



# St Mary's Newsletter

## TERM 4, WEEK 5

Welcome to Week 5 and this term feels like it's flying by! In Sunday's Gospel (Mt. 22:34-40) Jesus tells the scribes that the greatest commandment is to love God with all our heart, soul, mind, and strength: and that the second commandment is to love our neighbour as we love ourselves. This second commandment challenges us to forgive the misgivings of others and treat them with the kindness, dignity and respect we would wish for in return. These two commandments which our Lord says are the greatest, are at the very heart of what we aim to pass on to the learners of our school.

Last Friday was such a great day for our school community with over 100 grandparents and special people attending our liturgy, activities and morning tea in their honour. Thank you so much to the Parents and Friends committee members who provided the delicious morning tea. Also well done to the staff who planned and led this day, especially thanks to Miss Cartwright for the liturgy preparation and being in charge on the day. Friday night's Community Fun Night was another great community event led by our school. We had well over 300 people join us for a fun and relaxed time together. Thank you to the School Advisory Council for leading this event. I would like to make special mention of Ella Pollock, who went above and beyond to ensure the night ran smoothly. Rob Merkel, Brent Borkowski, Clancy Graham, Kris Cameron, Josh and Bec Coombs and Justin Thies were also amazing contributors. Thank you to Ben Appleby who organised our Dunking Machine (thanks a lot Ben!! ha ha), Kylie from Kookaburra massage who donated a 1hr massage for the raffle, the Lions Club for the activities, Justin Thies with his Auskick clinic and Brent Borkowski who projected the kid's movie onto the big screen! If I have left anyone else out, I sincerely apologise and thank you for your contributions to a wonderful event.

For the record, the raffle winners were: Rick Gray (\$100 meat tray), Lyndon Goulding (\$100 meat tray) and Hughie Keely (1hr massage from Kookaburra massage). Thanks to the Merkel girls and their crew for selling all the raffle tickets.

This week at school sees our Yr6 learners attend high school transition days at either St Joseph's Echuca or Cohuna Secondary College. We will conclude our week with an assembly in the church on Friday (2:20pm - all are welcome to attend).

Just remember that following this week we have a long weekend with the Melbourne Cup next Tuesday. There will be no school on: Monday 6th November and Tuesday 7th November. I hope families are able to get some time over the long weekend to take a breath and prepare for the run to Christmas!!

Take care and God bless,

*Jarrold Mullavey (Principal)*

# A PRAYER

## The Serenity Prayer

God grant me the serenity  
to accept the things I cannot change;  
courage to change the things I can;  
and wisdom to know the difference.  
Living one day at a time;  
Enjoying one moment at a time;  
Accepting hardships as the pathway to peace;  
Taking, as He did, this sinful world  
as it is, not as I would have it;  
Trusting that He will make all things right  
if I surrender to His Will;  
That I may be reasonably happy in this life  
and supremely happy with Him  
Forever in the next.

Amen.

## St Mary's Cohuna Families - Term 4- 2023



Week	Dates & Items
5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Mon 30th Oct - 11-12:30pm Child Safe Officer Training (Miss Cooke and Mr Mullavey)</li> </ul>
6	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Mon 6th Nov - Mrs Fields out this week</li> <li>Mon 6th Nov - Report writing day (Pupil Free day)</li> <li>Tues 7th Nov - Melbourne Cup Public Holiday</li> <li>Wed 8th Nov - Mrs Barry out LSL until 23/11 (replaced by Mrs Patterson)</li> <li>Wed 8th Nov - School mass - All Souls day @ 12:30pm (Seniors)</li> <li>Thurs 9th Nov - Kylie Smith (CES Ltd) visit - faith formation</li> <li>Fri 10th Nov - MacKillop Art Exhibition (opening)</li> </ul>
7	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Tues 14th Nov - Georgia D and Michelle Sanders in (CES Ltd Speech therapists)</li> <li>Thurs 16th Nov - Mr Mullavey out - Director's Briefing @ Shepparton</li> </ul>
8	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Fri 24th Nov - Mrs Barry back from LSL</li> </ul>
9	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Mon 27th Nov - Swimming Program this week</li> <li>Mon 27th Nov - P&amp;F Meeting @ 6:30pm</li> <li>Tues 28th Nov - Georgia D and Michelle Sanders in</li> </ul>
10	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li></li> </ul>
11	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Tues 12th Dec - St Mary's Feast Day/End of Year mass @ 6pm</li> <li>Thurs 14th Dec - Learner Pool Party!</li> <li>Thurs 14th Dec - Yr6 Graduation @ Tavern</li> <li>Fri 15th Dec - Learner's last day of 2023</li> </ul>
12	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Mon 18th Dec - Staff professional development</li> <li>Tues 19th Dec - Staff 2024 planning</li> <li>Wed 20th Dec - Staff last day</li> <li>Wed 20th Dec - CES Ltd office closes for 2023</li> </ul>

**HAPPY  
BIRTHDAY!**

**30th October  
Oskar Hayes**





13th October 2023

Dear parents and carers,

We wanted to take this opportunity to inform you about some important changes we are making to our teachers' work patterns and conditions and benefits. These changes have been carefully considered and are necessary due to a variety of factors, including how all Victorian schools are required to allocate a teacher's workload.

These changes deliver several positive changes for both our dedicated staff, including enhancing their well-being and work life balance and the overall functioning of our school. We continue to ensure the quality of Catholic education continues and maintain a safe and nurturing environment for our students remain our top priorities.

However, implementing these changes will mean that an additional pupil free day will be taken on **Friday 24th November 2023** with a focus on developing our School Improvement Plan and 2024 Annual Action Plan.

We appreciate your understanding and support in this matter. Our commitment to your child's education, experiences and wellbeing remains, and we will continue to communicate any updates or adjustments as they occur.

If you have any questions or concerns about these changes, please do not hesitate to reach out to us.

Thank you for your continued partnership as we strive to provide an outstanding education for our students.

Kind regards,

Jarrod Mullavey

# JUNIOR SCHOOL

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Highlights from our week..

Grandparent's Day

Community Fun Night



# SENIOR SCHOOL

**This week in 3/4B we have been explore area and perimeter. Learners used spaghetti to make 4 sided shapes and then calculated the perimeter using a ruler. Learners enjoyed the challenge of making irregular 4 sided shapes before making the perimeter.**



# COMMUNITY NEWS



## Cohuna Fire Brigade Open Day

Saturday 4th November  
2pm - 4pm

Torch Light Parade  
Starting at the Recreation  
Reserve at 8:30pm



**We have 4 doz  
eggs for sale.  
\$5.00**



### SEEKING PLAYERS - UNDER 15 GIRLS

*We are seeking a couple of more players for our U/15 Girls side. We have a dedicated group of girls who are desperate to play this season but we need a couple more to ensure we can fill the side.*

*-Training - 5pm Wednesdays for 1 hour*

*-Number of games - 10*

*-When - Friday Nights*

*Where - 6 weeks in Cohuna and 4 in Echuca*

*We welcome all grls of all abilities to join in the fun!*

*For information please contact Peter Taylor-0407 817 105 or Steven Spring-0407 231 415 or email the club [nondiescohuna@yahoo.com](mailto:nondiescohuna@yahoo.com)*

# Calling all Mo growers!



Every November I (try to) grow a mustache to raise awareness for men's health and wellbeing - Movember. This November I am looking for members of our school community to join in the fun! If you are interested, this is what you can do to help out:

- Take a photo of yourself on Nov 1st (without a mo) and share it with us
- Take a photo of yourself each week showing your growth! and share it with us
- Allow us to put these photos on our school social media
- Everytime someone asks you about your 'mo', ask them two questions: 'How are you going?' (and really listen to their answer). And ask them 'When was the last time you went to the doctors for a check up?'

I am not wanting you to raise money, but I am asking you to raise awareness around men's mental health and wellbeing.



## WETLAND WONDERLAND WEEKEND

### Saturday 4 & Sunday 5 November

Grab your fishing rods; brush up on your drawing skills; get up close and personal with waterbugs and turtles; learn the art of traditional weaving; test your kayaking skills or marvel at beautiful photography. There is something for everyone.

#### Saturday 4 November

10am to 12pm - Wetland Wonderland exhibition @ Cohuna Art Gallery

12.30pm to 3pm - Botanical drawing workshop. Meet @ Cohuna Art Gallery before heading into Gunbower Forest

#### Sunday 5 November, 9am to 2pm

Garden Park, Cohuna (Cohuna Farmers' Market)

Catch-a-carp competition  
Kayaking tours (9.15am and 12.15pm)  
Basket weaving  
Waterbug activities  
Fish and freshwater turtle displays

CLICK HERE TO REGISTER FOR THE DRAWING WORKSHOP AND/OR KAYAKING AS NUMBERS ARE LIMITED



## Responsible Service of Alcohol Courses

**30th October:** Mildura Settlers Cricket Club—(near the Mildura Senior College)

**31st October:** Ouyen Neighbourhood House—(46 Oke St. Ouyen)

**1st November:** Cohuna Kangas FNC—(Cohuna Recreation Reserve, Tennis Rd, Cohuna)

**2nd November:** Sea Lake Nandaly Tigers FNHC—(Community Complex, 40 Complex Dr. Sea Lake)

**Time:** Registration 6pm Course 6.15pm—10.00pm

**Cost:** \$75.00 (includes light refreshments on arrival)

#### TO REGISTER:

To attend this Good Sports RSA course, you are required to pre-enrol. Go to [www.liqcon.com.au/goodsports](http://www.liqcon.com.au/goodsports) and use the password **Goodsports** Select the RSA course, click "Book" and complete the enrolment process.

As part of the enrolment process, you are required to enter a unique student identifier, a USI. Don't have a USI or forgotten what it is? Go to [www.usi.gov.au](http://www.usi.gov.au) and follow the prompts – this is an easy process and will only take a few minutes, but is required in order to undertake the RSA course. This is now a nationally accredited RSA course hence the enrolment process required.

Once enrolled you will receive a confirmation email. Please check your junk or spam folder **before** enrolling again.

Payment can be made on the night in cash or there should be an EFTPOS facility available as well, technology permitting.



#### ALL ENQUIRIES:

MSA 0428 213 509 OR 5021 3464 [info@malleesportsassembly.org.au](mailto:info@malleesportsassembly.org.au)

#### LIQCON

Peter Rosenthal 0407 844 643 [pcr188@outlook.com](mailto:pcr188@outlook.com)

The St Vincent de Paul Society is an international organisation operating in 153 countries and has over 800,000 members worldwide. The Society has a presence on every continent in the world with the exception of Antarctica perhaps. Mrs Mathers in her role as chaplain at our school is also a St Vinnies Kerang member. She is able to assist families with food vouchers or other resources that families require. You can make appointments to see her if a need arises. Please do not hesitate to contact the school.

**"Helping one person may not change the whole world, But it could change the world for one person."**

God Bless Mrs Mathers



### Book Club

1. Your child will bring home a Book Club catalogue from school
2. Discuss with, and help your child pick the books they would like to read
3. Order online via the Scholastic Australia LOOP website or app and the school will take care of the rest! (LOOP orders are electronically linked to your school in an easy, secure online process)
4. The books are delivered to your child's classroom.

**LOOP is the easy way for families to order and pay for Book Club.**

Log in, or create a new account at [scholastic.com.au/loop](https://www.scholastic.com.au/loop)

1. If you are new to Book Club, follow the Wizard to set up your profile
2. Click the ORDER tab, and select your school and child's class
3. Add your child's first name and last initial (so the school knows who the book is for)
4. Enter the product item number shown on the Book Club catalogue
5. Make payment via credit card

**SCHOLASTIC**

**Prep/1**  
**Year1/2**  
**Year3/4 LK**  
**Year 3/4 B**  
**Year 5/6 WM**  
**Year 5/6 D.**

#### LOGIN DETAILS

SCHOOL: St Marys School

SCROLL to Cohuna

Note: No cash please pay through Loop



School Term Dates 2023:  
 Term 1: 27th Jan - 6th Apr  
 Term 2: 24th Apr - 23rd Jun  
 Term 3: 10th Jul - 15th Sep  
 Term 4: 2nd Oct - 20th Dec

*St Mary's acknowledges and pays respects to the traditional custodians of the land on which we meet; the Barrapa Rappa People, and pay respects to elders both past and present.*

