



# St Mary's Newsletter

## WELCOME TO WEEK 1

Welcome back to all in our St Mary's community! It is lovely to see the many smiling faces, all happy to be back at school with their friends and teachers!

A disjointed week to begin, but great events to start off our term! We began immediately with our inquiry launch of, 'What cycles keep us going?' Great learning experiences with mixed age peers where we explored and collaborated to look at the water, plant and life cycle of a variety of living organisms! The engagement was intense and we look forward to the learning that lies ahead!

Our annual Anzac day ceremony hosted in conjunction with Cohuna RSL was truly beautiful! Our learners and staff took part with reverence and respect! Our guest speaker, Angela Tresize, was originally a local Cohuna member and past student of St Mary's, who shared her story of her life in the Australian Army. We were blessed to have her visit, and what a role model for our children.

Thank you to many families who have taken part in our end of Term 1, parent voice survey. Some great opinions and ideas. The survey will close of Friday 26th April for those still wanting to contribute.

Our Leadership shirts have finally arrived and look sensational! The colour, the design, the material have all been well received! Leaders are welcome to wear their shirts on Sport / PE days!

It's lovely to have everyone back, safe and well! God Bless

Jasmine Ryan

**Principal**



## FOR THE CALENDAR

- 24th Apr: St Mary's ANZAC Day Ceremony 10.00am
- 25th Apr: ANZAC Day Public Holiday. Cohuna march and ceremony begins 9.00am
- 26th Apr: Richmond Footy clinic Yr 3-6, Our Dad's Footy Clinic - P - 2
- 28th Apr: ASPA Dance - Yr 5/6
- 30th Apr: Yr 5/6 Leadership Conference, 2:15pm Assembly - Yr 1 to Host, Lion's Vision Testing visit
- 1st May: Mass @ 12:30 - Yr 2 to Host
- 2nd May: St Mary's Cross Country Sports Day
- 6th - 10th May: Catholic Education Week
- 7th May: PSG Meetings
- 8th May: St Mary's Open Evening @ 7:00pm
- 9th May: Good Samaritan Cup @ St Patrick's, Tri Board dinner



## School Board Update

St Mary's School Board met on Monday evening with great discussion around many underlying initiatives and plans for St Mary's. Our main focus points was the sharing of our 2019 Annual Action Plan and preparations for our Open evening.

Our school board was able to look in detail of the direction of our school and appreciate the many initiatives, learning and directions that the staff work on behind the scenes. I thank the leadership and staff for their ongoing reflections and direction of school improvement.

Our school board also shared opinions of the great aspects worth sharing with our community in preparation of our Open evening. It was a fantastic opportunity to hear from their perspective what they value about our school. We hope to see Prep 2020 parents attend.

### LOST

Harry Rennie has lost his bomber jacket.

Please have a look at home and send into the Office if your child has accidentally taken it home.

Thanks.

### Calendar & Dates

Our PAM and school calendar are up to date as much as is known.

Coming home is a sheet of termly dates to help family planning!

### What do you think?

St Mary's is seeking parent opinion around:  
Communication /  
Uniform / Assessment

Please click on the link below to have your input.

Closes 26th April

Term 1

Parent Survey

## A PRAYER

God of love and liberty, we bring our thanks this day for the peace and security we enjoy, which was won for us through the courage and devotion of those who gave their lives in time of war. We pray that their labour and sacrifice may not be in vain, but that their spirit may live on in us and in generations to come.

Amen



## WHAT CYCLES KEEP US GOING?

This term our inquiry investigation will explore the life cycles of living things! We will explore that life cycle from birth to death in relation to animals, plants and humans. We have enjoyed the many wondering and hope the learning conversation continues at home.



In the coming weeks we will audit our non active Parents whom are yet to use PAM. We are conducting this audit to ensure that all families have logged on and completed current medical records for their child(ren).

If your family is yet to do this a reminder letter will be sent shortly. Please make this a priority as it allows the school to access current and immediate information if needed.

## Parent Learning Support - Term 2

We are looking forward to our parent learning support volunteers coming back into the classroom for week 2. All classroom teachers will share with you the booking form that will allow a 4 week booking block. Keep an eye out on Seesaw or via email to be active alongside our learning!





## OUR LEARNING...

### JUNIOR TEAM (Prep - Year 2)

Welcome to Term 2! The Prep – Year 2 learners have started the term off well. There is so much excitement and enthusiasm for learning buzzing in the junior area. The learners began the term with their Inquiry launch. We explore a range of activities that engaged the learners into different cycles of life. We planted seeds, created butterflies and explored different cycles. This term we will be exploring “What cycles keep us going?”



### COHUNA NET-SET-GO

Begins today - Wednesday 24th April - 5.00pm  
at the Cohuna EcaCentre  
and will run for 10 weeks.

Cost is \$80

For further inquiries contact Bec Power on 0438091980

### SENIOR TEAM (Year 3 - Year 6)

Welcome back for what is sure to be a learning filled and fun Term 2! This term our Inquiry focus is 'What cycles keep us going?' We launched this on Tuesday with a whole school rotation of different activities to tune in the learners and get them wondering about the topic. With ANZAC Day coming up, in class we have been refreshing and extending our understanding of why we commemorate this very important day. We had a visit from Geoff Dale on Tuesday, who introduced a DVD that has been produced about the local men and women who served from our area, which we were lucky enough to be able to watch a sneak peak of!

## BIRTHDAYS

- Millah Crichton 29th April
- Harry Mathers 29th April

### Congratulations - Isla Murray

Over the holidays one of our Learners, Isla Murray shared her gifts and talents with the world and entered a piece of Art in the local competition! Isla sold her art work as well as receiving a community Encouragement award! Well done Isla, we are incredibly proud of you!

### Congratulations - Conlan Family

Over the holidays the Conlan family welcomed, Ari, a beautiful baby boy! We know Ari will bring Shane, Shannon, Quinn and Eadie much joy! Welcome to the St Mary's community Ari!





# ST MARY'S OPEN EVENING

45 - 49 KING EDWARD ST  
COHUNA



ALL IN OUR COMMUNITY ARE INVITED TO JOIN US FOR OUR OPEN EVENING -  
8TH MAY 2019 @ 7:00PM

LEARN ABOUT WHO WE ARE AND  
HOW WE CAN BE PARTNERS WITH  
YOUR FAMILY

PRE SCHOOL CHILDREN WELCOME -  
CARE PROVIDED



**"It's that engagement of learning that makes us feel alive!"**

*Brendan Burchard*