



# St Mary's Newsletter

## WELCOME TO WEEK 6

The term is quickly passing by with a long weekend either side of week 5 & 7. Thank you to our families once again for the support in organisation around our recent closure day. Please read the section below that shares with you a little about our Visible Learning journey as a school. This week we welcome Autumn which also brings some cooler mornings yet beautiful days. Please be sure to send your child with their school jumper for such mornings, Can we please remind families to rename jumpers clearly please.

St Mary's is still hoping to support our local Bridge to Bridge event and enter as a school group for those willing. This would mean that staff would support the various groups of entrants and we would run, walk or cycle together. If your child is interested in being a part of the school group, please complete the form on School stream at your earliest convenience.

Last week St Mary's held both AGM's for our amazing parent support groups, the St Mary's Advisory Council and the St Mary's P&F. Both groups work tirelessly at planning initiatives and future plans for our school. These meetings were an opportunity to give thanks and recognise all of the efforts behind the scenes. Our School Board Advisory council is currently working on completing the new canteen and establishing a plan to demolish the old toilets. Our P&F will this year focus on reestablishing our fundraising opportunities and connecting with our families in our communities.

At the end of the school day we recognise that sometimes family pick up arrangements change. Can we ask that any changes to end of the day collections please be made to the office prior to 3:00pm. At 3:00pm, often our learners and staff are in various places within the school and commutation can be challenging. For families with younger learners can we please suggest a message on Seesaw to your child's classroom teacher if a varied pick up routine is planned. The teacher can then support your child and ensure their safety at the end of the day. If your child is unsure and we cannot make contact with home, your child will be sent on the bus or via the predominant collection routine at the end of the day. Also, a reminder to bus travelers, if any changes to the bus route or an additional person is traveling on a bus, a bus pass must be obtained from the office. We thank you for your co operation.

Again, we have a long weekend ahead. There is no school on Monday 8th March as it is the Labour Day weekend. We hope everyone enjoys their family time and stays safe.

God Bless Everyone & Have a wonderful week!

Jasmine Ryan (Principal)



## DATES AHEAD

- 3rd Mar: Preps to attend full time
- 5th Mar: Clean Up Australia Day in our community
- 8th Mar: Labour Day Weekend - Public Holiday
- 9th Mar: DHHS Visit - Covid Safe Schools
- 14th Mar: Bridge to Bridge - School Groups
- 19th Mar: Harmony Day - Wear Orange
- 26th Mar: Full School Assembly @ 2:20 in the Church
- 29th Mar: School Advisory Council Meeting @ 7pm
- 1st Apr: End of Term 1 - Dismissal @ 2:15pm



St Mary's is a Child Safe School.

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

## A PRAYER

'Be More'

God of all peoples and nations,  
As you accompany us on our Lenten journey,  
May our fasting strengthen our  
commitment to live in solidarity,  
Our almsgiving be an act of justice, and  
Our prayers anchor us in love and compassion.  
Through living simply and loving generously,  
May we care for our global family  
and our home, as we  
"Aspire not to have more, but to be more".  
We ask this in Jesus' name.

Amen

\*Saint Oscar Romero



### Class Masses Returns

This Wednesday we welcome Father Novie to the Junior school to celebrate Mass. Father Novie will host mass at 12:30pm in the Year 2/3 Collaborative classroom. Our families are welcome to join us to take part in our mass!



### PBIS

#### Respect for Environment

We are working together to have minimum rubbish at school and in our yard.



*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.*



### Visible Learning journey for St Mary's

St Mary's staff embraced the beginning of our visible learning journey last Friday at our school closure day. The purpose of becoming a Visible learning school is that we are nurturing our learners to be the best possible learners they can be and by measuring our impact as teachers and reflecting and evaluating on our practice.

John Hattie, an educational researcher has been exploring the field of education for over 30 years and uses meta-analyses to share with educators what truly makes a difference.

St Mary's is a dynamic staff who have great expertise in a variety of areas. We are hopeful that this learning journey will provide all staff with deep pedagogical understanding and provide our learners with insight as to what makes them better learners.

This is a commitment of 3 years by our school and staff and we look forward to unpacking the learning with our community along the way.



### St Mary's Easter Raffle

Our P&F have begun to organise our bi-annual Easter raffle. Please see the flyer below for further information. This year we are seeking donations for our families. We are hoping that each family can donate an egg which will contribute to our raffle. In the past we have been able to make many small hampers, with many of our learners coming home with a feast of chocolate. If your family is able to make a donation, our drop boxes will be available in the office area. If we end up with an abundance of eggs, or families would like to donate an additional egg, our learners will be sharing these with our neighborhood house for families in need in our area. Please only give what you can!



## Junior Team

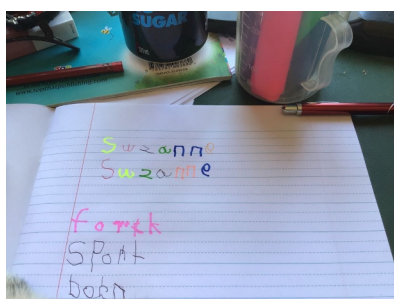
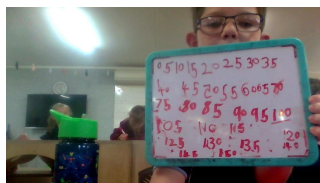
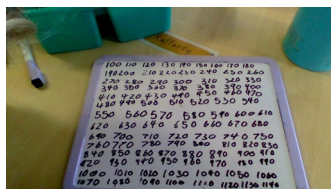
This week in the Junior school we have been focusing on getting back into our school routines.

We have all begun our next Inquiry “How can we be resilient people in our communities?”. We loved listening to Garner on Monday morning, sharing his stories about going through some tough times and what he did to overcome them. We have been problem solving with our peers to create our roly, polly dolls. This was quite tricky for some learners and it was so fantastic to see our other learners jump in and help their fellow peers to meet our goal.

The Preps have been learning about the letters “i” and “n”, they created itchy insects and naughty ninjas.

The Year Ones have been practising their handwriting skills by trying to write neatly on the lines and form their letters correctly. In Reading they have been writing five finger retells.

The 2/3 learners have been focusing on their reading fluency by reading using an interesting voice, writing recounts using specific language and practising their bundling skills when making numbers using our Place Value columns and counting.



## Senior Team

WOW, How time flies in the Yr 4/5/6 learning space. Even though it was a 4 day week, the learners completed many wonderful learning experiences. We began the week by following up from our Inquiry launch with an activity about being resilient and bouncing back. Learners were challenged with the task of making a ‘wobble doll’ that represented them bouncing back. The Year 6 learners demonstrated their leadership skills by supporting their buddies with the creation of the ‘wobble dolls’.

The whole school had a visit from a local business owner ‘Garner Smith’ who spoke to all the learners about being resilient and not giving up. Many learners asked wonderful questions to Garner about his life and times where he has been challenged and strategies he used to overcome them.

In writing the learners have been exploring Narratives and breaking open the plot structure with a story mountain to support their ideas. They have been doing regular Writer’s notebook which allows them to create their own writing piece related to what is of interest to them.



- Sienna Whyte 6th March





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# *easter raffle*

\$1.00 PER TICKET

DRAWN THURSDAY 1ST APRIL

TICKET & MONEY TO BE RETURNED TO OFFICE BY  
FRIDAY 26TH MARCH



Please fill in both sides of raffle tickets.  
If you require more tickets please get more from office



St. Joseph's  
College Echuca  
STRENGTH & KINDLINESS

Please come along to the

## YEAR 7 2022 INFORMATION EVENING

Monday, 26th April 2021 at 7.00pm in the  
St. Joseph's College Oak Centre

**Principal Tour Times**

Friday	26.03.21	9.00am & 9.45am
Wednesday	21.04.21	2.00pm, 4:00pm & 4.45pm
Friday	23.04.21	9.15am & 10:15am

To book a tour, contact Mrs Brianna James  
(03) 5482 2577 or [registrarsje.vic.edu.au](mailto:registrarsje.vic.edu.au)

Enrolment Packs available for collection at the College  
AFTER 26th April 2021 if you are unable to attend.

Parking is available at VIC PARK  
(Details above pending COVID  
Restrictions)

# Gannawarra Disability Reference Group

*Advocating for the wellbeing and inclusion  
of people with disabilities and their  
carers.*



Are you living with disability, or do you care  
for someone who is?

The Gannawarra Disability Reference Group  
is having it's first meetings since the COVID  
lockdowns. Please join us if you would like to  
be a part of our Gannawarra Disability  
Reference Group.

### To book in, by 2 March 2021

- visit NDCH reception in Cohuna or Kerang
- call 5451 0200
- email [info@ndch.org.au](mailto:info@ndch.org.au)

Please let us know if:

- you need any support to attend the meetings, and/or
- have any dietary needs as light refreshments will be provided

• **Thursday 4 March 2021**  
10am to 12pm  
NDCH Activity Room 1  
24 Fitzroy Street, Kerang

• **Thursday 11 March 2021**  
1pm to 3pm  
NDCH Activity Room  
33 King Edward Street, Cohuna



Hi Everyone

This year the Good Friday Appeal will go ahead from the Cohuna  
CFA and run by the Lions Club of Cohuna.

2021 Good Friday Appeal Tin Collections

Looking for Volunteers (under 16 must have Adult)

PPE, Face Masks and Hand sanitiser provided

Starting at 9am Friday 2nd April 2021

Cohuna CFA

Must Sign in

Easter eggs for all collectors

Regards

Anthony Troy

President / Good Friday Appeal Area Manager

Lions Club of Cohuna

Anthony Troy - [anthony.troy@hotmail.com](mailto:anthony.troy@hotmail.com)



Annual General Meeting

Held at the Cohuna Rec Reserve

Monday 15th March 2021 - 6pm

Suitable for ages 5-10

Participants must be 5yo by 1/1/2021

All parents of children interested in Net Set Go  
2021

are encouraged to attend.

For any queries contact Bec Power 0438091980