



ST MARY'S NEW SLETTER

Term: 1 | Week 2 | 9th February 2018

WEEK 2

The week was continuously hot yet our wonderful Learners still bounced into school full of smiles and happy to be there! Our first full week for 2018 was a great one! The Specialist teachers were happy to be back leading their learning areas and the classroom teachers eager to have a full week of learning! It was unfortunate that we had to reschedule the Swimming sports however we have the date of Monday 19th February which we hope is cooler. This week we welcome 2 new people to our school, Coco and Angus Sweeney. Coco began in Year 3 and Angus in Prep. We know they will enjoy their time at St Mary's. Tonight we have our beginning of Year Mass & Picnic, we look forward to starting the year together!

God Bless,

Jasmine Ryan (Principal)

PARENT INFORMATION

Our 'Welcome to the year Parent Information night' is on 7:00pm Tuesday 13th February. We have decided to begin as a whole school community in the Collaborative Learning Space. Families bringing along children are to go into the Arts Studio with our Learning Support Staff. The evening will address whole school initiatives and unified practice before heading into classrooms. Parents with more than one child please divide your time between classes and documentation will be available highlighting key areas discussed on the night. We hope to see many there!

RECONCILIATION

This Year our Year 3 candidates will prepare and receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

The sacrament will take place on Friday 23rd

March 2018 at 5:30pm. If there are any other children in years 4 and above wanting to receive this Sacrament this year, can you please contact Miss Adelia; amuldoon@smcohuna.catholic.edu.au



DATES TO REMEMBER

12th Feb: Zone Swimming Kerang

13th Feb: Shrove Tuesday, Welcome to the Year Parent Information night @ 7:00pm

14th Feb : Ash Wednesday Mass in the Church @ 12:00pm, No Preps to attend school

16th Feb : Whole school excursion to St Joseph's Kerang: The Queen's Baton Relay

19th Feb: St Mary's Swimming Sport, P&F AGM @ 7:30pm

20th Feb: Parent Support Group Meetings

21st Feb: No Preps today

23rd Feb: School Closure Day - No Learners @ school

27th Feb: Whole School Assembly in the Church

28th Feb: No Preps today

Further dates available on the App under 'Calendar, as well as on our website.

PROJECT COMPASSION

Lent which begins on Ash Wednesday, invites us into a time of reflection in our relationship with God, with others, with our world. Caritas Australia's Project Compassion provides an opportunity to open our eyes to see where this relationship is not as it should be, and to stand in solidarity with the poorest and enable them to transform their lives.

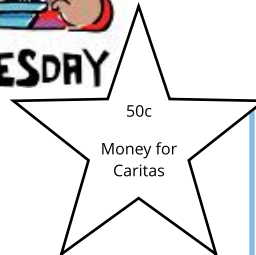
A Just Future starts with your support!

Next week Project Compassion boxes will be sent home for families to contribute to during this time of Lent. We thank you for your support of Caritas Australia this Lenten season themed "A Just Future". You will be empowering young people to build a just future for themselves, their families and their communities. Can all Project Compassion boxes please be returned to school by the 24th of March.

A just future



WHAT IS HAPPENING AT SCHOOL...



P B I S BLITZ

To respect ourselves and others in our learning spaces.

ST MARY'S - CHILD SAFE LEGISLATION

St Mary's is currently refining its practice and aligning with current legislation around Child Safe Laws. All volunteers, including parents coming into the school will need to have a current Working With Children's Check. At our parent information night, Volunteer packs will be distributed inviting parents to complete the process. St Mary's is trying to make the process easy and accessible to all. If you do not attend the information evening, a pack will be sent home.

We do hope that everyone will complete the Volunteer process so that we can have you all in our school regularly!

ST MARY'S SCHOOL BOARD AGM

St Mary's School Board AGM is scheduled for **Monday 5th March @ 7:00pm**. All are welcome. We are hoping to welcome some new board members. Please return the Board nomination form which was sent out last week if this is of interest to you.



WHAT IS WELLNESS?

This term our Inquiry Investigation is, What is Wellness? We will investigate, question and explore what makes us well in body, mind and spirit. We are hoping that our Learner's share with you the new knowledge along the way. Our families will be encouraged to discuss and share their understanding of Wellness at home. On Wednesday 21st March, please keep the date in the diary for our 'Family Wellness Night!!' It promises to be an adventurous evening to celebrate our learning and include some time for family wellness.

Familywellness

FROM THE OFFICE

CSEF (Camps, Sport, Excursion Fund)

Families holding a valid Centrelink concession card with an issue date on or before 29th January 2018 are eligible to apply. \$125 is paid for eligible primary students which are made directly to the school and can only be used for any camps, sports or excursions that the student attends (Learning Experience Levy). Please contact me if you would like an application form sent home.

SCHOOL BANKING

St. Mary's offers the Commonwealth Bank School Banking program to all students.

School Banking is a fun, interactive and engaging way for young students to learn about money and develop good savings habits. Children who deposit money into their Youthsaver account through School Banking earn Dollarmites tokens, which they can save up and redeem for exciting rewards.

Information packs have been sent home to new students today. If you would like further information regarding our school banking program please contact me.

DIRECT BANKING DEPOSITS

On the 1st Feb a deposit was made to the school account from the Bendigo Bank for school fees. Unfortunately no reference was attached to the deposit so I am unable to ascertain where it has come from. If you think this may belong to you could you please contact me.

DIRECT DEBITING OF SCHOOL FEES

If you would like to set up Direct Debiting of your school fees (monthly and fortnightly payments) and have not yet completed the necessary form please let me know and I shall send a form home with your child.

MEDICAL / CONTACT DETAILS

Medical and contact details of students are required to be updated annually. A form has been sent home with our Learners today, with the exception of Preps. Could you please return the forms as soon as possible.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY.....

Elliot Warren - 5th

Jack Patterson - 15th



PLAYGROUP

Please join us on Friday 16th February, 9:30 - 10:30 for playgroup. We will be exploring Sponge Painting!

Bring along your friends & neighbours!



Please come along...



The Importance of Dads

Cohuna



In this 2 hour session for Dads of children 0 - 10 we will:

- Explore the unique role of Dads in their child's development.
- Consider the benefits of play.
- Learn how Dads can maximise their child's social, emotional and academic growth.

Term 1, 2018

When: Wednesday 28th March 2018
Time: Arrival and registration 5.45pm
Session 6.00pm - 8.00pm
Where: St Mary's Primary School, 45 - 49 King Edward Street, Cohuna
Cost: Free
Childcare: Sorry, no childcare provided
Facilitators: Dr Rodriguez, CCS Family and Relationship Services

Groups are subject to maximum and minimum numbers determined once waiting lists prior to the commencement date. Early registration is encouraged.

For bookings and enquiries contact school reception on Ph: 5456 2062