

Our News...

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



Well I can certainly say that St. Mary's could never be guilty of ever being boring. There have been so many events and learning activities this week I am amazed that our learners even get a chance to breathe. Anyone who visited our school on Thursday might have been very confused to see little 100 year old ladies and gentlemen running around, thinking they could have been at our local nursing home and not at St. Mary's! Our Prep learners had a 'funtastic' time sharing their learning journey

with a celebration of '100 Days Smarter.' There were 100 cupcakes, crowns with 100 stickers, balloons and certificates to acknowledge their first 100 days of school. It was



lovely to see so many parents able to come and share in their child's learning and see their growth. Thank you to the parents who displayed their brilliant culinary skills to help bake the scrumptious cupcakes. I could see cheeky grins hiding behind the bright green icing smeared all over beaming faces. Well done Miss Spence and Miss Arthur for making this day so memorable for our learners.

On Tuesday, representatives from the local Lion's Club visited our school to host the heats for the School Lion's Club Public Speaking Competition. All of our learners were exceptional and should be very proud of their efforts. Congratulations to Lachlan English and Remy Doyle who won the heats with Molly Sherlock and Lainie Hawken runners up. The finals will be held in the Senior Citizen's Room on Friday night at 6.00pm We wish them all of the best.

As part of our Year 6's transition to secondary school, the Cohuna Secondary College Year 10 learners hosted a very special science session on Thursday. They explored how lava lamps work and investigated exploding lunch bags! It was great to see our learners socialising and collaborating with learners from other schools. They thoroughly enjoyed their visit and were excellent ambassadors for St. Mary's. Just watch out for those exploding lunch bags!



DATES TO REMEMBER:

- 7th Aug: Leitchville Preschool to visit St Mary's
- 7th Aug: Year 3/4 visit to nursing home
- 7th - 11th Aug: Enrollment 2018 Family Tours
- 8th Aug: Feast Day of Mary MacKillop - Mass @ 9:15am in the Church
- 9th Aug: Jasmine Ryan returns from LSL
- 11th Aug: History Box Incursion 9:00 -11:00am
- 13th Aug: St Mary's Term 3 Family Mass & Breakfast 10.30am
- 14th Aug: Enrollments 2018 Open

At St. Mary's our learners wellbeing is extremely important and it is with great pleasure that I congratulate our school chaplain Sacha Keir on recently gaining accreditation for the 'Season's for Growth' program. Change and loss are issues that affect all of us at some stage in our lives. We recognise that when changes occur in families young people may benefit from learning how to manage these changes effectively. We are therefore offering the very successful educational program Seasons for Growth. This program is facilitated in small groups and is based on research that highlights the importance of social support and the need to practise new skills to cope effectively with change and loss. The program focuses on issues such as self-esteem, managing feelings, problem-solving, decision-making, effective communication and support networks. More information and dates about the program will be forwarded when confirmed.

We are so blessed to have such a caring and compassionate community at St. Mary's. We would like everyone to keep Mrs Kelly, and her family in our prayers as news came through this morning that Mrs. Kelly's husband Brian has sadly passed away after a long illness. We have been in contact with Marie and offered her and her family the condolences of our whole school community, together with any support or help we are able to give. We will include Mrs. Kelly and her family in our class prayers over the coming week and will forward information in relation to funeral arrangements once they are known.

August being cold and wet and difficult to get outside is a fabulous time to Read! Read! Read! Book Week is approaching and the annual book parade will be held on Friday 25th August. The theme for Book Week this year is 'Escape to Everywhere.' Staff will be informing their classes of their theme/book for the parade and sending home information about costumes very soon.

We are extremely excited to be hosting our first Family Mass for the year on Sunday 13th August at 10.30am. Children attending will be reading, singing and playing music as well as celebrating being part of 'One Family.' After Mass we invite families to share in something to eat and mingle with St. Mary's Parish community. A form has been sent on the App to help with catering. Can it please be completed by Wednesday 9th August. We will also be celebrating the Feast Day of Mary MacKillop, Australia's first saint, on Tuesday 8th August 9.30am in the church. Everyone is most welcome to come and join us.

We welcome back Miss Spence from her trip to London and expect to see Mrs Page (Harvey) next week. Thank you to Mrs Robertson for taking such fabulous care of our Year 5/6 learners. Her time and effort in providing rich and engaging learning has been wonderful.

I would just like to thank everyone for their ongoing support while Jasmine has been away. We look forward her return and can't wait to hear of her exciting adventures. Congratulations to everyone for a wonderful week full of enthusiasm and fun!

God Bless - Adelia Muldoon



Charlee Sherlock - 5th

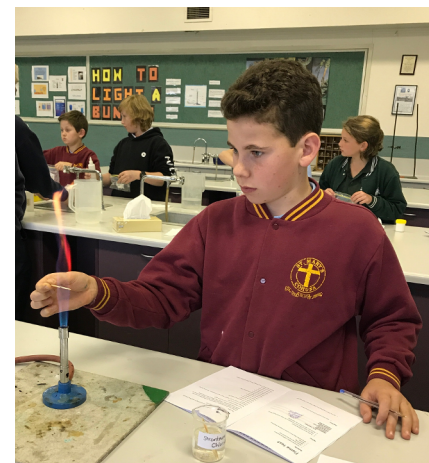
Liam Bowland - 6th

Riley Sheen - 7th

Jim Watkins - 9th



SCIENCE FUN AT C.S.C.....



WE ENJOYED OUR VISIT FROM THE ROYAL FLYING DOCTOR DENTAL TEAM



Making a difference
for every child



Come and learn about

What St Mary's has to offer

Your child and family

Book
your family
meeting between
August 7th-11th, 2017
Please contact the
school to make a time
(03) 5456 2062

Jim Watkins has misplaced his Bomber Jacket - could parents please check their child's jackets as it is quite common for children to take the wrong jackets home. Jim's jacket has "Jim W" on the tag. Thank you

P & F NEWS.....

The P & F will be holding a Garden Walk later in the year - date to be confirmed.

We are asking all our "Green Thumbs" to pot up some cuttings for us to sell at the plant stall.



Thanks

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, existing and new, to attend a family meeting and 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.

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Enrolments for 2018 close at the end of August
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