

Our News...

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



What a fabulous weekend full of exciting events creating connections within our community and school. A huge thank you to all of the families who joined us and participated in our Family Mass on Friday night. It was lovely to see the children reading, singing and altar serving, engaging in these important ministries within our Church. They were truly fabulous and should be very proud of their efforts. The BBQ to complete the night was a great way to continue to build community within our school and Parish and being able to catch up with each other. Thank you to all involved in helping to prepare the event.

DATES TO REMEMBER:

- 23rd Nov: Prep & Yr 1 Stay Late Day
- 24th Nov: Prep Transition 2018
- 27th - 1st Dec: Assessment Week
- 28th Nov: Whole School Assembly @ 2:15pm
- 1st Dec: Prep Transition 2018
- 3rd Dec: Carols in the Hall
- 4th - 15th Dec: Swimming Program
- 6th Dec: Yr 5/6 Feast of the Sacred Heart - Echuca
- 7th - 8th Dec: Yr 3/4 Roar & Snore Camp
- 12th Dec - One up Day
- 15th Dec: End of year Mass & BBQ
- 18th Dec: School Closure Day
- 20th Dec: Graduate Dinner at the Tavern

Remembrance Day - After speaking to many people who attended the Remembrance Day Service it was lovely to hear such positive feedback about our Learners who displayed both respect and reverence while laying our wreath and reading the poem 'In Flanders Field.' It always makes us proud when our Learners are so involved in local community events. What great ambassadors for our school. Well done to Mikayla Rigg and Jolie Mathers who read and Ella Roberts and Mackenzie Dobie for laying the wreath. Thank you to all who were present at the service.

Garden Walk - Congratulations to all of the organisers and helpers who put together such a successful fundraising event. The day was glorious, the food scrumptious and the gardens were divine. Not only did they inspire other gardeners but they sparked great discussions. Thank you to the volunteers who shared their love of gardening: Kerri & Jeff Newcombe, Helen & Des Hunt, Robyn & Wayne Dye, Anne & Geoff Behrens and Barb & Rodger Free. The Garden Walk raised \$2785. Thank you to each class who produced a little something to sell as well as the people who volunteered their time and donations. I don't know if there is such a thing as 'garden envy' but I believe I have it!



Word from Canberra - Well our happy campers are certainly living it up ! So may wonderful sights to see and I believe some stars of the future. Parliament House, Australian Institute of Sport and a Science extravaganza just to name a few of their exciting destinations. We wish them all the best for the rest of their camp. There will be many stories shared on their return. A special mention to the Australian Government program PACER which contributed \$30 per student to attend the Civics and Citizenship education program. This helped keep the cost down for our families.

Mini Vinnies –What is Mini Vinnies? Mini Vinnies empowers primary school students to become advocates within their school and local community by putting their values into action. They meet regularly to learn about social justice issues, develop leadership skills and engage with the wider St Vincent de Paul Society. Our School Chaplain Sacha Keir will be running Mini Vinnies in 2018. If anyone is interested in using their talents and skills to help others please see her this term.

Busking! - A huge thank you to those awesome kids who helped with the busking on the Cohuna Festival weekend. My uke players and back up singers were amazing and we raised \$130 which will go to our helping our Families in Need. We have received many compliments and positive feedback. -Mrs Keely

Exciting news on the St Mary's front, in the coming week we will action stage one of our master plan and begin refurbishments to the Library / Art Room. St Mary's over past years has grown and our facilities and resources need to accommodate this growth. It is an opportunity to build for the future and provide engaging learning spaces for our community. I will aim to have our Master Plan on display later next week in the cabinet in the playground. This Art / Library will become a Learning space for next year! Further information to come out closer to our One up day!



Eliza Brown - 18th



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To Respect Self -
Drink plenty of water
and don't forget your
sunscreen

NEXT WEEK @



From 9:30 - 10:30....come and join
in the making and creating of pasta
jewellery!

Thread, paint, weave!

Date: 24th November

HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE!



Free Sound System - Due to the
shifting of rooms, there is a free
sound system ready to go to a good
home. Plays CDs and tapes. First in,
best dressed!

CDF PAY IS HERE AND WE ARE SUPER EXCITED ABOUT IT - WE ARE SURE YOU ALL WILL BE TOO!!

We are hoping that all families will get on board - it will make Leasa's workload in the canteen a little easier.

YOU CAN ORDER FROM THE CANTEEN UP TO 2 WEEKS AHEAD OF TIME.

School Uniforms can be ordered and paid for through CDF pay also. We look forward to your feedback on our new payment option.

St Mary's link :-

<https://smcohuna.cdfpay.org.au>



Firstly, my apologies for any inconvenience caused, however our Community One Up Day will be held on Tuesday 12th December, in line with all of our neighbouring schools and preschools. A letter has gone home today to our Preps for 2018. On our One Up day, our new Preps for 2018 will come, all of our Learners will meet their teacher for 2018 and our Year 6's attending Cohuna Secondary College will attend there for the day. The only people this does not apply to is the current Year 6's who will attend St Joseph's Secondary in 2018. St Joseph's will have One Up day on 5th December. We are happy for the those enrolled at St Joseph's to still attend school on the 12th December as there is much they can help with. My apologies again for any confusion in the community around One Up Day.

God Bless - Jasmine Ryan (Principal)



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