

Our News...

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TO THE COMMUNITY OF ST MARY'S...

GOD IS GLORIFIED IN ALL THINGS

This week we took part in annual NAPLAN testing for our Year 3 and 5 Learners. All learners approached their responsibility with maturity and enthusiasm doing their best! Results will not be available to the school or parents until approximately August. We congratulate all of Year 3 and 5's for their efforts.

Catholic Education week is upon us and it is a week filled with celebration and pride. Next week St Mary's has some amazing activities planned to truly celebrate our Catholic identity in the town of Cohuna as well as our important connections with our wider community. For our learners being a part of something bigger and nurturing their connections with the wider community is important for their sense of belonging. I hope all families have their timetable for next week. I have included a snapshot in the following page also.

DATES TO REMEMBER:

- 15th - 19th May: Catholic Education Week - timetable to follow
- 17th May: Open Evening @ 7:00pm
- 19th May: Good Samaritan Cup
- 22nd May: Closure Day
- 23rd May: Zone Cross Country (Swan Hill)
- 23rd May: Social Fishing Group
- 25th May: Year 2 Camp - Treetops
- 26th May: Out in our community - Yrs 3 - 6 (Village & Elderly Home)
- 30th May - Assembly 2:30

To the world
you are a
Mother,
but to your family
you are the
World.

The learning is a buzz again with our Junior learners welcoming their butterflies into their learning spaces. Over the last fortnight they have cared for the "crhysilys" with love and special attention and this week we welcome them! This process allowed our Junior learners to watch the life cycle up close. It was brilliant to hear the conversation among themselves as well as the care taken when our cryshlis were taken on home visits.

On Monday evening the P&F meet to discuss and plan the remains of 2017 and their fundraising initiatives and direction. It was fantastic having new ideas and energies around the table! The initial discussions appear to target some fundraising for a play based structure on the 'Block' or funds towards our toilet block refurbishment. I will continue to keep our community informed.



Our App is becoming more finely tuned and is definitely being actively used. Thank you to everyone who is using it! It allows us to continue our paper free initiative and get communication to nearly everyone instantly. You may have noticed categories appear on your App, that is aiming to direct parents to those areas for forms as sometimes a form is not for the whole school.

Over the past fortnight our PBIS focus has been on speaking and behaving respectfully to one another. The teachers have observed a noticeable improvement! Our St Mary's Learners are always so respectful, well conversed and have beautiful manners. Sometimes a gentle reminder and refocus is all we need. Well done everyone, super impressed!

The rebound wall is up in use and proving a popular attraction. The extended concrete has made the world of difference and we have tennis, down ball and hide and seek happening! The possibilities are endless. We are engaging in conversations about designs for our walls!!

This week Miss Spence received her Cross Country results for our Senior learners who qualified for the Zone Cross Country. Well done to Liam Edge, Kiara Robins, Noah Hore, Hudson Fountain, Joe Brown, Marli Easton and Remy Doyle! A sensational effort and we wish them all the best for the next heat! Miss Spence will organise the logistics of this event asap.

Yesterday our photo shoot was a smooth day! Our photos will be processed and return to us soon! MSP were extremely professional and I look forward to seeing the final products! Thank you to everyone for their smart hairstyles and effort in wearing neat and tidy full school uniform! You were very photogenic.

Thank you to all of the existing Prep parents and Year 1 parents who have responded to the survey around our Prep Transition program! I value your opinion and as I continue to learn our story and what is great at St Mary's. The survey will be open to those who are yet to do it until 17th May. It is available via our App, under 'NEWS'.

Today we welcomed our Mum's and special women in or lives to our Mother's Day Celebrations and all I heard was what a sensational occasion it was! It was very difficult for me to miss it! Thank you to our P&F who helped with the preparations of our day and our stall! We know our Mum's will love their gifts on Sunday morning. A big thank you to Mrs Edge who cooked up the delicious lunch as well as the amazing staff who planned activities, made slice and made sure everyone had a memorable time!

Wishing all of our Mum's, our female staff, and any special woman in our lives a beautiful Mother's day - filled with love and family!

God Bless - Jasmine Ryan (Principal)

BIRTHDAYS



Emily Dehne - 12th

Campbell Wood - 18th



NOTICEBOARD OF QUICK REMINDERS

- Catholic Education next week
- Please check the App under "NEWS" for Gymnastic Permission form for all learners in our school
- Yrs 3 - 6 AFL Clinic Permission slip under 'Years 3 - 6' on our App



CATHOLIC ED WEEK CELEBRATIONS

Day	Activity	Dress	Lunch Arrangements
Monday	Disco Day	PJ's & Uggies	BYO
Tuesday	Footy Day	Footy Colours	Hot Pies & Sausage Rolls
Wednesday	Community Day	School Uniform	BYO
Thursday	Friendship Fair	School Uniform	BYO
Friday	Good Samaritan Cup	Sports Uniform	Snack & BBQ Provided

A note from Jenny.....

On the 3rd May \$150 was deposited into our school account for school fees from the Bendigo Bank, however there was no reference on the deposit. If this was yours could you please let me know. Thanks

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.

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

Prebook a table or table

WEDNESDAY 17TH MAY 2017

FROM 7:00PM - 8:00PM

For more information please contact the school

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Our NAPLAN Learners - Fish'n'Chip Celebration Lunch



Miss Tully Fletcher at the Fire Station with playgroup