



# St Mary's Newsletter

## WELCOME TO WEEK 7

Welcome to the school camp time of year! We have had such incredible experiences with our learners from Treetops, to Canberra, to our visit to Echuca! All have had a great time and so incredibly well behaved. You know that taking part in wonderful learning experiences is worth the planning and effort when strangers comment on how amazing the St Mary's children are!

The Year 5/6 are currently in Canberra and all going well to date! It is an extremely busy camp with back to back activities, I know the Bishop's holiday on Monday will be a well deserved rest for many. A reminder to all families that there is no school for learners or staff on Monday due to our Bishop's holiday. Enjoy your family time!

This week families will be issued with their final school fee invoice for 2019. Please ensure fees are paid prior to the end of the year. The fee schedule for 2020 and payment options will be shared with the community by the end of next week to allow financial planning for the year ahead. St Mary's strives to keep fees to a minimum annually while aspiring to provide the best possible education for all of our learners.

In the coming weeks we take part in the annual Community Carols. Carols will be held on 1st December at the Memorial hall. St Mary's always has such a vibrant representation of its learners and we hope this year is no exception. A permission is available on the school App to indicate your child's attendance. Please complete this at your earliest convenience.

God Bless,

Jasmine Ryan - **Principal**



## FOR THE CALENDAR

- 22nd Nov: Prep Transition 9 - 12
- 25th Nov: St Mary's Bishops Holiday
- 26th Nov: Assembly @ 2:15pm
- 29th Nov: Advent Liturgy & Prep transition - 9-1.30pm
- 2nd Dec: Learning Expo - Celebrate Cultures Colliding
- 3rd-16th Dec: Swimming Program (11:30 - 2:30)
- 6th Dec: Prep Transition 9am-2.20pm.
- 6th Dec: Semester 2 reports to come home, Advent Liturgy @ 12:30
- 8th Dec: Feast of Immaculate Conception - Mass @ 10:30am
- 10th Dec: Community Step Up Day for all Learners! Swimming Program Preps 2020 only, Year 6 Graduation Dinner @ 6:30pm
- 11th Dec: Optional end of Year Learning Conversations 1:00pm
- 12th Dec: End of year Mass & BBQ @ 6pm



## PBIS BLITZ

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

## NO CANTEEN

Our apologies however there will be no canteen this Friday.

Mrs Edge has had to take unexpected personal leave. We are very short staffed this week and have no means to cover this busy lunch day. We thank you for your understanding.



## HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

St Mary's school and parish will celebrate the Holy Day of Obligation, the feast day of the Immaculate Conception on Sunday 8th December 2019. This is our annual parish feast day.

Mass will mark the celebrations at 10:30am, followed by a BBQ lunch on the parish grounds. All families are invited and we are hopeful that many will attend. Those attending the mass are invited to bring a salad or a sweet to share. An invitation has been shared on School Stream to gather responses for catering numbers.

It will be a wonderful celebration of school and parish community combined.



## A PRAYER

National Prayer Campaign for the gift of rain, for people affected by drought.

Eternal God,

In wisdom and love you created our earth to sustain us and give us life.

Strengthen, sustain and give new heart to our farmers

And to all who are affected by drought;

Be with those who support them.

In your loving providence, send abundant rain and restore our parched earth.

Father of all compassion, hear our prayer through Jesus Christ your Son.

Amen



A reminder there is no school on Monday 25th November. Enjoy your Bishop's Holiday!



## Child Safe Reminders



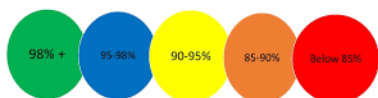
Our school entry gates are closed between 8:45am - 9:00am and reopened from 3:00pm. These gates are to ensure we are compliant with Child Safe standards. These gates ensure that all school visitors are signed in and accounted for while on the school grounds. The pin code is for staff use only to ensure the continued safety of our children.

## Christmas Hampers 2019

Preps	Long life milk
Grade 1	Biscuits - sweet/savory
Grade 2	Pack of chips
Grade 3&4	Tinned fruit
Grade 5&6	Custard

A reminder that we are in the season of giving and the learners of St Mary's are incredible ambassadors of supporting those in need in our community! Many of our classroom baskets are filling up. Please continue to send in your donations so we can truly celebrate the gift of giving! Thank you to those families who have already sent items in.

Attendance Matters  
On Time: First Time, Every Time



What Zone Are You In?

## UNIFORMS

Due to the new style polo shirts being introduced next year (2020 will be a year of transition where both style shirts can be worn), we are offering the old style shirts at half price. Long sleeve polos are \$13, short sleeve \$11. There are limited stocks available so these will be offered on a first come first served basis. Please see Jenny or Alex if you would like to purchase a shirt (the old style are not available to order through CDFPay). The new uniform items will be available to order shortly.

## OUR LEARNING

### JUNIOR TEAM (Prep - Year 2)

This week the Prep - Year 2 learners are continuing to explore different countries and their culture. They have identified different landmarks in Iran and beginning to compare the similarities and differences between Iran and Australia. This week is testing week for all Prep - Year 2 learners, they will be taking part in a range of tests throughout the week. Late Stay

On Monday the Prep and Year 1 learners participated in their late stay. We travelled the mighty Murray River and explored the past of Echuca in the Historical Port. They then went to Gravity Shack and spent an hour jumping and playing on the playground. The Prep and Year 1 learners returned to school, we watched a movie and enjoyed fish and chips for dinner. We all loved their day in Echuca and their movie afternoon.

#### Year 2 Camp

Congratulations of all our campers. We had a wonderful time, a few hours sleep and enjoyed lots of fun activities! I never knew we had such wonderful dancers in our midst. The children have written some great accounts of our adventures.

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

In Year 3/4 learners have been reading different Information texts about significant locations in Australia. Learners have been continuing their learning around different types of poetry with a focus on onomatopoeia poems. They have lots of fun finding the words and visual images that different sounds make! "BANG! SPLAT! POW! and POP!" have all been favourites to visualise and use in their poems.

Learners are continuing to build skills in the mathematical area of location. They have been transforming shapes with flips, slides and turns and identifying angles in our school and classroom environments. Learners are practising skills with positional and directional language using maps and grids. In Inquiry, learners have been inquiring into different symbols that represent different cultures. They have been writing acrostic poems about cultural diversity. In Religion this week, we are beginning our learning around 'Christmas - the promise fulfilled'.

## BIRTHDAYS

Eliza Brown - 18th

Chanelle Cutter - 21st

Paddy Quinlan - 25th



### Celebrating - When Cultures Collide!

This week an invitation has come home in readiness to celebrate the many cultures that create our wonderful St Mary's community!

We are hoping our families are willing to cook up a traditional dish so that our learners get a culturally tasty experience.

Please read the information that has come home and chat with a classroom teacher if you have any questions!







## Jules Film Now Available!

"Jules" is now available. Cost \$7

If you would like a copy:

Please send a 8GB USB drive to school, named and in a snap lock bag along with the money (**cash**) and order form below.

**Please remember that no copy of the film is to be put online due to copyright.**

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### "Jules" Film Order Form - Cost \$7

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Number of USBs \_\_\_\_\_

Total \_\_\_\_\_



#### 16 Days of Activism against Gender-Based Violence 25 November-10 December

The 16 days of Activism against Gender-Based Violence is a yearly campaign that runs from November 25<sup>th</sup>-December 10<sup>th</sup>. It is a global strategy by individuals and organisations to call for the prevention of and to stop violence against women.



This year's theme from Respect Victoria is "Respect Women: 'Call it Out'". Bystanders are encouraged to 'call out' comments or actions that may make a woman uncomfortable and be a driver of family violence such as:

- Making a sexist joke
- Putting down a family member
- Controlling how their family member or partner spends their money
- Controlling their partner's movements
- Trying to stop their partner seeing friends or family

Visit <https://www.respectvictoria.vic.gov.au/campaigns/respect-women-call-it-out> to see examples of how you may 'call it out'.

**Wear orange, raise awareness and 'say no' to family violence!**

1800 RESPECT is the 24/7 national family violence counselling service  
Orange Door Mallee 24/7 Support Line 1800 290 943  
For more information visit: [www.respectvictoria.com.au](http://www.respectvictoria.com.au)



[www.ndch.org.au](http://www.ndch.org.au)

# TIME FOR ME NETBALL

Due to great success we will be running another 4 week noncommittal program of Time for Me netball. Players from all clubs and all fitness levels welcome.

**When:** Wednesday 20th Nov- Wednesday 11th Dec  
**Time:** 7pm  
**Where:** Cohuna Kangas netball courts  
**Cost:** \$5 per session  
**Age:** 16+

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