



# St Mary's Newsletter

## TERM 4, WEEK 8

This week begins our last month of school for the year at St Mary's. We have a number of important events to celebrate before learners finish up on Friday 15th December and my aim is to communicate these dates effectively so everyone has the opportunity to finish a great year in style! We have moved our St Mary's Feast Day and End of Year Mass to **Wednesday 13th December** (to avoid a clash with the Secondary College). Please make sure you change this date in your diary as we hope to pack the church on this night to celebrate the year together.

Sunday's Gospel highlighted God's generosity to each of His creatures, especially with us, human beings. He has lavished on us material, physical, intellectual, affective, and spiritual gifts. The secret to be happy with what the Lord has given us is to make the most of His gifts and opportunities and that is our key mission at St Mary's.

It was so pleasing to see so many of our senior learners take up the opportunity to become FIRE carriers at last Friday's commissioning. They will continue to guide our school on the journey towards reconciliation with our First Nations people and culture. We also had a group of Yr5 learners represent our school at the Just CARITAS day in Echuca last week and I know the staff feel really confident about the learner leadership in our school moving into next year.

Just a reminder that this week (Week 8) is a 4 day week for our learners. On Friday (24/11) we have a Pupil Free Day which staff will use to reflect on this year and begin to plan the 2024 academic year.

Here are some of the important dates coming up in our school calendar: Pupil Free Day - Fri 24/11, Swimming Program/Week begins - Mon 27/11, Sacrament of Reconciliation (Yr3's) - Thurs 30/11, Yr6 Big Day Out - Thurs 7th Dec, Community Step Up Day - Tues 12/12, Christmas Performances - Wed 13/12, St Mary's Feast Day and End of Year Mass - Wed 13/12 (new date), Yr6 Graduation - Thurs 14/11, Learner's last day - Fri 15/12, Staff last day - Wed 20/12.

Please keep Angie Jones and her family in your thoughts and prayers. Angie's brother Martin passed away recently and his funeral will be held on Friday. Angie's faith and strength during this time has been an inspiration to many of us and we are blessed to have her in our school community.

Lastly, our Yr5 learners will arrive home tonight with an 'early Christmas present.' The Victorian Government is providing Little Angler Kits (fishing rod and reel with tackle box and information booklet) to all Yr5 learners across the state. This initiative is based on the Victorian Curriculum area of focus, movement and motor development and safety considerations. I look forward to hearing lots of successful fishing stories!

Take care and God bless,  
*Jarrood Mullavey (Principal)*

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



| Week | Dates & Items  |
|------|--|
| 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>• <del>Tues 12th Dec</del> - St Mary's Feast Day/End of Year mass @ 6pm <b>NOW 13th Dec</b></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>   |

# A 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.*

**HAPPY  
BIRTHDAY!**



**23rd NOV  
IIEANA  
GOMES**

# JUNIOR SCHOOL



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Highlights from our week..

FIRE Carrier liturgy

Playing with the future

Preps



Music with Mr Mann

# SENIOR SCHOOL

Raff: Today I became a Fire Carrier. I learned all about the things that happened to the Aboriginals when white people took over their land.

Sam: Today I became a Fire Carrier, I learned what being a Fire Carrier means.

savannah: Today I became a Fire Carrier. I learned that being a Fire Carrier isn't all about the badges and certificates, it's about helping out the Aboriginal people.

Macey: Today I became a Fire Carrier. I learned that a Fire Carrier is a very important thing.

Eliza- I have learnt perimeter and area with Mrs Jones. Something else I did is free writing, and something I am looking forward to is the end of the year.

Jax- I have learnt some more about Area and Perimeter with Mrs Jones. I am looking forward to swimming week.

Nina- This week I learnt a bit about mass in maths with Mrs Jones. We have been doing a new investigation for math. I'm looking forward to swimming week because you get to swim with your friends.

Elliot: This week we have done BODMAS which is hard but we're getting better at it. We did descriptive paragraphs and in comprehension we made a venn diagram of school in the past and present. We did word art about friendship which was fun and in Inquiry we are working on the cast and props for our show.

Ella: This week we did square numbers in math and money, then in writing we wrote descriptive paragraphs. In comprehension we made a venn diagram about school in the past compared to now. Then in R.E we made emotion art/word pictures about friends. Then we did Yr 5/6 graduation and leadership organisation. The Yr 6's wrote their scrolls for Yr 5 advice for when we are in Year 6.

The Year 5's found out who our buddies are for next year, and we became FIRE carriers.

Then in inquiry we organised the props, set and band for our play.

# COMMUNITY NEWS

## 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:

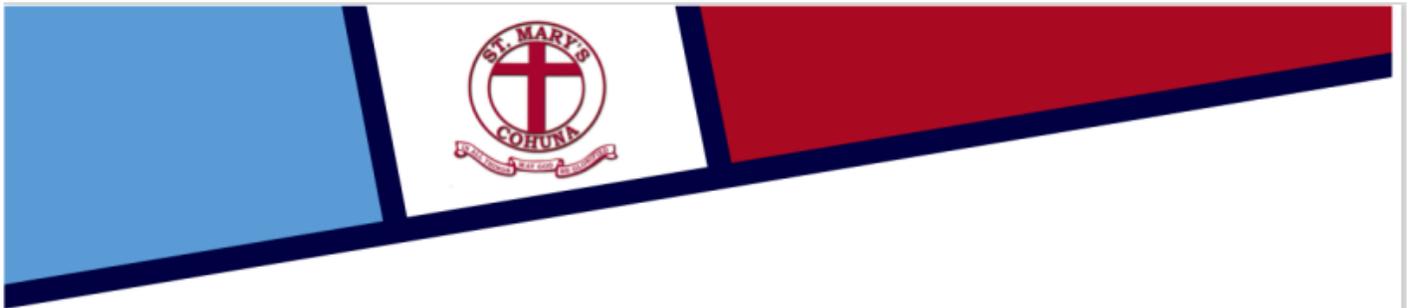
- Take a photo of yourself on Nov 1st (without a mo) and share it with us
- Take a photo of yourself each week showing your growth! and share it with us
- Allow us to put these photos on our school social media
- Everytime someone asks you about your 'mo', ask them two questions: 'How are you going?' (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.



**A HUGE  
THANKYOU TO  
MRS JAN HEAP  
FOR DONATING  
THIS UKULELE  
TO ST MARYS**

# IMPORTANT DATES



## **Important Dates for the rest of the 2023 year**

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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](http://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.*