



# St Mary's Newsletter

## TERM 1, WEEK 1

A very warm welcome to the 2024 school year at St Mary's Cohuna to all our families! Welcome to our new families and welcome back to our 'old' families. I would also like to welcome new staff members Carla Walker (PE and Auslan) and Alex Douglass (Yr6 Learning Support Officer) and welcome back Sarah Vevers (STEAM). I am also excited to announce that Stacey Patterson will expand her role at school, remaining in the office on Mondays and Tuesdays, and supporting learners in Yr2/3 as a Learning Support Officer.

We are currently enjoying the learners returning to school during our testing days (Tuesday and Wednesday) and look forward to having everyone back at school - including our 2024 Preps - on Thursday. Just a reminder that this Friday is our Swimming Carnival and hopefully you will have signed a permission slip either via School Stream (online) or paper copy. Thank you in advance to all the parents who are able to lend a hand at our swimming carnival and a huge thank you to Carla who has hit the ground running and organised the day. There will not be a BBQ lunch provided, however lunch orders are available (via CDF Pay).

We have many wonderful events happening this term and I would like to especially draw your attention to the following dates which are arriving quickly:

Fri 2nd Feb - Swimming Carnival

Wed 7th Feb - Parent Info Night @ 6:30pm

Wed 14th Feb - Ash Wednesday Mass @ 12:30pm

Thurs 15th Feb - Beginning of Year Mass and Picnic @ 6pm

Mon 19th - Fri 23rd Feb - Swimming Program (all week)

Our 2024 Catholic Education Sandhurst Diocese theme: “Behold, I am making all things new” (Rev. 21:5) will guide us throughout this year. It speaks to the Lord comforting us in our fear, bringing hope to the hopeless, bringing new life and purpose out of nothingness. God longs to transform our hearts if we are prepared to give him permission to. It calls us to look at what is not working in our lives and make it better. Don’t ‘replace’, but rather ‘restore’. Look to make the good things in your life even better.

Please know that we have a school filled with wonderful teaching staff who are here to support the growth and development of your children. If you have any concerns about your child/ren at school, do not hesitate to contact either myself or your child’s classroom teacher. We look forward to a wonderful year growing together.

Sports uniform days this year for our learners are:

Prep: Tuesdays (P.E.) and Wednesdays (Sport)

Yr1/2: Tuesdays (P.E.) and Wednesdays (Sport)

Yr2/3: Tuesdays (P.E.) and Thursdays (Sport)

Yr4: Tuesdays (Sport) and Wednesdays (P.E.)

Yr5: Mondays (Sport) and Wednesdays (P.E.)

Yr6: Tuesdays (Sport) and Wednesdays (P.E.)

Take care and God bless,

*Jarrold Mullavey (Principal)*



# PRAYER

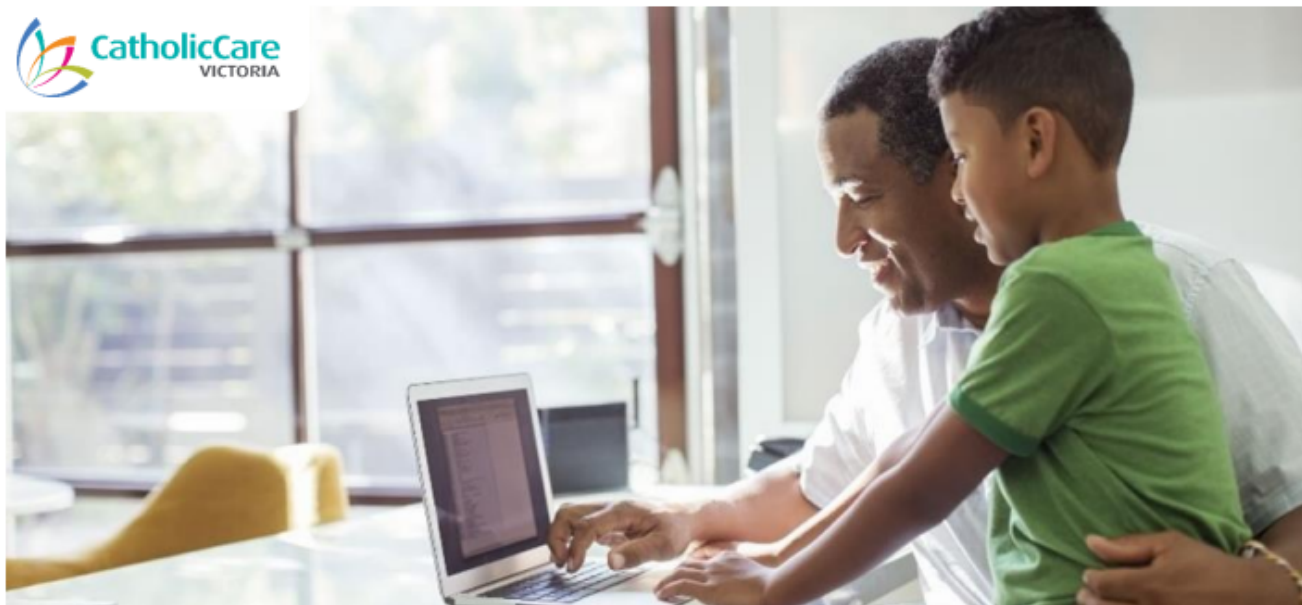


God of new beginnings, new ideas, new creations and new hopes,  
We come to you at the beginning of this year with many feelings,  
expectations, anxieties and dreams.

Help us to recognise that we are given NEW opportunities to hope, to  
create, to think and to begin again each and every day

Help us to accept these opportunities as ways for us to grow as an  
individual, as a teacher and learner, as a parent, as a friend, as a  
grandparent, as a community member, as a follower of Jesus.

This we ask through Christ our Lord,  
AMEN.



# Tech Strategies for Families

Parenting in a world driven by technology presents a set of challenges for parents, guardians, grandparents, and carers. Technology is part of our reality but setting boundaries around its use is not always easy. This workshop aims to:

- Present current research
- Reflect on tech use in your family, considering both the challenges and opportunities.
- Explore strategies that focus on creating a safe and healthy tech environment for your family.

✓ Reduce conflict

✓ Set boundaries

✓ Strategies

## Workshop Details:

**Location:** St Mary's Primary School

51 King Edward Street, Cohuna

**Date:** Wednesday 13th March 2024

**Time:** 6.00pm-8.00pm

Hosted by



This is a free workshop available to all parents, carers and grandparents in and around Cohuna.

## Register:

[Click here](#) or scan the QR code



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# Happy Birthday



**SETH HOGAN 29TH JAN**  
**LEVI NICHOLSON 31ST JAN**  
**AMERSYN WALKER 31ST JAN**  
**AESHA BISSET 2ND FEB**  
**PARKER GOULDING 2ND FEB**  
**BROCK MITTON 3RD FEB**





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



*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.*

School Term Dates 2024:

Term 1: 29th Jan - 28th March

Term 2: 15th Apr - 28th Jun

Term 3: 15th Jul - 20th Sep

Term 4: 7th Oct - 20th Dec

