

# 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.*

## St Mary's School Board Members

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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

*"To lack courage shows want of confidence in God and weak faith."*

14.12.1890

### VALUES OF THE WEEK

*Love and Compassion*

#### OUR SCHOOL

A beginning of the school year prayer.....

*What will this year bring?  
You do not know, I do not know.  
It will bring its usual quota of work and play,  
Of success and failure,  
All the things that are part of school life.  
It is a new beginning;  
The planting of a seed that will grow for a year.  
The seed of fruit that will blossom in times to come.  
It is a New Hope;  
hope for good work, for successful results,  
for friendships, for fun, for learning.  
In the coming year, may there be learning,  
prayer and fun.  
May there be hard work, faith and friendship.  
May no one in this school be lonely,  
May no one feel left out in class.  
May no one suffer through others here.  
As we begin this year in hope*

*In prayer and in friendship,  
May the Lord begin it with us, be with us  
during it and successfully bring it to its  
conclusion.*

*May we this year together act justly,  
Together love tenderly,  
And together walk humbly with our God.  
Amen*

If you have ever watched the V formation of birds in the sky you would realize that they are dependant on each other. Each bird flaps its wings to create an upward lift for the following bird. When all the birds do their part the whole flock has a much greater flying range than if each bird was to fly alone.

The birds really have something when it comes to a community functioning for the benefit of all its members.

Each person in a school community whether they are student, parent, carer, grandparent, teacher or priest is a unique person. The differences in people give a richness to the community. However the efficiency of the community depends on how these differences can be brought together for the benefit of the whole group. As we begin the new school year it is important that we work together as a school community so that no one feels alone. Just like the V formation of the birds, the school leaders and teachers are dependent on the school body for support which in turn enables our students to flourish.

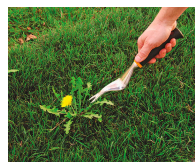
Regards,  
Catherine Fraser  
PRINCIPAL





<b>Mondays</b>	<b><u>Breakfast Club</u></b>
<b>Thursdays</b>	<b><u>Bluearth</u></b> (runners to be worn)
<b>12 Feb (Mon)</b>	<b><u>Learning Conversations</u></b> 2:30 – 5:00pm <b><u>Sacramental Program Information Night</u></b> 7:00pm in the 5/6 room
<b>13 Feb (Tue)</b>	<b><u>Shrove Tuesday (Pancake day)</u></b> Pancakes available (gold coin donation) <b><u>Ditto-Bravehearts</u></b> Yrs F/1/2 & 3 only at 11:30am <b><u>Learning Conversations</u></b> 3:30 – 5:30pm
<b>14 Feb (Wed)</b>	<b><u>Ash Wednesday</u></b> 10:00am at St Mary's Church
<b>15 Feb (Thu)</b>	<b><u>Final BookClub orders due</u></b>
<b>16 Feb (Fri)</b>	<b><u>Pet Parade</u></b> 8:50 – 9:30am only (gold coin donation)
<b>19 Feb (Mon)</b>	<b><u>School Nurse</u></b> Foundation students only
<b>22 Feb (Thu)</b>	<b><u>PUPIL FREE DAY</u></b>
<b>23 Feb (Fri)</b>	<b><u>Beginning of School Year Mass &amp; BBQ</u></b> 10:00am at St Mary's Church, morning tea then sausage sizzle to follow
<b>26 Feb (Mon)</b>	<b><u>Year 6 Leadership Day</u></b> St Marys Mooroopna <b><u>School Board Meeting</u></b> Board formation w/- Pauline Fisher @ 6.30pm in the Staff Room
<b>5 Mar (Mon)</b>	<b><u>P&amp;F Meeting</u></b> 9:00am in the staff room
<b>19 Mar (Mon)</b>	<b><u>P&amp;F AGM</u></b> 9:00am in the staff room
<b>29-Mar (Thu)</b>	<b><u>Holy Thursday</u></b> School finishes @ 2:20pm
<b>22 Apr (Sun)</b>	<b><u>Confirmation &amp; First Eucharist</u></b> Sacred Heart Church, Cornella @ 10:00am

## GARDENING



### February Families

B & J Simpson  
J & H Crabtree  
N Crosbie

The February gardening group is asked to please weed, sweep and dust cobwebs around the school gardens/grounds.

Thank you for your assistance.

## WELCOME

A warm welcome to our new families to St Mary's in 2018 and to our foundation students Amelia Ackroyd, Leigh Crabtree, Mitchell Cross\*, Zac Cruz, Aliveah Garvey\*, Ruby Griffin\*, Logan Howe\*, Pippa Lockwood, Hailey Newman\*, Heath Ogden, Maddison Olney, Sofia Perry\*, Eli Shelton, Oliver Walker, Alana Zurawski\* and Desiree Swallow\* in grade 2. (\*denotes new families)

We hope that your family involvement in St Mary's school community is rewarding for you. We know that you will feel very much a part of our school community and benefit from the care given to each child.

This year we welcome Ms Thea Nippres who has come to us from Hamilton and is teaching F/1/2. Mrs Kerry Morse lives in Tatura and is teaching F/1/2 in a part time capacity. Ms Peta Williams from Rushworth will work in the Admin Office for 3 days. Mr Gerry Doolan from Rushworth will work 5 days as an Education Support Officer and Mr Simon Fraser of Stanhope will work as a School Services Officer (maintenance) for 2 days. Thankyou Mr Dean Jamieson for his dedication to St Mary's over the past 2-3 years as maintenance person. Dean has been willing to assist us and repair and replace when we requested.

Our PBIS rules are as follows:

Care for self,  
Care for Others,  
Care for our Learning, and  
Care for the Environment.

## ST MARY'S SCHOOL 2018

Parish Administrator: Fr Joseph Thippabathini

Parish Support: Sr Nellie Versluys

Principal: Mrs Catherine Fraser

Deputy Principal: Miss Katie Rasmussen

Religious Education Co-ordinator: Mrs Lisa Hitchcock

Special Education Co-ordinator: Mrs Katherine Jamieson

This year we have 4 classes:

Grade F/1/2(KI): Mrs Katherine Jamieson

Grade F/1/2 (TN): Ms Thea Nippres

Grade 3/4 (KR): Miss Katie Rasmussen

Grade 5/6 (LH): Mrs Lisa Hitchcock

Education Support Workers: Mrs Jennie Hayes, Ms Kate Stewart, Mrs Prue Barlow and Miss Grace Wachter, Mr Gerald Doolan

Art: Ms Lou Walsh (Monday)

Numeracy Support: Mrs Sue Deane (Monday)

Science: Mrs Sue Deane (Wednesday)

Italian: Mrs Maxine Ryan (Wednesday)

Numeracy & Literacy Support: Mrs Maxine Ryan

Reading Recovery: Mrs Cate Fraser

Administration Officers: Mrs Georgia Francis & Ms Peta Williams

Student & Family Support Worker: Mrs Maree Sexton

School Services Officer: Mr Simon Fraser

Cleaner: Ky Cleaning Services

Gardening: Tatura Lawn Mowing & Garden Services

Board Chairperson: Mrs Renea Cruz

President P & F: Mrs Tammy Donovan

### **ADMINISTRATION OFFICE HOURS**

Georgia will work from 7:45am – 3:45pm on Monday to Thursday. Peta will work on Monday, Tuesday & Friday from 8:00am – 4:00pm Friday. If you need to see Georgia or Peta, please ensure that you go to the office between these times.

### **ASSEMBLY**

Each morning there is a short welcome assembly to advise of any changes to timetable or to welcome CRT teachers. Every Friday afternoon at 2:50pm we have a whole school student led assembly in the library. Birthdays are acknowledged, work samples shared and weekly student of the week awards are presented. All are encouraged and welcome to attend.

### **LATE TO SCHOOL**

If your child is late to school, you are required to sign him/her in at the school office. Please do not drop your child at the gate and drive off. Alternatively if you are taking your child early or picking them up late you will need to sign them out. It is a legal requirement for you to sign in/out which then updates the class roll.

### **ABSENCES**

I would encourage parents/carers to ensure that your child is at school at least 5 minutes before the first bell at 8:50am. This will enable them to change their reader, put any notes in the bag, place their lunch order in the tub, greet their friends and to be ready for the school day.

If your child is absent from school it is your legal requirement to contact the school.

**Parents/carers must report the absence NOT siblings.** Teachers need to be aware of your child's absence.

### **CAR PARK**

Thank you for your vigilance in the car park. For new parents/carers please note that when entering or leaving the car park you must show extreme care and patience at all times. The 40km speed limit must be observed in all the streets surrounding the school.

- We ask that all cars are parked facing the back (bush) end of the car park and that you leave via the back of the hall and Reed St.
- The first cars will need to park towards the back to allow other cars entry to the carpark.
- In the morning parents/carers are asked to walk their child/ren across the road and to the back gate of the school grounds.
- In the afternoon a teacher will escort the children across the road to the tennis court fence. Parents/carers must collect their child from near the tennis court fence.

### **NO CHILD IS TO WALK THROUGH THE CAR PARK WITHOUT AN ADULT.**

Please avoid dropping off and collecting your child/ren from Southam St or from the side of the road in Hume St. This makes the road very congested and adds to student risk as we are crossing the large group of students at the end of the day.

Please use extreme care and road courtesy at all times as student safety is of paramount importance.

### **VISITORS**

We welcomed Sheryn Long, Speech pathologist last week and tomorrow we welcome, Pauline Fisher, Sue Carroll, Lee Pethybridge and Maree Findlay from the Catholic Education office. The CEO staff provide valuable professional learning and support for our staff at St Mary's.

### **READING RECOVERY**

Mrs Fraser will take Reading Recovery during 2018 and she will attend several ongoing training days during the year.

### **FOUNDATION STUDENTS - WEDNESDAYS**

Foundation students will have Wednesdays at home until after the long weekend in March. They will attend school on Wednesday, 14 March.

### **STUDENT AND FAMILY SUPPORT WORKER**

Mrs Maree Sexton has been supporting us as part of our chaplaincy program and she will continue this role every Tuesday. If you would like your child to see Maree you will need to sign a permission form.

Each Tuesday I will once again be visiting St Mary's to work with the children both in class and individually. In the classrooms I will once again be providing activities that focus on wellbeing and resilience. Thus, I will be striving to teach children coping skills to help them respond positively to the complexity of their everyday lives.

I am also available for one-on-one chats with the children. I am not a counsellor so my role is just to be there for a chat when they are facing challenges. If you wish for me to do such, you will need to fill in a form which is located in the office. This also applies to children that I have previously seen in 2017.

Regards, Maree Sexton

### **UNIFORM**

St Mary's School Uniform policy states that students wear full and correct uniform. Please ensure that your child is dressed in the correct uniform including the correct footwear.

Students who are out of uniform are asked to bring a note explaining the reason.

Please refer to the Summer Uniform below (taken from the Uniform policy)

St Mary's School uniform can be purchased at Mister Embroidery of 117 Allan St, Kyabram.

Phone: 58532777

#### Girls Summer Uniform

Checked blue and white dress, grey and blue check skirt or navy shorts/skorts & light blue school polo

Black school shoes, white socks

School windcheater

Blue school hat

(Please note: leggings and tights are not part of the summer uniform)

#### Boys Summer Uniform

Navy shorts & light blue school polo

School windcheater

Black boots or black school shoes, white socks

Blue wide brimmed school hat

#### Sports Uniform

Navy shorts (without advertising emblems)

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, rings, 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. Students will be asked to remove nail polish if it is worn to school. All long hair needs to be tied back.

#### BLUEARTH/SPORTING SCHOOLS

Ms Mandy Sgarioto our Bluearth coach will work with Ms Nippess and Mrs Morse in becoming Bluearth trained. St Mary's has acquired funding from Sporting Schools to run sporting sessions during school hours. The 5/6(LH) and 3/4(KR) classes will benefit from these sessions.

#### SPORTS DAYS

**(Students are to wear runners on these days)**

F/1/2 classes – Tuesday and Thursday

3/4 – Wednesday and Thursday

5/6 – Tuesday and Thursday

### **PARENTS & FRIENDS (P&F)**

Our first P&F meeting was held in the staff room yesterday. Planning has commenced for the Rushworth Easter Market. Interested parents/carers are very welcome to join us. We are a fundraising group who meet monthly for a 'cuppa' and chat. It is a great way to meet people and will help you feel part of what is going on at your child's school. Pre school children are most welcome to come along.

### **SCHOOL GROUNDS**

Thanks to Brendan Miller for continuing to mow the oval during the school holidays. Tatura Lawn Mowing & Garden Services have weeded and trimmed trees. It has been difficult to keep the garden and maintenance roster active with family commitments. Tatura Lawn Mowing & Garden Services have been employed to weed and prune. Mr Simon Fraser has been employed to assess and repair or outsource small and larger maintenance tasks.

### **PIANO LESSONS**

Mrs Cate Furphy is not taking any new piano students.

### **CLASSROOM HELPERS**

#### **Working With Children Check (WWCC)**

We value your support in the classroom especially at reading time in the junior classes. All volunteer helpers must have a Working with Children Check. I am encouraging ALL our parents /carers, grandparents and friends, to get a WWC so that you can come in at any time and work in the classrooms.

If we have enough interest, we will organize the Community house photographer to take passport size photos and school will pay for them. The WWC for volunteers is free. Georgia or Peta will assist you to complete the form if you are having difficulty. When you receive your card you will need to present it to the office.

The WWCC can be accessed at:

[www.workingwithchildren.vic.gov.au](http://www.workingwithchildren.vic.gov.au)

or telephone the information line on 1300 652 879.

### **STUDENTS STATIONERY LIST**

Please ensure that your child has commenced the school year with the required stationery. If you need a new list of stationery requirements or assistance with the stationery, please contact the school.

### **PERMISSION FORMS AND MEDICAL FORM UPDATES**

These forms will be sent home tomorrow. Could families complete them and return them to their child's class teacher for filing. The student update family form should be filled out by each family and for families with more than one child a student update form should be completed for each child. This information is required for the care of your child and by the Federal and State Government who collect this information for funding purposes.

- Confidential Info & Medical Update form
- Student permission form
- CSEF (if applicable)
- Asthma Care Plan (if applicable)

It is most important that the school has the correct family contact details as well as emergency contact details.

### **SCHOOL NURSE**

Denise Watson, school nurse will be at St Mary's on Monday February 19th to conduct the primary school nursing program with our Foundation students. The aim of this program is to promote child health and wellbeing and to assist in the early identification of children with potential health related difficulties.

There is a confidential questionnaire to complete and at the front a consent form to sign. Please complete this and return to school before February 19th.

### **2018 SCHOOL FEES AND LEVIES**

School fee invoices will be sent out in the next few weeks. It is important that families make a commitment to paying their child's school fees. It is best to set up a payment plan so that you don't end up with a large sum to pay. The Centrepay option is available and Georgia will assist with setting it up. Please spend some time to decide what payment plan you would like to use.

### **BREAKFAST CLUB MONDAY MORNINGS**

The Year 3/4 students will run a breakfast club this term.

It will run every Monday from 8:30am. The year 3/4 students will serve and clean up. There will be cereal, toast and yoghurt available. Thanks to generous donations - it is able to run at no cost.



### **STUDENT MEDICATIONS**

If a student requires medication at school the parent/carer must give the medication to staff, in its original packaging and be clearly labelled.

**MEDICATIONS MUST NOT BE SENT TO SCHOOL WITH THE STUDENT.** A medication consent form is located at the office and needs to be filled out and signed. This form gives permission for a staff member to administer student's medication and a second staff member to co-sign that the correct medication has been administered. OH&S dictates that schools cannot accept tablets or medications in envelopes, eg. Panadol.

### **WELLBEING SUPPORT (MAREE SEXTON) EVERY TUESDAY**

Each Tuesday I will once again be visiting St Mary's to work with the children both in class and individually. In the classrooms I will once again be providing activities that focus on wellbeing and resilience. Thus, I will be striving to teach children coping skills to help them respond positively to the complexity of their everyday lives.

I am also available for one-on-one chats with the children. I am not a counsellor so my role is just to be there for a chat when they are facing challenges. If you wish for me to do such, you do need to fill in a form which is located in the office.

This also applies to children that I have previously seen in 2017.

*Regards, Maree Sexton*

### **SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM**

#### **MONDAY, 12 FEBRUARY @ 7:00PM**

The Sacramental Program will begin next Monday at 7:00pm, with the family information session in the Grade 5 & 6 classroom. Please pray for Charlie McLean, Emily McLean, Stephan Sutton, Jackson Morgan, Abigail Ryan and their families as they prepare for Confirmation and First Eucharist. The Celebration of Confirmation & First Eucharist will be held at Sacred Heart Church, Cornella on Sunday, 22 April at 10:00am.

### **DITTO'S KEEP SAFE ADVENTURE EDUCATION PROGRAM "THE DITTO SHOW"**

#### **TUESDAY, 13 FEBRUARY FOUNDATION TO YEAR 3 ONLY**

Next Tuesday, Bravehearts will be visiting St Mary's to present "The Ditto Show" to students. The presentation will provide students

with the basic principles of personal safety and different strategies to stay safe.

Students have brought home a Parent Information sheet today, further outlining what the program is about. If you have any questions or queries, please contact the school.

### **BOOKCLUB ISSUE 1/2018**

#### **FINAL ORDER DATE – 15 FEBRUARY**

Please return all orders with payment by Thursday, 15 February or order via the loop system online. Thank you!

### **PET DAY**

#### **FRIDAY, 16 FEBRUARY**

Each class will hold a fundraiser this term.



A Pet Day will be held on the above date. All pets can come to school in the morning for the pet parade. Pets should be on leads, in cages or restrained and controlled in a manner suitable for your pet. The Pet Parade will happen at morning assembly. All pets should have left the school by 9:30am. Please note, pets are unable to stay at school for longer than this time or all day. If you don't have a pet, your family may like to bring along a decorated pet rock or some other creative pet. Please send along a gold coin donation, if you are able, for each pet.

*Thank you.*

### **PUPIL FREE DAY**

#### **Thursday, 22 February**

Teaching staff will be attending a Professional Learning Day "Teaching Children to Spell-Planning a Balanced Program."  
This will be a pupil free day.

### **BEGINNING OF SCHOOL YEAR MASS MORNING TEA AND SAUSAGE SIZZLE**

#### **FRIDAY, 23 FEBRUARY**

Fr Joseph will celebrate our beginning of the school year Mass at 10:00am in the Church. Following the Mass there will be a morning tea and sausage sizzle to follow, along with open classrooms.

### **P&F MEETING**

#### **MONDAY, 5 MARCH**

Meeting to be held at 9:00am in the Staff Room.

**PARENTS & FRIENDS (P&F) AGM  
MONDAY, 19 MARCH @ 9:00AM**

All interested parents/carers are welcome to join us. We are a fundraising group who meet monthly for a 'cuppa' and a chat. It is a great way to meet people and will really make you feel part of what is going on at your child's school. Pre-school children are most welcome to come along.

The executive positions of President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer Liaise.

**EASTER HERITAGE FESTIVAL  
EASTER SATURDAY STALL  
30 MARCH**

Our school runs two major fundraisers each year.

The first being the Rushworth Easter Heritage Festival. We run a stall on Easter Saturday each year. We ask that ALL parents/carers assist with an hour's work on the day.

Please contact Georgia or Peta in the office if are **unavailable to assist** on the school stall site ASAP.

The second fundraiser is in November. More details to follow.

**BETTER BUDDIES**

Last week, the foundation students were involved in a Better Buddies Welcome to St Mary's activity with their grade five and six Buddies. They were very pleased when their Buddy gave them a gift of a welcome card and their very own Buddy Bear! The Buddy Bear is, to be kept at school, to help the students to transition into school and feel welcome, safe and happy.

The Alannah & Madeline Foundation's Better Buddies Framework is an initiative designed to create friendly and caring primary school communities where students feel cared for, safe, welcome, valued and respected. The evidence-based framework complements existing school welfare programs and links to curriculum initiatives.

The students all enjoyed a story, a fun time playing with Buddy Bear and their Buddies, and a friend activity to help them become familiar with their friends at school. All the Buddies loved sharing their Buddy Bear, card and friend hand at the school assembly!!!



**Heath with his Buddy Bear and buddy, Jemae.**



**Zac and Maddison with their Buddy Bears, along with their buddies Jackie and Madalen.**

**F/1/2(KJ) & F/1/2 (TN)**

Welcome to all of the Foundation, Grade One and Grade Two students to the new school year. Each of the students have made an excellent transition into the new classrooms and have begun their learning with lots of enthusiasm! We have had a busy week at school, with getting to know the new classroom routines and new students and also beginning our learning in English, Maths, Sport, Art, Music, Italian and Science. Mrs Jamieson & Ms Nippress look forward to a wonderful year with all of the students.

**F/1/2 SPECIALISTS (FOR BOTH CLASSES)**

**Art & Maths Specialist:** Monday

**Sport:** Tuesday (please wear runners and bring a drink bottle)

**Italian:** Wednesday

**Science:** Wednesday

**Bluearth:** Thursday (please wear runners and bring a drink bottle)



**Logan, Leigh, Mitchell & Ruby.**

### **PARENT HELPERS**

We welcome any assistance from parents in the morning to assist with Morning Reading. All Parent Helpers will need to have a current WWC card. Please contact Katherine or Thea if you require further information on this.

### **REC & CATHOLIC IDENTITY**

#### Ash Wednesday

Next Wednesday, 14 February is Ash Wednesday and students will attend the Parish Mass. All families and friends are welcome to attend with us. Ash Wednesday is the beginning of a special time in the Church year called Lent. It is the special time that prepares us for EASTER. Ash Wednesday marks the beginning of Lent, which lasts for six weeks. We call it Ash Wednesday because many, many Christians around the world receive a cross of ashes on their foreheads. God's people have used this sign for hundreds of years. This cross of ashes tells friends and neighbours that we are not perfect, and that we know we are not perfect. With God's help we can try to reach out to others with more love and kindness especially in our own families, our school and parish community and in our world and think about how we can be better people.

#### Project Compassion

St Mary's will once again support Caritas Project Compassion Fundraising this Lent. The Grade Six students who attended the Just Leadership Day will launch Project Compassion on Shrove Tuesday, 13 February, at assembly. This will also be the day of the first fundraiser. There will be pancakes available to all students and if families able they can send a gold coin donation to school. Parent helpers would be much appreciated,

please see Georgia or Peta if you are able to help out.

*Thank you!*

Students will take home a Project Compassion box to support Caritas Australia during Lent. This year the theme is "A Just Future" and celebrated the Year of Youth.

As Pope Francis said, ***"Cultivate with love the seeds of goodness, beauty and truth that God sows in every new generation."***

Through your generosity during Project Compassion this year, you are empowering young people to build a just future for themselves, their families and their communities.

### **A Just Future starts with your support!**

You can also make a donation by visiting [www.caritas.org.au/projectcompassion](http://www.caritas.org.au/projectcompassion) or phoning 1800 024 413.

### **MINI VINNIES**

The Mini Vinnies have had their first meeting for the year to plan their activities and fundraising for the term. They will once again sell Zooper Doopers at 2nd break on Tuesdays and Fridays. Zooper Doopers are .50c each and there is a limit of 2 per student.

### **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.





## STUDENTS OF THE WEEK



TERM 1/WEEK 1 STUDENTS

**Year F/1/2** Hailey Newman & Ruby Griffin

**Year 3/4** Emily McLean

**Year 5/6** Josh Francis

**Principal's Award** Desiree Swallow & all Foundation Students



Patrick Williams

Maddison Olney

Ava Cruz

Jemae Miller

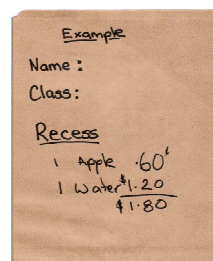
Wishing a very Happy Birthday  
to all who are celebrating their  
birthday in the coming weeks  
and months.



## 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
<b>Sauce extra</b>	<b>.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.



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## Waranga Medical Centre

**P: 03 5851 8400**

**F: 03 5851 8425**

8 High Street, Rushworth Vic 3612  
 E: [warangamedical@gvhealth.org.au](mailto: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



'Achieving a healthy community is our Mission'

*Is your child keen to play footy??*



Runnymede Junior Football Club is  
 having a  
Under 12 and Under 14 Registration  
Night

**When** – Friday 23rd February 2018

**Where** – Elmore Football Club

**Time** – 5.00pm – 7.00pm

BBQ tea will be provided – All boys and girls welcome to come along and register, meet the coaches and fellow players. We are also requesting you bring any old boots, that don't fit that can be reused by other children.

The Runnymede Junior Football Club is made up of kids from the Colbinabbin, Elmore, Goornong and surrounding areas. This year we will enter teams in the under 12 & the under 14 competition to play in the Goulburn Campaspe Junior Football League. Training will alternate between Elmore and Colbinabbin on Wed nights, the majority of the games are played on a Friday night at various locations.

We are also seeking interest in children who would like to play Under 10's

Any queries please contact  
 Jen Stewart 0408 146 863 or Bruce  
 Taylor 0411 750 867

# CHILDREN'S CHATTER MATTERS

**In order to prepare for the language & learning demands of the school environment, children need ample time and opportunity to engage meaningful interactions with their family.**



Research suggests that the types of questions we ask and the quality of discussions we have with our children, from a very young age, are linked to school success. As children progress through the grades they must learn to use extended discourse in telling stories, giving explanations, reporting, expressing an opinion or writing an essay. Asking children “if, why and how” type questions allows them to deepen their thinking and prepare longer and more complex responses. It makes sense to build their confidence with extended discourse gradually, beginning with simple oral tasks.

In each fortnightly newsletter this year, our school’s Speech Pathologist will provide some “family friendly”, fun oral language tasks aimed to enhance learning and literacy skills.

We encourage you to set some time aside each week so that you can get the most out of your interactions with your child. In a busy household, sometimes the car is the best place for these focused activities. The key ingredients for a creative interaction are a time, a place, a willing talking partner or audience and an engaging topic or activity.

If your child is reading a particular book at home or in class, try to incorporate words or ideas from that text into your activity. For example; if you are building your child’s use of describing words, select a character from your child’s reader to describe.

Encourage increasingly expensive words such as the *beautiful, gorgeous, stunning and breath-taking* princess.

Positive communication experiences at home help children feel accepted and valued. Growth in spoken language skills will build children’s self-confidence and help them learn to negotiate social interactions at school. This often transfers to other aspects of their learning and life.

Ten activities will be provided each term focusing on key areas of oral language supporting literacy, learning and socialising. Feel free to adjust these activities according to your child’s grade level.

The following link is to the most comprehensive website available that provides parents with activities that are free, easily accessible and enjoyable. Each activity has been carefully selected to reflect the highest quality, up-to-date research evidence on early literacy development. There is also advice for parents who are concerned about their child’s reading and language development.

**<http://www.fivefromfive.org.au/parent-resources>**

Good luck and most importantly, enjoy this very special time with your child.

# **Children's Chatter Matters!**

Language Learning activities to have a go at home.



Approximately ten activities will be provided each term focusing on key areas of oral language supporting literacy, learning and socialising. Feel free to adjust these activities according to your child's grade level. Here is activity 1.

## **Phonological Awareness Activities**

1. **Objective** - The child will know that phrases and sentences are made up of words. The child will be able to count the number of words in phrases and sentences.

**Activity Instructions** - Adult to say the sentence and ask the child to count the number of words in the following sentences using their fingers or counters/blocks:

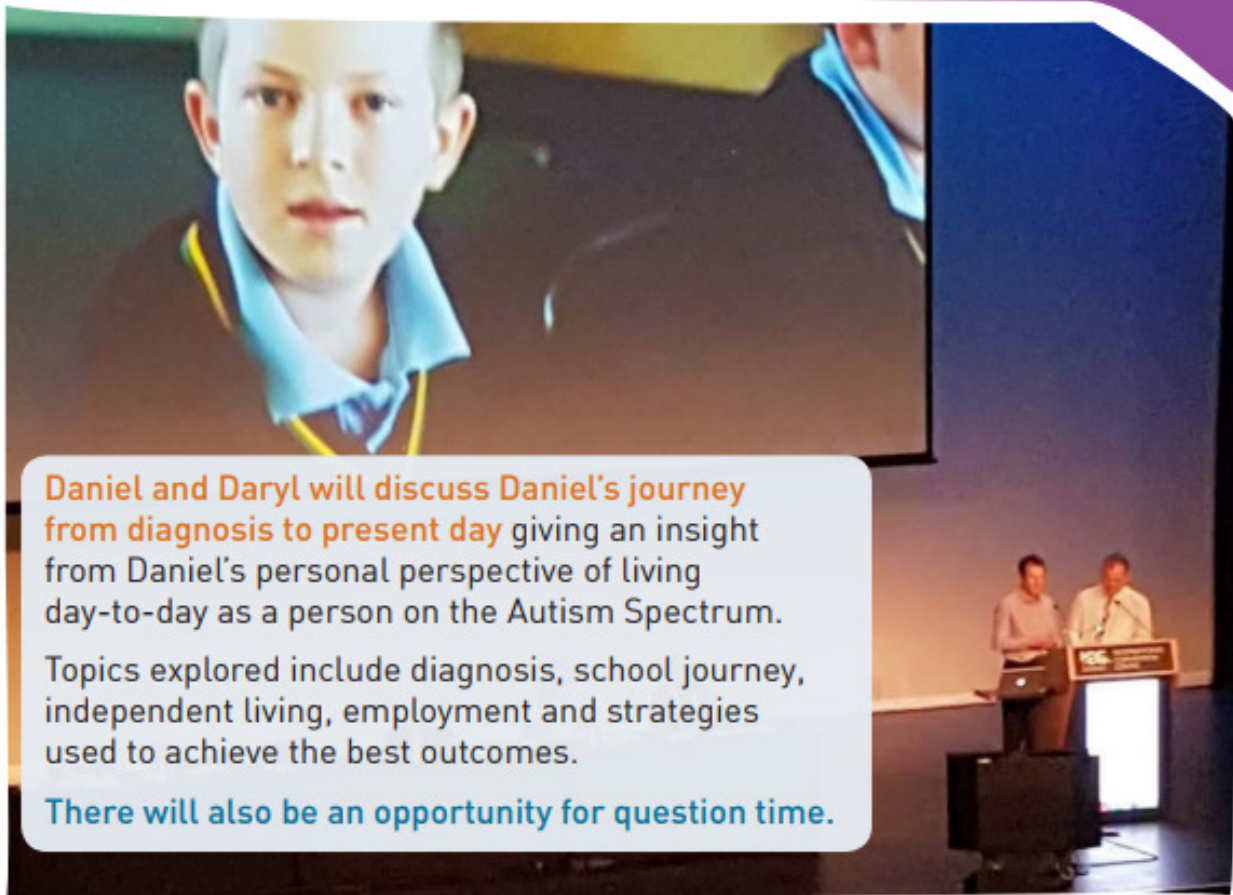
- I love my family
- It is hot and I would like an ice-cream
- My holiday was filled with lots of adventures
- The cat in the hat was sitting on the mat.
- I was driving my car to work when it ran out of fuel
- I enjoy looking at the stars in the sky at night
- I really want to have a bubble bath and play with some bath toys
- Travelling on a plane can be fun when my friends or family are with me
- Riding a bike through the rough dirt road was thrilling
- Baking delicious chocolate chip cookies with my mum is so much fun

You could also choose sentence from their readers or texts.



# From Diagnosis to OAM

A Personal Autism Journey



Daniel and Daryl will discuss Daniel's journey from diagnosis to present day giving an insight from Daniel's personal perspective of living day-to-day as a person on the Autism Spectrum.

Topics explored include diagnosis, school journey, independent living, employment and strategies used to achieve the best outcomes.

There will also be an opportunity for question time.

**Presented by:**

**Daniel Giles OAM**

Autism Self-Advocate and Public Speaker

**Daryl Giles**

Providing a Parent's Perspective



ABN: 11 945 440 100

## **Date/Time**

Thursday 22 February, 7pm  
(doors open at 6:30pm)

## **Venue**

Monsignor Peter Jeffrey Centre,  
121 Knight St, Shepparton  
(behind St Brendan's Church)

## **Tickets**

Individuals on the spectrum,  
family members & carers \$20

Professionals \$50

Book Online: <https://www.trybooking.com/TVGB>

## **Enquiries**

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## **DR MICHAEL CARR-GREGG**

Australia's highest profile psychologists, author of 12 books, broadcaster and a specialist in parenting, children, adolescents and the use of technology for mental health.

The sessions are being held at the  
**Moama Bowling Club, 'The Venue'**

**Monday 26 March for primary aged**  
**Tuesday 27 March for secondary aged**

with sessions being held each day as follows:

**1pm - 2.30pm Information for parents**  
**4pm - 5.30pm - Information for teachers and professionals**  
**6.30pm - 8pm Information for parents**

### **FOR PARENTS:**

- How we can use technology to build student wellbeing
- The parenting adolescents quiz
- Princess Bitchface Syndrome
- How to raise happy and resilient children and teenagers
- Real Wired Child: What kids are doing online and how to keep them safe
- The five greatest challenges for parents
- Demystifying adolescents
- Mental health issues for young people
- Coping with the end of school years
- Surviving stepfamilies
- Coping with alcohol, tobacco and other drugs

### **FOR TEACHERS:**

- How we can use technology to build student wellbeing
- How schools should respond to suicide
- Youth mental health and technology
- Mental health issues for young people
- Mental health issues for staff
- Positive education
- Boys issues
- Teaching the student with depression
- Cybersafety
- Coping with alcohol, tobacco and other drugs
- Hypotheticals

### **For more information contact:**

Carer Support Services - Echuca p. 03 5482 0808 or [tberryman@bendigohealth.org.au](mailto:tberryman@bendigohealth.org.au)





## TISSUE PAPER HEART SUNCATCHER

An Easy Valentine's Day Craft For Kids

### Materials Needed

- Old gift box or poster board (red or white)
- Clear contact paper
- Tissue paper (pink, white and red)
- Gift wrapping ribbon, red
- Scissors (parent supervision), Glue & Pen

### Instructions

1. Open the gift box (or poster board) and fold it at the corners and cut out a shape of a heart.
2. Cut another heart out of the inside of that heart and keep cutting until you can't cut anymore hearts out. This way you can have many size hearts! Match each of these hearts to the other side of the gift box so they are identical.
3. Roll out the contact paper and lay 1/2 of the hearts on it good side down.
4. Cut the tissue paper into squares.
5. Place the tissue paper on the contact paper so it is touched or slightly overlapping.
6. Place a second sheet of contact paper over the top of the tissue paper.
7. Fasten the strings with a dab of glue in the middle and seal the contact paper over it.
8. Cut around the hearts to trim the extra paper.
9. Hang in the window for catching rays of the sun.



## Sayers Dance Academy Vic



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Sayers Dance Academy Vic has successfully been running for 12 years, striving to provide fun, active and passionate dance classes.

Students gain musicality, co-ordination, friendships, confidence building environment and leadership qualities, starting from pre-school classes with a turn of being the leader in class.

Each Pre-school and Junior dance students receive a free sticker each lesson for their participation.

### ADV (Australian Dance Vision) Dance exam

Students gain discipline, focus, learn musicality, dance history, dance terminology and theory. Receive positive assessors reports along with dance certificate and trophy presented at the end of year concert.



New and second hand shoes available along with clothing available for sale at the studio.

### ADi (Australian Dance Institute) or VET Dance

Sayers Dance Academy is a certified school and Tanya Sayers is a certified teacher allowing students to obtain dance qualifications as part of their dancing experience.

Students, as part of their ADV (Australian Dance Vision) dance exams can add in a VET studies to receive CERT I, II or III in dance.



Sayers Dance Offers Classes for:

Age 3 years to adults

Jazz, Tap and Ballet

Hip hop, Contemporary & Pointe

### Australian Dance Vision

Dance Exams—Jazz, Tap, Ballet and Contemporary

### ADi (Australian Dance Institute)

Certificates I in Dance

Certificate II in Dance

Certificate III in Dance

**BALLET:** Pre ballet (ages 3-5), Beginner's ballet (ages 6-7), Grade 1/2 Ballet

**HIP HOP:** Inter "A" hip hop (ages 7-9), Inter "B" hip hop (ages 10-12) and Senior hip hop (12 & over)

**TAP & JAZZ:** Inter Tap (ages 8-10), Inter Jazz (ages 8-10), Sub Snr jazz (ages 11-13), Sub Snr tap (ages 11-13) and ADi—Certificate 1

Pre tap/jazz (ages 3-5), Beg Jazz (ages 4-6), Beg/Jnr Tap (ages 4-7), Jnr jazz (ages 6-7), Certificates II & III, Adv Tap (ages 15 & over) and Adv Jazz (age 15 & over).

**CONTEMPORARY:** Junior. Intermediate. Senior and Pointe.