

Our News...

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



"Little children, let us not love in word and speech, but in deed and in truth." (1 Jn 3:18) This week the amazing people in St Mary's gathered and so generously gave something for the benefit of others. At this time of year we can all be very side tracked with the business of Christmas that we forget about the real need we have in our very own community. It was a joyous time when our contributions were collected on Monday for St Vincent's De Paul. We were informed that our collective donations are always in abundance and extremely generous. It is a pleasure to know that as a community we can support whoever, for whatever reason...as everyone at sometime or another needs help, especially at this time of year. A proud moment for all at St Mary's....Well done to our Learners who are truly living out our Catholic identity.

DATES TO REMEMBER:

- 27th - 1st Dec: Assessment Week
- 27th Nov: Star Lab Excursion
- 28th Nov: Whole School Assembly @ 2:15pm
- 1st Dec: Prep Transition 2018
- 3rd Dec: Carols in the Hall (Memorial)
- 4th - 15th Dec: Swimming Program
- 6th Dec: Yr 5/6 Feast of the Sacred Heart -Echuca
- 7th Dec: Yr 5 Learner's to St Joseph's Echuca
- 7th - 8th Dec: Yr 3/4 Roar & Snore Camp
- 12th Dec - One up Day
- 15th Dec: End of year Mass & BBQ - 5:30pm

Anyone who has ventured through the playground this week will have seen that our first renovation has begun. The opening up of the learning space is well under way and a hugely exciting time for all of us. I recognise that renovating is trying, with reshuffling of space, movement of items however I must commend the staff and Learners on how supportive and adaptive they have been at this time. In the past we assembled often in the library and will now need to make alternate plans. I will keep you all informed. Feel free to view the display cabinet on the wall of the Prep room to gain some further understanding for our planned learning space!

As the library has been packed up temporarily and we are verging on the end of the year, please feel free to send library books that are no longer needed back to school so Mrs Fry can account for them and stow them away. We apologise for any temporary inconvenience this may cause. When we return in 2018 we will have access to our library in the Church hall.

We have assembly on Tuesday afternoon at 2:15pm which we would love to see many of you there. We will hold our assembly in the Church on this occasion. Father Jun Jun and the parishioners have been extremely supportive and encouraging at this time with allowing us to use Church space. A reminder for all who join us for assembly that we will be gathering in a sacred space.

Next week is in an exciting time in our learning spaces....it is assessment week! It is a celebration of all of the knowledge, skill and growth we have made over the school year! No matter what kind of Learner we are, we have all had a very successful year. Everyone will notice that classroom teachers will be absent from classrooms for 2 days to test.

Last night we had an awesome time at our Stay Late Camp. The day started early with a bus trip to the Bendigo Discovery Centre where our Learners enjoyed a range of experiments and activities including the Planetarium and the Vertical Slide. We certainly have a few daredevils amongst us!! After lunch at Weeroona Park we were back on the bus and off to school to enjoy the movie 'Boss Baby' together. We had a great day together and were so impressed with our Learners participation and enthusiasm.

Feedback from Mrs Edge is how awesome the CDF Pay is!! I used it this week and not having to find cash was a blessing! We had an increased number as the week progressed, with 17 families ordering this way on Friday! If you have not used it, I encourage everyone to have a go! Thank you to the families who have provided us with ongoing feedback and reports of glitches, it has been very helpful! Mrs Edge asked if you order canteen using CDF pay, please still remember to send in your cleaned, insulated lunch bag so that lunches can be delivered. We have also had quite a few families order their uniform items through CDF Pay this week.

On Monday afternoon our Senior Learners will be lucky enough to have a visit from a police representative from Swan Hill to share some vital education around Cyber safety and our digital footprint. I look forward to this session and the continued conversations that will come home.

God Bless - Jasmine Ryan (Principal)



Paddy Quinlan - 25th

Charlie Toohey - 28th



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



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 journey of Christmas! Friday will be the 1st December where we will celebrate Christmas for the whole month! We will be colouring, painting and drawing all things Christmas! Come and join in the festivities!

Date: 1st December

HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE!



PREP 1 EXCURSION / LATE STAY FUN...

