

Our News...

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



Well we have arrived at a beautiful point in the year, spring is in the air, our Learners are doing extremely well and we are all welcoming the holidays ahead! We thank everyone for a fantastic third term, filled with learning adventure, many successes but most importantly happy days at school! I know that everyone is ready for a break and thank our Learners, families and staff for all of their efforts this term!

Our new website is up and running and recently staff had some training so that it can be an additional point of communication for all of us in our community. Please feel free to use the calendar on here, locate our most recent newsletters and current events!

Thank you to all families who attended our digital media premier! For our first efforts with digital media, the learning was sensational. The process was a challenge for all but the learning was great! We look forward to our Learners continuing to develop their new found skill set. I was so impressed by the collaboration and amount of effort that would have occurred behind the scenes. Well done everyone!

Recently I have been meeting with our Bus Leaders. Our Bus Leaders tend to be our Senior Learners and they have been working hard at leading fairly and responsibly. Their efforts are working and we are seeing improvements however there is still room for more. Next term we will revisit the expected bus traveller conditions and families will be informed of these also. All Learners at St Mary's are constantly reminded that when in our uniform, our school expectations apply.

This week we had Seth Robinson, Joe Brown, Thomas Hawken, Hudson Fountain, Marli Easton, Maddy Link, Kiara Robins, Remy Doyle, Sophie Link and Lainie Hawken take part in the second competition for the collective Kerang athletics. All athletes participated well, supported their peers and represented St Mary's proudly! Many were out of their comfort zone yet persevered! We are very proud of everyone. Next term we will see Marli Easton and Lainie Hawken compete in their areas at Bendigo. An exceptional effort girls!

With the holidays just around the corner and all of us welcoming the down time, we all enjoy staying in touch with our friends. Many of us rely on our digital devices to do this. I thought I would take this opportunity to remind our families of some of the legalities around social media networks. While our primary aged children are curious, it is recommended that certain social media accounts are only legal at the age of 13. If parents are allowing their children to have such accounts, it comes at the parents responsibility. While at

DATES TO REMEMBER:

- 9th Oct - Term 4 Begins
- 11th Oct - St Mary's Inquiry Launch "What on Earth is out there?"
- 13th Oct: 9:30 - 10:30 Playgroup, 9:00 - 11:00 Prep 2018 Prep Transition, Bike Ed
- 17th Oct - PSG's
- 20th Oct - 9:30 - 10:30 Playgroup, 9:00 - 11:00 Prep 2018 Prep Transition
- 23rd Oct - A3 Performing Arts for Yrs 5&6
- 27th Oct - 9:30 - 10:30 Playgroup, 9:00 - 11:00 Prep 2018 Prep Transition
- 30th Oct - P&F Meeting @ 7:30pm
- 31st Oct - Whole School Assembly @ 2:15pm

St Mary's we actively teach how to be responsible and safe digital citizens we do not teach the *Do's and Don'ts* of social media networks such as Instagram, Facebook, Snapchat or You Tube as the Learners in our care are not yet of this age. I encourage all families to have access to all on line accounts that their children have, be very aware of the all on line activity and encourage their children to teach them about the on line world they are apart of.

Today families will also receive some information about our local CFA fire safety drive! A great initiative and brilliant idea for our community. The CFA is supporting our school and we would like to offer our support in return. Please take the time to read the information and place your orders by the 18th October.

Next term St Mary's will take part in our Walk to School month. A Gannawarra Shire initiative to encourage all to consider our well being, our fitness and our health! There is lots of information coming home today however, St Mary's goal this year is to reach 2000 kilometers collectively. I wonder if we can do it?

Today we ended our inquiry investigation, "Where do our Aussie ways come from?" in true Aussie style with our Footy Colours Day! There was a see of colour and spirit. Both local and national supporters! A great lunch organised by Mrs Edge and some fun and games around St Mary's. We look forward to the AFL grand final and hope everyone enjoys the festivities!

Again, thank you for a wonderful term. I look forward to everyones safe return after the holidays. Have a well deserved break and we will see you for our summer term.!

God Bless - Jasmine Ryan (Principal)

HATS...We are looking at changing our hats to a "bucket " style, and are asking for input from parents & our learners. Please watch out for the survey on our App.

All new enrolments will initially receive a new hat, however if the new style is adopted and our current learners would like the new style they will be available for sale at a cost of \$10.

Seth is modelling the new style hat, and Millah the old style. The new hats will be navy blue with a gold logo.



BIRTHDAYS

Jack Hayes - 23rd
Jensen Fountain - 3rd
Jenny Horvath - 7th
Joelie Mathers - 8th
Evelyn Thompson - 8th



MISSING BOMBER JACKETS....

Liam Edge. Ella Roberts & Lainie Spring are missing their Bomber Jackets - all are named. Could parents please check that their child/children have the correct jackets. Thanks.

P B I S
B L I T Z

To speak respectfully to all people in our school!

Refresh ourselves on our expectations.

Term 4 Morning Tea Menu

Watermelon Sorbet
Chocolate Chip Cookies
Frozen Fruit (Grapes & Oranges)



Prices to be advised next term

FOODIES PREPARE FOR TERM 4

Foodies have come a long way in the past two terms and are starting again for term 4. We have raised \$183.80¢. We are very excited because most of our prophets go to CARITAS. We would like to thank Mrs Edge, Mrs Page, Jasmine, all the staff, grade 5/6 for participating and all of the students for supporting us.

COMMUNITY NEWS

COHUNA JUNIOR BASKETBALL ASSOC.

It's that time of year again for the local junior basketball competitions to begin.

Anyone can play from ages 8 to 18yo.

Names need to be in asap to ensure the first night of competition will run successfully.

The first night will be Monday 9th October and will run for 10 weeks.

Registration and payment (\$82.20) to be done online using the link below
www.cohunabasketball.sportingpulse.net

For further details contact Kristy Webb, Secretary, on 0418339764

Umpires will be required for the season and Tina Prout will be running a mentoring program to assist with any new or returning volunteers. Interested people can contact Tina on 0427 015 765.



St Mary's Mass Times

Friday's @ 5:00pm

Sunday 24th Sept @ 8:30am

