



# ST MARY'S NEWSLETTER

Term: 2 | Week 1 | 20th April 2018

## WEEK 1

Welcome to term 2 everyone. I trust that everyone had a lovely extended Easter break! It is wonderful to have all of our Learners back and present at school!

Everyone has settled back into the learning routine and have enjoyed being reunited with their friends!

This week in our "Kids Briefing" we talked about the importance of year levels making friends within year levels. This was targeted at our Prep Learners who are encouraged this term to focus on social connections with children in their own class.

Our Senior Learners were lucky enough to have a return visit from Sgt Andrew Downes who broadened their understanding of how to be Cyber Safe citizens and how to ensure a positive digital footprint. These visits are invaluable in our upper levels as the on line world becomes more actively used. We hope our Learners share their insights at home.

*God Bless Everyone...*

*Jasmine Ryan (Principal)*

## ST MARY'S DISCO - TONIGHT!

Tonight we will rock the playground with our 2018 St Mary's School disco! We have sold over 140 tickets and thank everyone in the community who can come along. A reminder that parents must drop off and pick up at the front gate. The P&F and staff representatives will supervise the whole event. Everyone with a ticket will receive nuggets, party pies, a drink, lolly bag and glow stick! Please have your wrist band on! We thank the P&F for the organisation of this event!



## A THOUGHT FROM OUR POPE

'You can, you must try to seek God in every human life. Although the life of a person is a land full of thorns and weeds, there is always a space in which the good seed can grow. You have to trust God.'

*(From A Big Heart Open to God: A Conversation with Pope Francis)*



## DATES TO REMEMBER

23rd Apr: School Board Meeting @ 7:00pm

24th Apr: ANZAC Ceremony @ 10:30am,  
Assembly @ 2:20pm

25th Apr: ANZAC Public Holiday - No School

26th Apr: Yr 5 & 6 Leadership Conference -  
Echuca

2nd May: 12:30 - Class Mass in the Church @  
12:30 - CC to Host

3rd May: Fire Carriers Education Day - Yrs 4 -6

11th May: St Mary's Annual Mother's Day  
Celebration - 12:00pm - 2:30pm

14th May: P&F Meeting @ 7:30pm

15th - 17th May: NAPLAN

18th May: Good Samaritan Cup

21st - 25th : Catholic Education Week

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

## ANZAC DAY

Week 2 of our term marks our annual commemoration of Anzac Day. This year we will continue to reflect and pay respects to all Anzacs that fought for our country. On Tuesday 24th April, some RSL community members will speak briefly with our Learners to allow their depth and understanding around the Anzac story to grow. The talk will be followed by our St Mary's community ceremony at 10:30am which will be held in front of our flag pole. We welcome anyone who would like to join us. Our children are invited to bring along flowers to lay during the ceremony if they would like.



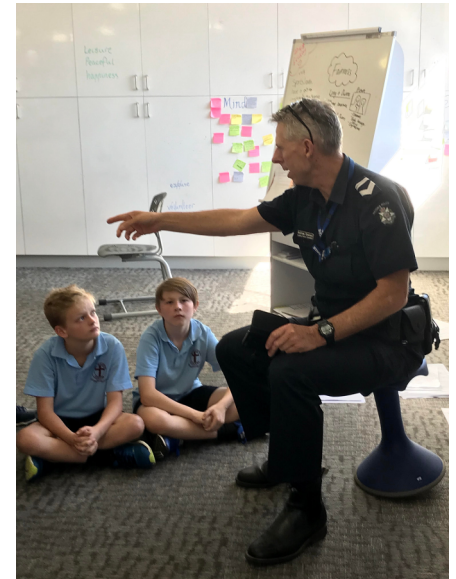
St Mary's will also be represented in the community walk on Anzac day. For those attending we thank you. Please be in full school uniform and at the meeting point of the Post Office at 9:30am, 25th April.

## WHAT IS HAPPENING @ SCHOOL...



### PBIS BLITZ

Respect for self: To persevere in our learning



## AMPHITHEATER ARRIVAL

Our Amphitheater, tiered learning spaces have arrived in our Collaborative Classroom. Our Learners are enjoying being off the floor and seated in a central space to focus on a presentation point. There are places to cuddle up and read also! Feel free to have a look!

## EASTER EGG FUNDRAISER

Our Easter Egg fund raiser has now come to a close and we thank all families for all their efforts to sell some of the eggs! In total we raised \$2500. It is a fantastic contribution from everyone! This year the P&F have set the bar high and have set a target of \$15,000 to be raised. This will be greatly beneficial to new play areas on the Block.

## PLAYGROUP

**Friday 27th April - 9:00am - 10:30am**

Please remember Playgroup will start at 9:00am each week! Please bring along your friends, family and neighbours!

**Play Focus:** We will be using dots and stickers to create our names!



## HAPPY BIRTHDAY...

Isabella Hore - 14th  
Lachlan English - 17th  
Ella Roberts - 20th  
Tyler Jones - 21st  
Camm Nicholson - 21st  
Declan O'Mahony - 23rd



## CHILD SAFE VOLUNTEER DOCUMENTATION DUE

Friday 27th April is the closing date for our St Mary's Volunteer documentation and WWCC. Some clarifying information has come home this week to assist with this. Thank you to those who have already submitted their paperwork.

## TERM 2 CALENDAR

Each week dates of events and items ahead are noted in the newsletter. Term 2 dates have been added to our school calendar which can be located on our website.

## CROSS COUNTRY

Please feel free for your child(ren) to wear their runners each day next week as we will be training for our cross country! Miss Spence will hit the streets with our Seniors and our Juniors will run on our oval!

## NUDE FOOD

A reminder for our Nude food days! Nude food will operate on Tuesday's and Thursday's (non canteen days). We look forward to seeing who the leading class is!

## COMMUNITY NOTICES



Dear prospective students and parents,

You're invited to:

### YEAR 7 in 2019 INFORMATION EVENING

Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> May, 2018  
Cohuna Secondary College  
6.30pm sharp

The purpose of this evening is to provide you with information and materials regarding your start into secondary school.

The transition program will be outlined, Year 7 activities, subjects offered and general information.

Mrs. Fiona Miller  
Principal

I would like to talk about bicycle helmets. There seems to be a trend developing whereby people feel they are exempt from having to wear a helmet. The road rules clearly state that you must wear a bicycle helmet when riding a bike. There is no exemption for age, old or young, there is no exemption for if it is cool or not, there is no exemption for the "I forgot it" excuse, you simply have to wear a helmet when you are riding a bike. The fine of \$198 should be enough of a reminder to wear one, but if that is not enough. In the last 12 months Cohuna Police have been to 2 bicycle accidents, on both occasions had the riders not had their helmets on, they both would have suffered serious head injuries. So for the parents out there, remind, hound, nag, whatever works for you and make sure the kids are wearing their helmets, to the adults who should know better, we will be keeping an eye out over the coming weeks.

Andrew RIGG | Sergeant 31285

Station Commander Cohuna Police Station

## MOTHER'S DAY

Mother's Day is always a very special day for our St. Mary's families. To help make this a special occasion for all mothers in our community, we ask that you please send a photo of mums and their child/children to assist with our Mother's Day celebration to be held on Friday 11th May to Miss Adelia by Friday 4th May. [amuldoon@smcohuna.catholic.edu.au](mailto:amuldoon@smcohuna.catholic.edu.au)



## MISSING BOMBER JACKET...

Tara Jameson is missing her Bomber Jacket. It has TJ on the tag.