

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

Have a pure heart and be faithful

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VALUES OF THE WEEK

Reverence & Awe

Many people will walk in and out of your life, but only true friends will leave footprints in your heart."

Eleanor Roosevelt

Hopefully, some of the most cherished footprints left in the hearts of children will be those of their parents. There is a natural intimacy between parents and children when unconditional love is interchanged. It is a birthright of children to have parents who are stable and who don't abandon them when the going gets tough. Parental love is essential for the development, even survival of children during their formative years; if it's not available, the negative effects can last long into adulthood. The bonds that are formed between parents and children are the essence of what is most human within children and give them the basic building blocks that structure their personalities. It is important that parents be actively involved with children at close range. It is vital not to be long distance parents either emotionally or physically and to show love not just through words but also through the positive actions of daily life.

Parenting has been likened to an artist's palette. Each parent makes a contribution to the palette from all the elements of their being: emotions, intellect, manner of expression, personal integrity, Christian values and all that goes to make up the rich tapestry that is each of their lives.

Their children come to that palette and according to their level of maturity, dip their brush of life onto the palette and begin to fill in their own image. The greater the riches and abundance that are on the palette, the more positive and balanced will be the images of the children and the richer their life will be as they mature towards their own adulthood.

From L Burke reflections.

"The most natural thing is family life. What keeps the family together, what nourishes the life of the family, is that surrender to each other; is that accepting of each other."

Mother Theresa

Cate Fraser
PRINCIPAL





Thursdays	<u>Bluearth</u> (Runners to be worn)
20 Feb (Wed)	<u>Foundation Rest Day</u>
22 Feb (Fri)	<u>Beginning of School Year Mass & BBQ</u> 5:30 @ church
27 Feb (Wed)	<u>Foundation Rest Day</u>
1 Mar (Fri)	<u>First Friday Mass</u> 10am @ church <u>Schools Clean Up</u> 11:35am
5 Mar (Tue)	<u>Shrove Tuesday</u> Pancake Day. Gold coin donation Student Residential Address Data Collection Due
11 Mar (Mon)	<u>Labour Day Public Holiday</u> PUPIL FREE DAY
14 Mar (Thu)	<u>Grade 6 Retreat</u>
25 Mar (Mon)	<u>P&F AGM</u> 9am in staffroom ALL WELCOME
1 & 2 Apr (Mon & Tue)	<u>Student Free Days</u> Staff PD Days
5 Apr (Fri)	<u>Last Day of Term 1</u> Students dismissed @ 2:20pm
20 Apr (Sat)	<u>Rushworth Easter Heritage Festival</u> Donations & Helpers Required

GARDENING



February Families

S & G Francis
V Armstrong
D & T Walker
B & J Simpson
K Bishop

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

FOUNDATION STUDENTS – WEDNESDAYS ONLY

Foundation students will have a rest day at home every Wednesday until after the long weekend in March. They will attend school full time on Wednesday, 13 March.

EXTRA FOOD

I have noticed, particularly on a Monday that many students don't have enough food. Please send something substantial (i.e. half a sandwich) for your child to eat at first break if they have a lunch order on a Monday. In some cases, students are saying that they don't like the filling in their sandwich. Check whether they like the filling that you are giving them. Also some students need a little bit more food. Thanks for your support in this matter.

ECSI SURVEYS

St Mary's School staff, and some students and parents will be participating in the "Enhancing Catholic School Identity" surveys over the next few weeks. This survey will gather information about the understanding of Catholic Identity in our school and the data will support and guide the future development of our Catholic Identity practice.

PROFESSIONAL LEARNING:

This year we have a few new teachers who will be covering our CRT. Mrs Amy Harrap from Murchison has connections with Rushworth and is married to Adam Harrap. Mrs Laura Timmins also from Murchison and is Amy Harraps sister. Ms Sue Solty is from Girgarre and has extensive teaching experience in many Melbourne schools. Tuesday and Wednesday Feb. 19 & 20- Leadership Gathering, Shepparton –Mrs Fraser
Wednesday Feb 20 – Diabetes in Schools – Bendigo – Peta & Mrs Morse

Thursday and Friday Feb 28 & March 1 - DP Network Shepparton –Mrs Jamieson –(Mrs Harrap & Ms Solty - 3/4)

Thursday Feb 28 – Dan Petro – Graduate and Early Career teachers – Miss Shanahan & Mrs Parry – (Mrs Morse F/1, Ms Solty 1/2)

BRAVEHEARTS/DITTO

Today our Foundation – grade 3 students participated in the Bravehearts Personal Safety Education program, “The Ditto Show”. The topics covered in this show were “yes & no feelings”, ‘the body’s warning signs”, “private parts” and “secrets what to do if you feel unsafe or unsure”. Thanks to Leanne and Fiona from CASA for a very professional presentation.

BEGINNING OF SCHOOL YEAR:

Friday February 22

We will celebrate the beginning of our school year with Mass and a BBQ. Our Mass will be celebrated by Fr Joseph in St Mary’s Church at 5.30pm and the BBQ will follow in the school grounds. Families are asked to bring a salad to share. The evening gathering will finish at 7.30pm. We invite all families to attend.

FIRST FRIDAY MASS

Friday Mar 1st

Mrs Parry's F/1 class are preparing our first Friday Mass in March at St Mary's Church at 10:00am. All are welcome to come along.

CLEAN UP AUSTRALIA DAY - SCHOOLS CLEAN UP DAY

Friday Mar 1st

Clean Up Australia inspires and empowers communities to clean up, fix up and conserve our environment. Clean Up Australia works nationally to empower communities, businesses, schools and youth groups to remove rubbish from our environment.

In 1989 an 'average Australian bloke' had a simple idea to make a difference in his own backyard - Sydney Harbour. This simple idea has now become the nation's largest community-based environmental event, Clean Up Australia Day.

It is hard to believe that this campaign began as the inspiration of one man, Australian builder and solo yachtsman, Ian Kiernan.

We will be having a clean up in and around our school at 11:35am, Everyone is welcome to help out and Clean Up Australia.



2019 STUDENT RESIDENTIAL ADDRESS & OTHER INFORMATION COLLECTION NOTICE

DUE TUESDAY, 5 MARCH

Please refer to the attached flyer regarding the 2019 Student Residential Address & Other Information Collection Notice. The purpose of this data collection helps ensure funding for non-government schools.

Please contact the school before 5 March 2019 if you feel your family details have changed.

If you have any queries, please contact Cate Fraser or the number listed on the back of the flyer.

GRADE SIX RETREAT

Thursday Mar 14th

This will have a focus on the school's Graduate Outcomes and how they will work this year to achieve these outcomes. The grade six students are very fortunate to have a retreat at the beginning of the year and the end of the year. The grade six students found their retreat incredibly valuable as they began their final year at primary school. We thank Kylie Smith from the Catholic Education Office Sandhurst for her work on the retreat for our grade six students.

RIDE2SCHOOL DAY

Friday Mar 22nd

National Ride2School Day is Australia’s biggest celebration of active travel and one of the best days in the school calendar. Students are encouraged to use active travel to get to school - walk, scoot or ride to school. There will be a healthy breakfast waiting for you to enjoy when you get to school! Using active travel each day will help children to achieve the recommended 60 minutes minimum physical activity.



P&F ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Monday Mar 25th

This will be held in the staffroom commencing at 9am. Everyone is welcome to attend.
Hope to see lots of new faces there.

P & F FUNDRAISING

This year the P&F have decided not to do a BBQ at the Easter market.

We will be running two raffles-Easter Hamper & Guess the lolly jar plus our cake stall.

We are asking for donations of Easter eggs and chocolates for our hamper.

We are also asking for helpers from 7am to 1pm on the day. Please select a time that suits and let Peta in the office know.

BOARD

Last night our Board and Staff met with Peter Byrne to discuss the Master plan and proposed building project. The plans will be on display outside the Office for your perusal. It has been approximately 10 years since any major refurbishments have been done at St Mary's so it will be good to upgrade our learning spaces to reflect current trends.

Going forward Peter will send some costings and we will write a submission for a Minor Capital Works Grant. If we are successful, the building works would begin in 2020.

GRADE SIX T-SHIRTS

The grade six t-shirts will once again be screen printed by Spectrum Screen Printing. Please send your child's school t-shirt (does not have to be a new school t-shirt) to school with \$10 payment by Friday, 22 February. Thank you

GRADE SIX LEADERSHIP DAY

On Wednesday 13 February, the grade six student from St Mary's School Rushworth travelled to St Mary's School Mooroopna for the Sandhurst GV Deanery Grade Six Leadership Day. Grade six students from all across the Goulburn Valley joined together for the day.

The speakers were very entertaining and inspiring.

They told us how to be good leaders, we are all leaders and to encourage others to leadership by sharing their inspiring stories about their leadership journey.

We would like to say thank you to Mrs Hitchcock and Laura Martin for taking us, and thank you to St Mary's School Mooroopna for organising such an awesome day for us all.

Thank you to Fablice Manirakiza for sharing your inspiring life story with us and to always have faith in yourself. Ms Kath Dillon, Deputy Director of Catholic Education Sandhurst, told us that we achieve more in a team and as a leader we will all make mistakes. However, she said it was important as a leader to be able to say sorry. We are grateful to Bianca Chatfield for telling us to never give up and give it our best. Finally, to Fr Rob for telling and encouraging us for to never let a big BUTT get in the way of doing something and to do it even if we are scared - because we can all be scared when trying something new or challenging. We had an AMAZING time!

*By Ella Johnstone and Ryley Crabtree St Mary's School
Media Leader*



Grade 6 students with Fr Rob

MRS BARLOW FIRST DAY OF TEACHING

After three years of working at St Mary's supporting students and teachers as an Education Support Officer, Mrs Prue Barlow had her first day of teaching ever! The grade three and four class were her first ever students and they loved having Mrs Barlow teacher them for the day. Congratulations Mrs Barlow, we look forward to many more days with you!

By Emily McLean, St Mary's School Media Leader

ANDREW CHINN VISITS ST MARY'S

On Thursday, 7 February, Andrew Chinn came to St Mary's for a day of music. St Joseph's Nagambie and St Patrick's Tongala joined us for workshops and a very entertaining concert at the end of the day. Andrew's songs, such as "These Hands", "Rainbow", "An African Blessing" and "Ubuntu" are used in classrooms and liturgies around Australia, New Zealand, USA and Canada. Andrew wrote our school song, "In the Footsteps of Jesus", in 2007. Families and parishioners joined us for the concert at the end of the day, as part of the celebration of faith and fun.

By Stephan Sutton, St Mary's School Media Leader



Andrew Chinn entertaining the students.

SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM

The Sacramental Program, Steps in Faith, is commencing this week. If you know of any families who may have children wanting to participate in the program please contact the school. The program timeline is with the newsletter.

Please pray for Violet Newlands, Makayla and Matilda Lockwood and their families as they prepare for Confirmation and First Eucharist. The Celebration of Confirmation & First Eucharist will be held at St Mary's Church, Rushworth on Sunday April 28th at 10.00am.

CARITAS: Project Compassion - Give LENT 100%

The theme for Project Compassion 2019 is based around hope and giving Lent 100% in the name of hope.

Hope is one of the three pillars of Christian virtue. The other two being faith and charity. It is a powerful force for good and often helps to transform lives. Hope helps us to face life's challenges and sustains us as we work alongside the most marginalised and vulnerable communities to achieve better lives. Based on God's love for all, hope enables us to rise above our fears and helps those in great need to shape a better future for their communities.

Caritas Australia believes that fundraising should be FUN! It's also an opportunity to raise awareness about important issues, and a chance for the community to take part in a social justice action. Everyone who contributes is empowered and able to stand in solidarity, with the communities we serve and those who benefit from our actions. Lives change when we all give 100%.

St Mary's will launch the 2019 Project Compassion on Shrove Tuesday, 5 March at morning assembly. Our first fundraiser will be a pancake day. If able, please send along a gold coin donation on the day.

"If we walk in hope, we have joy in our hearts. Let us be lights of hope." – Pope Francis



STUDENTS OF THE WEEK

Term 1/Week 1



F/1 TP: Amelia Ackroyd
 1/2 MS: Kaitlyn Garvey
 3/4 KJ: Violet Newlands
 5/6 LH: Ella Johnstone
 PRIN'S AWARD All foundation students

Term 1/Week 2



F/1 TP: Aliesha Barlow
 1/2 MS: Sophia Perry
 5/6 LH: Grace Barlow

Term 1/Week 3



F/1 TP: Lucy Williams
 1/2 MS: JJ Robertson
 3/4 KJ: Roy Gleeson & Desiree Swallow
 5/6 LH: Jylah-Rose Thomas & Charlie Gleeson



*William Ogden
 Taron Wilkinson
 Sophie Garvey*

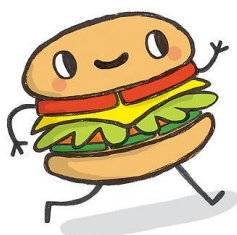
*Wishing a Happy Birthday to everyone
 celebrating a birthday in the coming weeks.*



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.



kidspot

Homemade muesli bars

by Melissa Hughes

Muesli bars are an easy snack to drop into your kids' lunch boxes but they can be expensive - and full of sugar, fat and who knows what else! Try making these healthy homemade muesli bars instead - your kids won't taste the difference.

makes: 24 | prep: 0:10 | cook 0:20



ingredients

125 ml honey	125 g butter
3 cups rolled oats	1 cup Rice Bubbles
1 cup sultanas	1/2 cup apricots (chopped)
1/2 cup desiccated coconut	1/4 cup pepitas

Method

Preheat oven to 180°C (160°C fan-forced).

1. Grease and line a slice tray (31 cm x 22cm) with baking paper.
2. Combine honey and butter in a saucepan over medium heat. Cook, stirring, for 2-3 minutes until butter melts and sugar dissolves. Bring to the boil and cook for 2 minutes or until syrup thickens slightly. Remove from heat.
3. Combine remaining ingredients in a large bowl. Pour over the hot syrup and stir to combine.
4. Spoon into prepared pan and press firmly to make sure the mixture will stick together.
5. Bake in oven for 15-20 minutes or until golden. Cool and then refrigerate until well chilled and cut into 24 slices (about 2cm x 6cm).

Children's Chatter Matters!



Language Learning activities to have a go at home.

PHONOLOGICAL AWARENESS ACTIVITIES FOR CHATTER MATTERS:

PHONOLOGICAL AWARENESS

SYLLABIFICATION:

The Train Game^[SEP]:

Let's pretend we are on a train. Copy the train driver (teacher) as he/she calls out the names of places we will visit. Select fun sounding multi-syllabic words for the children to say and clap out the syllables. For example: Stopping all stations from Toot-gar-ook to Wan-ga-rat-ta. or Next stop Dim-boo-la. Or Do you want to go to Win-ky-woo^[SEP] or Tim-buc-too?

PHONOLOGICAL AWARENESS

SYLLABIFICATION:

The Longest Word: ^[SEP]

Ask the children to think of the longest words they know. Demonstrate the length, clapping out the beats or syllables caterpillar, encyclopaedia. When you notice long or interesting sounding words, have fun with the children, repeating and breaking the words up into their beats. Eg. Cat-a-ma-ran. Be aware that some children will still be thinking that long word refers to the meaning of the word and might suggest train as a long word!

PHONOLOGICAL AWARENESS

WORD AWARENESS:

How many words?

Adult to say the sentence and ask the child to count the number of words in the following sentences using their fingers or counters/blocks:

- I love my family
- It is hot and I would like an ice-cream
- My holiday was filled with lots of adventures
- The Cat in the Hat was sitting on the mat.
- I was driving my car to work when it ran out of fuel
- I enjoy looking at the stars in the sky at night
- I really want to have a bubble bath and play with some bath toys
- Travelling on a plane can be fun when my friends or family are with me
- Riding a bike through the rough dirt road was thrilling
- Baking delicious chocolate chip cookies with my mum is so much fun

You could also choose sentence from their readers or texts.

PHONOLOGICAL AWARENESS

ALLITERATION:

The Food Game:

Watch what you eat! Take turns saying the name of a food you like that starts with the same sound as your own name. For example; Charlie – cheese. The activity could be extended to include an item that you don't like to eat as well. For example, "I'm Fiona and I like to eat fish but I don't like to eat frogs."



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"Achieving a healthy community is our mission"



Clinic Hours: Monday - Friday 9:00am – 5:00pm

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Physiotherapist: Every 2nd Thursday

Mental Health Clinician: Every 2nd Wed

Pathology clinic: Wednesday
9:00am-11.30am (or by appointment)

Cervical screening nurses: Every 6 weeks

DR Joe Swiss FRACGP, MBBCH, AMC, MSHHM

Practice Manager: Deanne Walker

Practice Nurses: Amy Francis
Amanda Williams

Receptionists: Angela Moore
Wendy Towan

Free Childhood immunisations at a time that suits you

Steps in Faith Sacramental Preparation ~ 2019			
Date and Time	Event	Facilitator	Place
Week beg Monday February 18 th	Parent Information Session	Parent & child groups	TBC
	Week 1 – Belonging-Initiation - Baptism		
Week beg Monday February 25 th	Week 2 – Touched by the Spirit	Parent & child groups	TBC
Weekend Saturday & Sunday March 2 nd & 3 rd -- Attend Mass at your chosen Mass Centre to receive <i>The Lord's Prayer</i>			
Week beg Monday March 5 th	Week 3- Living in a spirit-filled community	Parent & child groups	TBC
Week beg Monday March 11 th	Break in program		
Week beg Monday March 18 th	Wk 4 –We gather, listen and respond	Parent & child groups	TBC
Weekend Saturday & Sunday March 16 th & 17 th -- Attend Mass at your chosen Mass Centre to receive <i>The Creed</i>			
Week beg Monday March 25 th	Wk 5- We remember, We give thanks	Parent & child groups	TBC
Week beg Monday April 1 st	Wk 6- We participate, We receive, we go forth	Parent & child groups	TBC
Week beg Tuesday April 23 rd TBC	Preparation Day at St Mary's Church, Rushworth	Cate and children	St Mary's Church Rushworth
Sunday April 28 th at 10:00am	Celebration of Confirmation & First Eucharist: Sunday April 28th 201 at 10.00am	Rev Bishop Leslie Tomlinson	St Mary's Church, Rushworth

RUSHWORTH: Makayla Lockwood, Matilda Lockwood and Violet Newlands.

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 i.e. 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.

For parents/guardians of students:

2019 Student Residential Address and Other Information collection notice

This notice is from the Australian Government Department of Education and Training (the department), to advise you that the department has requested that your child's school provide a statement of addresses, in accordance with the Australian Education Regulation 2013 (Cth) (Regulation).

A *statement of addresses* contains the following information about each student at the school:

- Student residential address (not student names)
- Student level of education (i.e. whether the student is a primary or secondary student)
- Student boarding school status (i.e. whether the student is boarding or a day student)
- Names and residential addresses of students' parent(s) and/or guardian(s)

Schools generate a record number for each student for the purposes of this collection, which is also provided to the department.

Purpose of the collection

This collection is routinely used to inform Commonwealth school education policy, and to help ensure that Commonwealth funding arrangements for non-government schools are based on need, and are fair and transparent.

On 20 September 2018 the Government announced that it will implement a new, improved capacity to contribute methodology used in the calculation of the Commonwealth's needs-based funding arrangements for non-government schools. This follows a review of the existing socio-economic status (SES) score methodology by the National School Resourcing Board. Further information about the review and the Government's response can be found here: <https://www.education.gov.au/review-socio-economic-status-ses-score-methodology>.

The information collected in the *statement of addresses* will be used to refine the new capacity to contribute methodology and may also be used in school funding calculations from 2020.

Use and disclosure of personal information

Your personal information is protected by law, including the *Privacy Act 1988* (Cth). Any use and disclosure of your personal information relating to the *statement of addresses* will occur in accordance with the Regulation.

Your personal information may be used by the department, or disclosed to the Australian Bureau of Statistics (ABS), for the purposes of SES score policy development, reviewing SES score methodology, calculating SES scores, Commonwealth school education policy development (including school funding), or where it is otherwise required or authorised by law.

For example, your personal information may be provided to the ABS for statistical and research purposes, which includes data integration projects such as the Multi-Agency Data Integration Project (MADIP). Further information on the MADIP can be found here:

[http://www.abs.gov.au/websitedbs/D3310114.nsf/4a256353001af3ed4b2562bb00121564/9099c77cb979d558ca258198001b27a0/\\$FILE/MADIP%20iPIA_2018.pdf](http://www.abs.gov.au/websitedbs/D3310114.nsf/4a256353001af3ed4b2562bb00121564/9099c77cb979d558ca258198001b27a0/$FILE/MADIP%20iPIA_2018.pdf).

The department may, from time to time, carry out audits of school submissions. In the event of an audit, contracted auditors may seek to compare a school's *statement of addresses* with student enrolment information held by the school. These contractors will not use the information for any other purpose.

The department may also be required to disclose your personal information to its service providers, including the Australian Government Department of Jobs and Small Business, for the purposes of the provision of information and communications technology (ICT) support services to the department.

What do you need to do?

You are not required to do anything. Your school is responsible for providing the requested details to the department, however, you may wish to ensure that your school has the most up-to-date and correct details for your family.

Contacts for further information

Your school can provide additional information about the process of the address collection.

If you have any further questions regarding the collection, you can contact the department by:

- Email: seshelpdesk@education.gov.au
- Phone (free call): SES helpdesk on 1800 677 027 (Option 4)

The department's privacy policy is available on the department's website at www.education.gov.au. The privacy policy contains information about:

- how individuals can access and seek correction of the personal information held by the department;
- how complaints about breaches of the *Privacy Act 1988* (Cth) can be made; and
- how the department will deal with these complaints.