmons-Mrs Clarke will teach 5/6.

Wednesday March 31 – Indigenous Network– Mrs Donoghue – Mrs Fraser will teach 2/3

Wednesday April 21 – National Schools Improvement Tool (NSIT) Mrs Parry – Ms McEvoy will teach 3/4.

BUILDING PROJECT:

Peter Byrne our architect for the building project will meet with leadership on Wednesday March 31 to discuss further suggestions to present the revised plans.

LONG SERVICE LEAVE

Mrs Fraser is taking two weeks LSL in term 2 from April 19 to May 3. Mrs Thea Parry will be in charge during these two weeks and will have office days on Friday.

SCHOOL MASSES

Since Fr Joseph has left Rushworth to return to India, Bishop Shane Mackinlay has advised that we will not have a resident priest. Fr Andrew Fewings from St Therese's, Kennington Parish will be our supervising priest and Fr Jinjo Solis from the Sacred Heart Cathedral Parish will say the weekend Masses. Fr John Paul Pasala from Sacred Heart, Tatura Parish will say our school Masses. Fr John Paul has advised that he will only be saying one Mass per term. Our 'opening of the school year' Mass will be on Tuesday May 4th at 10.00am.

Mrs Parry will work with teachers and students to organise the Mass with our senior students having special roles. Families are very welcome to join us for our first Mass for 2021.



CROSS COUNTRY

Thursday 1st April

Our Cross Country will commence at 10:00am. F/1 students will compete in a 1km course, Grade 2 1.5km, 3/4 2kms and 5/6 3 kms. Students will be encouraged to run but may walk to complete the course. Students will need to wear their sports uniform and comfortable running shoes. Hats sunscreen and water bottles will be required. At this stage parents will be welcome to attend.

P&F NEWS

On Tuesday 16 March 2021 each family was sent home a box of Cadbury Easter Eggs.

As St Mary's Primary School will not be participating in this year's Rushworth Easter Heritage Festival, this will be one of our major fundraisers.

All monies need to be returned to the office by Friday, 30 April 2021. If you are not able to sell your box of chocolates please return to the office ASAP as we have been asked for extras to sell. Thank you for your support of this fundraiser.

TERM TWO

Term two will commence on Monday April 19th.

By then the weather will be cooler so we will encourage students to wear their winter uniform. Please check the winter uniform list below which can be purchases at Mister Embroidery, 117 Allan St, Kyabram.

BOYS Winter uniform

- Navy trousers (tailored or pull on pants acceptable)
- School Windcheater
- School Polo shirt (long or short sleeve)

- School Jacket
- Black shoes or boots
- **GIRLS Winter Uniform**
- Navy slacks (pull on pants acceptable or checked skirt)
- School windcheater
- School jacket
- School polo shirt (long or short sleeve)
- Blue tights or socks
- Black school shoes

BALLARAT EXCURSION

Last Friday our whole school travelled to Sovereign Hill, Ballarat for our whole school excursion. Students and teachers left early and travelled through Heathcote and Daylesford to Ballarat. The weather was magnificent with the sun shining all day. Our students enjoyed being immersed in the era of the Gold rush. We panned for gold, watched a gold pour, saw candles being dipped, watched the soldiers gun salute, had a very informative educational lesson and our senior students went underground on the mine tour. It was great to see so many children from many different schools enjoying the facilities at Sovereign Hill. Our students were outstanding and we received many comments from Sovereign Hill staff acknowledging our students' excellent behaviour. It was a relaxing trip there and back – the country side looks wonderful after the recent rain.



Ms Simmons Gerry and their group at Sovereign Hill



Emma Perry hoping to find some gold

STUDENT AWARDS Week 8/Term 1



Grade F/1: Sienna Gleeson

Grade 2/3: Sophie Garvey

Grade 3/4: Mieke Wright

Grade 5/6: Lailah Francis

Principal Award: Charlii Rose & Yyana Forde

Pen Licence: Maddison Olney

CONGRATULATIONS



Cooper Gleeson
Miss Shanahan
Mrs Fraser

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

U12'S FOOTBALL

Anyone who is 12 or under on Dec. 31st 2020 is eligible to play.

Contact our Club Facebook page if you have any questions.

RUSHWORTH
FOOTBALL & NETBALL CLUB



Training on Tuesday
4.30pm - 5.30pm
this week.

Congratulation to Andrew "Macka" McLean who has taken on the U12's Coach role for Season 2021.
(Ph: 0409 801 963)
~ Best of luck for the season ~

COMING SOON!

A new look newsletter is on its way!
Stay tuned!!!!



MONDAY LUNCH ORDERS
(PRICE LIST)

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

Remember: Children 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.



Next term we will be nominating days when our students can have 'nude food'. Nude food is when they don't have any wrappers in their lunchbox. We will send home more information next term.

EASY TUNA, SWEET CORN AND RICE SLICE -Great for lunch boxes.

INGREDIENTS

1 tablespoon extra virgin olive oil
3 green onions chopped
2 garlic cloves, crushed
420g can super sweet corn kernels
425g can tuna in springwater, drained and flaked
250 g packet 90 second microwave long-grain white rice
1 ¼ cups chopped broccoli florets
1 zucchini grated
1 1/3 cups grated tasty cheese
8 eggs lightly beaten
Salad leaves, sliced green onion to serve.

METHOD

1. Preheat oven to 190C / 170C fan forced. Grease 20cm x 30 cm lamington pan. Line base and sides with baking paper, extending paper 2 cm above the edges of the pan.
2. Heat oil in a small frying pan over medium-high heat. Add onion and garlic. Cook, stirring for two minutes or until onion just softens. Transfer to a large bowl.
3. Add corn, tuna, rice, broccoli, zucchini and 1 cup cheese to onion mixture in bowl. Season well with salt and pepper. Mix well to combine. Spoon mixture into prepared pan, pressing with the back of spoon to compact. Pour over egg. Tap pan on bench. Sprinkle top with remaining cheese.
4. Bake for 40-45 minutes or until top is golden and slice is cooked through. Stand in pan for 15 minutes. Cut into pieces. Serve warm or cold with salad leaves and sprinkled with green onion.

