

# Our News...

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



This week I returned from Long Service Leave and as much as I had wonderful adventures I have enjoyed seeing the faces of all of our Learners... They are always so happy to be here and such wonderful people! Thank you to Miss Adelia who did an incredible job in leading the community in my absence. Thank you to the staff, board members and P&F committee who also supported Adelia while I was away ensuring it was business as usual.

This week we began the week with a beautiful celebration at Mass for the feast day of Mary MacKillop. Mary MacKillop is Australia's first ordained Saint and one we can aspire to be like. Mary MacKillop overcome adversity with faith and perseverance and made great impacts on the lives of the poor. The St Mary's community truly celebrated her legacy at Mass on Tuesday singing, dancing, praying.

This week I have begun family interviews for Prep enrolments for 2018. This has been extremely beneficial in learning about the children and families that are considering St Mary's. I have also enjoyed the intimate time with out existing families as I too am new to the community. It has been affirming to hear people's thoughts and praise for our school. If you are an existing family with a Prep for 2018 please call the office and come in for the interview. If you know of anyone in the community considering St Mary's please let them know to also contact the school to make a time.

On Thursday all staff attended Marie Kelly's husband, Brian's funeral. It was a beautiful celebration of his life and the love of the Kelly family. The school has been offered overwhelming support from our neighbouring schools and are extremely thankful to be a part of Catholic education. We will continue to keep Marie and her family in our prayers.

Wednesday night the P&F met. It has been a very active year within the P&F and we thank the wider community for the ongoing support and participation. The P&F finances are on target and we are hoping to meet our goal by the end of the year. In the coming week we have a St Mary's cake stall which we are hoping all families can contribute at least one item for sale. Separate details are coming home for this event. today.

## DATES TO REMEMBER:

- 14th Aug: Enrolments for Prep 2018 open
- 15th Aug: Feast of the Assumption Mass @ 11:30am in the Church
- 17th Aug: St Mary's Cake stall @ IGA
- 18th Aug: Yr 6 Youth Rally @ Mooroopna. Playgroup 9:30
- 20th Aug: Reconciliation Commitment Mass @ 8:30am
- 21st Aug: St Mary's School Athletics Day, Book week begins
- 25th Aug: Book Week Parade

Today we had a sensational learning experience with an incursion from History Box. In line with our inquiry investigation, "Where do our Aussie ways come from?" our Learners took a journey back in time and learnt about the major players, times, events and ways that shaped our nation. We had dress ups, re-enactments, exploring old items and sketching our convict crimes on stone! It was fantastic!

All Learners throughout the school will have now received their classes Book Week parade theme! We wait with anticipation at the many costumes and creativity that these days brings! St Mary's will join the Cohuna community with the annual Book Week parade on Friday 25th August. I will communicate finer details next week.

The St Mary's website has been under reconstruction and today goes live! If all Cyber elements align please visit our new and refreshed site. I think parents will welcome the new look and another option for communication. There will be a school community calendar linked to the site also with up to date events! I look forward to hearing some feedback! Feel free to use the QR Code included for quick access to the new site.

Mrs Edge has also informed me that the canteen will no longer offer the sale of paper bags. In keeping true to our paperless school commitment we recommend that families purchase an **insulated** bag from Steaky Beaks, an on line form. <http://stickybeaks.com.au/>

This Sunday we celebrate our first family mass as a community. The family mass aims to strengthen the school / parish relationship. Thank you to the families who are attending. If anyone else can make it, it would be fantastic to see you there. A delicious breakfast will be shared after Mass.

We had great representation at the Lion's Public speaking last Friday night with Lachlan English, Remy Doyle and Lainie Hawken doing an exceptional job! Well done on their preparations and efforts! We continue to wish Lainie luck as she competes this Sunday in the final!

Have a lovely weekend everyone, and I hope to see you at Mass.

**God Bless - Jasmine Ryan (Principal)**



**BIRTHDAYS**

Bayley Merkel - 11th

Noah Mathers - 13th

Mollie Wilson - 16th

**Congratulations  
to the Taylor Family**  
who were the winners of  
the \$100 Una voucher for  
completing the Insight  
SRC Survey

**St Mary's QR Code for the schools  
website**



*Once again St. Mary's is  
supporting the Deafness  
Foundation's Butterfly  
Appeal.*

*Butterfly Badges (\$2);  
Butterfly Keyrings (\$5)  
are available for  
purchase from the  
Office.*

## COMMUNITY NEWS

A reminder to all in our community that Tumble Tots Cohuna continues to run each Thursday @ the Garner Pavilion - Cohuna Recreation Reserve. Find them on Facebook: Palmer's Gym Cohuna

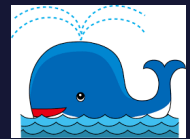


## NEXT WEEK @



From 9:30 - 10:30....come Whale watching! We will be making, exploring and reading about whales! All toys and hands on activities will be available also!

HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE!



## LEARNING ABOUT OUR AUSSIE WAYS!

