

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

Do not think of the present but of the great future

26.9.1876

VALUES OF THE WEEK

Integrity & Self Discipline

We hope that all our fathers, grandfathers and special friends had a wonderful day with their loved ones on Sunday.

Fatherhood is one of the great privileges in a man's life for it enables him to be the first male in a child's life; of course, this leads to the life-long responsibility of parenthood.

Ann Landers has this reminder to offer all dads if ever they doubted their importance to their children.

MY FATHER

When I was:

4 years old: My daddy can do anything.

5 years old: My daddy knows a whole lot.

6 years old: My dad is smarter than your dad.

8 years old: My dad doesn't know exactly everything.

10 years old: In the olden days when my dad grew up, things were sure different.

12 years old: Oh, well, naturally, Dad doesn't know anything about that. He is too old to remember his childhood.

14 years old: Don't pay any attention to my dad. He is so old-fashioned!

21 years old: Him? My Lord, he's hopelessly out-of-date.

25 years old: Dad knows a little bit about it, but then he should because he has been around so long.

30 years old: Maybe we should ask Dad what he thinks.

After all, he's had a lot of experience.

35 years old: I'm not doing a single thing until I talk to Dad.

40 years old: I wonder how Dad would have handled it. He was so wise and had a world of experience.

50 years old: I'd give anything if Dad were here now so I could talk this over with him. Too bad I didn't appreciate how smart he was. I could have learned a lot from him.

Ian Grant in his book, "Fathers who dare WIN" offers this insight:

The greatest legacy a man can leave in the world is not so much a great business, but a 'living' investment in the future, through loving, stable, employable and healthy children. Parents are the ultimate 'people builders'. The fine expectations you have of your children, the skills you teach them, and the values you model for them will be the bricks and mortar of great future citizens.

"Dear Lord, today we remember our own fathers, may we also remember our Heavenly Father, who is the source of all our blessings. Give us the grace that we might be loving fathers, not only to our own children, but to all children. Amen"

Thank you to the fathers, grandfathers and special friends who came to school on Friday August 31st to enjoy our breakfast with your child/ren. We loved having you at St Mary's. Special thanks to those who drove long distances to be here.

Cate Fraser
PRINCIPAL





Mondays Breakfast Club

Thursdays Bluearth
(Runners to be worn)

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

13 Sep Kyabram P/12, Yr 7 Transition Program

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

14 Sep (Fri) Tea Towel & Apron order
Orders due back

17 Sep (Mon) P & F Meeting
9am in staff room.

20 Sep Skipathon

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

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

23 Nov (Fri) School Fete
Save the date

VISITORS

Pastoral Wellbeing Review

On Wednesday, 5 September we will welcome Mr John Mitchell Pastoral Wellbeing Officer CEO Wangaratta, Mrs Liz Trewick Principal OLSH Elmore and Mr Shaun O'Brien St Monica's Kangaroo Flat. They will validate our self-review and cross check our evidence. Mrs Jamieson and Mrs Fraser will work with the panel. Our student leaders will lead the Learning Walk.

Teachers On Placement:

We welcome Prue Barlow in a different role. Prue is working in F/1/2KJ on the final placement of her Bachelor of Early Childhood.

We also welcome Mr Ahmed Alhameli (Mr Hameli) on placement who will be working in 3/4KR as part of his Masters of Teaching.

PROFESSIONAL LEARNING

Friday September 7th Primary DP network –Miss Rasmussen – (Mrs Fredricksen 3/4)

Wednesday September 12 – VRQA St Joseph's Numurkah –Mrs Fraser

Thursday September 13 – Friday September 14 RE Accreditation Mrs Jamieson – (Mrs Morse & Prue F/1/2KJ)

CDLP & LONG SERVICE

Mrs Hitchcock will be attending the final 3 days of the Country Diocesan Leadership Program from Wednesday September 5th to Friday September 7th at Cammeray Waters in Woodend. She will then be taking the final two weeks of term for Long Service Leave. We wish her a happy LSL.

Mrs Ryan will take LSL from Monday September 10 to Friday September 14. Mrs Fredricksen will take Italian and intervention groups.

ARTS ON SHOW

TUESDAY, 4 SEPTEMBER

Today our 3-6 students travelled to Shepparton to participate in the 'Arts on Show' day with other schools in the Diocese. The bus will be leaving Shepparton at 5.00pm. The teachers will advise of ETA back at school on our Facebook page.

RUSHWORTH P-12 COLLEGE 2019 YR 7 TRANSITION

WEDNESDAY, 5 SEPTEMBER

Some of our grade 6 students will be involved in Year 7 transition activities at P-12. The students will be transported back to St Mary's at 12.30pm.

SWIMMING at AQUAMOVES

MONDAY 10 TO FRIDAY 14 SEPTEMBER

Next week our students will be participating in swimming lessons at Aquamoves Shepparton. This is our first year travelling out of our local area for swimming lessons. We hope that our students show improved outcomes due to the pool conditions and the experienced instructors. The students will be very tired as the week progresses but we ask that you continue to support the program throughout the week rather than letting your child stay at home for a rest.

SKIPATHON

THURSDAY, 20 SEPTEMBER

The Mini Vinnies are helping Mrs Jamieson to fundraise for communities in Cebu, Philippines. A

Skipathon will be to raise money for daily necessities and educational resources. The students will skip all day, during their class's Bluearth lesson, and then for the last hour of the day there will be a skipping celebration. This was a really enjoyable event last year, and we hope to get everyone skipping again!

A sponsorship form was sent home last week. This is for you to collect sponsors, if you are able. If students do not have sponsors, they will still participate in the Skipathon as this will be their sport lesson for the day.

If you have any questions, please contact Mrs Jamieson or the Mini Vinnies.

NAPLAN

The NAPLAN results have arrived at school. We invite you to come into school to collect your child's results from the classroom teacher. The teacher will explain the format of the results sheet.

CATHOLIC IDENTITY LEADERSHIP TEAM

ST MARY OF THE CROSS MACKILLOP

Mary's story continues...the final chapter. The work of the Institute was growing and had begun in New Zealand, Western Australia and Victoria in the 1880s. There are many stories of Mary's visits to the sisters in New Zealand and Victoria.

A story that is recalled is of Mother Mary living with two younger sisters at Arrowtown in New Zealand. While the sisters taught Mary cleaned and did the housework. When cooking the evening meal of flounder, she needed to seek the advice and assistance of a neighbour because it was falling to pieces. Mary preferred the sisters to be living in small communities that were bright and cheerful, like Arrowtown, rather than living away from a community observing the rule of silence.

There were three hundred sisters of St Joseph in nine dioceses in Australia and New Zealand by 1891. Mother Bernard died unexpectedly in 1898 whilst Mary was in New Zealand. As assistant Mother General Mary would be responsible for holding Chapter to elect a new Mother General. This was the first time in seventeen years that the sisters were given the right to elect the Superior General. Mary

was elected to the role and continued to visit communities throughout Australia and New Zealand.

There were a large number of sisters joining the Institute and Mary became concerned that their training was not sufficient. To overcome this Mary established a free school in Sydney to provide a practice school for teacher trainees. All the sisters who became teachers passed through this training school. One hundred years later it became part of Australian Catholic University.

There were two moments that were special for Mary during her later years that gave her much joy. One was the return of the sisters to Queensland in 1900 and the amalgamation of the Sisters in Wilcannia with the Institute.

Mother Mary continually wrote to the sisters that were spread across the two countries. These letters are a great source of inspiration and are a testament of Mary's generosity and perseverance in the face of so much resistance. Her letters have been kept in archives in North Sydney. The letters tell of her daily activities, her encouragement and support of her sisters, her challenges and her deep faith and courage. When Mary was unable to write she used a typewriter.

Mary's health was deteriorating and in 1901 she was advised to travel to Rotorua in New Zealand for the thermal baths. However, whilst Mary was there she suffered a stroke and was left permanently disabled. Mary returned to Australia after she had recuperated as much as she could. She continued to write and visit the sisters, as well as orphanages and schools to see the children.

Despite her failing health Mary was re-elected as Congregational Leader in 1905. The administrative work of the Congregation was slowly passed to Sister La Merci who was Mary's assistant.

After having achieved so much over her lifetime and endured many trials Mary died on 8 August, 1909. This date is Mary's Feast Day, which we celebrated a few weeks ago with our neighbouring Josephite school, St Joseph's Nagambie.

At the time of Mary's death 750 women had entered the Institute. There were over 100 houses that the sisters lived in and this included 12 institutions that sheltered over 1000 people who were poor or in need. 12 409 students attended the 117 schools. This had all begun within the walls of the stable just over 40 years previously. From humble beginnings

great abundance had grown for the poor and those in need.

On 12 January, 1909 she typed a letter with this post-script:

"Whatever troubles may be before you, accept them cheerfully, remembering whom you are trying to follow. Do not be afraid. Love on another, beat with one another and let charity guide you in all your life."

Mary's final communication on 19 March, 1909:
"God bless you all."

On October 17, 2010 at St Peter's Basilica, Rome Mary MacKillop was Canonised. Pope Benedict XVI proclaimed Mary's sainthood. Over 8000 Australian and New Zealand pilgrims travelled Rome to witness Mary being recognised a saint, St Mary of the Cross MacKillop. Our own principal, Cate Fraser attended the canonisation in Rome.

Mary had love at the heart of all that she did. She truly lived out her message of "Never see a need without doing something about it". She was humble yet courageous, believing that God would provide what was needed. Mary's deep faith in God provided all she encountered with a source of God's love.

SEASON OF CREATION

The Season of Creation is an annual celebration of prayer and action to protect creation. Pope Francis has designated September 1st as the annual World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation. He hopes this day will be a time for individuals and communities to "reaffirm their personal vocation to be stewards of creation, to thank God for the wonderful handiwork which he has entrusted to our care, and to implore his help for the protection of creation as well as his pardon for the sins committed against the world in which we live."

The season begins September 1, the Day of Prayer for Creation, and runs through October 4, the Feast of St. Francis, who is the patron saint of ecology in many traditions. The theme of this year's celebration is "walking together." As brothers and sisters in Christ, we are on a pilgrimage to better care of creation.

Respond to the call of Laudato si' today

www.catholicearthcare.org.au

www.franciscans.org.au

A prayer for our earth
(from Laudato si')

*All-powerful God, you are present in the whole universe and in the smallest of your creatures.
You embrace with your tenderness all that exists.
Pour out upon us the power of your love, that we may protect life and beauty.
Fill us with peace, that we may live as brothers and sisters, harming no one.
O God of the poor, help us to rescue the abandoned and forgotten of this earth, so precious in your eyes.
Bring healing to our lives, that we may protect the world and not prey on it, that we may sow beauty, not pollution and destruction.
Touch the hearts of those who look only for gain at the expense of the poor and the earth.
Teach us to discover the worth of each thing, to be filled with awe and contemplation, to recognize that we are profoundly united with every creature as we journey towards your infinite light.
We thank you for being with us each day.
Encourage us, we pray, in our struggle for justice, love and peace.*

PLENARY 2020

Listen to what the Spirit is saying...
Together, we are on a journey of listening to God by listening to one another. All Australians are invited to engage in an open and inclusive process of listening, dialogue and discernment about the future of the Catholic Church in Australia.
Your voice is needed – join in! Speak boldly and with passion, listen with an open and humble heart. With faith and guided by God's Holy Spirit, we journey together, toward the future.

Check out the overview: Introducing Plenary Council 2020 — Lana Turvey-Collins, Plenary Council facilitator

<http://plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au/resources/watch/>

GRADE SIX T-SHIRTS

Thank you to the families who have sent in payment for their child's grade six t-shirt/s. Please send to the office \$10 per shirt.

SHIRE OF CAMPASPE VEOLIA WASTE PIONEERS PROGRAM

The Grade 5 & 6 class visited the Echuca Materials Recovery Facility on Tuesday, 28 August. They learnt so much about where our recycling, the importance benefits of recycling and reusing, and how they can reduce waste at home and at school.

Congratulations to Jackie Jones, Grace Barlow, Amber Clarke and Harper Francis who pitched their hanging garden design to the Veolia judges. The winning school's pitch will be announced shortly. Thanks to the Shire of Campaspe and Veolia for a great excursion and program.

P & F NEWS

Thank you to those who baked and helped out on our cake stall last Saturday. It was very successful and we sold out of everything. Our next fundraiser is the schools own designed tea towels and aprons. These orders need to be returned to school by Friday, 14 September

F/1/2 NEWS

LOST PROPERTY

In the F/1/2 area, there is a large collection of Lost Property. Please come and have a look to see if anything belongs to you!

VICTORIAN PREMIERS' READING CHALLENGE

The Premiers' Reading Challenge encourages children to read a set number of books and record their efforts online.

It's a great way to get young people talking about reading with their friends and pushing themselves to read as many books as they can.

The Challenge will conclude on this coming Friday, 7 September.

Could all book record forms please be returned by Thursday, 6 September to allow time for the book titles to be uploaded.

If you would like your child's name to be included in the online honour roll, please ensure that the permission form is returned to school by Thursday, 6 September. If you need another Honour Roll permission form, please see Mrs. Jamieson ASAP. Well done to those students who have completed the Challenge!

PICK MY PROJECT

Pick my project is a \$30M Victorian Government online community grants program that gives Victorians the opportunity to suggest project ideas within their communities. Colbinabbin has submitted a project for \$112,500.00 to have the Colbinabbin Silo's painted.

The title of the project is called; 'The Colbinabbin Silo Art trail'

In order for this project to be granted we require the communities support by attending online voting process.

Voting is now open – and will close on Monday 17th September 5pm.

Announcements of successful projects will be notified in October.

Any Victorian Resident age 16 years and over can vote.

If you want to vote for this project - Here's how you vote!

Step 1: Head to the Pick My project website: <https://pickmyproject.vic.gov.au/rounds/pick-my-project/ideas/the-colbinabbin-silo-art-trail>

Step 2: Register your details by following the prompts.

Step 3: Choose THREE projects that you want to vote for in Loddon area (including The Colbinabbin Silo Art Trail), all 3 projects are of equal value.

Step 4: Submit your vote with a mobile phone verification code- and you are all done.

If you would like more information and/or have trouble voting, please don't hesitate to contact Sadie Vale 0407548412



Willow Bertram
Marcos Bain
Grace Barlow

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

STUDENTS OF THE WEEK

Week 6/Term 3



F/1/2KJ: Ted Neyland
F/1/2TN: Torri Eagles
3/4KR: Riley Knight
5/6 LH Zahley Francis
PRINCIPAL AWARD Mitchell Cross

Week 7/Term 3



F/1/2KJ: Roy Gleeson
F/1/2TN: Eli Shelton & Elvie Wright
3/4KR: Charlie Gleeson
5/6 LH Imogen Robertson



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





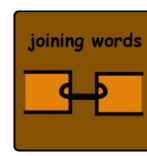
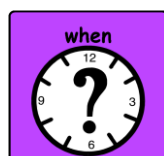
Term 3 Language genres/ communicating for different social purposes

Recount

Recounts are a way of retelling an important event or describing an experience. Rather than retelling every minor detail, it's important children can select the important information or events, and expand on these in an interesting manner.

7. Read with your child a variety of texts used to recount, including newspaper reports, letters, diaries, journals, retells, autobiographies, biographies etc. Have your child read texts and search for specific words that indicate:
- The orientation e.g. who, when, where, what, why, how
 - The time sequence e.g. yesterday, today, tomorrow, first, next, after that, lastly
 - Past events (time of content), e.g. A year ago, last night, horse and cart, telegram
 - The action, e.g. screamed, swam, chased

Your teacher will have access to these cue cards for you to print off and use to guide your child's language at home.





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