

Our News...

May 5th 2017

Newsletter No# 12

TO THE COMMUNITY OF ST MARY'S...

GOD IS GLORIFIED IN ALL THINGS



The learning is well and truly alive at St Mary's at the moment as we take to our local parks, waterways and local beauties. To live in such a beautiful place is a blessing, yet to learn about it, and from it is magical! The rich learning that is happening is amazing! I can hear our learners talking about their many explorations, using graphic organisers to track their thinking and see teachers providing workshops to accommodate our learners interests! It is WOW!

Last weekend was our annual Sacramental celebration and we congratulate Liam Edge, Hudson Fountain, Lachlan English, Ava Brown and Isabella Wittebrood! We will keep them in our prayers as they continue their faith journey here at St Mary's. Thank you to everyone who attended and joined us for afternoon tea. A special thanks to Bishop Les and Father Jun Jun for making the occasion so special.



DATES TO REMEMBER:

- 8th May - P&F Meeting @ 7:30pm
- NAPLAN for Yr 3 & Yr 5: on 9th, 10th & 11th May
- 11th May Whole School Photos
- 11th May: Naplan Lunch for Yrs 3 & 5
- 12th May Playgroup to visit the Fire Station @ 9:30am
- 12th May - Mother's Day Celebrations 12:30 - 2:30
- 15th - 19th May: Catholic Education Week - timetable to follow
- 17th May: Open Evening @ 7:00pm

Our school staff and board met this week for a presentation of our first design phase from our architect! It was exciting to see the future possibilities of our buildings and facilities. This design phase is the backbone to composing St Mary's Master Plan. I look forward to sharing the design with our whole community in the near future.

Monday marked our first solo 'Cross Country Sports Day,' which was fantastic! The preparation and organisation ensured we had a great day! Thank you Miss Spence - an exceptional event! Thank you to our Mum's

and Dad's who committed to their timing responsibilities with such gusto! A huge thank you to the Cohuna Kanga's Football & Netball club for allowing us to use your grounds and facilities! Greatly appreciated. Our results will be passed on to see if we have any Zone contenders! Well done everyone.



Our App appears to be working well and I really appreciate the positive feedback and recommendations that I have been receiving. I have been passing all glitches and recommendations onto School Stream which is our provider. To clarify, a permission note will be housed under "NEWS" on the App. I will also send alerts to inform families where to find particular documents and forms to be clearer. Many families have requested that a form disappear once submitted. The company is working on this however until that upgrade you can simply complete the permission form and submit, go back to the form and swipe it to the left and the word ARCHIVE will appear. If you press this, it will remove it for you. Hopefully this is helpful in the interim.

We are fast approaching our Open evening which aims to share who we are at St Mary's, what we believe and value! The quick snapshot will run for one hour on Wednesday 17th May from 7:00 - 8:00pm. Please let anyone you feel would be interested know! Existing families with Prep children for 2018 may find it of interest also.

Many of our bus travelers often head home in a variety of ways which sometimes becomes hard for our learners to remember on a daily basis. If your child has a change in home travel plans can you please call / email Jenny in the office so this is communicated with your child and their teacher. If we do not hear from you, your child will be put on the bus @ 3:15pm.

Next week is NAPLAN testing, well done to our Year 3 and 5 Learners in their preparations. NAPLAN is nothing to be concerned about, we know our learners will give it their best! On Thursday our Years 3 and 5 learners will celebrate with a fish and chips lunch!

The concrete has been extended around our rebound wall and will be in action next week! Now for some art...

Thank you to all families who have completed the survey on our Reports. Adelia Muldoon is completing some action research as to what works well and what can be improved for reporting. Adelia will share the collective feedback with you in the near future.

Mother's Day is an extremely special celebration here at St Mary's and we look forward to all of those special ladies joining us next week. The Mum / Children photos need to be sent in by Wednesday 10th May please. Thank you to our mum's who have done this already. Please keep sending in your lunch orders and payment! As you can imagine there is a great deal of organisation involved and we are so lucky to have such wonderful staff who go above and beyond!

Such a wonderful start to our term...

God Bless - Jasmine Ryan (Principal)



BIRTHDAYS

Chloe Keating - 9th

Ami Murray - 9th



Ami was absent

NOTICEBOARD FOR QUICK REMINDERS

- Please check your children for head lice, we have had a case reported
- A case of foot & mouth has been reported
- School photos on Thursday 11th May - please ensure winter uniform is worn
- Playgroup next week will be held at the Fire Station with our CFA Volunteers
- We have excess school chairs - free to good homes, please contact Jenny if you would like some
- Parents might like to download a QR Reader on their phone, to view their child's learning in the near future
- Mother's Day photo can be emailed to: amuldoon@smcohuna.catholic.edu.au

CURRICULUM TIMETABLE: Term 2

Year	Library	Sports	Specialist Rotations
Prep	Wednesday	Wednesday	Friday
Year 1	Monday	Tuesday	Friday
Year 2	Monday	Monday	Friday
Year 3/4	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Year 5/6	Monday	Thursday	Friday



Chairs free to good homes!
Please contact Jenny



CSEF (Camps, Sports & Excursions Fund)



Families who hold a Pension Card or HCC can apply for the CSEF. Please contact the Office if you require an application form. Applications close on Friday 30th June.

UNIFORMS

The uniform order form is now on the School Stream App. Uniforms can now be ordered at anytime throughout the year.

SCHOLASTIC BOOK CLUB

If you would like to order any books please have your orders in by next Monday 8th May.



OPEN EVENING

Please join us for our Information night and learn...

- Our St Mary's story
- Who makes up our community
- About our learning spaces, grounds & facilities
- What our Learners think
- Our enrolment process
- The curriculum program we offer

Preschool children welcome

**WEDNESDAY
17TH MAY
2017**

FROM 7:00PM - 8:00PM

For more information
please contact the school

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Cohuna Secondary College



Dear prospective students and parents,

You're invited to:

YEAR 7 IN 2018 INFORMATION EVENING

When: Wednesday 17th May, 2017
Where: Cohuna Secondary College
Time: 6:30pm sharp

The purpose of this evening is to provide you with information and materials regarding your start into secondary school.

The transition program will be outlined, Year 7 activities, subjects offered and general information.

Mr. Stephen Brain
Principal