



St Mary's Newsletter

WELCOME TO WEEK 5 & 6

We are definitely on the countdown to the end of term 4 and much to celebrate and get excited for! This combined newsletter will look back at two sensational weeks of fun and learning as we have as a school community has reunited! Our teachers are back in full routine as are our learners! Everyone doing and being their very best each day to finish off our school year well!

In week 4 we celebrated World Teachers Day with a delicious morning tea of loaded donuts, a dress up day for Halloween and our Grandparents afternoon! Thank you to the many grandparents who came out, walked our Treasure Hunt and enjoyed a wonderful afternoon tea at KC's Ice Cream Cafe! Thank you for your patience with our technology glitches also, we did problem solve in the end!

Week 5 was a short week where our teachers are working tirelessly on our end of year reports. Our families enjoyed a long weekend and the opportunity to reset ready for the busy end of the term. Michael Chisholm attended our Senior school mass to complete the commissioning of our new Fire Carriers and reignite our existing. It was a beautiful moment for our school community and we know our new Fire Carriers will commit to their special responsibilities into the future.

St Mary's today via email will have received information informing the community of our 2022 new school principal. I know our community will all go to great lengths to welcome Jarrod Mullavey and his young family as they begin the next chapter of their lives in the St Mary's community. Mr Mullavey is a Deputy Principal at St Kevin's in Lower Templestow in Melbourne. I know his passion and commitment to education will continue to see St Mary's Cohuna succeed well into the future.

St Mary's is continuing to sort staffing for 2022 and this week we will again advertise for two teaching positions. The current climate in education is seeing difficulties in employing and attracting staff to the regional areas but we will continue to do our best in the search for the best possible educators for our school.

At the conclusion of the year we will also farewell Jacqui Deola. Jacqui has been St Mary's Leader of Learning Adjustment for the past five years. Jacqui has been an incredible asset to our school community and has worked among teachers, families and learners in ensuring our learners needs are met to an incredibly high standard. Jacqui has now been successful in obtaining the role of the Leader of Learning Diversity at St Mary's Echuca. We thank Jacqui for her every contribution and we wish her well in her next endeavours.

On Friday we farewell Mrs Meaghan Lamb. Meaghan is finishing at this point in the year to prepare for the birth of her baby. Mrs Lamb is due on 13th December and we wish her and Will every happiness as they begin the journey of parenthood. Mrs Lamb has been the Junior Leader and a classroom teacher during her time at St Mary's and has made great connections with those she has taught and lead. Mrs Lamb plans to take 12 months maternity leave and then return to St Mary's in some capacity! We wish her and Will much love and joy!

This week I will share with families our updated requirements on gathering vaccination status from our parent community. St Mary's will be required to file vaccination status if our families wish to be involved in school life. Please look out for this correspondence this week.

God Bless and have a great week!

Jasmine Ryan (*Principal*)



DATES AHEAD

- 8th Nov: School Board Meeting @ 7pm
- 10th Nov: Sacrament of Reconciliation @ 6pm
- 15th Nov: P&F Meeting @ 6:30pm
- 22nd - 25th Nov: Yr 5/6 Camp - Phillip Island
- 26th Nov: Assembly @ 2:20pm
- 1st Dec: Sacrament of Reconciliation @ 6pm
- 2nd Dec: St Mary's swimming program begins
- 3rd Dec: Mrs Adams last day, Semester 2 Reports come home



St Mary's is a Child Safe School.

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

A PRAYER

FIRE Carriers Prayer

As we stand around this fire, let us receive its warmth as we pray to the Holy Spirit; Holy Spirit, be on our lips, that we may speak the truth in kindness, put your glow in our eyes, that we may see what is good in life and in all people

Holy Spirit, burn in our ears, that we may hear with deep listening, be in our arms and hands, that we may serve others with care

Holy Spirit, be in our legs and feet so that we may walk the earth with respect and give thanks for its life-giving nourishment

Holy Spirit, brand our hearts with the eternal flame of your love, that we may become the bearers of peace, beauty, hope, harmony and Reconciliation.

Amen



Canteen Special

Our Canteen specials will commence next week 17th November.

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.



We congratulate the 45 Learners and Staff who participated in the commissioning ceremony on Friday. We thank Michael Chisholm from CES Ltd for preparing everyone and performing the celebration.

As new FIRE carriers they honor the foundations that have been laid and commit to the 4 core elements of Reconciliation; they are: SPIRITUALITY, PRACTICAL RECOGNITION & JUSTICE, CULTURAL RECOGNITION & AWARENESS & ECOLOGICAL STEWARDSHIP

We wish them well as they commitment promote Reconciliation throughout St Mary's school community by; organizing activities to create awareness around significant dates of shared history, Incorporating Aboriginal Spirituality into our schools Catholic Identity by including the cultural and ceremonial gifts of Aboriginal people within our Catholic Identity and adopting Opening the Doors Foundation as our partner by supporting in a practical way an annual fundraiser.

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/>



THE RESILIENCE PROJECT



TRP@HOME

Junior School Team

Wow week 5! The term is humming along nicely. This week in our classrooms we are extra busy due to the short week. We had so much fun last week dressing up in the halloween theme on Friday and celebrating our Grandparents for Grandparents day. The learners loved going off with their Grandparents on the amazing race themed treasure hunt around Cohuna!

This week in th Prep/1 Collaborative classroom we have been enjoying exploring the different eras of music in our Inquiry "How is Music powerful?". We are continuing our learning with our unit on Division by partitioning numbers and Division in maths. In reading we have been reading the book "Musical Markus" read by Jimmy Rees which is closely linked to our inquiry. We are also writing and publishing an information text about our favourite artist!

In the 2/3 Collaborative we have been continuing our inquiry learning this past week by focusing on breaking open our second essential question: How does music communicate a cause or message that is important to people? We are exploring emotions and the meaning behind song lyrics. In Maths we have begun our unit on Measurement and have been comparing lengths and learning how to use a ruler correctly. We are continuing our vocabulary learning, building up our suitcases of unknown word knowledge, practising using chunky monkey, inferring and our phrasing when reading.

Week 6 and we are half way through the term!

This week we are so excited in the 2/3 Collaborative classroom to celebrate and wish our Year 3s good luck for their participation in the Sacrament of Reconciliation.



- Oskar Hayes - 30th October
- Piper Hooper - Higgs - 3rd November
- Brooklyn Bowland - 5th November
- Ella Jones - 8th November

Senior School Team

Hard to believe we are already in week 5.

What a wonderful week we had having a full week with all learners onsite. It was so nice to have the senior classrooms filled with laughter and learning.

We had a busy week completing maths assessment in readiness for our unit on Measurement. Learners will be grouped based on their results to target their needs.

We are continuing to learn about text responses and the key features. Learners will continue to learn and respond to different texts written and verbal.

Learners have been looking at different styles of music, how music is created in certain movies and how it can make us feel. Learners have created their own wonderings about music and will begin to investigate their question or wondering.

In Religious Education learners have been exploring the birth of Jesus and how all the people in the birth had a role to play. They have compared songs and videos by identifying what is the same or different.

In P.E learners have been learning about bowls. They are consolidating their skills through a range of activities. Learned enjoyed the challenge of trying to get the bowl to land on the line. They were able to identify if they needed to increase or slow down their bowl. Learners are able to try different pece to see the outcome. It was great to see all the learners getting involved and participating in the bowls session.

Half way through the term. With such a short week we were very busy in the Senior classroom.

The year 6 learners have begun creating their Digital portfolios for their graduation dinner. Photos need to be sent in by 12th November please.

The Year 5 learners have started to think about and design their Yr 6 shirts for next year. It is great to see them thinking about what they would like on the back for their final year.

We had a whole school Mass on Thursday and it was lovely to be able to be all together in the Church for it. We also had Micheal from the CES visit to conduct the FIRE Carriers ceremony. We had many Year 4 to 6 and teachers became Fire Carries and continue to carry the flame for our school. It is great to see so many learners representing the school and becoming leaders for our Junior learners. We thank Micheal for coming and helping us with the ceremony.

Learner are continuing to learner about how music is powerful and have begun thinking about their investigation about music and how they will present it to their peers.



2020 People's Choice Award Finalist: Jasmine Tutt
Yr 8, Catholic College Wodonga, 'Succulent'

Official Opening and Awards Presentation

Friday 12 November 2021 | 6pm-8pm

Bookings: www.trybooking.com/BUBUB or scan QR code

Livestream: <https://links.powerav.com.au/rij>

Open Wed-Sat 10am-4pm | 12-28 November 2021

Sacred Heart Cathedral Bendigo

Online from Monday 15 November 2021

www.ceosand.catholic.edu.au

Vote for People's Choice Awards

until Sunday 28 November 2021

Enquiries Claire Spinelli E: cspinelli@ceosand.catholic.edu.au | M: 0407 721 088



Congratulations to Bella Bishop, Jack Grills, Emmy Easton and Chloe Keating who have all had their artwork entered into this year's MacKillop Art Exhibition.

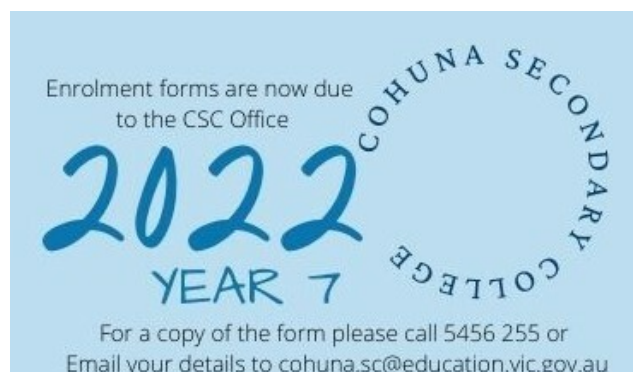
Leitchville Pre-School - Fundraising with Zoom Kites

These kites are going to help us to reach our fundraising goals by raising money for the Leitchville Pre School, and by supporting us you can have your own gorgeous kite for only \$20.

You can choose from 6 great designs, and buy directly online (make sure when you register to buy, you do so under our fundraiser name-Leitchville Pre School).

Order here: <https://zoomkites.com.au/order/>

Place your order before the 15/11/2021 and we'll be in contact when delivery will take place.



Registrations are opened!

Returning members can use the link sent to your email from LAVic to re-new your membership.

New members can register as a Trial Athlete allowing you 2 free sessions to try before fully registering here:

<https://lavic.com.au/membership/new-member/trial-athlete-offer/>

Registrations for both returning members and trial athletes must be completed before being allowed to compete Friday night.



Cohuna Little Aths

We're Back! Friday 12th November
5:45pm sharp at the 2nd Oval, Island
Rd Cohuna.

Everyone must QR Scan on arrival.
Covid-19 Protocols must be adhered to.



*Cohuna Lawn Tennis Club welcomes all school aged children back to their courts as our Junior Tennis Ace Squad **starts again THIS Saturday @ 9am**. All you need is a smile, a positive attitude and \$3 for ball fees. No racquet necessary. Can't wait to see you! Please note the HotShots program will happen later in term.*

Follow us on Facebook 'Cohuna Tennis Club' for more information.