



St Mary's Newsletter

WELCOME TO WEEK 4

What a fabulous end to our Catholic Education week with our Mother's Day liturgy, activities and high tea! Thank you again to all of our Mum's, Grandma's and special ladies who joined us on Friday morning, it was a lovely gathering of love and community. An event like that takes great effort and organisation and I would like to thank all St Mary's staff for all they did in preparation.

This week our Year 3 and 5 learners are doing their best at NAPLAN tests in the areas of Numeracy and Literacy. Our learners were well prepared and familiar with the test conditions and were all encouraged to do their best! Results do not return to school until September / October. Our learners are looking forward to their special celebration lunch on Thursday!

Thank you to Alex Baker and his family this week for their annual book donation to our school. Our library is very loved by both staff and learners and it was wonderful to receive this gift! Thank you to the Baker family!

Last week our Good Samaritan Cup was canceled due to pending wet weather we have our date rescheduled for Friday 24th May. All permissions, plans and what is need to be brought along for the day remains the same. Please familiarise yourself with the details of the permission forms in readiness of next week! We love our Collaborate days with St Joseph's and St Patrick's.

God Bless

Jasmine Ryan

Principal



FOR THE CALENDAR

- 14th - 16th May: Yr 3 & Yr 5 - NAPLAN - Special lunch for NAPLAN on Thursday
- 20th May: P&F Meeting
- 21st May: Swan Hill Zone Cross Country
- Hill Zone Cross Country
- 23rd May: CSC Transition Session #2
- 24th May: Good Samaritan Cup @ St Patrick's Pyramid Hill
- 28th May: Assembly @2.15pm - Yr 5/6 to Host
- 5th Jun: Class Mass - Yr 5/6 to Host
- 7th Jun: Chaplain Network Group day
- 10th Jun: Public Holiday
- 11th - 13th Jun: Yr 3/4 Camp
- 12th Jun: Yr 5/6 @ Festival of the Sacred
- 13th Jun: Yr 5/6 @ Lightning Premiership Kerang
- 14th Jun: School Closure Day



St Mary's is committed to Child Safety.

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

Enrolling @ St Joseph's 2020?

A reminder to parents with year 6 Learners attending St Joseph's Echuca in 2020 that enrolments on line are due today.



REMINDER

**Enrolment Applications
For Year 7 2020**

Due this WEDNESDAY 15 MAY

Enrol on-line at

<https://www.sje.vic.edu.au/enrolment/>



ST. JOSEPH'S COLLEGE ECHUCA
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Enrolment 2020

If you are a new or existing family please be sure to complete and submit your Application for Enrolment form as soon as you can. Forms are available on our website.

Enrolment Process

If you know of anyone with Prep children for 2020 please let them know also.

It would be ideal to have Enrolment Application forms back by the end of term to allow St Mary's optimal planning time.

Thank you

A Reflection

Our candidates for the Sacrament of Eucharist will be presented with the Lord's Prayer this weekend as they continue their faith journey.

Our Father Our Father,

Who art in heaven Hallowed be Thy Name;

Thy kingdom come,

Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread,

and forgive us our trespasses,

as we forgive those who trespass against us;

and lead us not into temptation,

but deliver us from evil.

Amen

Sacraments of First Eucharist & Confirmation

We celebrate the beginning of preparations of some of our learners who will be receiving the Sacrament of First Eucharist on Sunday 23rd June at 10.30am. A commitment mass will be held on Sunday 19th May where the candidates will receive 'The Lord's Prayer' from Fr. Novie. Pope Francis:

"It's important for children to properly prepare for their First Communion, so that there's no child without this Sacrament. The Eucharist is a firm step towards Jesus, along with Baptism and Confirmation."

CROSS COUNTRY

What a fantastic day we had for Cross Country last Thursday despite a few puddles and wet ground. All the participating learners were outstanding in running and supporting each other. Great to see good sportsmanship and encouragement across all age groups.

Awesome team effort from all houses and congratulations to team Fatima for winning the shield. Well done to our age group champions: 12 year old, Noah Hore and Molly Sherlock, 11 year old, Campbell Wood and Mackenzie Dobie, 10 year old, Mac Ryan and Eliza Brown.

Thank you to our parents for their help and support on the day. Also thanks to the Cohuna High School students for helping.

St Mary's will have some representatives for Cross Country at the next stage in Swan Hill on Tuesday 21st May. We wish Noah Hore, Liam Edge, Campbell Wood, Mackenzie Dobie, Harry Link, Mac Ryan, Eliza Brown, Chloe Dehne, Seth Miller and Jack Pollock all the best next week in Swan Hill.

Child Safe Update



As St Mary's continues to adhere to Child Safe practices and standards a reminder to our Volunteers that no photography is to be taken when in the Volunteer Role. Please remember that all visits require any person to sign in at the front office. We thank you for your co-operation on this.

Caritas Update

Caritas Australia helps people help themselves, regardless of ethnicity, religion or political beliefs.

So far we have raised an amazing \$440 for Caritas! Well done!

Thank you for your generous support for Project Compassion.



OUR LEARNING...

JUNIOR TEAM (Prep - Year 2)

This week the Prep – Year 2 learners are continuing to find out about different life cycles. Last week the Prep and Year 1 watched as their butterfly hatched. They were able to watch as the chrysalis continued to change into a butterfly. This week the learners welcomed a guest speaker to talk about the life cycles of chickens. The Prep learners are continuing to develop their knowledge and understanding of narrative, as they begin to write their own stories. Year 1 and Year 2 are continuing to develop the learner awareness of the structure of persuasive text.



BIRTHDAYS

- Campbell Wood - 18th May
- Mitchell Gray - 21st May

SENIOR TEAM (Year 3 - Year 6)

In Grade 3/4 we have been watching our chrysalis closely for any changes, and over the weekend it hatched! Luckily Miss. Spence was close by to film it! This has been a part of our Inquiry unit on cycles, so it was great to see this process first hand. On Tuesday we released the monarch butterfly. For reading in the 3-6 area we have been focusing on making connections with what we read, in particular connections to ourselves, and our own experiences. This helps us to comprehend what we read. This week the Grade 3's and 5's have participated in NAPLAN testing, and have done a fantastic job, putting in their best effort. Well done!



Winter Woollies Drive for the Community

Each year Northern District Community Health (NDCH) supports over 200 individuals and families across the region who are at risk of, or are currently experiencing homelessness. For these 200 individuals and families, there are over 500 dependent children.

With winter just around the corner and the cold weather starting to appear, NDCH will again be running its Winter Woollies Drive from 13th to 24th May 2019.

We are asking you to donate winter clothes and blankets for vulnerable people in our community. All goods are given to the local St Vinnies to be distributed to those in need over the colder months.

Goods can be dropped at NDCH offices or check with your school to see if they are a participating drop off point this year.

For more information go to NDCH website www.ndch.org.au or call on 03) 54 510 200.