



# St Mary's Newsletter

## WELCOME TO WEEK 1

Welcome back to school and term 4 everyone! We are on the final straight and it does not feel as if we have had a full and complete year yet! Regardless, there will be lots of things happening this term, new beginnings, change and an opportunity to finish our year strong! I thank you all in advance for your continued flexibility and support with our rapidly changing world. St Mary's strives to keep you as informed and supported as possible throughout this time.

Thank you to my staff and many of you in the community who congratulated me on my 2022 appointment to St Mary's Echuca. It has been a very bitter sweet experience as I have deep affection for my St Mary's Cohuna community and I have enjoyed all of my days here. Having said that Catholic Education Sandhurst have already begun the very important process of a principal appointment for 2022. The staff tonight will take part in the first principal consultation and the School Advisory Group will follow next week. The application closes on 18th October which will be followed by shortlisting and interviews. The process is extremely thorough and professional and I know the outcome will be a continued success for St Mary's.

As we have returned to a staggered start to school we continue to be faced with restrictions and compliance. As of the 18th October 2021 all staff employed in schools must have had their first vaccination and a final vaccination by 15th December. Moving into the future, this will also be a mandated expectation from the Victorian Health Officer that all visitors, contractors, parents and volunteers will also need to be vaccinated if attending schools onsite. St Mary's in the coming weeks will advise the community on the process of how we will gather proof of vaccinations. I thank you for your support on this.

By the 26th October we will all be back to face to face learning which we are all very excited for. We know that is a few weeks away and each day is trying on our families. Please do the best you can to get through and speak with myself or the classroom teachers if there is anything you need. We are very hopeful to end our year well with the usual celebrations and excitements!

**God Bless and have a great week!**

Jasmine Ryan (**Principal**)



## DATES AHEAD

- 5th Oct: Term 4 Begins
- 5th - 8th Oct: Prep Family Tours (Virtually)
- 8th Oct: Sacrament of Eucharist & Confirmation @ 6pm
- 11th Oct: SAC Principal Consultation Meeting @ 7pm
- 11th - 15th Oct: PIVOT Learner Survey for Teachers
- 28th Oct: Grandparents Day / World Teachers Day / Assembly (Live Streamed) @ 2:20pm
- 1st Nov: School Closure Day - No school
- 2nd Nov: Melbourne Cup Day - Public Holiday



St Mary's is a Child Safe School.

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

## A PRAYER

As we prepare for the coming of a new term, make us ready, attentive and available. Thank You Lord for the gift of being able to rise each day with the assurance that You walk through it with us. Thank You for the gifts of creativity and uniqueness, and the energy to put them to good use.

### Prayer for the candidates of Eucharist and Confirmation

Lord, You send out Your Spirit to touch the hearts of all people, so that they may believe in You and in Jesus whom You sent. Look kindly on all candidates for Eucharist and Confirmation as they listen to Your voice. ... We pray that You will continue to guide us and sustain us.



### Canteen Special

Canteen will resume on 27th October 2021 when all learners return to face to face schooling!



Please note: If your child is absent and has a canteen order placed, please contact the school before 11am on the day so we can cancel this order.

### PBIS

#### To Try Our Best

To be the best we can be and to always have a go.



*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.*

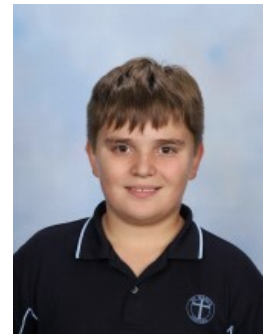
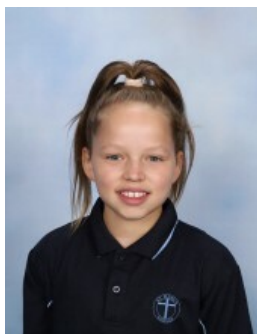


### Sacraments of Confirmation and Eucharist

The remaining candidates preparing for the Sacraments of Confirmation and Eucharist will be celebrating Mass on Friday 8th October @ 6.00pm, at St Mary's church.

Please keep them in your prayers as they continue on the faith journey.

Candidates: Milla Ryan, Pippa Reid, Elliot Warren and Emily Dehne



**St Mary's, at this current time is investing greatly in the Resilience of our community. We invite our parents to do the same. The Resilience project has shared with us, 'The Resilience Project at Home'. Please take the time to explore and try something with your family.**

<https://theresilienceproject.com.au/at-home/>



**RESILIENCE PROJECT™**



**TRP@HOME**

## Junior School Team

Welcome back to Term 4!

The Educators in the Junior school are so excited to be beginning the final term with you all. We are excited to get back into our routines and continue to build upon the learners goals and achievements.

This week we are excited to celebrate our Inquiry Launch with you all on Friday "How is music powerful?" We will be dressing up as our favourite musician, genre or era of music. Each teacher has organised some brilliant and engaging activities for you all to participate in during our rotations.

We have many fun events and learning planned for you all, however due to Covid restrictions we are still waiting for final decisions to be made from the CEO.

This Term we will be continuing to utilise our data to pinpoint each learner's needs in all areas of learning. We will be continuing to build upon the learners sound/letter knowledge, expand their reading comprehension skills and knowledge and continue moving through the numeracy curriculum.

## Senior School Team

Welcome to Term 4!

It is hard to believe we are in our final term for 2021. This is the last term for our Yr 6 learners before they leave for high school.

We have many exciting things planned for this term however with COVID restrictions we are still waiting for final decisions to be made from the CEO.

We will begin the term with remote learning for the first few weeks. We are hopeful that this will not be for long.

We will be exploring Poetry. Learners will learn about the different types of poems and how they are used to share stories and messages.

Learning about Poetry will be integrated with Inquiry. We will be exploring music and how it is powerful. We will begin our Inquiry Investigation with our Inquiry launch which will be held on Friday.

ST MARY'S TERM 4 INQUIRY WILL BE INVESTIGATING 'HOW IS MUSIC POWERFUL?'

# TERM 4 INQUIRY LAUNCH

LEARNERS ARE ASKED TO BE AS CREATIVE AND IMAGINATIVE AS POSSIBLE AND COME DRESSED TO SCHOOL AS THEIR FAVOURITE MUSICIAN, SONG, GENRE OR ERA IN MUSIC.

**OUR INQUIRY LAUNCH WILL BE HELD ON FRIDAY 8TH OCTOBER 8TH OCTOBER**

You could come dressed as.....

## COVID-19 VACCINATION

### CLINICS

Check your eligibility for COVID-19 vaccination  
[covid-vaccine.healthdirect.gov.au/eligibility](https://covid-vaccine.healthdirect.gov.au/eligibility)  
 1800 675 398

*Speak to your GP about any medical concerns*

- Kerang COVID-19 Vaccination Clinics**  
 Kerang District Health  
 WD Thomas Activity Centre, Burgoyne St, Kerang  
 By Appointment Only  
 Call the KDH Vaccination line on 5450 8099
- Bendigo Health**  
 113-133 Mollison St, Bendigo  
[bendigohealth.org.au/registerforvaccine](https://bendigohealth.org.au/registerforvaccine)  
 By Appointment Only  
 1800 675 398
- Cohuna COVID-19 Vaccination Clinic**  
 NDCH, 33 King Edward Street, Cohuna  
 By Appointment Only  
 5451 0200
- Kerang Medical Clinic**  
 47 Victoria St, Kerang  
 By Appointment Only  
 5450 8060
- Echuca Regional Health**  
 Vivid Building, 238 High St, Echuca  
[erh.org.au/covid-19-vaccinations](https://erh.org.au/covid-19-vaccinations)  
 Pfizer By Appointment Only. AstraZeneca walk in  
 5485 5000
- Boort Community Pharmacy**  
 108-112 Godfrey St, Boort  
 AstraZeneca & Moderna available  
 Walk in available  
 5455 2044
- Boort District Medical Centre**  
 2 Courtts St, Boort  
 By Appointment Only  
 5451 5220
- Ochre Medical Centre Cohuna**  
 111 King George St, Cohuna  
 Pfizer & AstraZeneca By Appointment Only  
 5456 2609
- Swan Hill District Health**  
 152 Campbell St, Swan Hill (Tristar Medical Clinic)  
[www.shdh.org.au](https://www.shdh.org.au)  
[hotdoc.com.au](https://hotdoc.com.au) - Swan Hill Respiratory Clinic  
 By Appointment Only  
 5033 9968
- Mallee District Aboriginal Services**  
 Kerang 9 Nolan St, Kerang  
 Swan Hill 70 Nyah Rd, Swan Hill  
 Mildura 120 Madden Ave, Mildura  
 By Appointment Only  
 1800 183 593
- Terry White Chemmart**  
 Kerang 28/32 Victoria St, Kerang  
 Cohuna 63-67 King George St, Cohuna  
[terrywhitechemmart.com.au/health-services/covid-19-vaccination](https://terrywhitechemmart.com.au/health-services/covid-19-vaccination)  
 AstraZeneca available. Moderna from October 3.  
 By Appointment - limited walk in available

To view all clinics within the local area visit  
[www.murrayphn.org.au/vaccinationclinics/](https://www.murrayphn.org.au/vaccinationclinics/)