



St Mary's Newsletter

WELCOME TO WEEK 8

Welcome to week 8 everyone! It is mind blowing to think we only have three weeks of term one left and Easter is just around the corner! We still have three very busy weeks of learning ahead. I would like to thank all of our families for their consistent vigilance on not sending unwell children to school. We have had a few learners unwell with colds and stomach bugs and we truly appreciate you keeping them at home until they are well. We are still required to send learners home and not have the sick bay functioning for visits other than bumps and bruises.

Thank you to all of those in our school community who joined us on Sunday for the Cohuna 2021 Bridge to Bridge fun run, walk or cycle! It was a great turn out for such an important cause. I am sure many of our families have relied on the services of the Cohuna hospital so having our learners take action in such a fun and relevant way is great learning for them! It was fabulous to see our school colours throughout the many different events.

Please find included in this weeks newsletter our Learning Conversations booking reference to see our teachers for Term 1. These conversations will provide parents with some information from classroom teachers but is also an opportunity for parents to share any hopes or information that they believe will contribute to a successful year at school! Our Learning Conversations this term can either be face to face or online, please indicate your preference when you book.

Finally our Year 6 Leadership shirts have arrived! There were complications with the screen print however we are grateful that they are finally here. Miss Spence and Miss Adelia look forward to presenting each Year 6 leader with their shirt at next weeks assembly!

This year we are introducing a Peer Recognition Award for our school RRR expectations. Each term our learners will be invited to vote for a peer in their learning space that continuously displays our school expectations of Respect for Self, Respect for Others and Respect for the Environment. Our learners are aware of this new award and are closely watching one another. This award recognises our learner's peer voice and allows them to share who they believe is exceptional in modeling our school behaviours.

On a final note, our beautiful Miss Cooke got engaged on the weekend! Her partner Anthony proposed and we congratulate and wish them every happiness at this special time!

God Bless Everyone & Have a wonderful week!

Jasmine Ryan (Principal)



DATES AHEAD

- 19th Mar: Harmony Day - Wear a touch of 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
- 2nd Apr: Good Friday
- 19th Apr: Term 2 Starts , P&F Meeting @ 6:30pm
- 30th Apr: Whole School Assembly @ 2:20pm



St Mary's is a Child Safe School.

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

A PRAYER

Harmony Day

God,

You created all people in your image.

We thank you for the astonishing variety of races and cultures in Australia and in our community.

Enrich our lives by ever-widening circles of friendship, and show us your presence in those who differ most from us.

Grant that we may always promote the justice and acceptance that ensures lasting peace and racial harmony.

Grant that we may show equal respect to all persons of different cultures that we may come across.

And help us to remember and appreciate that we are one country, with many stories.

Amen

Project Compassion

"Be More"

A friendly reminder for all project compassion boxes to be returned to the office by the end of term 1. Your donations are greatly appreciated.



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.



SCHOOL INTERVIEWS BOOKING - Term 1 Learning Conversations

<https://www.schoolinterviews.com.au/code?code=5u5yw>

Please make bookings for your Term 1 Learning conversations with the above link.

CODE: 5u5yw



Junior Team

Wow how is it week 8 already?! In the Junior school we have been busy practising our core learnings in Literacy, Spelling and Maths. We unpacked our essential questions for Inquiry over the past week and have uncovered some keywords to focus on over the next few weeks including; wellbeing, resilience, challenges and stresses. This coming week we are beginning to learn more about our emotions and zones of regulation.

We have been learning about Holy Week and have created some stunning palm leaves that are now displayed across the Junior classrooms.

We enjoyed our visit from Travis Collier, a local police officer from Swan Hill. Travis came to talk with our learners about being safe while online. What it means to be safe and stranger danger. We asked lots of interesting questions and learned about Kids Messenger and how it is not safe to chat in online games.

In Maths, learners have been breaking apart numbers using strategies in Place Value and using MAB to make, count and show different numbers according to their values.

In Reading, we have all been practising our decoding strategies and particularly in the Year 2/3 room practising our reading stamina and fluency.



- Addison Taylor 16th March
- Heath Spalding 19th March
- Henry Gaiter 20th March
- Kane Mihailovic 20th March

Senior Team

Well another week has gone by and the holidays are fast approaching.

Yr 4/5/6 learners have been exploring what it means to be resilient and different strategies they can use to support them when bouncing back. We have also been exploring video clips about a simple act of kindness and how it makes others feel.

In writing, they are learning about the structure of a narrative and key elements to include in their writing. They have been learning to expand their vocabulary with the use of adjectives and synonyms to support their writing.

In Maths, learners completed post assessments on Place Value and pre-assessments on Time in readiness for our next maths topic.

During Physical Education, learners have been developing their skills for hockey. Learning how to hold the stick and control the ball. We have been playing a range of games to help consolidate these skills. It is great to see learners demonstrating excellent sportsmanship while participating in games.

We had a visit from Travis Collier, a local police officer in Swan Hill. Travis came to talk with our learners about being safe while online and also about different apps they might have and how to use them safely. It was great to see many learners sharing with Travis what they know about the apps and how they use these apps and games safely. Travis provided some great insight to the learners.



Cohuna Bridge 2 Bridge 2021





ST MARYS COHUNA

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**

**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)**



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

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