



# ST MARY'S NEW SLETTER

Term: 3 | Week 3 | 3rd August 2018

## WEEK 3

A week of engagement, success and achievement. From our Prep's celebrating their 100 days at school to our year 3 - 6 Learners bravely speaking publicly to strive for the next stage of the Lion's public speaking, to our Year 1 - 2 exploring the streets of Cohuna acknowledging the amazing art that we can learn from in our awesome town! It has been fantastic!

Thank you to all families for supporting all learning initiatives this week, from a dress up, to listening to a speech in preparation, to taking part in our town walk. Having strong connections between school and home is of great benefit to the learning of our children. Be sure to be kept up to date and check in on Seesaw to watch, read and hear what your chil(dren) are doing in the classroom! 85% of our families are now on Seesaw!

A few unforeseen date changes. The next heat for the Lion's Public speaking will be held on Thursday 9th August in the Senior Citizen rooms. There were clashes of noise! Also, the P&F meeting will now be held on 6th August to allow time to prepare for our Father's day celebration!

*God Bless Everyone...*

*Jasmine Ryan*  
*Principal*

## DOES ART HAVE POWER?

Our inquiry investigation is well underway and our teachers have clear understanding of where all Learners are at and hoping to go! We have discovered across the school that our Learners have a real passion for the arts and love to share their creative flare!

We have found that our Learners are excited by the new learning ahead around the theory, story and history that often accompanies art!

Please take this opportunity to talk with your child(ren) about the art you enjoy, the museums you have visited and the artists that you admire! Building knowledge at home is a great scaffold to be able to contribute to discussions within the classrooms! Also, take the time to investigate your child's interests in art or famous artist....I think you will find it interesting what they know!

## A PRAYER FOR THE SACRAMENTS

We pray for Declan, Montanah and Broden as they continue their faith journey by receiving the Sacraments of Confirmation and Eucharist. Father of love and power, it is your will to establish everything in Christ and to draw us into his all embracing love.

Guide these candidates as they begin their preparation for Confirmation and Eucharist. Strengthen them in their baptismal promises, build them into the kingdom of your Son, and seal them with the Spirit of your love.

We ask this through Christ our Lord,  
Amen



## DATES TO REMEMBER:

5th August: Confirmation & Eucharist preparation Mass. @ 8:30am

6th Aug: P&F Meeting @ 7:30pm

6th - 10th Aug: Prep Family Meetings - All week

7th - 9th Aug: Specialist Artists in Residence to visit

8th Aug :St Mary Mackillop Feast Day - Liturgy in the Church

10th Aug: No buses running

12th Aug: St Mary's first Eucharist &

Confirmation @ 2pm

15th Aug: Feast of the Assumption - Mass @ 12:30pm

16th Aug: Athletics Day

20th - 24th Aug: Book Week

20th Aug: School Board Meeting @ 7:00pm

21st Aug: Yr 3 to Cohuna Library - Meet the Author

*Further dates available on the App under 'Calendar' website.*

## ERIN BELL

St Mary's has been lucky enough to confirm a visit from Australian Diamond and World Cup net baller Erin Bell! Erin has been sourced through our Chaplain Sacha and will come and share her insights on resilience and chasing your dreams.

Erin is an elite sports person who will come and speak with all of our Year 3 - 6 Learners and will then follow on with an intimate netball clinic for our Yr 3 - 6 girls who have a keen netball interest.

We know that this will be a powerful experience for all!



## WHAT IS HAPPENING @ SCHOOL...



## P B I S BLITZ

Respect for others:  
To encourage the  
gifts & talents of  
others!



## HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Charlee Sherlock - 5th

Liam Bowland - 6th

Elvey Robinson - 9th

Jim Watkins - 9th

Quinn Conlan - 9th



## LION'S PUBLIC SPEAKING

Over last week and this week, all Learners in Years 3 - 6 wrote, prepared and delivered their Lion's Public Speaking speech. From the class forum to making it the next round, all worked extremely hard and did a great job!

Our first internal heat saw: Georgie Neil, Mac Ryan, Eliza Brown, Isla Murray, Jorji Easton, Joelle Mathers, Lachlan English, Molly Sherlock, Remy Doyle, Marli Easton, Macy Irvine and Charlee Sherlock compete in front of Lions judges Mr and Mrs Walkington! Well done to Remy and Jorji who have made it through to the community round!

## 100 DAYS SMARTER CELEBRATION

What a fantastic celebration of our Prep's 100 days smarter! The costumes and props were incredible and our Preps loved the day that Miss Spence and Miss Arthur had planned! From cooking 100 cupcakes, to counting to 100, to decorating with 100's and 1000's, to brainstorming what we would 100 more of and what we would not want 100 more of! The best part of the day was all of our Mum's and Dad's coming in to play and celebrate with us! Thank you!

## PLAYGROUP

**Friday 10th August - 9:00am - 10:30am**

Please join us at Playgroup! We start at 9:00am each week! Please bring along your friends, family and neighbours!

**Play Focus:** We will be making a homemade claw machine!

The kids will have treats to take home!

PS: Playgroup is held indoors for warmth!



## ART DONATIONS

The P&F will be organising prizes and raffles for the Art show. We recognise that it is a long way away however we are hoping that families might be able to donate a few art items that we can bundle up in to raffle packs. Please contribute if you can! A box will be placed in the foyer for any donations! Thank you everyone.

Items such as;

Paint, paper, craft packs,  
textas, pencils, smocks,  
canvas', clay, scissors etc



## PREP FAMILY MEETINGS 2019

In the coming week; 6th - 10th August St Mary's will welcome the Prep families that will begin the 2019 year with us! Please if you are one of these families, contact the school to make a meeting time. This meeting allows an active tour within the classrooms and a more intimate opportunity to get to know your child and your family! We look forward to seeing you all!

## FRIENDS IN NEED

Another group of Friends in need meals has been sent out this week. A huge thank you to all of the families who support this! It is positively received at times of need. Anyone wishing to contribute, please list your name on the App form.

## NO BUSES - 10TH AUGUST

On Friday 10th August there will be no buses as Cohuna Consolidated and Cohuna Secondary College have school closure days. Families will need to make alternate arrangements on this day! Thank you

## FIRST UPDATE / MEDICAL PLANS

This week all staff completed their annual First Aid training to keep our skills up! Thank you to families for sending in current medical action plans and accompanying medication. Legally we can not administer medication or out of date action plans.

## BOOK WEEK

A reminder the book week is pending. The costume selection for each year level is below:

Collaborative Classroom: Any Roald Dahl character

Yr 3: The BFG

Yr 2: Charlie and the chocolate factory

Yr 1: The Witches

Prep: Fantastic Mr Fox

