



St Mary's Newsletter

WELCOME TO WEEK 4

What an incredible week last week was! Thank you to all of our families that went to such great efforts for our 2020 Book week! I feel we did well in thinking outside the square and our characters arrived all dressed with creativity and flair! It was extremely difficult to judge this year! Well done to the many authors who were recognised for sharing the creativity of their minds! I hope that many of you were able to tap into our live stream on FaceBook!

Grandparents day was again a huge success. We know how important all of our grandparents are and how much they too contribute to our community. We thank the many of you who were able to pick up your grandchildren. Thank you to the families who shared photos and messages of gratitude for the event. The St Mary's P&F again worked tirelessly in the background to ensure we were still able to celebrate. Many of you, along with the staff contributed to our afternoon tea! We do hope that next year we will be able to gather as one!

St Mary's still must adhere to the Covid #19 guidelines in many aspects of our school life. Just a reminder to our parents that we have no provisions for holding children who are unwell. If your child is unwell, running nose, sore throats, fatigued we please ask that you keep them home at this time. School will call and ask you to pick up your child if they present unwell.

Today we were able to have our school photos. Thank you for your patience with the changing of the dates for this. Many families misplaced forms which is understandable given the many changes so your child would have received a form to come home for families to place orders and pay online. We only have a week post today to do this. We also took our own class photos and which we will print and share with you all soon!

I hope that you all enjoy the long weekend ahead!

God Bless

Jasmine Ryan (Principal)



DATES AHEAD

- 27th Oct: Assembly @ 2:20pm (Virtual) Our link will be shared
- 30th Oct: Prep Transition Session #3 (9am - 11am), World Teachers Day
- 2nd Nov: School Closure Day - Reporting
- 3rd Nov: Melbourne Cup Public Holiday - No School
- 4th Nov: Prep Transition (9am - 11am)
- 5th Nov: Senior Class Mass for Yr 3 - 6
- 11th Nov: Remembrance Day



St Mary's is a Child Safe School.

We promote the safety, wellbeing and inclusion of all children.

A PRAYER

Sunday November 1st is All Saints day. Today's prayer is for all the amazing men and women who, through their dedication in living a life inspired by God, have been declared Saints.

Thank you, God, for the tremendous sacrifices made by those who have gone before us. Bless the memories of your saints, God. May we learn how to walk wisely from their examples of faith, dedication, worship, and love. In the honour and noble victory of the martyrs.

Amen.



School Photos

Individual and Family photos were taken today.

Canteen Special

Baked potatoes with coleslaw & sour cream



PBIS

Respect for Others.

This week as a whole school we will be focusing on Respect for our environment by putting the equipment away and picking up our belongings.



St Mary's acknowledges and pays respects to the traditional custodians of the land on which we meet; the Barrapa Rappa People, and pay respects to elders both past and present.



School Closure and Melbourne Cup - Public Holiday.

On Monday 2nd of November there will be No School for Learners. This will be a Report writing day for Staff. On Tuesday 3rd November is a Public holiday for the Melbourne Cup. We hope everyone enjoys their 4 day weekend.

Prep Transition

Miss Cartwright and Mrs Wood had another successful day with Prep transition last Wednesday. The learners enjoyed going on a scavengers hunt looking for different locations around the school and finding staff members. We look forward to seeing our new Preps on Friday for another fun filled day.

Book Club

A friendly reminder that Book Club is due back 27th Oct



St Mary's Staffing 2021

Our interviewing last week was hugely successful! We welcome Chloe Adams to our 2021 team! Chloe comes to us from Marong Primary school but has grown up locally in Kerang! When we have new people come, sadly others move on! The end of this year will see Jayde Santilla move to Melbourne, teaching at St Joseph's in Werribee! We wish Jayde every success and thank her for all she has contributed to St Mary's. Mrs Elaine Keely has also been on a year of leave to explore other career avenues. Elaine will also farewell St Mary's in a teaching capacity at the end of the year to pursue a consulting role in education, so we are sure we will see her around St Mary's soon! Miss Adelia Muldoon has spent the last twelve months on the Tiwi Islands and is looking forward to returning to us in her teaching and deputy principal role in 2021!

Book Week and Curious Creatures Winners

Our Book Awards and Curious Creatures Winners. Congratulations to all our winners on their amazing efforts.

Prep: Lillian Trezise and Rex Power

Year 1: Nina Reid and Charlie Grills

Year 2: Camm Nicholson and Zarah Crichton

Year 3: Chloe Keating and Jensen Fountain

Year 4: Bayley Merkel and Matilda Matthews

Year 5/6: Harry Link / Campbell Wood and Eliza Brown/ Jorji Easton

Curious Creatures winners: Jimmy Mathers, Joeline Mathers and Mieke Van Der Berg

OUR LEARNING

JUNIOR TEAM

WOW what a brilliant week of learning the junior team has had. They have been learning about the structure and purpose of a persuasive text. The junior learners have been learning to argue a point of view and provide reasons for them. This week they have been having verbal debates within the classroom on a range of topics, including wearing casual clothing and having the canteen open everyday.

This the prep, year 1 and year 2 have been learning to question. They have been use the question hand to help them ask and answer questions about a text. The question hand is the 5W and 1H.

The prep learners have completed their unit on Mass. They have enjoyed ordering and comparing the weight of objects. This week the Preps have learned how to hefty with two items. The Year 1 and Year 2 learners are continuing to consolidate their knowledge of place value. They are learning to build and break apart numbers into the thousands. They are learning to identify the mass of objects using scales.

Within Inquiry this week the junior learners have investigated a range of different types of media. They were able to explain what they were and how they think they were created. The junior learners have also been placed into groups this week so that they begin to focus on there digital media project.

BIRTHDAYS
Happy Birthday



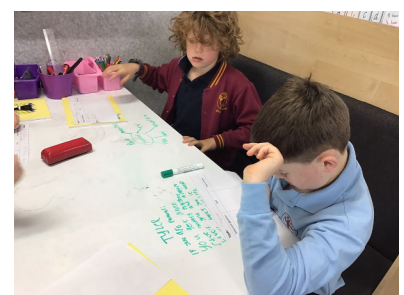
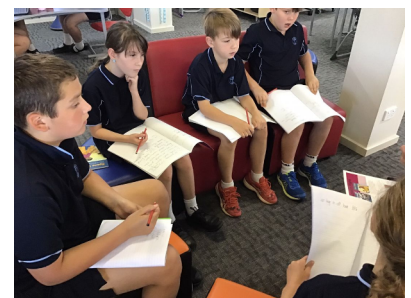
- Oskar Hayes 30th October

SENIOR TEAM

What a big week of learning in the Year 3-6 learning spaces!

We have begun 'hooking' our readers into our persuasive texts using strong emotional language and rhetorical questioning. In Reading, we are using our new book sets in Guided and Reciprocal teacher focus groups. We are finding these books highly engaging and are really stretching our thinking! In Mathematics this week, learners will be learning the steps in solving 2 digit multiplication algorithms.

Year 5/6 have been growing their inferring skills during reading by analysing a range of pictures, books and animations. We are exploring the persuasive structure 'OREO' and sharing our opinion through informal debates. In Mathematics, we have been learning the division strategy 'Mr Hooky' to solve number sentences. We are finding out 'What is Media?' by analysing the features and purpose of each form.





Cohuna Little Aths

2020/2021 SEASON START

Friday 30th October

5.45pm

Cohuna Rec Reserve

Presentation of 2019/2020 Awards

Come and Try night

New members welcome!

Returning members registrations opening this week, please check your email.

**For more info please call Rachael on
0400177149**



Nondies Cricket Club are running Blast Cricket for all kids aged 5-8 Years Old.
If your child would be interested in this program please contact Kyeran Ellery on 0475 016 598
or go to the Nondies Facebook Page to see more details.
Link is below to register.



Club Details

Home Ground
Cohuna Island Rd, Cohuna, 3568
[View map](#)

Main Contact
Kyeran Ellery
[0475016598](tel:0475016598)
[Get in contact](#)

Learn more via our:

- [Website](#)
- [Facebook Page](#)

Nondies Cricket Club

Senior A & B grades Combined Under 16 and 13 with Junior Blasters program

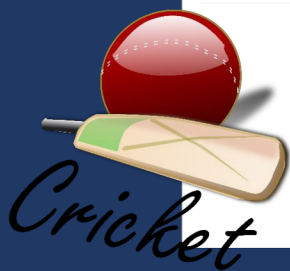
THU 5:30pm- 6:30pm **Begins** 05 Nov **Ends** 17 Dec **\$99** [Register >](#)

Junior Blasters is for kids new to cricket with participants building their skills through fun, game based activities. The games are designed for small groups to ensure every child gets a go, allowing them to test and learn new skills. When they have mastered the basics they will be ready to graduate to Master Blasters where they can play modified games of cricket.

Contact: **Kyeran Ellery** [0475016598](tel:0475016598) [Enquire](#)

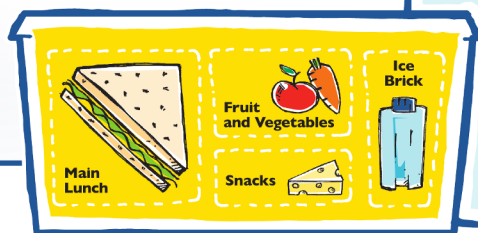
Location: Cohuna Recreation Reserve

[View Larger Map](#)



<https://www.playcricket.com.au/club-finder/club-details?id=6244>

What's in your Lunchbox?



Top tips...

- Use a variety of **everyday** foods from the five food groups.
- Pack a main lunch.
- Pack some fruit and vegetables.
- Add some snacks – use your child's appetite as a guide.
- Leave out **sometimes** foods like lollies, chips and chocolate.
- Pack a bottle of water.
- Use an ice brick to keep food cold and safe to eat.

For more information:

www.movewelldowell.tas.gov.au/families
www.dhhs.tas.gov.au/healthykids

This is a Healthy Tasmania initiative.

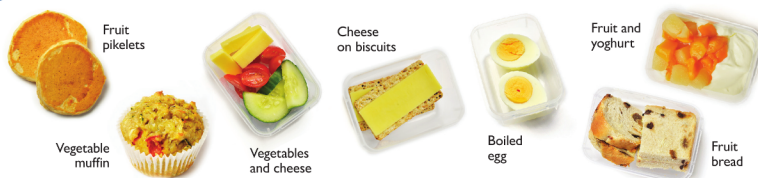
Main lunch ideas...



Fruit and vegetable ideas...



Snack ideas...





NDCH

Northern District Community Health

NDCH-your first port of call in the pursuit of good health!



Do you or your child have asthma or suffer from hayfever? Here are some tips to protect yourself or child from thunderstorm asthma this pollen season.

Speak to your pharmacist or doctor.

Your GP can help you develop a plan to manage your asthma.

Take your asthma reliever medication

If you are already on medication for asthma remember to be vigilant in taking it at this time

Learn the 4 steps of asthma first aid

These steps will help you assist someone who is experiencing an asthma attack and guide you to call 000 if needed.

Be aware of thunderstorm warnings and avoid going outside in thunderstorms

Prevention is always better than a cure and unless you need to it is better to stay indoors during these conditions.

For more information go to <https://www.betterhealth.vic.gov.au/campaigns/thunderstorm-asthma>

www.ndch.org.au

Show Baking Essentials

Gannawarra locals are invited to watch as Kerang local and acclaimed show judge Lorraine Morris judges our baked goodies LIVE in SHOW BAKING ESSENTIALS.

Kerang District Health, Cohuna Hospital, Gannawarra Shire Council, Mallee District Aboriginal Service and VIC Police are up against the NDCH team in the friendly bake off.

Rest assured the stakes are high!

You could even WIN yourself 1 of 8 copies of the Australian Blue Ribbon Cookbook.



- Have you ever wondered what makes a show winning baked entry?
- What do the judges look for?

It's guaranteed to be A LOT of FUN!

When: Thursday, 29 October 2020
7.15pm for a 7.30pm start via Zoom (online)

Register at www.ndch.org.au/events and receive our show cooking tips leading up to the night.

Do you need help with Zoom? We can send you instructions to help.

THANK YOU to the 100's of local volunteers who have given their time over many years to put on our local Agricultural Shows.

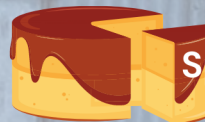
YoYo Biscuits



CEO Carrot Cake Challenge



Sponge Cakes



Scones



Cupcakes



GIVE...



Women in the Warra
Your Health Matters