



St Mary's Newsletter

WELCOME TO WEEK 3

On Tuesday we welcomed an external auditor to complete our Child Safe review. It was affirming to recognise that the journey over the past three years has ensured we are compliant as well as doing the best we can to ensure our children are safe 100% of the time. Being compliant within the area of Child Safe is a VRQA requirement of all Victorian schools. St Mary's will continue to educate its whole community on the practices of child safe so we continue to grow in this area.

A large portion of our Learners took part in the recent Pro Rock dance concert. It was an impressive show with not a minute of down time. The stage was a sea of movement, colour and entertainment. It was great to see many from our school share their gifts and talents with the whole community!

Production is nearing and we still have much to do. Please read the attached information that will provide you with all you need to know. Don't forget to purchase your tickets if you have not already as it is not to be missed!

The front entrance has been amended and is now level. Thank you for your patience and care while we fixed this.

God Bless,

Jasmine Ryan - *Principal*



FOR THE CALENDAR

- 25th Oct: Grandparents Day 10am - 11:30am
- 30-31st Oct: School Production "Jules" - 7.30pm
- 1st Nov: Prep transition 9-11am, Feast of all Souls - whole school mass @12:30
- 4th Nov: School Closure
- 5th Nov: No school - Melb Cup
- 6th Nov: Collaborative
- Spirituality Day @ St Joseph's
- 11th Nov: School Board Meeting
- 13th Nov: Sacrament of Reconciliation @ 6pm
- 14th Nov: Treetops Camp Yr 2
- 15th Nov: Prep Transition 9-11:40
- 18th - 22nd Nov: Canberra Camp
- 22nd Nov: Prep Transition 9 - 12
- 25th Nov: St Mary's Bishops Holiday
- 26th Nov: Assembly @ 2:15pm
- 29th Nov: Prep Transition 9 - 1:30



PBIS BLITZ

Respecting your belongings, hats, jumpers, lunch box and containers

OFFICE HOURS

St Mary's office hours are 8:30am - 4:30am daily. Phones are manned between these times. Staff at school outside these hours are preparing for learning. If you wish to speak to a teacher please call during office hours to make an appointment. All staff emails have been shared with the community as an additional mode of communication. Thank you.

PRODUCTION NEWS

Production tickets are on sale on CDF Pay. Once tickets are purchased they will be sent home. Seats are not allocated on the evening. Doors will open at 7:00pm for families to get seated.

Tickets will also be on sale at the door on both evenings.

Raffle tickets will be on sale on the evening of the production. The raffle will be drawn at the conclusion of the production on the Thursday evening. All proceeds from the raffle will go to the Royal Children's Hospital Music Program, a wonderful initiative.



A PRAYER

A Prayer for our Reconciliation Candidates

Loving God help us to teach our children that you love us totally and unconditionally.

Help us to encourage our children to grow in love and to learn how to say sorry, knowing that you always forgive.

Give us the courage to pray with our children and to share our faith with them as we journey together.

We ask this through Christ our Lord.

Amen



This Friday is World Teachers Day! Thank you to all St Mary's staff...You are all teachers in our eyes! Thank you for your commitment, effort and bringing out the best in all of our learners!

Child Safe Reminders



A reminder to our community that we are a child safe school. With our celebration of grandparents day please be sure to only take photos of your own children / grandchildren. Please refrain from posting school event photos on social media as other children may not have permission. Thank you for your support on keeping all children at St Mary's safe!

UNIFORM UPDATE

New short and long sleeve polo will be brought into our uniform next year. The tops will come with an embroidered logo on the left. We will also have a sports top, short and skirt available for PE/sport days. These items have been selected for quality, material, wear, colour and comfort. We know that they wash and wear better than our light blue top as our leaders have worn them this year. The leadership shirt will be replaced by a maroon and yellow option for Year 6 only. There will be a 12 month roll over to our new uniform. All stock will still be available from school.



OUR LEARNING

JUNIOR TEAM (Prep - Year 2)

The Prep to Year 2 learners have enjoyed learning about different countries and finding them on a map. This week we have explored our family history. Looking at where our family originally came from before they lived in Australia. This week we are continuing to explore the culture of our families. The Prep learners are continuing to build comprehension skills around visualisation and inferring. We are continuing to write a recount and build correct sentence structure. The Preps have just completed their post-assessment on the shape and beginning to explore Statistic and Probability. The Year 1 learners are continuing to write recounts. They are focusing on the comprehension skill of retelling during reading. During Numeracy the Year 1's are exploring chance and probability. Year 2 are focusing on descriptive language in reading and writing. They are learning to identify adjectives in text and exploring how they help with the visualisation of the story. The year 2 learners are focusing on statistics and probability within numeracy.

BIRTHDAYS



Rylee Wilson - 24th October

SENIOR TEAM (Year 3 - Year 6)

Year $\frac{3}{4}$ learners have started to write different forms of poetry. They have written a Simile poem about themselves and this week we are exploring concrete poems. They have been exploring who is their audience and what is the purpose for their writing. Learners have continued their learning with adverbs as a way of describing verbs. In Mathematics this week, Year $\frac{3}{4}$ learners have begun learning about statistics, chance and data. Learners have been posing questions, collecting data and presenting data in different types of graphs including pictographs. In Inquiry, learners are doing lots of wonderings about 'What Happens when Cultures Collide?' while also looking at different flags, monies, symbols and foods that match different countries. Year $\frac{5}{6}$ learners have been rehearsing for the production and they are doing a wonderful job remember their lines. Learners have been teaching each other circuits in P.E. They were required to plan and teach in small groups for different year level. Learners are now learning the process for BODMas in Maths. For writing they are learning to write different poems and this week has a focus on simile poems.



Attendance Matters

Every student. Every day.



“Jules” Whole School Production Wednesday 30th and Thursday 31st October 7.30pm. 23/10/19

It's Show Time! Reminders

Our whole school production is on! Please remember that it will be held **over two nights** and that all learners are expected at all performances. Parents are not required both nights.

Things to know.

Boys: Jeans - no rips (named) need to be at school ASAP

Girls: Socks (named) need to be at school ASAP - White bobby socks are available at Big W in Echuca. (pack of 4)

Shoes: Runners

Full Dress Rehearsal Wednesday 30th Oct 12.30pm

All learners will be in full costume and make up.

Makeup and Hair will begin at 9.30am at school.

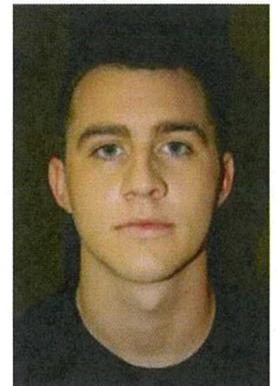
Makeup: ALL children will wear makeup

Girls: Make up will consist of: foundation, eyeshadow - neutrals, mascara, eyeliner, pink/red lipstick and blusher.

Please see attached image

Boys: Foundation, mascara, eye liner.

Please see attached image



All learners will have makeup applied at school for the dress rehearsal.

All Yr 5&6 students will require their own black eyeliner and if the girls wish, their own mascara.

Hair - Boys have hair slicked back

Girls in high pony tails if possible. (Feel free to curl or straighten pony tails if possible)

Helpers will also assist with hair on arrival.

Thanks to all volunteers - More helpers would be welcome. If you can please let me know.

Special note: If anyone has any allergies or sensitivity to make up, please contact your classroom teacher as soon as possible.

Photos & Filming:

Due to Australian copyright laws, no photographs or filming is permitted during the performance. The production will be photographed by the school and copies will be available to those who request them. **No child's photos** are to be posted on social media without the **expressed permission of the parents.**

In the past all our productions have been filmed and this has then been available for sale to our parents and families as a keepsake. (Great to look back on. More information will be available after production.)

The film is not to be posted online without the expressed permission of the playwright. (Elaine Keely)

Evening Performances: Wednesday 30th & Thursday 31st Oct 7.30pm

Learners please come to hall with make up on. (Foundation, eyeshadow- neutral and lipstick.- pink tones for girls/more neutral for boys) Extra makeup will be at the hall for those who may not have makeup at home and need assistance.

Yr 5&6 need to be at hall by 6.45pm

All other learners at hall by 7pm to get extra costumes and props organised.

Drop Off:

Parents are not required to attend both nights.

Learners may be dropped off from 6.45pm at the supper room of the Cohuna Memorial Hall.

Pick Up:

After performances, all learners must remain with staff until picked up by parents.

Pick up time will be approximately 8.45pm.

Bumping Out.

Help is also required after Thursday evening's performance to pack everything up.

Chairs, props, decorations, hall swept and left clean and tidy. All props and extra costumes to be taken back to school that evening.

Return of Costumes:

It would be appreciated if all T-shirts could be washed, ironed and returned to school.

No need to wash skirts - please just return.

Borrowed / school provided shoes to be returned.

Our learners are ready shine!

Chookas everyone.

(That means good luck in the theatre)

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Small steps to developing independence in kids and teens



A big part of parenting is teaching children and teens to be independent while still keeping them safe. Below are three tips to help you nurture your child's independence.

1. Create cut down versions

Break bigger tasks down into manageable size parts. For example instead of walking from home to school, drop them off close to the school so they can build up their confidence walking to school before they walk the whole way to school.

2. Help your child develop decision-making skills

Teach your child to use a [problem solving approach](#) to a task that looks at different options, brainstorming what to do if things don't go to plan and giving your child feedback on how they go at the task. This can help your child to understand why they do a task a certain way and have them thinking about consequences to actions.

3. Respect your child's feelings and opinions

It is good for your child's self-esteem to be taken seriously. Even if you don't agree with your child's opinions all the time, it is important to at least give them the space to express them. This not only builds their independent thinking skills but it means they will feel comfortable seeking your input in future tasks.

For more tips: <https://raisingchildren.net.au/pre-teens/development/social-emotional-development/independence-in-teens>



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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