



St Mary's Newsletter

WELCOME TO WEEK 10

Thank you all for an incredibly successful third term! Many achievements, a busy schedule and much to celebrate in our community. Thank you for all of the family support and commitment to our collective desire for a high level of education. We had approximately half of our families come to our learning conversations last week to not only celebrate but discuss where to next. Through such strong learning partnerships we see the very best being brought out in the learners. I wish everyone a lovely break!

Well done and thank you to all in our community who have made a concentrated effort to home reading and home learning. The staff identified a need early in the term and put structures in place to support and encourage home learning. The improvement we have seen has been incredible! Yesterday at Kid's Briefing we celebrated our top readers in our classes. The whole school needs to be congratulated for their collective efforts! We look forward to this continuing next term.

In week one of next term we begin Prep Transition for 2020! A hugely exciting time for all in our community. We look forward to welcoming our new families and settling our new prep learners into our amazing school. This is one of St Mary's most valuable programs and we know this process will allow our twenty enrolled learners to start school well.

This week Miss Cartwright presented to a panel some action research that allows her to conclude her graduate year registration. Miss Cartwright explored the area of improved writing with her Year 1 learners. It is a detailed process and I congratulate Miss Cartwright on the effort and her learning journey! A huge success!

God Bless

Jasmine Ryan - *Principal*



FOR THE CALENDAR

- **20th Sep: End of Term 3 - 2:10 Dismissal - Casual Clothes**
- 7th Oct: Term 4 commences, School Board @ 7pm
- 11th Oct: Prep 2020 Transition 9am - 11am
- 14th Oct: School Closure Day
- 16th Oct: New Bishops Installation - Bendigo
- 18th Oct: Prep 2020 Transition 9am-11am
- 21st Oct: P&F Meeting @ 7pm
- 22nd Oct: VRQA / Child Safe Audit
- 23rd Oct: Whole school production rehearsal
- 25th Oct: Grandparents Day
- 30-31st Oct: School Production "Jules" - 7.30pm
- 1st Nov: Prep transition 9-11am, Feast of all Souls - whole school mass
- 4th Nov: School Closure



A Prayer

Dear God,

Thank you for your amazing power and work in our lives, thank you for your goodness and for your blessings over us.

Thank you for your great love and care.

Thank you for your sacrifice so that we might have freedom and life. Forgive us for when we don't thank you enough, for who you are, for all that you do, for all that you've given.

Help us to set our eyes and our hearts on you afresh.

Renew our spirits, fill us with your peace and joy.

We love you and we need you, this day and every day.

We give you praise and thanks,
Amen



**Attendance
Matters**

Every student. Every day.

Zone Athletics Success

On Monday 16th September, 8 learners travelled to Kerang to compete in the Mallee Division Athletics against surrounding schools. Unfortunately we were not so lucky this day as the rain arrived right in the middle of most of the events. Due to the weather hurdles and high jump were postponed until Thursday 19th September. It was a great day even with the rain and wind. All learners did a wonderful job and gave it their very best.

The next stage will be held in Bendigo next term and representing our school will be Chloe Dehne (100m), Zoe Pollock (Shot Put) and Mac Ryan (Hurdles). As some events have not been completed yet we will not know who has made it through until Thursday. We wish all learners who have made it to Bendigo next term all the best.

Walk to School

Yesterday we had Matt from the Gannawarra Shire introduce walk to school month! October is the official month where we make an effort to walk to school. Miss Spence will share resources and tracking tables with classes so that they are ready to begin our first day back. For our bus travelers we will encourage walking the oval once they have arrived at school. Matt shared with us all yesterday the importance of aspiring to take part in 60 minutes of exercise daily!



As we all know term 4 is extremely busy with school and the festive period. We have endeavoured to place all dates and events on our community calendar and PAM. We have also included the Term Ahead dates for ease of planning at home. We hope this helps!

FOOTY COLOURS DAY

Thank you to everyone who took part in our annual Footy Colours Day! A wonderful community effort and a playground of colour! As a school we raised a total of \$186 which goes towards research to fight cancer. Thank you to our senior leaders for providing us with an afternoon of footy skills and clinics!

Child Safe Reminders



St Mary's has many events coming up which we welcome and hope our families attend. In line with our child safe practices all family members are required to sign in at the front office during school hours please. The side and back gate will be open for drop off and pick up only. The gates will be closed between 9am and 3pm. Thank you for your co-operation on this!



OUR LEARNING...

JUNIOR TEAM (Prep - Year 2)

This week the Prep – Year 2's are busily preparing to present their mini plays to everyone at the Learning Expo on Friday. We are so excited to share our learning with everyone. The Prep's, Year 1's and Year 2's have been busy practicing their plays and presenting them to each other to allow us to get us to perform in front of others. At the start of this term the Prep- Year 2 learners showed great interest in magic and how it was created. On Friday, the Prep – Year 2 learners watched a magician perform a range of tricks. They all enjoyed the tricks and were amazed at how they were performed. On Monday, everyone watched and participated in Rock and Roll dance. Everyone enjoyed dancing and singing along. They were fascinated by the style of dance and made great connections to 'Jules' the school production and the era. Well done on a fantastic term! We hope that every learner has a fantastic school holidays and we cannot wait to see you all well rested and ready for next term.



Hunter Toohey - 19th September
Macey Pollock - 2nd October
Jensen Fountain - 3rd October
Jennifer Horvath - 7th October
Joelie Mathers - 8th October



SENIOR TEAM (Year 3 - Year 6)

Well term 3 has nearly finished and we can't believe how fast it has gone. Many learners say that it feels like we have only been back at school for a short amount of time. In the Yr 3-6 area learners have been very busy putting together their Inquiry projects in readiness for the Learning Expo on Friday 20th September from 12.30pm - 1.30pm. All the learners are very excited to show what they have made in relation to their book from book week. Learners are busy practising their lines and dance moves ready for production that will be happening early next term and it is coming along nicely. In P.E learners will complete the end of term beep test and set themselves a new goal based on the level they reach.

DRAMA IMPROVISATION WORKSHOPS

Join the team from Impro Melbourne for a day of improv - a popular performance style where participants make up the scene on the spot

**COHUNA MEMORIAL HALL
WEDNESDAY
25 SEPT
2019**

10.30AM - 12 NOON
(SUITABLE FOR AGES 6 TO 12)
1PM-3PM
(SUITABLE FOR AGES 13+)
COST: \$5

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Get your walking shoes on, Walk to School 2019 starts up at the start of term 4!

Walk to School is on again from **October 7th until November 1st** and all students are strongly encouraged to **walk, ride or scoot to school**.

All schools in the Gannawarra Shire will be taking part again in this fantastic program, run in partnership with VicHealth and the Gannawarra Shire Council. Our schools will be joined by thousands of other active students from across the state.

New for this year, we will be having a colouring competition to promote Walk to School and active living. The three most creative designs will win a prize pack for themselves and their school. Also, on the spot prizes will be awarded to students for walking, riding or scooting. Walking to school has many benefits, including:

- Working towards the recommended 60 minutes of exercise
- Developing Road Safety Skills
- Connecting with friends and family
- Building healthy habits for life

So remember that this October is **Walk to School month**, get out and get walking.

Walk to School is a VicHealth initiative. For more information visit the Walk to School website on www.walktoschool.vic.gov.au

www.ndch.org.au

Cohuna Lawn Tennis Club Inc.

Season 2019/20 Commences

Saturday, October 19th 2019

Anyone interested in playing Saturday afternoon tennis

Please contact Shirlene Barker 5456 2053 or

Raelene Farrant 0412 031 422

Names must be in by Saturday 28th September

For team selection.

Practice hit Saturday, Oct 12th from 1.30pm

AGM – Monday 30th September 7.30pm

At Clubhouse

Saturday morning juniors will commence

October 19th at 9am.

NEW PLAYERS WELCOME



"TIME FOR ME"

A 4 week fun, non-committal netball program for all levels, new players most welcome

When: Commencing Wednesday 9th October, continuing 16th, 23rd and 30th October 2019

Time: 6.00pm-7.00pm

Where: Cohuna Netball Courts, Island Rd, COHUNA

Cost: \$15.00 for 4 weeks or \$5 per session

Bring along friends, own water and wear appropriate footwear and sports wear

ENQUIRIES: Gab Fitzpatrick
Ph. 0447 798956

Email: fitzpatrick.gabrielle.l@edumail.vic.gov.au



The Registration Portal is now open for the 2019/20 Little Athletics season

Commencing 5.45pm

Friday 11th October

Cohuna Recreation Reserve - 2nd Oval
Find the link to register at www.lavic.com.au
from our facebook page or website:

www.cohunalac.com.au

email: cohuna@lavic.com.au



The Term Ahead

Term 4 - 2019

Week Dates & Items

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- 7th Oct -Term 4 begins
- 7th Oct - Production Rehearsal - 1:30 - 3:00
- 7th Oct - School Board Meeting @ 7:00pm
- 9th Oct- Production Rehearsal @ the Hall & whole school singing
- 10th Oct - What Happens When Cultures Collide? Inquiry Launch
- 11th Oct - Prep 2020 Transition 9am - 11am

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- LSL - Mrs Barry on LSL
- 14th Oct - School Closure - All staff to Springfox Resilience Day #2 @ St Mary's Echuca
- 16th Oct -The Bishops Installation Sandhurst
- 18th Oct - Prep Transition 9am - 11am

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- LSL - Mrs Barry on LSL
- 21st Oct - P&F Meeting @ 7pm
- 22nd Oct - St Mary's VRQA / Child Safe Review (AM)
- 23rd Oct - Whole School Production Rehearsal -
- 25th Oct - Prep Transition 9am - 11am
- 25th Oct - World Teacher's Day
- 25th Oct - Grandparents Day 10:00 - 11:30
- 25th Oct - Woodworks Session - Chaplain Network Day

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- 28th Oct - Whole school production rehearsal
- 29th Oct - Small groups: Final Rehearsals (AM Block)
- 29th Oct - Assembly @ 2:15pm Yr 2 to host
- 30th Oct - Dress Rehearsal for Production -
- 30th Oct - Production to be viewed @ 12:30 @ the hall by the community
- 30th Oct - St Mary's - Jules the Musical Production - Night #1 @ 7:30pm
- 31st Oct - Late to school day - Learners to arrive by recess
- 31st Oct - St Mary's - Jules the Musical Production - Night #2@ 7:30pm
- 1st Nov - Feast of All Saints - Liturgy @ 12:30pm
- 1st Nov - Prep Transition @ 9am - 11am

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- LSL - Jasmine all week
- Leave - Miss Arthur all week
- 4th Nov - School Closure Day -
- 5th Nov - Melbourne Cup Day - Public Holiday
- 6th Nov - Collaborative Spirituality Day @ St Joseph's Kerang - All day
- 7th Nov - CSC Transition 9am - 1:30pm - Year 6
- 8th Nov - Prep Transition 9am - 11am
- 10th Nov - St Mary's Garden Walk 10am - 2pm

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- 11th Nov - Remembrance Day - Ceremony @ 10:45am & morning tea

7	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 13th Nov - Sacrament of Reconciliation @ 6pm • 15th Nov - Prep Transition 9am - 11:40am
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Canberra Camp - All Week - Year 5 - Miss Santilla, Miss Adelia & Julianne to attend • 22nd Nov - Prep Transition 9am - 12pm
8	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Testing & Assessment Week • 25th Nov - St Mary's Bishop Holiday - No School • 26th Nov - Assembly @ 2:15pm - Year 1 to host • 29th Nov - Prep Transition @ 9am - 1:30pm • 29th Nov - Advent Liturgy - Yr 5 to host
9	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2nd Dec - Inquiry Celebration - Celebrate Cultures Colliding! • 3rd -6th Dec - Swimming program to run daily from 11:30 - 2:30 • 6th Dec - Prep Transition 9am - 2:20 pm • 6th Dec - Semester 2 Reports to come home • 6th Dec - Advent Liturgy @ 12:30
10	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 9th - 13th Dec - Swimming program continues daily from 11:30 - 2:30 • 10th Dec - Community Step Up Day - All learners and staff to participate • 10th Dec - Graduation Dinner @ the Memorial Hall • 11th Dec - Optional Learning Conversations (post reports) • 11th Dec - School Board & P&F End of year dinner • 12th Dec - Whole school end of year Mass & BBQ @ 6pm in the Church • 13th Dec - Prep Transition 9am - 11pm , 10am Prep parent Info Session & Morning Tea
11	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 16th Dec - Final swimming program session 11:30 - 2:30 • 17th Dec - Final Assembly & Christmas Carols 9am - 11am • 17th Dec - End of Year Pool Party 12:00 - 2:30 • 18th Dec - Last day of school for Learners for 2019 - 3:15 dismissal • 19th Dec - Building Handover Date