



St Mary's Newsletter

WELCOME TO WEEK 5

There is much to celebrate and be thankful for this week within the St Mary's community! What a fantastic turn out and sense of community at our Beginning of year Mass and BBQ! We had many families attend, sharing their sense of belonging, mingling and particularly welcoming our new families. It was great to receive some wonderful feedback from parents about our community and the positive energy and recognition of the great things that are happening here.

The learning is well alive in our classrooms with routines established, data being used to drive our teaching and achievements and success already being celebrated. Well done to our teachers for their endless efforts in preparing our days for engagement, fun and learning for our learners.

Thank you to the many parents who attended our Parent Learning Support training today. The more active a family is in a school, models the value of education and learning to our children. Our children love having their families involved in their school life and this is a beneficial way to nurture this. Having another adult to support learning in the learning space is of huge educational support to many learners at St Mary's. I would like to thank Miss Adelia for her preparation and to all of the parents for supporting the learning of all at St Mary's. We look forward to seeing you in learning spaces from Week 7!

The community involvement and support at the moment for all events and supports is overwhelming...we are grateful...***It takes a village to raise a child!***

God Bless

Jasmine Ryan



FOR THE CALENDAR

- 27th Feb: Prep's to attend full time
- 5th Mar: Shrove Tuesday
- 6th Mar: Ash Wednesday @ 12.00
- 11th Mar: Public Holiday
- 11th Mar: Labour Day - No School
- 14th Mar: Cake Stall, School Board AGM @ 7pm
- 15th Mar: School Photos
- 17th Mar: Family Mass lead by Yrs 5/6
- 26th Mar: Assembly - Host Yr 2
- 28th Mar: Yr 6 Transition to CSC 1:30 - 2:45, Learning Conversations 1:00 - 7:00pm
- 1st Apr: No School - Closure Day for Staff PD
- 2nd Apr: P&F @ 7pm



P&F NEWS

Our P&F has confirmed a Cake Stall date - **Thursday 14th March!** We hope that all in our community will be able to bake or donate some goods which we can sell.

Our stall will be held outside the IGA Cohuna! This is a great fund raiser for our school! Each family will be sent a container and information about possible baking ideas on Monday 4th March.

A reminder for our infamous Easter Egg Raffle. We are asking for Easter egg or chocolate donations from our families to make up small prizes. Raffle books will have come home this week. We are asking that sold raffle tickets and money be returned to school by **22nd March**. Our raffle will be drawn at our 26th March assembly!

Thank you all for your incredible and ongoing support!

St Mary's School Board AGM

St Mary's AGM is on Thursday 14th March @ 7pm. We are looking for new members to join us!

Nomination forms are available from the Office

Friends In Need

As we have started a new year so has our Friends in Need freezer donations.

Please indicate on the App whether you are happy to take part in the roster. Thank you for your support!

PBIS BLITZ

Talking respectfully towards others and being kind.



A PRAYER

Creator God,

You are our constant hope! In the season on Lent, you call us to prayer, fasting and love of those most marginalised.

As a community of faith and courage, let our gifts to Project Compassion by symbols of hope and solidarity with our one human family.

Accompany us as we journey with Jesus to bring "good news" to all creation and ready our hearts to work for the common good of all your people.

We ask this in Jesus' name

AMEN



FROM THE POOL - A day at Swan Hill

Well done to Alfie Quinlan, Lachlan English, Jorji Easton, Mackenzie Dobie and Mac Ryan for their incredible effort and representation of St Mary's at the Mallee Division Swimming Finals yesterday! All enjoyed the pool, tried their very best and walked out from the pool with grins from ear to ear! A fabulous effort by all!

It is no easy task to progress so far and do the school so proud! Some were lucky to walk away with some ribbons;

Alfie - 3rd in the relay

Jorji - 1st in Breast Stroke & 3rd in the relay

Mackenzie - 4th in the relay

Lachlan - 4th in the relay

Mac - 2nd in freestyle & breast stroke final





OUR LEARNING

JUNIOR TEAM (Prep - Year 2)

The Prep – Year 2 Learners have been looking at bike safety and the things that we can do to keep ourselves safe while riding. The Prep learners are very excited to start their first full week of school.

SENIOR TEAM (Year 3 - Year 6)

In Years 3-6 this week we have been using literal and inferred comprehension to help us understand what we read. We have been reading lots of different texts about our Inquiry topic 'How Safe Are We?' to help us with this, while also learning lots of new information about keeping safe.

In maths we have been working on our counting skills, looking for patterns to help us count mentally. We have also been strengthening our place value knowledge, playing games to help us understand this concept better.

BIRTHDAYS

- Maggie McGlone - 26th February
- Mackenzie Dobie - 28th February



ST MARY'S FAMILY MASS - Sunday 17th March

On Sunday 17th March, we are hoping for a great turn out from our school community. To celebrate our connection with our Parish, Father Novie is encouraging the celebration of the Eucharist, followed by a BBQ breakfast supplied by the P&F! Our Year 5/6 Learners will have significant parts to play in the Mass however we hope many others from across the school also come to gather! There is an invitation on the App simply for catering purposes.

Mass will be held at 8:30am in the Church.

Camps, Sports & Excursions Fund (CSEF)

CSEF is provided by the Victorian Government to assist eligible families to cover the costs of school trips, camps and sporting activities.

If you hold a valid means-tested concession card you may be eligible for CSEF.

The annual CSEF amount per student is \$125 and is paid directly to the school. Applications for 2019 are now open and will close on 28th June 2019. Application forms have been sent home to all families today.



Caritas: Project Compassion

The theme for Project Compassion 2019 is based around **HOPE** and **giving Lent 100% in the name of hope**. Hope is one of the three pillars of Christian virtue. The other two being faith and charity. It is a powerful force for good and helps to transform lives.

Lent which begins on Ash Wednesday 6th March, invites us into a time of reflection in our relationship with God, with others, with our world. This 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. Can all Project Compassion boxes please be returned to school by Friday 29th of March. Thank you!!



Sunday March 3rd 2019

RIDE / RUN / WALK

Mini Miler * 6.5km Fun Run/Walk * 12.5km

Trail Run * Half Mara Trail Run * 6.5km Jun-

ior Cycle * 25km Cycle * 50km Cycle *

Registrations available online at
www.bridgetobridge.org.au



Each year, the proceeds from the event are passed on to the Cohuna District Hospital.



Collection of Parent Information

Each year the Catholic Education Commission of Victoria requests all schools to provide the residential address of all students to assist with funding. If you have recently changed your address could you please notify the school before Friday 1st March.

Medical Information on PAM

Can families please continue to log on and personalise accounts on PAM. We are asking that all Medical files be up to date, completed and current on PAM by the end of Term 1. Thank you everyone



PERFORMING ARTS 2019 - IT'S SHOW TIME!

What an exciting year it is shaping up to be! This year we will be staging a whole school production, "Jules", a Rock 'n Roll musical, guaranteed to be loads of fun, full of music and dance.

There will be 3 performances. **Wednesday afternoon 30th Oct**, dress rehearsal, for the pre schools, local primary schools and senior citizens. There will be 2 evening performances on **Wednesday 30th and Thursday 31st October. Please mark these important dates on your calendar.**

Everyone is welcome to join our "Jules" Production Committee. This is a great way to meet other parents and share your gifts and talents. I have learnt from past productions that many hands really do make light work! Whole school production means our awesome whole school community. So if you feel you might be handy at sewing costumes, making props, a whiz at makeup or would just loved to be involved, please fill in the form below or just give me a ring if you are keen to find out more.

Elaine

St. Mary's Musical Production "Jules" 2019 (circle or highlight)

I am interested in joining the "Jules" Production Committee

Or

I am willing to assist with any tasks that might need an extra pair of hands.

Signed _____