



# St Mary's

## Newsletter

### WELCOME TO WEEK 5

We are officially half way through the term! Incredible how fast the weeks pass by while our children are engaged with their learning and life at school.

This week I have had the pleasure of spending time with new Prep learners who will join us in 2020. The journey to school takes great organisation and preparation and we pride ourselves on knowing our new learners as best we can before they arrive so that they are comfortable and ready for success at St Mary's.

As part of our annual action plan St Mary's intends to learn about its story and gift of charism. The charism of the school is the gift of the holy spirit that makes our community what it is. At the present time there is a charism team learning the history, origins of our catholic beliefs and traditions. This learning will be transformed into rich, real and relevant curriculum that we can share with our community of learners.

Thank you to those who have had input to the Pastoral Wellbeing review survey. For those still wanting to share, the link is still available on school stream and on this newsletter. Thank you for taking the time.

Our building is moving along and on schedule. Mr Liam Edge is leading our construction team in sharing with our community where the project is at. Liam has been taking pictures of the progress and reporting on the stages to our learners. Next week, the master plan will be shared on our website. Our school master plan maps the ten year plan of the school. At each stage there is reflection and refining of design and alignment with funding. I do hope our community is excited by the long term vision.

God Bless

Jasmine Ryan - **Principal**



This view is from the basketball court. You can see the frame and all of the work that has been put into making it strong and durable.

### FOR THE CALENDAR

- 12th - 16th Aug: Prep 2020 Family Tours
- 15th Aug: Feast of the Assumption, Whole school mass @ 12:30pm
- 16th Aug: Nursing home visit - Yr 2
- 19th - 23rd Aug: BOOK WEEK
- 19th Aug: A Taste of Africa Performance, School Board @ 7pm
- 20th Aug: A Whale's performance
- 23rd Aug: Community Book Parade @ 1:00pm, Prep 2020 Enrolment forms due
- 26th Aug: P&F Meeting @ 7pm
- 27th Aug: Assembly @ 2:15pm
- 29th Aug: St Mary's Athletics
- 30th Aug: Father's Day Breakfast @ 8:30am
- 3rd Sep: St Mary's Pastoral Well being Review
- 4th Sep: Whole School Mass
- 6th Sep: Zone athletics @ Kerang
- 11th Sep: Learning Conversations 1:30 - 7:00



## Production



### A REMINDER

Our production is well underway with our learners preparing with Mrs Keely. In the past we have asked each family to pay \$5 per child to cover costume hire. This again will be the case for our 2019 production. Payments can be made through CDF Pay or send in \$5 in a marked envelope to the office please.

### Uniform Reminder

Uniform is at the discretion of the parent in regard to pants, shorts or skirt.

The colour of our uniform is navy only. Black shorts are not to be worn please.

Runners are only worn on sport and PE days. If your child wears a runner on all days as a school shoe, please ensure that the shoe is completely black.

### St Mary's Cake Stall

Just a reminder that our cake stall is tomorrow. Can all baking be placed in provided containers and dropped to school before 9:00am! Thank you to everyone who can contribute in anyway.



On Monday canteen each week in term three students are welcome to purchase a hot chocolate and a piece of raisin toast for one dollar each at recess!



## A Prayer

Holy Mary, on this day, we honour your life as the chosen Mother of Jesus.

We remember your dedication to God and the joy and heartache you had in

your life as you followed God's plan for you.

We pray for the love you had for God, the hope you had in Jesus, and the joy

you found in your heart. Pray for us as we grow in love, hope and joy

Amen



### St Mary's Pastoral Well being Review

St Mary's invite you to take part in our Pastoral Wellbeing survey. This input will allow us to plan for continued improvement in this area. The survey closes on: 21st Aug @ 3:30

**SURVEY**

### Congratulations Georgie Neil!

On the weekend Georgie Neil from Year 4 took to the second heat of the Lion's Public Speaking competition. Georgie did an incredible job and again won this heat! Georgie competed against our local government schools and has now been invited to compete in Tongala on Sunday 25th August! We are very proud of your efforts Georgie and wish you all the best for the next heat!



## OUR LEARNING...



### JUNIOR TEAM (Prep - Year 2)

This week the Prep – Year 2's have been exploring the second essential question. We have been defining and creating expectation of collaboration. We have been breaking apart what collaboration means to us. Each learner is creating expectation and rules on how we will collaborate with our peers. We have learnt that collaboration is learning as a team to solve problems and complete tasks. Prep is finishing their unit on subtraction this week. We have been using the count on strategy and count all to help solve subtraction equations to 10.

Prep are in the process of writing a procedure text on how to brush your teeth. Year 1 are continuing to explore fairy tales in preparation for book week. They are continuing to look at the characters and settings of the text. Year 1 are beginning to explore shapes and their features. Year 2 are continuing to publish and illustrate their narratives and are continuing to build on their knowledge of addition strategies.



- Mollie Wilson - 16th August
- Frances Thompson - 19th August

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

In the year 3-6 learning space we have completed our narrative in preparation for the book parade. We are getting ready for Book Week next week. In the Year 5/6 learning space they have been focusing on division and completing assessment tasks to show their understanding. In Inquiry learners have been looking at the different roles required to make a movie and how it comes together, they looked at the Making of Snow White to assist with this.

In the Year 3/4 learning space, we will begin to look at our 'Book Week' books 'Hansel and Gretel' and 'Jack and the Beanstalk' in shared reading and compare characters and their traits. We are also focusing on verbs and using full sentences when answering questions. The learners are enjoying learning about 2D and 3D shapes and being able to make different shapes.



**Going to the Dentist doesn't have to be expensive!**



Did you know it is recommended children have regular dental check-ups from the age of 2 years of age? Early detection and treatment of tooth decay can help to reverse the decay. There are a number of options when choosing to visit a Dentist.

There are public dental services available for eligible people, which can provide general, denture and specialist dental care. See <https://www.dhsv.org.au/patient-information/who-is-eligible> to find out if you are eligible. Public Dental Clinics locally include:

**Boort Dental Clinic**

Ph: 54 515 230

**Swan Hill Dental**

Ph: 5033 9336

Many children will be eligible for up to \$1000 FREE dental every 2 years under the Child Dental Benefits Scheme (CDBS). If your family is eligible for Family Tax Benefit A this is a good indication you will be eligible.

There are also Private Dental Practices and they still offer the CDBS. They include:

**Kerang Dental Clinic** (now offering payment plans)

Ph: 54 521 867

**Cohuna Dental Clinic**

Ph: 54 564 554

Additionally, the Royal Flying Doctor Service regularly and they provide free or low-cost dental services for children. Find them at <https://www.flyingdoctor.org.au/vic/our-services/mobile-dental-care/>

## NUDE FOOD – WASTE WARRIORS @ ST MARY'S

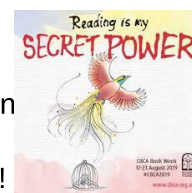
Of recent times St Mary's has been collaborating with the Green team and our learners have been revamping our Nude Food Days and trying to minimise our waste, especially at school. Thank you to the learners and their families who are using food containers consistently for our food at school! We have seen some improvement and community learning which is what we hoped for. Mrs Fry has created a bin that is monitoring our waste each Nude Food Day. We are still filling this bin with waste each Nude Food Day and much of our waste is blowing in and around our yard.

If plastic packaging is your chosen option for school food, we will ask that the waste be placed back in lunch bags and taken home for disposal. We are hoping that this will minimise our waste on our yards and open up a conversation about the care of our earth at home. Thank you again to the families who are proactive in supporting this initiative.



## BOOK WEEK 2019

We are nearly ready for our annual Book Week events ! Next week we will have Regional Arts Victoria visit and perform, A Taste of Africa. We will also view a puppet show that was based on a book - A Whale's Tale! The week will end as we proudly take part in the Cohuna Community Book Parade! All permissions are available on the App and we hope to see many of you there!



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## YOUTH AFFAIRS MEETING

Monday 19<sup>th</sup> August 2019  
7pm  
Community Meeting Room

Supper will be provided

All welcome.

Our regular Progress meeting will be held at 5:45pm before the Youth Affairs meeting at 7pm. Please feel free to join us for our regular meeting also.

### DISCUSSION WILL INCLUDE:

- What do you like about living in Cohuna?
- What are the challenges of living in Cohuna?
- What is missing for the youth of Cohuna?

For further information please contact Jason Hensley  
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THE AIM OF  
THIS MEETING  
IS TO  
PROMOTE  
AND  
DEVELOP  
YOUTH  
AFFAIRS  
IN OUR  
COMMUNITY!

## The Importance of Dads

Kerang



In this 2 hour session for Dad's of children 0 - 10 we will:

- Explore the unique role of Dad's in their child's development.
- Consider the benefits of play.
- Learn how Dads can maximise their child's social, emotional and academic growth.

*Dads, Grandads, Uncles and Male Carers are all welcome to attend this workshop*

### Term 3, 2019

<b>When:</b>	Wednesday 4th September 2019
<b>Time:</b>	Arrival and Registration 5.45pm (Dinner provided on arrival) Session 6.00pm - 8.00pm
<b>Where:</b>	Sir John Gorton Library, Cnr Shadforth Street and Murray Valley Highway, Kerang
<b>Cost:</b>	Free
<b>Childcare:</b>	Sorry, no childcare provided
<b>Facilitators:</b>	CCS Family and Relationship Services

Groups are subject to maximum and minimum numbers determined seven working days prior to start date. Please register early



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