

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

"Work on with constancy and courage"

4.7.1876

VALUES OF THE WEEK

Peace, Justice and Honesty

EASTER A TIME OF HOPE

One of the main themes of the Easter period is that of hope and any Christian community, which fails to project a "hope message" is in a sense, not true to Christ.

In the pre-Easter period we saw how Christ, in all His final pain and misery, somewhere kept alive in His heart, the hope that all His sufferings would eventually be turned into victory and joy.

In the post-Easter period we are encouraged to wait with optimism for the coming of the Spirit. The reason for optimism is based on the extraordinary transformation effected on the apostles at the First Pentecost.

During the Easter ceremonies we were asked to renew our Baptismal Promises so that through this renewal the love, kindness, patience, tolerance and all the other virtues that Jesus exercised during His life, might stay alive in the world through our efforts.

From L. Bourke 'Postscripts'

Brian McLaren reflects, "You don't have to wait for some distant future to start practicing kindness, nonviolence, reconciliation, reverence, joy, hope, neighborliness, and peace. You can leave the old humanity behind and start practicing this new humanity now."



Regards,
Catherine Fraser
PRINCIPAL





Mondays	<u>Breakfast Club</u>
Thursdays	<u>Bluearth</u> (Runners to be worn)
20 Apr (Fri)	<u>School photos</u> <u>Easter Sunday Prayer Service</u> 2:40pm in the Library
22 Apr (Sun)	<u>Confirmation & First Eucharist</u> Sacred Heart Church, Cornella @ 10:00am
23 Apr (Mon)	<u>P & F Meeting</u> 9:00am in staff room <u>Board Meeting</u> 6:30pm in the staff room
24 Apr (Tue)	<u>Year 5/6 Camp Information Session</u> 2:50pm in the 5/6 room
25 Apr (Wed)	<u>ANZAC Day</u> Public Holiday
4 May (Fri)	<u>Mother's Day stall for Yr 5/6</u> 1 st break
8 May (Tue)	<u>Mother's Day stall for Yr F/1/2/3/4</u> 1 st break
7 -11 May (Mon-Fri)	<u>Year 5/6 School Camp</u> DOXA Melbourne

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.



GARDENING



April Families

A & P Francis
T McIlroy & A Wilkinson
C & T Olney
C Johnstone

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

STUDENT ABSENCES

It is a requirement of the Department of Education and Early Childhood Development that accurate records of student absences are kept by the school. We appreciate parent/carer support in notifying the school of their child's absence.

Contacting the School to Report a Student Absence

Please contact the school office advising of your child's absence before 9:00am on **5856 1347** or e-mail admin@smrushworth.catholic.edu.au.

We appreciate as much notice as possible if your child/ren will be away from school due to a family holiday.

Attendance at school is compulsory, five days a week. Apart from the legal requirements for attendance, it is important that students gain continuity in their education in order to move ahead as they should.

The school recognises that for a variety of sound reasons, such as illness, appointments, family emergencies, etc that students may not be able to attend on every day of school. In such cases, an exemption from school is granted and recorded in the roles.

CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to Cassie Gleeson on the birth of her son Tolley Gavin Gleeson, brother to Jack, Charlie and Roy.

Congratulations to Tracey Haby and Christopher Ferguson on the birth of Mollys twin siblings, a little boy Carter and a wee girl Kamiah.

PRAYERS

Please keep Robbie Donovan in your prayers as he undergoes treatment in Melbourne.

CARPARK

Thank you for the manner in which you began the term. Please remember to park facing the back of the carpark and consider other drivers when driving out.

SACRAMENTAL CANDIDATES

Emily McLean, Charlie McLean and Stephan Sutton will receive the Sacrament of Confirmation and First Eucharist this coming weekend at Sacred Heart Church Cornella at 10:00am. We keep these children, their sponsors and parents in our prayers as they take this important step in their faith journey. Thanks to Mrs Hitchcock for her support during the past 6 weeks of preparation. Mrs Fraser and the candidates will spend the morning at Sacred Heart Church Cornella on Thursday, 19 April.

UNIFORM

As the weather has turned cooler please ensure that your child/ren have their school windcheater or jacket with them. The winter uniform is outlined below:

Girls Winter Uniform

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| • 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

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

Sports Uniform

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| • Navy shorts (winter – track pants optional) | • Light blue school polo |
| • School windcheater | • Runners (black leather runners are acceptable) |

PROFESSIONAL LEARNING

Tues to Fri, 17 to 20 April: CDLP, Mrs Hitchcock (Ms Smith 5/6)

Thu & Fri, 26 & 27 April: Rightful Relationships, Mrs Jamieson & Mrs Fraser (Mrs Fredrickson F/1/2KJ)

VISITORS

Pauline Fisher, Bernadette Shiels, Carly Hill, Lee Pethybridge, Peter Bryne and Kylie Smith.

WARANGA HOSTEL VISIT

Our students enjoy visiting the Waranga Hostel residents and this week helped them bake gingerbread cookies.



Stephan and Violet with hostel worker, Chris.



Violet and hostel resident, Aunt Marg.

**SCHOOL PHOTOS
FRIDAY, 20 APRIL**

Advancedlife Photography will be at St Mary's School to take individual, class and family photos. Photo envelopes have already been sent home. There is the option to pay online (flyer already provided). All photo orders/money need to be finalized **before Thursday, 19 April**. Kindly note that all individual student photos will be taken, however family photos must be ordered. Please have your student/s dress in full school uniform this day with hair neat and tidy.



**EASTER SUNDAY
RESURRECTION PRAYER SERVICE
FRIDAY, 20 APRIL @ 2:40PM**

The 3/4 class have prepared the Easter Sunday - Resurrection Prayer Service to conclude our Holy Week Prayer Services from last term. This will be held this Friday in the library.

**PARENTS & FRIENDS
MONDAY, 23 APRIL**

The Parents & Friends will meet next Monday at 9:00am in the staff room.

**BOARD MEETING
MONDAY, 23 APRIL @ 6:30PM**

The next Board meeting will be held in the staff room. Please advise the Office staff of your availability by tomorrow. Peter Byrne from b3Architects will be present at the meeting to glean your ideas for future school improvement. Peter will develop a Master plan for our school.

**YEAR 5/6 CAMP INFO SESSION
TUESDAY, 24 APRIL**

An information session for families will be held next Tuesday at 2:50pm. Any information from this meeting will be sent home to families who are unable to attend, or if you have any questions please e-mail Mrs Hitchcock on lhitchcock@smrushworth.catholic.edu.au

**ANZAC DAY
WEDNESDAY, 25 APRIL**

Next Wednesday Australians celebrates Anzac day as a National holiday. Anzac Day goes beyond the anniversary of the landing on Gallipoli in 1915. It is the day on which we remember Australians who served and died in all wars, conflicts, and peacekeeping operations. The spirit of Anzac, with its human qualities of courage, mateship, and sacrifice, continues to have meaning and relevance for our sense of national identity.

In Rushworth at 10:00am the usual Anzac parade will take place in High St. We again invite our students to represent St Mary's School in the March.

Next Tuesday, Mrs Ryan will work with students to make two wreaths to be laid at the War Memorial. We would like to make one using garden flowers and the other with native flowers and gum nuts. We would appreciate it if you could send some flowers and native shrubs to school on Tuesday.

**YEAR 5 & 6 DOXA SCHOOL CAMP
MONDAY to FRIDAY, 7 TO 11 MAY**

The year five and six school camp begins on Monday, 7 May to Friday, 11 May, at the DOXA Melbourne city camp. Permission forms and camp information were sent home last term and have been returned to school. Thank you to families for returning these in preparation for camp.

**CARITAS
PROJECT COMPASSION**

Happy Easter from all at Caritas Australia!
Your support for Project Compassion demonstrates that by working together A Just Future is possible for all generations, backgrounds, cultures and communities, who are part of one human family. You are empowering young people to build a just future for themselves, their families and their communities. A Just Future has started with your support! Please return your Project Compassion boxes as soon as possible.

Thank you for supporting Caritas Australia's Project Compassion 2018 Lenten appeal.
www.caritas.org.au/projectcompassion
#projectcompassion 1800 024 413

BETTER BUDDIES

The Buddies had a great time on the last day of school. They enjoyed a Buddy Bear Picnic and shared with their Buddies their favourite things from their first term of school. The Buddies will continue meeting throughout the year.



Kaleb McIlroy
Jylah-Rose Thomas
Ella Johnstone
Mrs Fraser

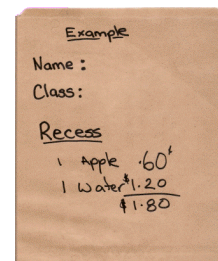
Wishing a very Happy Birthday to all who are celebrating their birthday in the coming weeks and months.



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
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.



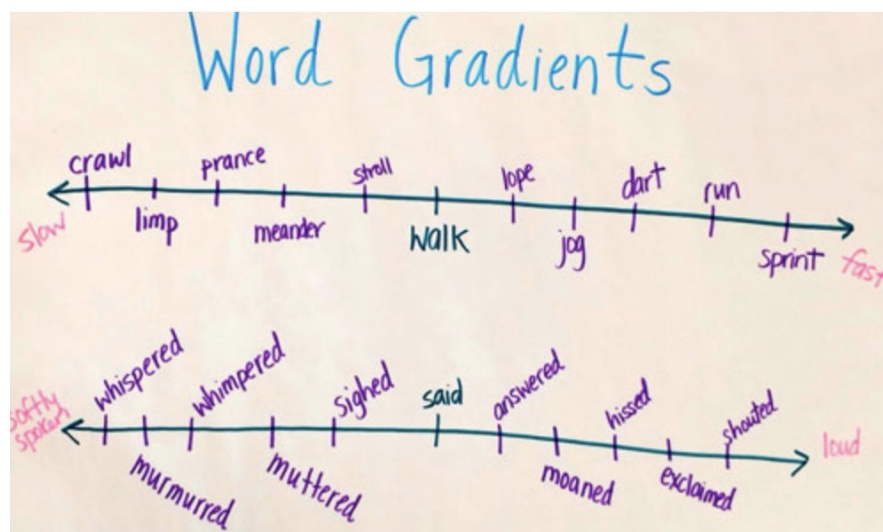
Children's Chatter Matters!

Language Learning activities to have a go at home.



Vocabulary/Morphology activities:

1. Find the synonym or antonym: If your child has a set of spelling or tricky reading words she's working on this week, you can play games to build the words' meaning words. Decide whether the object of the game is to name antonyms or synonyms for the words. Once that is established, one player selects a word. Set a timer for one minute. See how many antonyms or synonyms each player can come up with in that time. For example: humid - muggy. Close, steamy, oppressive, stuffy. Discuss tricky word meanings and try to put them into meaningful sentences. You could use pen and paper, and ask each player to write their words down.
2. Word Gradients: Word meaning gradients are a way to broaden and deepen students' understanding of related words. The idea is to consider a continuum of words by order of degree. Start by selecting a pair of polar opposite words and generate at least five synonyms for each of the opposite words. For example, hot and cold which may include boiling, scorching, blistering, tepid, lukewarm, cool, chilly, freezing. Ask your child to arrange the words in a way that makes a bridge from one opposite word to the other. Continuums can be done horizontal or vertical, in a ladder-like fashion. Discuss the reasons why they placed certain words in certain locations. Encourage a conversation about the subtle differences among the words.





Kids and Worry

Echuca



During this workshop we will explore the reasons why children worry and ways parents and carers can support them. It will include ideas as well as practical tools to assist children to manage their worries.

Term 2, 2018

When: Wednesday 18th April 2018

Time: Arrival and registration 5.45pm
Session: 6.00pm - 8.30pm

Where: St Mary's Primary School, 15-33 Bridlington Avenue Echuca

Cost: Free

Childcare: Sorry no childcare provided

Facilitators: 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.



Bookings and enquiries contact Mel Slattery on Ph: 5482 1342 or mslattery@smechuca.catholic.edu.au



Tuning in to Kids

Echuca

Want to learn how to help your child manage feelings and emotions (emotional intelligence)?

Children with emotional intelligence ...

have greater success with making and keeping friends

are more able to calm down when upset or angry

have better concentration at school



In this program you'll find out how to help your child understand and manage feelings such as worry, frustration and anger.

Term 2, 2018

When: Wednesdays 23rd & 30th May & 6th June 2018

Time: Arrival and registration 9.45am
Sessions 10.00am - 2.00pm (3 weekly sessions)

Where: St Mary's Primary School, 15-33 Bridlington Ave, Echuca

Cost: Free
Morning Tea and Lunch provided

Childcare: Sorry, no childcare provided

Facilitators: CCS Family and Relationship Services



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'Look over the farm gate'

All farmers and members of our local
communities are invited to attend a

FREE

Family Fun Night

where you can bring the family along and
relax while listening to Special Guest

Kevin Sheedy

**on Friday 20th April 2018 at 6.30pm
at Stanhope Football Netball Clubrooms**

BBQ provided

FREE FOR THE KIDS

Family movie on the Big Screen

Snow cones and popcorn

Giveaways

BYO chair and picnic rug!



lookoverthefarmgate.org.au

**90
YEARS**

