

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

Let us really love one another

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VALUES OF THE WEEK

Respect & Responsibility

SPIRITUALITY

Sit down and relax and enjoy this piece of poetic expression by Denise Lovetov. It's called "The Thread".

Read it slowly.

"Something is very gently,
invisibly, silently,
pulling at me – a thread
or net of threads
finer than cobweb and as elastic.

Not fear, but a stirring
of wonder makes me
catch my breath when I feel
the tug of it,
when I thought it had loosened itself
and gone."

Poets have the ability to call us beyond where we are
and to expose us to more subtle aspects of life.
Probably, we have all had the experience when the busy
rush of life falls away and we find ourselves in a pocket of
calm and momentarily in touch with our spirituality.
Perhaps the poet's "thread" is the weave of God's spirit
throughout our life.

Are our busy hands every stilled in prayer? Do we ever
take notice of the tug from the spirituality element
within us? Oscar Romero stated "Life is not about
having more but in being more"

Elizabeth Kubler-Ross supports this idea using a different
image when she writes. "People are like stained –glass
windows. They sparkle and shine when the sun is out,
but when the darkness sets in, their true beauty is
revealed only if there is a light from within".

St Paul reminds us that the cultivation of the Spirit within
us has many benefits for us as individuals and as
Christian people influencing our community. "But the
spirit produces love, joy, peace, patience, kindness,
goodness, faithfulness, humility and self-control: --
Galatians 5:22

FR JOSEPH'S RETURN

I received an email from Fr Joseph over the weekend to
say that his visa has been granted and that he will be
flying back to Australia in the first week of November and
that he should be in Rushworth next weekend,
November 3-4. This is wonderful news as Fr Joseph has
been gone from Rushworth for 5 months. I thank Bishop
Les and the priests from Bendigo who have been very
generous with their time and celebrated Mass in our
parish each weekend.

Cate Fraser
PRINCIPAL





Mondays Breakfast Club

Thursdays Bluearth
(Runners to be worn)

31 Oct Halloween Disco (School hall)
4:00 – 6:30pm

2 Nov All Souls Day Mass
10am @ St Mary's Church

5 Nov PUPIL FREE DAY
Report writing

6 Nov PUPIL FREE DAY
Melbourne Cup Day

22 Nov Grade 6 Retreat
More info to follow

23 Nov School Fete
More info to follow

27 Nov Fr Rob Galea visit
(Tue)

5 Dec School Concert
6.30pm @ school hall

7 Dec PUPIL FREE DAY
Staff Spirituality Day

GARDENING



November Families

A & P Francis
E & J Shelton
D & T Walker
E Lockwood

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



56 Sleeps till Christmas

SCHOOL FEES & FEE RELIEF

School fee accounts (Statements) were sent home 2 weeks ago. School fee accounts need to be finalised by **Friday, 7 December 2018**. Please contact Mrs Fraser to discuss further.

School fee relief is available to assist families to pay fees. Please make an appointment with Mrs Fraser to discuss this further. School fees can be paid in instalments or via Centrepay.

BOARD

The School Board meeting was cancelled last week due to 7 apologies. The Board will need to meet before the end of the school year. I am suggesting that we meet on Monday November 12th at 7.00pm. Could all Board members please note this date on their calendar

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

There was a great response to the parent session in the Life Ed Van. All students were made aware of safe and healthy life choices during their sessions. The student have booklets to complete which reinforces the message that was passed on in the van.

PRAYER AND SACRED SPACE

Our celebration for the prayer and sacred space action research project has been postponed until November 22. Tonight Mrs Hitchcock will lead us further in professional reading and discussion around prayer and sacred space.

LONG SERVICE LEAVE:

Miss Katie Rasmussen will take LSL from Monday October 29 until November 16. We hope Miss Rasmussen enjoys her well-earned leave. Miss Grace Bannon will replace Miss Ras in 3/4.

Grace Wachter is on her final placement from Wednesday October 31 until Wednesday November 28th. Shanae Baldwin will replace Grace each Wednesday.

PROFESSIONAL LEARNING

Wednesday October 31-Complispace Shepparton – Peta and Mrs Fraser

Thursday November 1 – VCCA Naplan analysis 4pm – 6pm -Mrs Hitchcock– Shepparton

GRADE SIX GRADUATION PHOTOS

Could families of the Grade Six students send in photos to be included in the Grade Six Graduation Reflection. This can be emailed or scanned at school.

HALLOWEEN DISCO WEDNESDAY, 31 OCT

The P&F are holding a Halloween themed disco at the school hall from 4:00pm to 6:30pm.

Cost is \$10 per child which includes a lolly Bag, sausage in bread and a drink.

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

ALL SAINTS & ALL SOULS DAY THURSDAY, 1 NOV

We remember those people, who through the way they lived, made a difference to others and to the world. In their lives these special people tried to be the hands and feet, the eyes and ears and the face of Christ to everyone they met.

ALL SOULS DAY MASS FRIDAY, 2 NOV

Fr Dean will celebrate All Souls Day Mass at 10:00am in the church. Mrs Parry and her class have prepared the Mass for this day.

On All Souls Day we especially remember all those whom we have loved and have died. Through Jesus' death and Resurrection, we believe that we can be with God forever, and our faith brings us comfort when we are sad and filled with grief.

PUPIL FREE DAYS

MONDAY 5 & TUES 6, NOVEMBER

Teachers will have a report writing day and they will commence the process of analysing data and mapping student outcomes/progress. This is a pupil free day.

The following day November 6th is Melbourne Cup Holiday so you will enjoy a 4 day weekend with your child/ren.

CHANGES:

Please note: Friday December 7 has already been advertised as a pupil free day. Staff will now be attending a Staff Spirituality day in Moama from Thursday evening until Friday afternoon. Kylie Smith will facilitate the retreat which will greatly benefit our staff at the end of a very productive year. The 2019 planning day will now be held on Monday December 10th which will also be a pupil free day. Please note this day on your calendar.

Students finish school on Wednesday December 19th at 3.20pm. Teachers will have a further planning, filing and swapping day on Thursday December 20th. Staff finish school on Friday December 21.

END OF YEAR CONCERT

The end of the year has been advertised for Thursday December 6th. Due to the Staff spirituality session our concert will change to the **Wednesday December 5th at 6.30pm.** We apologise for the change of date –it is due to the availability of outside facilitators.

SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM - RECONCILIATION

The Steps in Faith, Parish based, Sacramental preparation program for Reconciliation will begin this week. This program is for students in grade three or higher who have been Baptised. If you would like your child/ren to participate please contact Mrs Fraser or Mrs Hitchcock to discuss. If you know of other families who have children who would like to participate please pass on this information. The Reconciliation Sacramental Program Timeline is with the newsletter. If you have any questions please contact Mrs Fraser or Mrs Hitchcock.

CATHOLIC MISSION

'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'.***

The Catholic Identity Team did a great job running the Sports Socktober day last Monday. Students wore their favourite sports socks to school and participated in some fun sporting activities. Thanks to all those who were able to contribute.



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 contact Mrs Hitchcock if you would like to participate.

Thank you

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/watch/>

FETE DONATIONS "MYSTERY BOTTLES"

For our upcoming fete, could all families please donate a "bottle" of something towards our Mystery Bottle game. This could be something along the lines of wine, vinegar, sauce, perfume, lollies, soft drink, cordial (anything that comes in a bottle/jar). You can drop this off at the school office. All donations gratefully received.



"PRODUCE, ETC"

We are seeking donations of sauce, produce, cakes and plants, etc. for our stalls. These can be dropped off at the school.

SPINNING WHEEL

The P&F will be leaving baskets outside the classrooms for spinning wheel donations. These can be household items, bric-a-brac & non-perishable items.

PARISH BBQ

Thank you to all those who attended last week's Parish BBQ. It was a great chance to catch up with all the students from years 6,7 and 8. Thanks to the Parish Councillors for providing this opportunity for our present and past students.





Kaitlyn Garvey
 Torri Eagles
 JJ Robertson
 Amelia Ackroyd
 Tyler Olney
 Tayla Laurie
 Kate
 Simon
 Georgia

Wishing a Happy Birthday to everyone celebrating a birthday in the coming weeks.

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 Week 2/ Term 4



F/1/2KJ: William Ogden

F/1/2TN: Hailey Newman & Amelia Ackroyd

3/4KR: Ava Cruz

5/6 LH Isobel Ralph

PRINCIPAL'S AWARDS Leigh Crabtree
 & Amber Clarke

Week 3/Term 4



F/1/2KJ Ruby Griffen

F/1/2TN Kylan Byrne & Evie Jones

5/6LH Kaleb McIlroy & Ella Johnston



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.



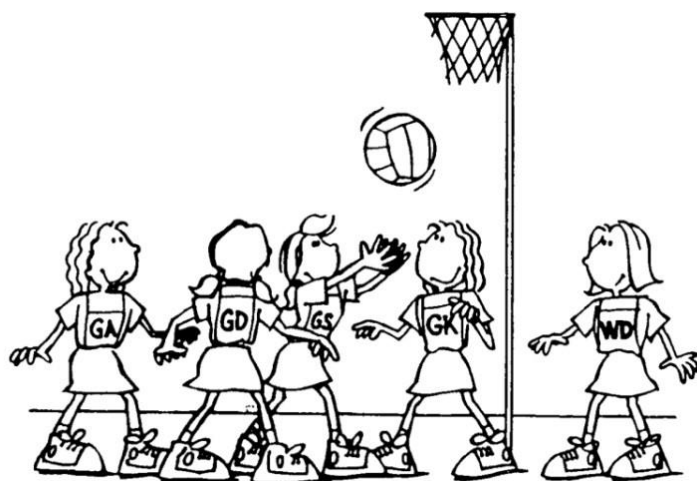
JUNIOR FOOTBALL CLUB

Annual General Meeting

Date: Friday 2nd November

Time: 7.30pm

Venue: Stanhope FNC Clubrooms
ALL WELCOME



In 2019 AFL Goulburn Murray will commence a development program for young netballers from across the region.

The Junior Netball Academy is an elite netball development program, an initiative from AFL Goulburn Murray to assist in the development of players from across the region.

In 2019 a netball program will be run for 12 and 13 year old players who will receive a specialist 12 week program.

The Academy Program consists of training sessions that will incorporate training, skill development, game sense, recovery, strength and conditioning, as well as educational sessions to develop these young players to achieve and be prepared for a higher level of Netball. The netballers will trail and be selected for their age group.

Should you have any queries please do not hesitate to contact myself or Melissa Wells on 5823 9800 or email: peita.sleeth@afl.com.au

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.

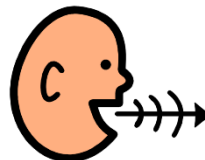
2. Encourage good listening this week by reminding your child to show you the 5 L's for listening;

- Eyes for looking
- Lips locked
- Ears for listening
- Hands in laps (or as appropriate)
- Legs still



In addition, encourage good speaking skills this week;

- Inside or outside voice
- Facing listener
- Speech rate - not too fast but not too slow
- Make your voice sound interesting



Steps in Faith Reconciliation Preparation ~ 2018

Date and Time	Event	Facilitator	Place
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, 28 APRIL AT 10.00AM. (CHURCH CENTRE TO BE DETERMINED)			

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 ie. 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.