



St Mary's

Newsletter

WELCOME TO WEEK 3

Sandhurst welcomes our new Bishop, Father Shane Mackinlay. Father Shane Mackinlay will officially join our diocese in October when Bishop Les will begin his well deserved retirement. We look forward to Father Shane joining our community and hopefully visiting our school and parish once settled.

Thank you to our Confirmation candidates who attended mass and received the Apostles Creed on the weekend. It is lovely to observe them all growing independently in their faith. We continue to keep our candidates in our prayers as they finalise their journey to confirmation which will be celebrated on 10th August at 2:00pm.

100 days smarter was a fabulous celebration that all in our community enjoyed! Our Prep learners went to incredible efforts to take part in costume and present their projects for the day. We thank all families for their support and coming along to be a part of such a special day.

This week we welcomed our friends from Cohuna Lion's club. All of our Year 3 - 6 learners prepared and presented to myself and the teachers last week. This week the top few presented to our Lion's representatives. The skill, preparation and confidence of all has grown and developed - a great achievement across our senior school.

Next week is the Feast of Mary Mackillop, our very own Australian Saint. All learners will be learning about and exploring elements of her life and we will come together for Mass on Thursday at 12:30pm. Please join us if you can.

God Bless

Jasmine Ryan

Principal



FOR THE CALENDAR

- 1st Aug: Lions Public Speaking Finals - External
- 6th Aug - ABLAZE Listen - Yr 5/6 to Bendigo
- 8th Aug: Feast of Mary Mackillop - Whole school Mass @ 12:30, CSC Transition 1:30 - 2:45
- 10th Aug: Sacrament of Confirmation @ 2:00pm
- 12th - 16th Aug: Prep 2020 Family Tours
- 15th Aug: Feast of the Assumption, Whole school mass @ 12:30pm
- 16th Aug: Nursing home visit - Yr 2
- 19th - 23rd Aug: BOOK WEEK
- 19th Aug: A Taste of Africa Performance
- 20th Aug: A Whale's performance
- 23rd Aug: Community Book Parade @ 1:00pm, Prep 2020 Enrolment forms due
- 26th Aug: P&F Meeting @ 7pm
- 27th Aug: Assembly @ 2:15pm
- 29th Aug: St Mary's Athletics



St Mary's is a Child Safe School.

We promote the safety, wellbeing and inclusion of all children.

Production



School Production "Jules" 30th and 31st Oct 2019

Costumes are well underway!
Please note:

All boys - will require a pair of blue jeans. These are to be named and at school by the first week of 4th term. They will need to wear their runners for the performances.

All girls - will need a pair of short white 'bobby socks' (not sport anklet socks) and will wear these with their runners for the performances. Also ask that the girls wear light coloured non patterned undies, so as not to show through skirt material.

Needed: A small leather looking jacket that would fit a grade one.

A REMINDER

Our production is well underway with our learners preparing with Mrs Keely. In the past we have asked each family to pay \$5 per child to cover costume hire. This again will be the case for our 2019 production. Payments can be made through CDF Pay or send in \$5 in a marked envelope to the office please.

Congratulations to our Lion's Public Speakers

Jorji Easton, Joelle Mathers, Georgie Neil, Eliza Brown

Best of luck at the first final on Thursday 1st August!

We are very proud!



Thank you to our families who responded in action and have activated their PAM accounts. Thank you for ensuring we have up to date medical records for your child(ren).

If anyone is unsure of how to access your PAM account, please contact the office as soon as possible.



Thank you to the IGA Una Supermarket and Bendigo Fresh Wholesalers for supplying our learners with lots of delicious fruit on Friday!



A Prayer

Dear God,

Thank you for our school. We pray it would be a safe place of learning, fun and friendship. Please watch over all our teachers, children and families.

Help us to learn new things, to explore the world together and to play and be happy.

Help us to have love for each other, to have forgiveness at our heart, and to build kindness into every day.

Amen.





OUR LEARNING...

JUNIOR TEAM (Prep - Year 2)

On Tuesday the Preps celebrated their 100 days of school. They enjoyed activities based around 100. They wrote about the things they would like to buy with \$100 and came up with 100 different words that they know. The Prep learners threaded 100 fruit loops on a string to make a necklace. They celebrated by sharing a lunch with their families. They had an amazing day and enjoyed celebration as a class. Well done Prep!!!

We have been focusing on all the different elements of performing arts during Inquiry. We have explored movement, music and drama. The Prep learners are finishing their unit on addition and about to start looking at subtraction. The Year 1 learners are comparing lengths of objects and themselves. This week they measure their heights and order them from tallest to shortest. Year 2 are in the process of publishing their narratives. They are editing all their writing and preparing to create illustrations. Prep and Year 1 are continuing to focus on blends and procedure texts.

SENIOR TEAM (Year 3 - Year 6)

In the year 3 - 6 learning space, learners have been presenting their speeches to their peers. Learners had an internal final which was judged by the Lion's Club representatives. All learners did a wonderful job planning, preparing and presenting their speeches.

Learners have been learning to solve division equations using different strategies to assist them and learning the vocabulary that is associated with division.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY



- Molly Sherlock - 31st July



Monday Morning Teas are back

Delicious Hot chocolate and Raisin toast. By Liam Edge.

Do you ever bite into a piece of raisin toast and have the feeling where the butter or jam just melts in your mouth. It might happen to you if you buy a piece of raisin toast.



What:	A delicious piece of raisin toast or a cup of warm hot chocolate.
When:	Monday mornings at recess.
Where:	At the canteen.
How Much:	\$1 for a piece of raisin toast and \$1 for a hot chocolate.

We hope to see you there to get some delicious raisin toast that melts in your mouth or a warm hot chocolate.

Toys @ St Mary's

St Mary's, after much discussion, has decided to implement the rule that **no personal toys** will be allowed to be brought to school from now on. Toys of all types are to be kept at home for home play only.

St Mary's has wonderful resources both inside the classrooms and in the playground to support all of our interests and passions. When at play our learners have sport and active play available, as well as passive play that can vary from art to board games. We also have many school owned toys for the sandpit and smaller play items such as cars.

This decision has come about as personal toys are being damaged, taken, lost and trading has occurred in the yard. This is extremely difficult and time consuming for teachers and there is often a child consequently upset. The only time a toy can be brought to school would be for a timetabled and agreed Show and Tell. The toy will then be kept by the teacher for the day.

We thank you for your support and understanding on this.



Homelessness : A Country Issue Too!



Homelessness Week 4-10 August 2019

Each year Northern District Community Health (NDCH) supports over 200 community members who are at risk of or who are homeless – these families have more than 500 dependent children.

Every year in Australia over 24,000 Victorians and 116,000 Australians will be homeless and more than 17,000 of these are children under the age of 12. It is important to remember that children become homeless through no fault of their own.

Homelessness doesn't discriminate. Over the past 5 years women over the age of 55 are the fastest growing group of people who are homeless, increasing by 28%. The street homeless, are important but only make up 7% of homelessness in Australia. In our regions children can be homeless but not living on the streets. They may simply move between family and friends houses and emergency accommodation.

NDCH's homelessness week campaign 'A Couch is not a Home' is running again this Homelessness Week and is a great opportunity to speak to your children about homelessness to build understanding and compassion. There are many causes of homelessness but poverty, including lack of affordable housing, family violence and relationship breakdowns are the major causes.

www.ndch.org.au

A Couch is NOT A HOME

LET'S END HOMELESSNESS TOGETHER!

Got questions?
Get in touch with NDCH if you or someone you know needs some help!

National Homelessness Week
5 -10 August 2019

NDCH
Raising awareness and support for our local homeless community.