



# St Mary's Newsletter

## WELCOME TO WEEK 4

The learning spaces are a buzz with learning with our teachers and learners well settled into the curriculum. It is beautiful to roam the school and see the smiles, hands up and learning chatter among everyone. Our collaborative approach to the start of the school year has observed new friendships blossoms and social circles expand.

Our Year 5/6 Buddies have been spending quality time with their Prep Buddies to help build safe and positive relationships at school. The Year 5/6 buddies have been completing reading, arts and crafts and checking in consistently with their buddies in the yard. It is lovely to observe the friendships forming.

It is wonderful to see our new uniform so well received and many orders are still coming in. We will soon order the new yoga style pants for the girls for winter. A reminder that we are to wear the navy school shorts, either the sport style of the more tailored on sport / normal uniform days. Please ensure that the accurate school uniform is worn, and no black shorts are allowed.

Well done to the learners who took part in the Kerang Zones swimming today. There were nerves and adrenaline to start the day however all have done our school community proud.

*God Bless - Jasmine Ryan (Principal)*



## DATES AHEAD

- 19th Feb: No Preps today, Playgroup 10-11am
- 24th Feb: Zone Swimming Heat 2 @ Swan Hill
- 25th Feb: Shrove Tuesday - Pancake Tuesday, Assembly @ 2:20pm
- 26th Feb: Ash Wednesday - Mass @ 12:30pm in the Church
- 4th Mar: Playgroup 10-11am, Preps are in today
- 9th Mar: Labour Day - No school
- 11th Mar: Playgroup 10-11am
- 12th Mar: Beginning of year Mass and BBQ
- 13th Mar: Prep testing
- 16th Mar: Board meeting @ 7pm
- 18th Mar: Playgroup 10-11am



*St Mary's is a Child Safe School.*

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

### PBIS Blitz

Respecting all sports equipment and putting all equipment away when we have finished using them.



### School Board AGM

16th March @ 7:00pm

Please come along and express your interest in joining our school board Working towards school improvement and achieving goals!

### P&F AGM

23rd March @ 7:00pm

Please come along and express your interest in joining our P&F! There are many roles and all are welcome!

*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.*



## PAM

By now, all new families should have received their username and temporary password sent home to them for the PAM. A link to the PAM would have been emailed to the nominated email address given on their child's enrolment form.

The Parent Access Module (PAM) provides parents with a range of information related to their child/ren including attendance records, daily messages, medical profiles first aid visits, school calendar and current/past reports. It also allows parents to notify the school of absences.

If any families are having trouble logging into PAM or forgotten their username/password or need to update their email address, please contact Alex at the office on Monday or Tuesdays.



LOG INTO PAM

## A PRAYER

During this first term, we are studying our school charism, which explores what it means to be part of a school founded by the Sisters of the Good Samaritans. As we learn more about the founders of our school, may we think about their calling and what messages they can teach us that we can use in our everyday lives. Today's prayer is called the Good Samaritan prayer, which reminds us of the need to try and reach out to all people in our world.

Dear Jesus,

You told the story of the Good Samaritan to your followers to teach them who their neighbour really is.

We too must live the message of caring in our lives, for all people and for our world.

Help us to reach out to people in need, without expecting a reward.

May we follow your law of love, each day in our lives.

Amen.

## MEDICAL PLANS UP TO DATE

As we are now well into the school year we will run our annual check on Medical plans for our learners. Can families please be sure that medical plans are reviewed, updated if necessary and current.

Any child with a medical plan requires an updated action plan annually. Please make the appointment to see your family doctor if necessary. Thank you for your support on this.







## OUR LEARNING

### JUNIOR TEAM

The Prep - Yr 2 have begun to tune into their Inquiry investigation. The Prep learners have been exploring scripture and exploring ways that they can pray. The Year 1 and Year 2 learners have been exploring stewardship and ways that they can be stewards of the earth. The Prep learners have enjoyed reading with their buddies this week and complete Pete Cromer art work with their support. The Prep learners have been recognising numbers to 10 and have been practising counting to 100. Year 1 and 2 have been extremely busy practicing their counting. They have been finding objects all around them to practice counting, representing and writing numbers. The Prep - Year 2 learners will be going to the Library this Tuesday.

### SENIOR TEAM

This week our year 3-6 learners have been 'finding out' during our Inquiry investigation. The 3/4 learners are growing their understanding of the 12 disciples and understanding the life of Jesus Christ. Our 5/6 learners are finding out about some of the most amazing leaders that had a huge impact on creating St. Marys; Jesus Christ, St. Benedict, John Bede Polding and the Good Samaritan Sisters. We have all enjoyed exploring the history book of St. Mary's and finding many familiar faces and surnames.

The 3/4 learners are making great connections to their text and exploring many popular authors. They are continuing to grow their understanding of place value by focusing on many different counting patterns and reading and writing numbers.

The 5/6 learners are using scaffolds to help summarise nonfiction and fiction texts. They are also continuing to grow their understanding of place value by reading, writing and expanding large numbers. Some of our learners are also exploring integers!

## BIRTHDAYS



- Harry Link - 16th February



### Missing T-Ball Shirts

We are missing 2x School T-Ball shirts. If we can get everyone to please have a look at home for these, and return to school ASAP if located. Thank you

## Nominations for St Mary's School Board 2020

Dear Parents,

This notice is to advise all in our community that we have our Annual General meeting approaching for the St Mary's School Board.

The meeting will be held on Monday 16th March 2020 at 7:00pm. Anyone in the community wanting to attend is welcome.

St Mary's has a highly effective and supportive School Board that we would like to grow. Our shared input and wisdom is a greater driver to school improvement. Everyone in our school has something to offer.

We are seeking nominations from people who would like to commit to the school board. If you are interested in nominating yourself or someone else, please complete the form below and return to school in a sealed envelope, marked, ***"To the School Board Secretary"*** by Monday 9th March 2020.

Kind Regards,

Jasmine Ryan



### Nominations for St Mary's School Board 2020

I put forward my nomination for membership of the St Mary's School Board.	
I wish to nominate myself for a position on the St Mary's School Board.	
Print Name:	
Signature:	
Date:	



# ST MARY'S CAKE STALL & RAFFLE

THURSDAY 20TH FEBRUARY

9AM - 12PM

OUTSIDE UNA IGA SUPERMARKET

Delicious bakes goodies - cakes, slices,  
muffins, biscuits, brownies and much more

Containers of goodies \$5

Cakes \$10

## RAFFLE

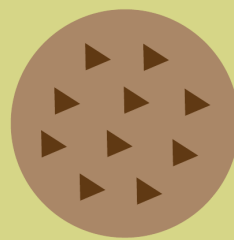
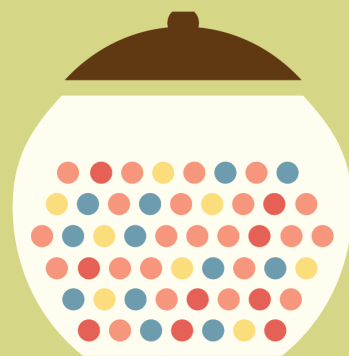
\$1 each or 3 for \$5.

First prize - Rocky's Fruit and Veg basket

Second prize - Meat Tray from Cohuna Butchers

Raffle will be drawn after Cake Stall finishes

*COME DOWN, SAY HELLO  
AND SUPPORT OUR SCHOOL!*



CKFNC ARE SEEKING INTEREST FROM

# UNDER 13'S NETBALLERS



With current registered interest we will not have enough numbers to fill an Under 13 reserves side this year.

If you or anyone you know are interested in playing netball this year and are born between 01/01/2007 and 31/12/2009 please come along to the club registration night on Thursday March 5th or contact us for more information.

ANY ENQUIRIES CONTACT GAB FITZPATRICK

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## Back to School Sleep Tips

After weeks of holidays, staying up late and sleep in's – It can be difficult to get your kid's back into a sleep routine. Use the following tips to help your child get back into their normal school sleeping pattern.



**1. Keep electronic devices out of bedrooms:** Phones, laptops, video games, TV – Or have at least 1 hour before bed without devices.

**2. Create a positive sleep environment:** Cool, quiet, dimly lit and comfortable.

**3. Create a relaxing bedtime routine:** This will be different depending on the age of your child and individual preferences – Do what works best for you and your family.

**4. Healthy eating + physical activity:** Make sure your children are having healthy snacks and meals in their lunchbox. Also make sure they are participating in at least 60 minutes of physical activity each day – walking, running, bike riding, playing sport.

For more tips and information visit: <https://www.sleepfoundation.org/articles/back-school-sleep-tips-0>

[www.ndch.org.au](http://www.ndch.org.au)

## Northern District Junior Netball Association

Incorporating

**Net Set Go**

**for all ages**

Children between the ages of 5 and 12 from 1<sup>st</sup> January to 31<sup>st</sup> December 2020 are eligible to become NDJNA members.

### ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

to be held at:

Cohuna Recreation Reserve

Wednesday March 4<sup>th</sup> at 6 p.m.

Everyone is encouraged to attend who will have children playing during 2020.

Please feel free to contact Bec or Rachel if you have any questions.

We are looking for people to assist with coaching the sessions.

The season will commence on Wednesday the 22<sup>nd</sup> April.

Further Information:

Rachel Hobson 0417 566 177

Bec Power 0438 091 980



**Sunday, March 1**  
**Ride/Run/Walk**

AWMA Water Control Solutions  
Cohuna Bridge to Bridge  
Apex Park, Cohuna

Register online:  
[www.bridgetobridge.org.au](http://www.bridgetobridge.org.au)

- Mawson's Mini Miler
- Gannawarra Shire Council 6.5km Fun Run/Walk
- Cohuna Waterfront Holiday Park 12.5km Trail Run
- Cohuna Auto Electrical 21.1km Trail Run
- 6.5km Junior Cycle
- Gannawarra Times 25km Cycle
- 50km Cycle



A major fundraiser for the  
with proceeds  
going towards  
an endoscopy  
camera.

Organised by  
the Bridge  
to Bridge  
Committee  
and the

