



St Mary's Newsletter

WELCOME TO WEEK 6

Welcome to book week! Always a fun and exciting week where we celebrate the love of literacy in many ways! The short listed books that St Mary's invests in every year, the theme of the year that we connect with and our community parade that we proudly take part in. I know that the Taste of Africa and A Whale's Tale performances were two learning experiences that allowed our learners to enjoy stories and deepen their understanding of the performing arts! I know many are very excited about the parade on Friday! I can't wait to see the creativity of costume and super power combined!

Alfie Quinlan represented the school in the youth affairs meeting on Monday evening. Alfie and all other Senior leaders were invited to share their thoughts and opinions on their town of Cohuna. Well done to Alfie for speaking in a public forum for people his age.

The home learning grid has been shared across the school with clarity of expectations. Teachers have observed a greater commitment and enjoyment of the home learning book. We hope that this initiative has been a support to our families. We thank you all for your commitment and partnership on your child's learning.

Teachers are working hard at improving the booking template for our Parent Support volunteers. We welcome the support of learning in our classrooms and do not want parents not coming in. Please keep up to date via your class Seesaw blog to share your availability. The more support to learning the better the outcomes for our learners!

God Bless

Jasmine Ryan - **Principal**



FOR THE CALENDAR

- 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 - Footy Colours Day
- 12th Sep: Leitchville preschoolers visit
- 16th Sep: Mallee Zone Athletics @ Kerang
- 20th Sep: End of Term 3 - 2:10 Dismissal
- 4th Oct: Term 4 commences
- 11th Oct: Prep 2020 Transition 9am - 11am
- 14th Oct: School Closure Day

Production News



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. In the coming week we will complete an audit of who has contributed and a reminder will be sent home. We would like these costume contributions finalised before the end of term. Thank you for your support on this.

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!



**PLEASE BRING ALONG YOUR PLASTIC
KEEP CUP TO SUPPORT OUR GREEN TEAM!**

Our Cake Stall - A huge success!

Thank you again to everyone for their baking and time last week for our IGA Cake stall. Thank you to the staff at IGA for their support also. We raised \$1026! A simple and effective fundraiser that everyone can contribute to. A fabulous effort!



On Friday 20th September between 12:30 - 1:30 we will have a progressive learning expo! All classrooms will celebrate their learning of the performing arts! Please allow yourself the hour as we will move from class to class as one group so all can perform!

A Prayer

Pope Francis has dedicated the month of August to praying for artists, praising them in his latest prayer video as heralds of God's beauty, and asking that through their work, they would help humanity discover the wonder of creation.

God our Father in Heaven may we always cherish the gifts that surround us, and share our blessings with each other.

May the Word of the Lord give us courage to share your Word through the creative means of music, dance and drama. Let our thoughts and actions be guided by your grace and may your Spirit fill us with imagination and creativity.

Amen



A reminder that Nude Food Days are Tuesday & Thursday!

NURSING HOME VISIT

On the 16th August, Grade 2 visited the Cohuna Nursing Home. We performed jokes, did some ten pin bowling, played elastics, showed them how to count with bundles in maths, skipping, counting in Italian, dance, showed our art, performed the "Cups" song and finished with a prayer. The learners had a great chat with individual residents, and a most enjoyable time was had by all.





OUR LEARNING...

JUNIOR TEAM (Prep - Year 2)

This week the Prep – Year 2 learners have been exploring the different ways that we can express ourselves. We have created a definition of what expression means and listed a variety of ways that we can do this throughout a performance. The Prep- Year 2 learners are beginning to plan and create their performance. They are writing scripts and creating choreography for the class performance. This week we have taken part in A Taste of Africa. We learnt dances, songs and drumming. We watched them performing using a range of African instruments. We had so much dancing and singing. We also watched A Whales Tale this week. It was a story about the pollution in the ocean and how it can make sea animals sick and unwell. We enjoyed watching the show and learning about all the different ways that we can keep our oceans clean and safe for animals.

SENIOR TEAM (Year 3 - Year 6)

In the Yr 3/4 learning space, we have been learning about how characters have traits and feelings within the text and that they might have more than one trait. We have been looking at our story for the Book Parade which will be on Friday. Learners have been coming up with a superpower that their character might have and designing a lightning bolt to help explain their superpower. We are continuing to learn about shapes and have been making 3D shapes out of paper and clay and match sticks.

In the Year 5/6 learning space, we have been finishing of narrative and will start writing information reports. We have made a timeline of the different styles of dance. Learners are also learning about the different types of genres within a text. They have finished learning about division and are now moving on to 'fractions'.

All learners enjoyed participating in 'A Taste of Africa' on Monday and got to play the drums and do some dancing. It was great to see all learners participating and having a great time. On Tuesday we went to Consolidated School to watch a puppet show about 'A Whale's Tale'. In Physical Education learners have been learning the skills required to help them with Athletics which will be held next week. We have looked at all events and are currently focusing on Shot put and Discus.



FOOTY COLOURS DAY - 11th September

Our Senior leaders will lead our footy colours day! With us all dressed in our team colours, a pie / sausage roll will be available to order for lunch! These will be the only items available to order for lunch on that day, as well as the usual drinks and paddle pops. All available on CDF pay!

The afternoon session will see our leaders run footy clinics and celebrate our collective love of anything footy!

We ask that we donate a gold coin donation which goes to Cancer research!



- Jack Pollock - 23rd August

2019 Speech Pathology Week: August 25th-31st

COMMUNICATING WITH CONFIDENCE



When a family member or loved one has trouble with speech and language, it can be difficult to know if you should get help, especially with children. Questions like, 'will they grow out of it?' are often asked. What is important is that communication difficulties are often underestimated and need to be thought of as serious, like other disorders and disabilities. Don't delay in getting help, have a Speech Pathologist help you to understand what is happening and to see if they can help

Communication is a basic human right

- 1. 2 million Australian's live with communication disability
- Communication disability is largely invisible: Unseen and out-of-sight
- More confident communication helps maximise educational, health and social outcomes
- Communication is more than just speech

Tips for Successful communication

- Be welcoming and friendly
- Avoid loud locations
- Listen carefully
- When you don't understand, let them know
- If you think the person has not understood, repeat what you have said, or say it in a different way
- Speak at your normal volume & speed

For more information visit: <https://www.speechpathologyaustralia.org.au/>

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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

When:	Wednesday 4th September 2019
Time:	Arrival and Registration 5.45pm (Dinner provided on arrival) Session 6.00pm - 8.00pm
Where:	Sir John Gorton Library, Cnr Shadforth Street and Murray Valley Highway, Kerang
Cost:	Free
Childcare:	Sorry, no childcare provided
Facilitators:	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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St Mary's, Cohuna Garden Walk

**Sunday November 10th,
10am - 2pm**

Come and explore our beautiful local gardens
Tickets \$15 includes a light lunch at the school
Tickets available at St Mary's Primary School
now or on the day

Major prize proudly donated by



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