

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

Bear with and help one another

8.9.1881

VALUES OF THE WEEK

Respect & Responsibility

Making a difference in the lives of others

'We make a living by what we get, we make a life by what we give.'

Norman MacEwan.

This statement is about service, making a difference in the lives of other people by looking for ways to be of assistance without being asked to do so. Doing things for people out of care and not for reward is an enabling action and enhances the moral authority of the person responsible for the action.

The classic Christian story of service is that of the Good Samaritan. A man on a journey from Jerusalem to Jericho fell among robbers who beat him severely and took his possessions. A foreign man from Samaria, a Samaritan, came upon him, was moved with compassion, attended to his wounds, then mounted him onto his only donkey and took him to an inn. He stayed with the victim till the next day, paid for all expenses and told the innkeeper he would pay any additional expenses on his way home.

The Samaritan saw a need and showed

compassion; he engaged the injured man as a person rather than a problem, an opportunity rather than an announce and a hindrance to his own plans. Jesus told this story to a group of people and ended it saying, "Go and do likewise". Luke 10:34

We can be people of service by being aware of those in our lives: in our homes, in our neighborhood, in our school, in our parish and in our social network. We can provide opportunities and encouragement for our children to be active in service around the home and in the local community.

At school our students are encouraged to 'care for self', 'care for others', 'care for the environment', and 'care for their learning'.

Through MiniVinnies, Caritas and Catholic Missions they show care for those less fortunate than themselves.

From L Bourke, Prinscripts

Cate Fraser
PRINCIPAL





Mondays Breakfast Club

Thursdays Bluearth
(Runners to be worn)

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

18 Oct Scholastic Bookclub
(Thu) Orders due

22 Oct Parent Faith Info Session for Reconciliation
(Mon) 5/6 room @ 7pm.
Sports Socktober Day
Gold coin donation.

23 Oct Board Meeting
(Tue) Staff Room @ 7pm

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

24 Oct Parish BBQ tea @ Presbytery
(Wed) Yr 6-8 students 6pm to 7:30pm

29 Oct Life Relationships Family Info Night (Gr 5/6)
(Mon) Grade 5/6 room@7pm

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

5 Nov Report Writing Day
(Mon) PUPIL FREE DAY

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

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

27 Nov Fr Rob Galea visit
(Tue)

GARDENING



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.

THANK YOU

Thank you to the Lockwood family who looked after the chooks and watered the garden over the

CONGRATULATIONS:

Miss Katie Rasmussen on her teaching appointment to St Patrick's School, Tongala to commence in 2019.

Miss Grace Wachter on her new Graduate position at Royal Children's Hospital, Flemington to commence in January 2019.

NAPLAN

NAPLAN results will be sent home this week. If you still want to discuss the outcomes with your child's teacher you can make a time to do this.

LIFE EDUCATION

This week the Life Ed Van will be at St Mary's. There is a parent session at 9.00am on Wednesday October 17 if you would like to learn about their mission "Empowering our children and young people to make safer and healthier choices through education. Classes will be held on Wednesday and Thursday with F/1/2 classes learning about 'Safety Rules", grade 3/4 "Cyber safety" and grade 5/6 "Decisions".

PRAYER AND SCRIPTURE

This Thursday our teachers will celebrate with Kylie Smith and Lisa Hitchcock following a process of researching, reviewing and evaluating our prayer and scripture practice at St Mary's. Thanks to Mrs Hitchcock for sharing her Action Research Project and working with us over the past term.

SCHOLASTIC BOOKCLUB

Could all orders and payment for issue 7 please be returned to school by Thursday, 18 October.

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. Many thanks

LEAVE

Mrs Kerry Morse will be away next week from Monday to Friday.

SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM – RECONCILIATION MONDAY, 22 OCT

There will be a Parent Faith Meeting for parents of children who will be preparing for the Sacrament of Reconciliation. This usually is the grade 3 students.

The children will prepare and celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation in 2018 and then continue with their preparation for the Sacraments of Confirmation and Eucharist in 2019. Next year the Sacrament of Confirmation and Communion will be celebrated on April 28 with the Church to be decided.

If you would like your child to be part of the Sacramental program please contact either Lisa Hitchcock or Cate Fraser.

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL BARBECUE WEDNESDAY, 24 OCTOBER

St Mary's Parish Pastoral Council have invited our current Grade 6 students as well as our past students in Year 7 and 8 to a BBQ tea at the Presbytery from 6pm to 7:30pm. The students involved will receive a personal invite via email.

GRADE 3/4 CAMP TO NILLAHCOOTIE WEDNESDAY 24 OCT – FRIDAY OCT 26

Our grade 3/4 students will attend their school outdoor education camp at Nillahcootie. A parent information session for the camp was held last Wednesday. Please ensure that you have completed your permission forms and updated your medical forms on PAM. This will be an exciting adventure for our grade 3/4 students/

SCHOOL DISCO WEDNESDAY, 31 OCT

The P&F are holding a Halloween theme disco at the school hall from 4pm to 6:30pm.

Cost is \$10 per child which includes Lolly Bag Sausage & drink.

All primary students are welcome. Any child under 5 must have a parent stay.

CATHOLIC MISSION

October is the World Mission Month! Catholic Mission is the international mission agency of the Catholic Church in Australia. Compelled by the message, life and love of Jesus Christ, Catholic Mission forms Australians for mission and raises funds for mission—in Australia and around the world.

'You are Mission' is a message for all of us. As Pope Francis writes in his World Mission Day message this year, **'Every man and woman is a mission; that is the reason for our life on this earth'.**

This October the Catholic Identity Team will be raising awareness of issues that affect communities around the world and to fundraise to support the work of Catholic Missions. There will be a Sports Socktober day, on Monday 22 October, when students can wear their favourite sports socks to school and participate in some sporting activities.

Please send a gold coin donation if able.

All Souls Day F/1/2TP are planning a prayer service for All Souls day on Friday 2 November at 2:30pm. All are welcome to attend in the library.

PLENARY 2020

Listen to what the Spirit is saying...

At St Mary's we are hoping to include many of our faith community as be a part of Plenary 2020. 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. There will be opportunities in the near future to give your voice, attention and discernment to the process.

Please check out the overview to understand more about Plenary

2020: Introducing Plenary Council 2020 — Lana Turvey-Collins, Plenary Council facilitator

<http://plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au/resources/wat ch/>

STUDENTS OF THE WEEK

Week 1/ Term 4



F/1/2KJ: Willow Bertram

F/1/2TN: Lily Klinkert

3/4KR: Stephan Sutton

5/6 LH Jackie Jones



Oliver Walker

Imogen Robertson

Gerry

*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.**

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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'



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.



TRADE DAY/INDOOR MARKET

'Friends of Hostel'

In support of Waranga Aged Care

Date: Friday 2nd Nov

Time: 9.00am - 4.00pm

Location: Stanhope Community Hall

Come along and browse all our different variety of stalls, and enter some great raffles to be won. Morning, afternoon tea and also lunch will be available on the day.

For more information contact Vicki on
0408572333

Children's Chatter Matters!



Language Learning activities to have a go at home.

Ten activities will be provided during term 4 focusing on pragmatic language skills. Pragmatics refers to the social use of language and includes what we say, how we say it, our body language and whether it is appropriate to the situation.

1. It is crucial that your child has a solid perception of themselves. This self-awareness is a pre-requisite skill for well-developed social skills. Ask your child about the following information:

- Likes and dislikes
- Immediate and extended family, specifically relationships and what they mean
- Friends
- School life
- Other groups they belong to
- What they find easy and what they find difficult i.e. strengths and challenges

You might like to make an 'About me' book with your child. The Ipad app Book Creator would be ideal for this activity.





RUSHWORTH SPRING GARDENS OPEN GARDEN DAY

SATURDAY 20 OCTOBER 2018

10AM-4PM

CELEBRATE THE SPRING SEASON AND EXPLORE A
VARIETY OF INSPIRING OPEN GARDENS
AROUND THE RUSHWORTH DISTRICT

\$15 ADULT \$10 CONCESSION UNDER 16 FREE

BUY YOUR GARDEN PASS ON THE DAY FROM HIGH STREET

ENJOY ARTISTS AND MUSICIANS IN THE GARDENS

FIND US ON FACEBOOK

SPRING GARDENS EXPO, VILLAGE GREEN, SATURDAY 27 OCTOBER, 9AM-1PM



Steps in Faith Reconciliation Preparation ~ 2018			
Date and Time	Event	Facilitator	Place
Monday October 22 nd @ 7.00pm	Parent Faith Info night on Reconciliation	Lisa Hitchcock	St Mary's School
Saturday/Sunday October 27 th -28 th	Registration for the Sacraments ~ Parents and candidates attend Mass at their chosen mass centre to present their Registration to the celebrating priest		Mass Centre within our Parish Rushworth, Stanhope, Murchison or Cornella
Week beginning Monday October 29 th	Week 1 ~ LOVING	Parent & child group	TBA
Week beginning Monday November 5 th	Week 2 ~ CHOOSING	Parent & child group	TBA
Week beginning Monday November 12 th	Break in program	Revise the first two chapters	
Week beginning Monday November 19 th	Week 3 ~ FORGIVING	Parent & child group	TBA
Week beginning Monday November 26 th	Week 4 ~ CELEBRATING	Parent & child group	TBA
THE SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION WILL BE CELEBRATED DURING ADVENT			
THE SACRAMENTS OF CONFIRMATION AND FIRST COMMUNION WILL BE CELEBRATED ON SUNDAY APRIL 28 TH AT 10.00AM. CHURCH CENTRE TO BE DETERMINED			

Each candidate and their family are asked to attend Mass on the weekend October 27 & 28 to present their Sacrament Registration.

Some reminders:

1. → Remember to sit beside your child when at the meeting and encourage him/her to discuss the questions.
2. → Arrange a prayer focus for each meeting eg. cloth, candle, bible, symbols.
3. → Read the chapter for the week before the meeting and be prepared, bringing any items suggested.
4. → This is your special time with your child. You are your child's first faith educator.
5. → Revise the chapter with your child during the week before the next meeting.
6. → Make sure that you enjoy the time meeting other families on the same faith journey.