

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

Never correct when you are angry

9.3.1890

VALUES OF THE WEEK

Understanding and Inclusion

ONE HUNDRED YEARS SINCE FIRST WORLD WAR ENDED
At 11 am on 11 November 1918 the guns on the Western Front fell silent after more than four years of continuous warfare. The allied armies had driven the German invaders back, having inflicted heavy defeats upon them over the preceding four months. In November the Germans called for an armistice (suspension of fighting) in order to secure a peace settlement. They accepted allied terms that amounted to unconditional surrender.

The 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month attained a special significance in the post-war years. The moment when hostilities ceased on the Western Front became universally associated with the remembrance of those who had died in the war. This first modern world conflict had brought about the mobilisation of over 70 million people and left between 9 and 13 million dead, perhaps as many as one-third of them with no known grave. The allied nations chose this day and time for the commemoration of their war dead.

Australians observe one minute of silence at 11 am on 11 November each year to remember those who died or suffered for Australia's cause in all wars and armed conflicts.

Thank you to those families and students who were able to represent St Mary's School at the Rushworth Remembrance Day ceremony on Sunday.

In art over the last week our students have created poppies and depicted images of soldiers at war. This display is in our art room.



Everything has its Time

Ecclesiastes 3:1-15

For everything there is a season, and a time for every matter under heaven:

*A time to be born, and a time to die;
A time to plant, and a time to pluck up what is planted;
A time to kill, and a time to heal;
A time to break down, and a time to build up;
A time to weep, and a time to laugh;
A time to mourn, and a time to dance;
A time to throw away stones, and a time to gather stones together;
A time to embrace, and a time to refrain from embracing;
A time to seek, and a time to lose;
A time to keep, and a time to throw away;
A time to tear, and a time to sew;
A time to keep silence, and a time to speak;
A time to love, and a time to hate;
A time for war, and a time for peace.*

Cate Fraser
PRINCIPAL





Mondays	<u>Breakfast Club</u>
Thursdays	<u>Bluearth</u> (Runners to be worn)
20 Nov (Tue)	<u>Scholastic book orders due</u> Please return orders by this date
22 Nov (Thu)	<u>Year 6 Retreat</u> St Mary's school hall
23 Nov (Fri)	<u>School Twilight Fete</u> 4:00pm to 7:30pm
27 Nov (Tue)	<u>Fr Rob Galea visit</u>
30 Nov (Fri)	<u>Caritas Just Leadership Day</u> Selected Yr 5 students only
5 Dec (Wed)	<u>Whole School Concert</u> @ 6.30pm school hall
7 Dec (Fri)	<u>PUPIL FREE DAY</u> Staff Spirituality Day
10 Dec (Mon)	<u>PUPIL FREE DAY</u> Staff Planning Day 2019
11 Dec (Tue)	<u>Statewide Transition Day</u> All students to attend their chosen school for 2019
14 Dec (Fri)	<u>End of Year Mass & BBQ</u> 5:30pm @ St Mary's Church, then BBQ
16 Dec (Sun)	<u>Rushworth Community Christmas Carols</u>
17 Dec (Mon)	<u>Swimming Carnival (Stanhope)</u> Whole school excursion
18 Dec (Tue)	<u>Kris Kringle</u> Present to the value of \$5.00 each
19 Dec (Wed)	<u>Last day of term</u> Students finishes @ 3:20pm
20-21 Dec (Thu-Fri)	<u>Staff Planning Days</u>

42 Sleeps till Christmas



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.

SYMPATHY

Our school community offers our deepest sympathy to Vicki, Renae, Nathan and Shantelle Batt on the death of their dearly loved partner and uncle, Darren Bishop. Darren's funeral will be held on Wednesday, 14 November at 1:00pm at Valley Funerals in Tatura.

BOARD

At the Board meeting last night the following items were discussed:

School fees for 2019 were set;
Classes for 2019;
Staffing 2019;

Master plan and the proposal to refurbish the classrooms on northern side. (These drawings are displayed in the staff room.); and
Swimming program.

TRANSITION DAY AT RUSHWORTH P-12 COLLEGE

Today some of our grade 6 students attended Rushworth P-12 College for a full day transition day.

PROFESSIONAL LEARNING

Wednesday, 14 Nov – Religious Education Coordinators network, Mrs Hitchcock (Mrs Fredricksen 5/6LH)

Thursday, 15 Nov – Aboriginal network, Mrs Parry (Mrs Fredricksen F/1/2TP)

End of Year Payroll Workshop, Georgia and Peta
Principal Meeting/Dinner, Shepparton, Mrs Fraser
Friday Nov 16 – Director's Briefing, Shepparton, Mrs Fraser

Monday, 19 Nov – Languages, Italian, Mrs Ryan
Please see Mrs Jamieson or Mrs Hitchcock if you have any concerns on Thursday and Friday

VISITORS TO ST MARY'S

Over the next two weeks we welcome the following Catholic Education Office staff to St Mary's and thank them for sharing their expertise with us:

Sue Carroll, Pauline Fisher, Steve Hicks, Carly Hill, Bernadette Shiels, Michelle Sanders and Kylie Smith.

SWIMMING PROGRAM RESPONSE

The swimming program was held between September 10 and 14 at Aquamoves in Shepparton.

The teachers reported that the students showed improvement in their swimming ability. It was a big week and students and staff were very tired. If you

have any comment about the 2018 swimming program that you would like to share please e-mail to principal@smrushworth.catholic.edu.au. We value your opinion.

GRADE SIX GRADUATION PHOTOS

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

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 PRIZES

The P&F will be leaving a basket outside each classroom for spinning wheel donations. These can be household items & non-perishable items.



YEAR 6 RETREAT THURSDAY, 22 NOVEMBER

Our grade 6 students will be very privileged to experience a student retreat facilitated by Ms Kylie Smith. Our Grade 6 students will experience another reflection day. The students will recap on the first term reflection day and look at the goals that they set.

Our Graduate Outcomes will form part of the discussion and reflection. Mrs Hitchcock and Ms Kylie Smith will facilitate the session in the school hall. Mrs Fraser will teach Grade 5 on this day.

ST MARY'S GRADUATE OUTCOMES:

Our school community strives to ensure, that after seven years at St Mary's School, our students will:

- Have a relationship with God.
- Be inspired by Mary MacKillop.
- Have confidence, resilience and enthusiasm for living and learning.
- Live an active and healthy lifestyle.
- Be filled with faith and hope for the future.
- Have a respect for life, self, others and the environment.

SCHOOL TWILIGHT FETE FRIDAY, 23 NOVEMBER 4:00PM to 7:30PM

Our Parents and Friends committee have been working together to organise our Twilight fete. You have now received a duty roster which was sent home last Friday. This roster will also be posted on PAM. If you are unable to do your time could you change with someone else or let the school know please.

I encourage all parents and carers to support the school fete which is our biggest fundraiser. The money raised goes towards educational resources for your children's education. At St Mary's our students are fortunate to have access to the latest IT devices, Maths and English programs and Blueearth/physical education and swimming programs.

FR ROB GALEA VISIT TUESDAY, 27 NOVEMBER

Fr Rob Galea will be visiting our school to work with students.



**CARITAS JUST LEADERSHIP DAY
FRIDAY, 30 NOVEMBER**

Four Yr 5 students will travel to St Mary's School, Mooroopna with Mrs Fraser to participate in a Just Leadership Day.

This day will encourage the students to actively lead the fundraising for Caritas in 2019.

**END OF YEAR CONCERT
WEDNESDAY, 5 DECEMBER @ 6:30PM**

Students have been practising and preparing for an end of year concert for family and friends. This will be held in the school hall, starting at 6:30pm. Hope to see everyone there.

**PUPIL FREE DAY
(STAFF SPIRITUALITY RETREAT)
FRIDAY, 7 DECEMBER**
This is a pupil free day.

**PUPIL FREE DAY
(STAFF PLANNING DAY 2019)
MONDAY, 10 DECEMBER**

This is a pupil free day.

All staff will have the opportunity to plan for 2019.

CEO staff will support us on that day to map our curriculum for 2019.

**END OF YEAR MASS & BBQ
FRIDAY, 14 DECEMBER @ 5:30PM**

A celebration of the end of the school year and in particular the end of 7 years of primary school for our grade 6 students will be held in St Mary's Church, followed by a BBQ in the school grounds which will conclude at 7.30pm. Families are asked to bring a salad to share please.

BYO drinks.

Sausage in bread: \$2 each
Hamburger in bread (\$3 each)
Plate of salads (\$5)
Plate of 2x meats and salads (\$7)

**SWIMMING CARNIVAL, STANHOPE
MONDAY, 17 DECEMBER**

The Swimming Carnival has traditionally been held at the Stanhope Pool. Permission/s via your PAM "app" will be issued next week. These will need to be validated via the app.

**KRIS KRINGLE
TUESDAY 18 DECEMBER**

All students will be allocated a KK person from their class. Please purchase a gift to the value of \$5. Students will then exchange their gifts on this date.



F/1/2KJ & F/1/2TN

Over the past few weeks, the F/1/2 students have been very busy with lots of different learning experiences in class.

In English, we have been learning about the text structure of recounts and identifying important words to help describe our experiences within a recount text. This has helped the students to make their writing more interesting and has also helped in exploring how different words can be used to describe nouns, verbs and adjectives.

In Maths, we have been practicing number formation and data collection in Foundation and Grade One & Two students have been focusing on understanding strategies to support their problem solving with addition and also investigating data collection within Mathematics.

Our Cross Curriculum lessons have focused on investigating different forms of dance and drama and selecting a song to perform and dance to at the End of Year Concert. The students are thoroughly enjoying the practice and are excited to perform this in front of an audience. Costumes for each junior class are currently being discussed and will be shared once finalised.

Students have also participated in a range of different prayer experiences, including Christian Meditation, creating mandalas, using artwork in prayer and sharing their prayer intentions with the class.

Last Friday, students participated in a learning activity relating to Remembrance Day. They learnt about the meaning behind this commemorative day and why the poppies are an important part of Remembrance Day. Check out our excellent directed drawings of our poppies. These are on display in the windows near the junior classrooms.





F/1/2 classroom poppies.



Some more F/1/2 classroom poppies.

5/6LH

WICKED SUSTAINABILITY AWARDS

At St Mary's we have had a significant journey to becoming more environmentally aware and how we can live sustainably. This aligns with our Care for God's Creation, as a Catholic School we are responsible for taking care of the world we live in and for sharing the wonders and resource the earth gives us. The school community has established many initiatives with the guidance and support of our Chaplain Jennie Hayes and the enthusiasm of our students. We have many practices that support recycling, reusing and reducing our impact on our world.

St Mary's Grade 5 & 6 class entered their Nude Food Lunch Box Day project in the annual Shire of Campaspe Wicked Sustainability Awards. As part of the council's WICKED education program, the Shire of Campaspe encourage members of the community to enter by presenting the efforts they have made to minimise the impact we make on the environment. This year's theme, 'Reducing our environmental footprint' goes beyond just recycling.

The Nude Food Lunch Box Day was aimed a going beyond all the great recycling and reducing we do at school to try to reduce the amount of unnecessary waste we bring to school. This day was a great success with 98% of children bringing no wrappings, disposal items or plastic in their lunchboxes. The

absolutely great thing is many students have continued this practice. Gradually more and more students and families are becoming more aware of how to reduce the amount of waste they bring to school in their lunch boxes.

Our school was successful and won the school category! Congratulations to the Grade 5 & 6 class!!! We have won \$500 to go towards a biodiversity project at our school. The project will help us to understand our local area as well as our school, so we can identify what can be improved and how to respond to change.

It is important to know the indigenous plants and animals from our area. Supporting these species will make the greatest contribution to strengthening your local biodiversity and converse our environment. An audit will help us to understand our challenges and how we can make structural improvements as well as change behaviour to improve your biodiversity. We will use an audit to measure the biodiversity in our school grounds.

Students will help with the audit. Not only will this make the task easier, it will also develop their environmental literacy and give them practical and inspiring lessons. Getting many people involved in this process, will help embed sustainability into the minds and actions of people across the school and community. Please contact Mrs Hitchcock if you would like to be involved.



Jackie, Maddy, Ryley, Patrick & Mrs Hitchcock with Mayor Adrian Weston.

WASTE PIONEERS PROGRAM

Last week, Randy Mendenz from Veolia came to present the Grade 5 & 6 class with their trophy for participating in the Waste Pioneers Program. The trophy was made from reconstituted plastic bottle materials, which were used in a 3D printer to make the trophy. It's in the display cabinet if you'd like to check it out. The St Mary's Rushworth Case Study from Veolia is with the newsletter. Randy encouraged the students to keep up with all of their great work, especially to reuse the 1.25L plastic bottles. The students are creating a range of products, from the 1.25L plastic bottles, that they will sell at the school fete to raise money for our sustainability programs. If you have any 1.25L plastic bottles you would like to have be reused please send them to the Grade 5 & 6 classroom.



Grade 5/6 with Randy from Veolia.

REMEMBRANCE DAY

The Ode

*They shall not grow old, as we that are left grow old;
Age shall not wear them, nor the years condemn.
At the going down of the sun and in the morning
We will remember them.*

Sunday 11 November was Remembrance Day marking 100 years since the end of World War I in 1918. We remember all those who died in that war and all those who have died in wars and conflicts since then.

We are grateful for all that they sacrificed.
We pray for peace and freedom and that we may be peacemakers in our own lives.

Let us pray.

Loving God, you want us to be people of peace. We are grateful to those who have given their lives in times of war, and we ask that you help us to live in harmony, peace and unity. We make our prayer in Jesus' name.

Amen

*Remembrance Day is a day to recall.
The memories of those withdrawal.
Never forget.*

Or you might regret....

Not knowing at all.

Don't kick away the past at your feet.

Or History might repeat....

To repeat it will mean more pain.

It would drive everyone else insane.

May the poppies fly away.

And the soldiers rest in their grave.

We thank you all this day....

May you find peace in the haze.

We all gather around....

No one makes a sound....

As the flowers bloom....

We pray for you....

By IZZY

SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM

The Steps in Faith, Parish based, Sacramental preparation program for Reconciliation has begun with the candidates and their families meeting each week. Please pray for Ava Cruz, Makayla and Matilda Lockwood, Violet Newlands and their families as they prepare for their First Reconciliation. First Reconciliation will take place during the whole parish Reconciliation in December.

ADVENT

Advent is the season of new beginnings. A new liturgical year begins on the First Sunday of Advent and it beckons to us with images of transformation and hope. It is the season of the impossible becoming possible. In the scriptures we read of the dry, barren wilderness bursting into bloom; of broken hearts healing; of a barren woman and a young virgin both conceiving children. It is the season of longing and light. Week by week, candles are lit on the Advent wreath signifying our longing for the light of Christ, as the time of his birth draws near. Yet Advent heralds more than Christ's birth. It paves our way toward celebrating Christ as God-with-us, God in human flesh. This is a profound mystery at the heart of our faith, and it is the cause of our joy at Christmas.

ADVENT PRAYER SERVICES

Each class will prepare a prayer service for the week of Advent. These will be held each at 9:00am in the Grade 5 & 6 classroom.

Friday, 30 November (5/6 LH)

Thursday, 6 December (3/4 KR)

Friday, 14 December (F/1/2 KJ)

Tuesday, 18 December (F/1/2 TP)



Sofia Perry
Ms Walsh

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

Term 4/Week 4



F/1/2 KJ:

Sofia Perry & Leigh Crabtree

F/1/2 TN:

Billie Johnstone

3/4 KR:

Makayla Lockwood

5/6 LH

Isobel Ralph

PRINCIPAL'S

Torri Eagles

AWARD

Term 4/Week 5



F/1/2 KJ:

Desiree Swallow & Leigh Crabtree

F/1/2 TN:

Maddison Olney

3/4 KR:

Corey Robertson

5/6 LH

Ryley Crabtree & Kaleb McIlroy

PRINCIPAL'S

Emily McLean & Shantelle Batt

AWARDS

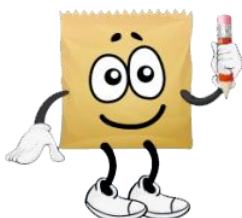


MONDAY LUNCH ORDERS

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.



Christmas Crackles

Preparation time: 10 minutes
Refrigerate: Until firm



Ingredients

200g Mars bars, chopped
2 tablespoons of pouring (thin) cream
2 teaspoons cocoa powder, sifted
3 cups Rice Bubbles
20 glacé cherries, Jaffas or small red Smarties



Method

1. Place 20 paper cases into cupcake tins.
2. Melt the Mars bars, cream and cocoa in a glass bowl over simmering water. The bowl should not touch water. Stir the mixture until smooth.
3. Put the Rice Bubbles in a separate large bowl, pour in the chocolate mixture and stir until well mixed.
4. Spoon the mixture into paper cases and top each one with a cherry, Jaffa or Smartie. Refrigerate until firm.

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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.

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.

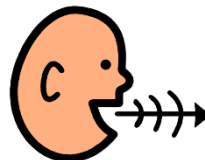
2. Encourage good listening this week by reminding your child to show you the 5 L's for listening;

- 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, 12 November	Break in program	Revise the first two chapters	
Week beginning Monday, 19 November	Week 3 – FORGIVING	Parent & child group	TBA
Week beginning Monday, 26 November	Week 4 - CELEBRATING	Parent & child group	TBA
THE SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION WILL BE CELEBRATED DURING ADVENT (TIME TBA)			
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.

LOVE  LOCAL



FRYERS STREET FOOD FESTIVAL

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5:00pm – 11:00pm

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Annual Fete

Chocolate Squares Jumping Castle

Face
Painting

Lollie Stall

Tattoos

Guess the
lollies

Plaster
Moulds

Cake Stall

CFA

BBQ Tea

Soft Drink, Water,
Tea, Coffee

Friday 23rd November

4pm - 7.30pm

At St Mary's Primary School, Rushworth



GO
Karts