



St Mary's Newsletter

WELCOME TO WEEK 9

Only 2 weeks to go until the Easter break and the learners at St. Mary's are continuing to engage in rich learning experiences up until the end.

Last Thursday we celebrated Harmony Day. Our learners came to school wearing a touch of orange and enjoyed a day full of engaging learning experiences. Our celebration began with our guest speaker, Shabnam Sheaar, Sam in Prep's mum, who shared her story about moving from Iran to come to settle in Australia. We learnt about the culture, geography, climate, food and sport in Iran. Thank you Shabnam for taking the time to come and speak to our learners on a day that encourages us to build harmony between all cultures.

God Bless

Adelia Muldoon



FOR THE CALENDAR

- 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: Cyber Safety Incursion, P&F @ 7pm
- 3rd Apr: Specialist Planning Day, Class Mass @ 12:30pm Yr 3/4 to host
- 4th Apr: First Aid in Schools Program
- 5th Apr: Yr 3-6 Learning Expo 9.00-10.00am, End of Term 1 - Dismissal @ 2:10pm
- 23rd Apr: Beginning of Term 2
- 24th Apr: St Mary's ANZAC Day Ceremony 10.00am
- 25th Apr: ANZAC Day Public Holiday. Cohuna march and ceremony begins 9.15am
- 26th Apr: Richmond footy clinic Yr 3-6



St Mary's is committed to Child Safety.

We believe all children have the right to feel safe and be safe.

P&F NEWS

St Mary's School

A reminder that the cut off time for canteen orders using CDFPay is 8.30am

School Closure

Reminder that Monday 1st April is a school closure day. Staff will be attending professional development in Echuca.

MISSING.....

Lost at school or on the Gunbower school bus in the past fortnight a **Nintendo DS handheld game unit** belonging to Silas Toll. White & red in colour. Contact Paige Toll on 0404 846 516 or the school office.



The Easter Raffle was drawn on Tuesdays assembly with many lucky winners. Congratulations to our major prize winner Zaeli Cutter who was very excited take out the large Easter hamper. Thankyou to everyone who donated to the Easter Raffle.

A PRAYER

Prayer - In light of the recent events in Christchurch let us pray for peace.

Peace Prayer of St Francis

Lord, make me an instrument of your peace:
where there is hatred, let me sow love;
where there is injury, pardon;
where there is doubt, faith;
where there is despair, hope;
where there is darkness, light;
where there is sadness, joy.
Lord, grant that I may not so much seek
to be consoled as to console,
to be understood as to understand,
to be loved as to love.
For it is in giving that we receive,
it is in pardoning that we are pardoned,
and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life.
Amen.



PBIS BLITZ

Talking respectfully towards others and being kind.



LEARNING CONVERSATIONS

We appreciate the involvement of parents in their children's learning. Learning conversations will be held Thursday 28th March. This time provides parents with the opportunity to come and speak with the classroom teacher about their child and their learning. We look forward to building strong partnerships.

CYBER SAFETY AND CHILDREN'S FIRST AID

It is important for our learners to have exposure to experts in their field. Next week we have two incursions: Tuesday 2nd April, Policeman, Andrew Downes from Echuca, will be giving a talk about cyber safety and Thursday 4th April, St John's First Aid in Schools program. These information sessions support our Inquiry learning 'How Safe Are We?'



OUR LEARNING

JUNIOR TEAM (Prep - Year 2)

The Prep – 2 learners are continuing with their research project on safety, they have been placed in groups and continuing to find their information and create their presentations. The Prep learners are continuing to build their knowledge and understanding of recounts. The Year 1 and Year 2 learners are continuing to plan and draft a narrative. The Prep- 2 learners are continuing on to focus on number with numeracy. The learners are building skills in skip counting, counting forwards and backwards and identifying the place value of numbers.

SENIOR TEAM (Year 3 - Year 6)

Last Thursday our school celebrated Harmony Day. Through a shared reading in our classes we learned about the significance of Harmony Day, and why it is important to recognise the different cultures that are within Australia.

In writing we are still working on our narratives. Soon we will start to learn about persuasive writing, and the different techniques that can be used to convince someone to agree with us. We are also focusing on our punctuation in writing, in particular how and when to use paragraphs.

BIRTHDAYS



- Isla Murray - 28th March
- Liam Edge - 29th March

Congratulations

Congratulations to Jorji Easton who participated in the zone swimming sports last Thursday. The team came out of the blocks firing and achieved a personal best in the relay.

Lions Club

The Lions Club supports many of the events held at St Mary's and we would like to acknowledge their ongoing support. This week at assembly St. Mary's donated money to the Lion's Club, 'Leo's Van,' which will create opportunities for the youth in our community.



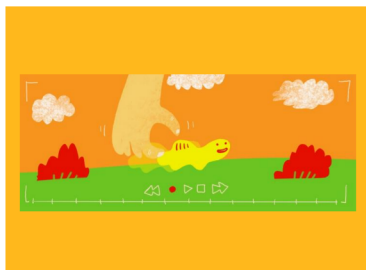
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CLAYMATION

Claymation is an animation that is created using clay that is sculpted and moved. For each movement, there is a new 'shot' and when 'shots' are connected together they make a movie.

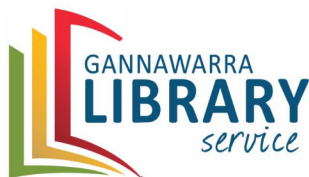
Ages 7 and up
BYO Device Workshop
\$5.00 per child
Cohuna, Tuesday April 9, 11.00am



HATCHING CHICKS

Make your own funky chicken.
Just in time for Easter!

Cohuna, Monday April 15, 10.00am
Leitchville, Tuesday April 16, 2.30pm
Kerang, Wednesday April 17, 10.30am



BOOKINGS
ARE
ESSENTIAL

Kerang 5452 1546
Cohuna 5456 2124
Leitchville 5456 7031

Children must be
accompanied by an adult

GANNAWARRA LIBRARY SERVICE PRESENTS Claymation

Create your own stop motion movie!



Young people, aged 7 years or older, can come and create their own mini Claymation movies with renowned illustrator, Steve Lo Casto.

Claymation is an animation that is created using clay that is sculpted and moved. For each movement, there is a new 'shot' and when 'shots' are connected together they make a movie. Famous examples of Claymation include *Wallace and Gromit* and *Shaun the Sheep*.

Participants will need to bring an Apple iPhone or iPad, or compatible Android device to download the 'Stop Motion Studio' App necessary for the workshop.

Cost per child is \$5.00 which must be paid at the time of booking. Places are limited.

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Tuesday
April 9
11.00am
Bookings Essential



KERANG BADMINTON ASSOCIATION

BADMINTON

2019 Competition

Come and try nights for Junior/
Intermediates and Seniors:

(Grade 3 - 103. \$2 per night for students \$6 for adults)

17th April & 24th April
6:30pm - onwards

Season starts:

Juniors/ Intermediates 29th April 4 pm
Seniors 1st of May 7:15 pm

Maxwell Street Stadium KERANG
All Welcome!

Contact- Frank Kelly (President): 0428 520 233
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