

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

Be true and generous

16.12.1900

VALUES OF THE WEEK

Peace, Justice & Honesty

Parenting our children through transition

"Four blind men went to the zoo and visited the elephant closure. One blind man touched its side and said, "The elephant is like a wall." The next blind man touched its trunk and said, "The elephant is like a snake". The next blind man touched legs and said, "The elephant is like a column." The last blind man touched its tail and said, "The elephant is like a broom."

Then the four men started to fight each other believing that his opinion was the right one. Each only understood the part he had touched, none of them understood the whole."

Author Soen-Sa

Maybe if we look at the story in the context of parenting we could say that is no easy task and just when we think we have a handle on our child's development the rhythm changes and we learn something new.

If we have a positive attitude towards our children, we will try to enjoy and understand their needs, moods and personal expression about who they perceive themselves to be, as they move from infancy to childhood –to adolescence to teenage-hood.

Transition is not always easy for the child; parents can overlook the fact that change is occurring and fail to make suitable adjustment to the level of relationship

they have with their child. Conflicts can occur, but many need not, if parents are aware of the 'new needs' in the life of their child. The following 'Beatitudes of Parents' is a great check list:

"Blessed are those parents who refuse to compare their child with other children, for precious is the rhythm of their child's growth.

Blessed are those parents who have learned to laugh for it is the music of the child's world.

Blessed are those parents who can say 'no' without anger, for comforting to the child is the security of the firm decision.

Blessed are those parents who trust their children with consistency for this makes children assured.

Blessed are those parents who accept the awkwardness of their growing child, letting the child grow at his or her speed.

Blessed are those parents who are teachable, for knowledge brings understanding and understanding brings love.

Blessed are those parents who love their children without reason, for love is the greatest of all gifts."

Author unknown

Holy Mary, Mother of God,

Pray for us parents during each day and at it end. Amen

Cate Fraser
PRINCIPAL





Mondays Breakfast Club

Thursdays Bluearth
(Runners to be worn)

20 Sep (Thu) Skipathon
Please return any sponsorship money ASAP

21 Sep (Fri) Footy Colours Day – Gold Coin Donation
Students & Staff can dress in their favourite sporting team's colours

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

8 Oct (Mon) Term 4 Resumes

10 Oct (Wed) Gr 3/4 Nillahcootie Camp Parent/Carer Info Session @3:00pm in 3/4 room

15 Oct (Mon) P&F Meeting
9:00am in the staff room

17 & 18 Oct (Wed & Thu) Life Ed Van School Visit

22 Oct (Mon) Parent Faith Info Session for Reconciliation
More info to follow

24 to 26 Oct (Wed to Fri) Gr 3/4 Nillahcootie Camp

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

5 Nov (Mon) Report Writing Day
PUPIL FREE DAY

6 Nov (Tue) Melbourne Cup Day Public Holiday
PUPIL FREE DAY

23 Nov (Fri) School Fete (Save the Date)
More info to follow

27 Nov (Tue) Fr Rob Galea visit

GARDENING



September Families

G & S Francis
K & J Jones
L & K Ackroyd

October Families

K & M Barlow
S & C Gleeson
J & M Wright
R Ralph and J Gleeson

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

LOST PROPERTY (FROM SWIMMING)

We have had a parent hand in 2 rashies that don't belong to their child and they are missing theirs. Can you please double check your child's bag for items that don't belong to you and return to Peta or Georgia in the office thanks.

THANKYOU

Thanks you to Mrs Prue Barlow and Mr Ahmed Al-Hameli who have both shared their teaching skills with our students over the past 2-3 weeks while on teaching practicum.

We also thank Ms Grace Bannon for her time in our 5/6 classroom while Mrs Hitchcock has been on LSL and Mrs Chris Fredricksen for her time in the Science/Maths and Italian/support groups while Mrs Ryan and Mrs Deane were on LSL.

Thank you to our teachers who have worked with your children to improve their learning outcomes during the term. Thanks to our parents and carers for supporting your children and the staff throughout the term. It has been a very busy term and the end is nigh.

SWIMMING

Our swimming program has concluded. From the school point of view, it was a very successful venture. We realise that the children were very tired from the 3-hour round trip with 45 mins of swimming in the middle and no doubt you as parent/carer would have witnessed the worst of it when your very tired child/ren came home at the end of the school day.

All students made progress with their learning outcomes in swimming and that was our main objective. If you have any feedback that you would like to provide on the swimming program at Aquamoves please email me with your thoughts.

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MASTER PLAN

Staff and Board have been working with Mr Peter Byrne of b3Architects on developing a Master Plan for St Mary's School. All schools in the Sandhurst diocese are expected to have a master plan which involves planning for future buildings or refurbishments on the current school site. Over the past week I have visited St Anne's College in Kialla and Our Lady's School in Wangaratta to gain some ideas for learning spaces in our buildings. Peter is very keen to make better use of the basement area and to include it in our learning space through the use of small amphitheatres and graded seating arrangements. Our initial thoughts / 3D sketches are on display in the staff room.

HOLIDAYS

After a very cold and dry winter I believe that our students and teachers are very ready for a break. We have been lucky not to have too many sick students or teachers throughout the term. I hope that you are all able to enjoy some spring weather over the next two weeks as well as some quality time with your children.

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. All parents/carers are welcome to come along. This was a really enjoyable event last year, and we hope to get everyone skipping again!

A sponsorship form was sent home two weeks ago. 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.

FOOTY COLOURS DAY FRIDAY, 21 SEPTEMBER

This Friday we invite our students to wear their favourite footy colours. With footy finals fever at high pitch it will be a great way to acknowledge the wonderful work our students and teachers have achieved over the past 10 weeks and to celebrate the end of term.

GRADE 3/4 NILLACOOTIE CAMP PARENT/CARER INFO SESSION WEDNESDAY, 10 OCTOBER

A parent/carer information session will be held in the 3/4 room on from 3:00pm in preparation for the Nillacootie Camp.

GRADE 3/4 NILLACOOTIE CAMP WEDNESDAY, 24 OCT TO FRIDAY, 26 OCT

An information sheet was sent home yesterday. Please log onto PAM and to give permission and clarify that all medical and emergency contacts are up-to-date thanks.



Pippa Lockwood
Lailah Francis

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



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

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Opening Hours:

Monday to Friday
9am – 5pm

Pathology Clinic:

Wednesdays 9am - 11.30am

Psychologist:

Rachael Masiboy
Every second Monday

Pap Nurse Provider:

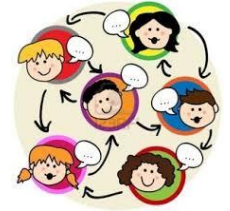
Nicole Brereton, Monthly

'Achieving a healthy community is our Mission'



Children's Chatter Matters!

Language Learning activities to have a go at home.

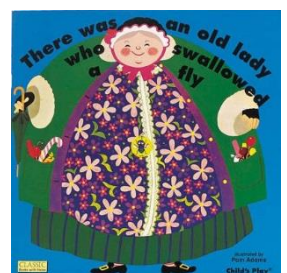
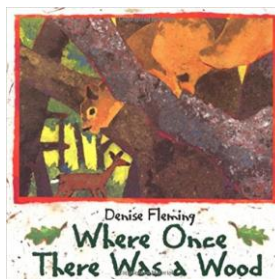
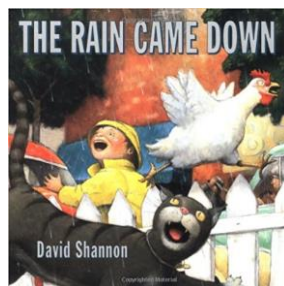
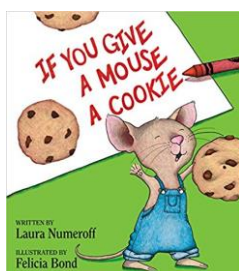
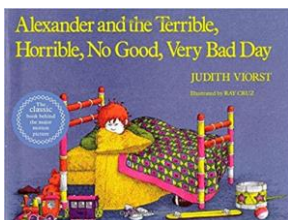


Term 3 Language genres/ communicating for different social purposes

Writing to explain/ Report writing

7. In reading and writing, understanding cause and effect can help your child learn to read more critically and to write stories with captivating plots and fascinating characters. Some fabulous books you can read with your child to help them develop a deeper understanding of cause and effect include:

- Alexander and the Terrible, Horrible, No Good, Very Bad Day by Judith Viorst
- If you give a mouse a cookie by Laura Numeroff
- The Rain Came Down by David Shannon
- Where Once there was a Wood by Denise Fleming
- There was an old lady who swallowed a fly by Pam Adamz
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The Importance of Dads

Echuca



In this 2 hour session for Dad's of children 0 - 10 we will:

- Explore the unique role of Dad's in their child's development.
- Consider the benefits of play.
- Learn how Dads can maximise their child's social, emotional and academic growth.

Term 4, 2018

When: Wednesday 17th October 2018

Time: Dinner provided: 6.00pm - 6.30pm
Session 6.30pm - 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.



For bookings and enquiries contact school reception on Ph: 5482 1342



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Welcome to the 2018/19 Tennis Season.

Meet, Greet & Registration Night

Wednesday 19th September 5pm at Ironbark Stadium

We will once again be running junior competition tennis through the Kyabram District Tennis Association on Saturday mornings plus holding a 6 week Hotshots program commencing in Term 4 at Ironbark stadium.

Memberships Available

- Junior Playing Member (16 & Under) \$80
- Senior Club Member \$30
- Junior Club Member \$20
- Hotshots 6 week program \$30

All membership now available online or registration can take place on the night

<https://my.tennis.com.au/OnlineMembership/709493>

DAVID STARLING COACHING CLINIC



Sunday 23rd September (2 groups) Starting at 9:30am.

\$20 per person at Ironbark Stadium

Registration & club membership must be paid before players can participate in the coaching clinic. Names & Money to Amy Francis or Jo Miller by Friday 21st September

New Tennis Playing Uniform

We will be taking orders for our Junior members to purchase our new club playing uniform.

Thanks to sponsorship from the Rushworth Bendigo Bank we will be able to offer the shirts at a reduced fee of \$25 per shirt for this year only. Orders will be taken & money will be collected at our Meet, Greet & Registration night Wednesday 19th & The Coaching Clinic on Sunday 23rd September or before by contacting Jo Miller. Order will not be accepted after this date.



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