

Our News...

April 21st 2017
Newsletter No# 10

TO THE COMMUNITY OF ST MARY'S... GOD IS GLORIFIED IN ALL THINGS



Welcome to Term Two everyone! I hope everyone had a fabulous school holiday and holy Easter! As the Easter chapter slowly closes, we now begin Pentecost. Pentecost is when the apostles received the holy spirit and took action on spreading the word of the Lord! It is a time as Catholics that we can reflect on our own and others gifts and share them with all around us! At this time we particularly remember our five

Sacramental Candidates; Lachlan English, Hudson Fountain, Ava Brown, Liam Edge and Isabella Wittebrood. Can we keep these people in our prayers as they prepare to receive the Sacraments of First Eucharist and Confirmation.

Yesterday we set sail on the Gunbower Creek for an amazing learning experience taking in our local wetlands, animals, birds and flora and fauna! The learning experience has sparked curiosity and questioning of what's to come! The learners and teachers are keen to get into this terms inquiry!

On Monday 24th April at 10:30am as a school community we will commemorate our Anzac's. Together, with the RSL and any parents wanting to attend we will take part in a ceremony followed by a morning tea for our local RSL members and our parents. Please join us if you can.

On Wednesday 26th April St Mary's will hold its first independent Cross Country Sports. Our learners will compete in a variety of runs which they have been training for and results will be forwarded on for Zone candidates. Thank you to our parent helpers that will assist in the running of the day. We will be at the first oval from 9:00am - 2:30pm. We hope many of you can come along and support our competitors!

Thank you to everyone for completing the many permission slips on line! I know it can become overwhelming and I am hoping that our initial up and running glitches will now subside! It has all been part of the learning however the ease of this product is great from an administration perspective. Paper copies will be sent home to families who have requested them.



DATES TO REMEMBER:

- 24th Apr - 10:30 Anzac Ceremony with RSL
- 25th Apr - ANZAC March with community
- 26th Apr - St Mary's Cross Country Sports
- 27th Apr - Yr 5/6 Student Leadership Conference
- 30th Apr - St Mary's Sacraments
- 2nd Apr - School Board Meeting
- 3rd May - Class Mass @ 12:30
- 8th May - P&F Meeting @ 7:30pm

This year we have been working extremely hard to provide quality learning time with uninterrupted learning flow. Learning is so different yet so important to all of us here at St Mary's. The slightest interruption can be very distracting to some. Within our practices we are trying to minimise interruptions such as teacher meetings, parent drop offs and time spent on transition from one class to the next. We have now reduced our fruit break to have a 5 minute slot only that will be camouflaged by a learning experience - for example the teacher may be modeling. Please provide your child(ren) with a small piece of fruit or cut up pieces that can be eaten in this time. We are also asking that if parents need to drop in lunch or collect their child early that they remain at the office while Mrs Barry will do so. The children are familiar with Mrs Barry coming in and out as staff. Parents wanting to support a whole learning session are more than welcome, this is a great way to support the culture of learning. Feel free to approach your child's teacher if you are available to do this. Parents are also welcome to pop in during break times. As part of our child safe policies and practices all parents need to sign in regardless of the purpose of their visit. We know you will all support us on this.

Each year our Year 5 & 6 Learners take part in a Leadership conference. This conference is next week on Thursday at St Mary's Echuca and will focus on Team work and leadership in sport! It is always a valuable experience meeting up with our neighbouring Catholic schools.

Unfortunately, due to low numbers our Boys Brain workshop has been canceled. I will share a new date with you soon.

God Bless - Jasmine Ryan (Principal)

COMMUNITY NOTICES

Northern District Junior Netball Association

Net Set Go

5-7 year old

Date: Wednesday 26th April : Time: 5:15

Where: Cohuna Netball courts

Net Set Go

8-12 years old

Date: Friday 28th April : Time: 4:15

Where: Cohuna Netball courts

Registrations and payments need to be completed online before your child can participate in program

<https://netsetgo.sportzvault.com/common/pages/noauth/olregstart.aspx?mode=0&ssdirect=1&entityid=39533&id=26403>

If you have any questions please contact Rachel Hobson on 0417 566 177.



- Sophie Link - 20th
- Ella Roberts - 20th
- Tyler Jones - 21st
- Jenson Erfurth - 22nd
- Declan O'Mahony - 23rd



What's around the corner?

Week 2's learning explorations around our town...

Grade	Date	Time	Area
Yr 5/6 & 3/4	24/3/17	12:30 - 2:30	Apex Park



HEAD LICE:

We have had a few reports of head lice in our school community. On Monday at 11:30 am our wonderful parent volunteers will conduct a check. If you do not want your child checked please inform the office.