



# St Mary's Newsletter

## WELCOME TO WEEK 3

We continue to see life unfolding and school returning to normal. It has been fantastic to have all of our learners on site at the end of last week and the playground and learning spaces were buzzing with chat, laughter and excitement. Our teachers have made the social and emotional learning of our learners a priority as we recognise the challenging time they have all had. Over the coming weeks teachers will strive to engage and motivate for great return to learning. We hope our parents are excited by the return to school and support return to school routines.

The first fortnight of the school term I concluded meeting with all of our Prep 2022 families. Although our meetings were virtual it was still a great opportunity to see every Prep learner one on one and gather further information to support the child starting school. The Prep meetings are now complete and we look ahead in hope of starting our Prep Transition program. All families who have a Prep starting in 2022 will today receive an email outlining dates for transition with a brief description of each session.

On Friday 29th October we will celebrate our annual Grandparents Day! We would prefer to be together at school however without having our grandparents onsite we need to be creative! This Grandparents day all families will receive a treasure hunt to do around the town! You will need a phone that can read QR codes to decode the clues! Our learners and their grandparents or special people are then invited to get a tea /coffee or ice cream at KC's Ice Cream Cafe! Tomorrow families will need to complete a School Stream form to ensure we send the right number of vouchers for KC's Ice Cream Cafe home! Learners will be dismissed at 2:00pm next Friday to be able to take part in Grandparents day afternoon! For those grandparents or families who can not attend, you are welcome to remain at school. You will see our staff around town supporting the event! We hope many of grandparents and special people can attend!

Today the Principal application for St Mary's 2022 closed. Catholic Education Sandhurst facilitates this process. From here shortlisting and interviews will occur. The process is extremely well lead and professional. I am very positive that a great outcome will occur.

Yesterday Dan Andrews announced an increased return to school. As of Friday this week all learners can return to daily face to face schooling. All teachers and staff are eager to get back to classroom fun and learning!

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

Jasmine Ryan (**Principal**)

## DATES AHEAD

- 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
- 3rd Nov: Class Mass @ 12:30
- 8th Nov: School Board Meeting @ 7pm
- 10th Nov: Sacrament of Reconciliation @ 6pm
- 15th Nov: P&F Meeting @ 6:30pm
- 22nd - 26th Nov: Yr 5/6 Camp - Phillip Island
- 26th Nov: Assembly @ 2:20pm





St Mary's is a Child Safe School.

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

## A PRAYER

Prayer for Candidates for Reconciliation

Loving God,

Help us to teach our learners that

You love us all totally and unconditionally.

Guide us to model for them how to grow in love each day.

May we lead by example, in our words and actions

Showing kindness and forgiveness and teaching the value of a genuine 'I'm sorry', You always forgive.

May we, as carers of our learners

Be always ready to forgive and offer a fresh start.

Remind us to pray with our learners and to share our faith with them as we journey together.

Amen

Congratulations - Our Confirmation and Eucharist Candidates were finally able to celebrate receiving the sacraments by sharing cupcakes with their peers. Thank you Vicky McGillivray for preparing the delicious morsels!



### 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.*



Reconciliation Orientation: Wednesday 20th October @ 6.00pm

Learners who will be preparing for the Sacrament of Reconciliation are to attend the orientation night with their parents, Wednesday 20th October, 6.00pm in St Mary's Church. During this meeting the expectations and processes for the Sacrament will be explained by Fr Novie.

If you have any questions please contact Adelia - [amuldoon@smcohuna.catholic.edu.au](mailto:amuldoon@smcohuna.catholic.edu.au)

Life Relationships: Tuesday 19th October, @ 6.00pm

Reminder - A virtual information session for our Yr 5/6 learners and their parents will be held on Tuesday 19th October @ 6.00pm. A link for the meeting will be sent via your child's Seesaw on Tuesday. We look forward to seeing you then.

**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/>



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## Junior School Team

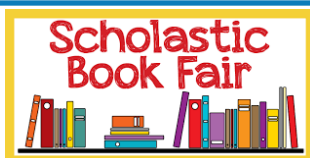
There is so much happening in the Junior school this week:

In the P/1 collaborative we have been continuing to explore Information Texts throughout our big book. We have begun to develop our understanding of multiplication and division in Maths and have loved building on our number knowledge by making, writing and reading small and large numbers.

We have loved diving deeper into our Inquiry topic 'How Is Music Powerful?' through Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander perspectives. It has been another wonderful week with lots of fun and learning!

This week in the 2/3 classroom we are learning how to write letters and using the structure of letters. We have been exploring the connections to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander to music and ways that we can make and hear music in the natural environment. In Maths we are beginning to build strategies to solve division problems applying both written and mental.

We have been practising listening to instructions, building a growth mindset and being resilient when coming back to school and jumping back into routine.



A reminder that all orders and payments for our Book Fair are due back this Friday the 22nd October. \*Please note payment options have changed and can be paid directly on-line.

This will also coincide with our bumper Christmas Book Club Issue which is also due back this week, Wednesday the 20th of October.

What a fantastic time to start your Christmas shopping!



- Zarah Crichton 17th October
- Charlie Hauser 17th October

## Senior School Team

It was great to have our Senior learners onsite for Thursday and Friday. They had a great time chatting with everyone and seeing their friends. It was a great sight in the playground to see all the learners together. Thank you to our parents for their support with remote learning and making sure learners have their masks at school.

We had a busy week online and at school.

Learners have been learning about shapes, identifying 2D and 3D shapes properties, making 3D shapes and drawing different views of shapes. They will also be exploring regular and irregular shapes.

Learners went to the library on Friday to have a look at the Book Fair and write a wish list. If you are going to order any books please order them online and send the order form back to school for Mrs Fry so she can organise the books. There are so many wonderful books in the book fair this year.

We are starting to explore music and how it is powerful. Learners created a mindmap of their thinking about music and created wondering that they have about music. We have started to look at the essential questions with the learners and break open each question and the key language.

## 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*

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

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



Information correct as of October 1 2021

**ST. MARYS PRIMARY SCHOOL COHUNA**



# GRANDPARENTS DAY

**OCTOBER 29, 2021**

St Mary's Grandparent's Day Celebrations 2021 will be a town Treasure Hunt! The starting Treasure Hunt clues will be shared with our Learners on Friday 29th October! Learners taking part are to be collected by their Grandparents @ 2:00pm on this day.

All you will need is a device that reads QR codes to access the clues. Staff will be around town supporting the event. There are many prizes to be won. All learners & Grandparents will receive a voucher for KC's Ice Cream Cafe to enjoy afternoon tea together.

We hope many of you can join us!

Please RSVP on School Stream

**Note:** If you are unable to collect your Grandchild at this time the Treasure Hunt will come home with the learner on this day.