

Our News...

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



Frosty mornings and chilly winds over the last week have certainly had us rugging up. Thank goodness for the beautiful sunny days to lift up our spirits. While staff have been busy participating in professional development sessions up-skilling their digital technologies knowledge (thank you Mrs Keely), six of our learners have begun training to be altar servers for our Parish. Well done Liam Edge, Isabella O'Mahony, Hudson Fountain, Macy Irvine and Joe and Ava Brown for volunteering to become more involved in St.

Mary's Parish and living their faith. Thank you Fr. Junjun for your time and guidance.

Two of our learners in Year 3 have begun preparing for the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Declan O'Mahony and Lacey Ford together with their families, are participating in the program. Let us keep them in our prayers as they continue on their Sacramental journey.



The children of St. Mary's are our priority and are at the core of everything we do. Staff have been working hard to plan a rich and engaging curriculum for our learners, that encourages working collaboratively and having fun! Our Inquiry question 'Where do our Aussie ways come from?' Will certainly draw out a few larrikins and legends from our short but jam-packed Australian history. Newsletters for each class outlining the curriculum for Term 3 have been sent home so that you are informed of your child's learning.

There was a lovely smell wafting throughout the school on Monday which made me very hungry. Congratulations and thank you to the P&F for organising such a successful Pie Drive for our school. We are truly grateful for your efforts and hard work. Thank you to all in our community for supporting the Pie Drive I know there is nothing better than a hot pie to eat on a cold winters day.

Thursday was the last gymnastics session for the Prep - 2 learners. I don't know who had more fun, the teachers or the children, bouncing and rolling and somersaulting. It was wonderful to see all of the children participating, laughing and encouraging each other. Thank you to Palmer's Gym for providing this most enjoyable experience for our learners.

DATES TO REMEMBER:

- 31st July: School Closure Day
- 1st Aug: Altar Servers to attend Mass @ 9:15, Lion's Public Speaking Yr 3 - 6 @ 11:00am
- 2nd Aug: Whole School Mass @ 12:30 in the Library
- 3rd Aug: 100 Days Smarter Celebration - Preps, Yr 6 to Cohuna Secondary: Science Day
- 4th Aug: Playgroup @ 9:30am, Lion's Public Speaking Finals @ 6:00pm Senior Citizens Rooms
- 7th Aug: Leitchville Preschool to visit St Mary's, School Board @ 7:00pm

Many of you may have seen how lovely our garden is looking out the front of the school. I would like to thank the Edge family for gardening and pruning our roses on the weekend. Beautiful!

The process for Prep enrollments will occur in the month of August for both new and existing families. The process is a little different than the past and we are asking that all families attend a family meeting, tour to begin the process. The meeting will take approximately 40 minutes and is a time to chat about pre school information regarding your child and your hopes moving forward. Can you please contact Jenny in the office to book a time during the week 7th - 11th August.

Next Tuesday we are looking forward to the School Lion's Club Public Speaking Competition, held in the school library at 11.00am. Mrs Robertson and Mrs Williams had great difficulty short listing our speakers as the standard presented was very high. Well done to Ava Brown, Lachlan English, Molly Sherlock, Declan O'Mahony, Abigail Gray, Jack Trevena, Macy Irvine, Kiara Robins, Marli Easton, Remy Doyle, Maddie Hore, Seth Robinson, Lainie Hawken and Charlee Sherlock for reaching next Tuesday's competition. Representatives from the Lion's Club will be judging students who will then go on to compete at local school level, Friday 4th August. Parents are more than welcome to come along to the School Library to listen to the children's presentations on Tuesday. Year 3/4 learners will be first at 11.00am followed by Year 5/6 at 12.00pm.

The safety of our learners is paramount and we are always on the lookout to improve this. We ask if you are picking up children in your car, to please use the front entrance, King Edward Street as your pick up point. Thank you.

Just a couple of quick reminders. If you haven't completed and submitted your Insight SRC Survey please do by 28th July. This data is extremely important for our school improvement. And Monday 31st July is a closure day.

Thank you everyone for a fabulous week. I look forward to hearing the buzz of excitement happening in our learners classrooms and hope that Jasmine and Miss Spence are thoroughly enjoying their break. I can't wait to hearing some amazing stories.

God Bless - Adelia Muldoon



Molly Sherlock -31st

Phoebe Clarke - 3rd



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