



# St Mary's Newsletter

## WELCOME TO WEEK 10

We are nearly there and the next 8 to 10 days tends to be some of the busiest on the school calendar. The staff and learners love this time of year as we start to prepare for our new school year and celebrate all of the greatness of the current year. St Mary's staff are very much looking forward to seeing many of you at the end of Year BBQ and Mass and hopefully at our end of year Christmas assembly! Our Covid safe practices will be in place to ensure we are following guidelines and protecting our community.

Tomorrow is Step up day and all of our staff and learners love this day. Our new Preps to Year 5's will be introduced to their 2022 teachers and support staff. A letter of the classing structure will come home tomorrow. We are still hopeful for the employment of an additional teacher in the new year to add to our year 1 and 2 team however have structures in place at the moment to initially start the year. We wish all of our Year 6 learners a great day tomorrow as they head off to Cohuna Secondary College or St Joseph's. We know they have been waiting in anticipation for this day and are very ready to start this exciting chapter.

Tomorrow all families will receive the Fee Structure for 2022. Accompanying the structure is some information on how fees can be paid. All families are asked to complete this intention form and return it to the school at your earliest convenience. Direct debit is the preferred option for the school and we hope many of our families commit to this for the new year.

Today our end of year Semester 2 Reports have been shared on your child(rens) PAM Accounts. We thank the professionalism and reflection that all teachers place on composing every child's report. Our learners know that these are being shared with families and we hope that our Mum's and Dad's read and share their achievements with their child. Regardless of our disruptions to our schooling it has been pleasing to see that our learners and families are very much still committed to their education. Optional learning conversations bookings will close at 5:30pm today.

At the end of each school year, I share with families "The Year Ahead." I will finish off the year with this next week. This information is a reminder of uniform, staffing and whole school focuses. Even though I will not be the Principal next year the school continues to have great plans and directions for the future.

I do hope that I get to see many of you this coming Thursday as an opportunity to farewell and thank you all for your contribution to my leadership and memorable times at St Mary's.

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

Jasmine Ryan (*Principal*)



## DATES AHEAD

- 7th Dec: State Community Step Up Day
- 8th Dec: Optional end of year Learning Conversations
- 9th Dec: End of Year Mass & BBQ - 6pm
- 10th Dec: Final Prep Transition & Parents morning tea
- 14th Dec: End of Year Pool Party & Yr 6 Graduation @ 6pm
- 15th Dec: 10:00am Christmas Assesmbly, Last Day of School - 3:15pm Dismissal



St Mary's is a Child Safe School.

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

## A PRAYER

We come together during this holy Advent season to give praise to God. We prepare to celebrate the coming of Jesus into our hearts and our lives. God loves us with unending love. We are called to share the love of God with others. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

Amen

### Canteen Special

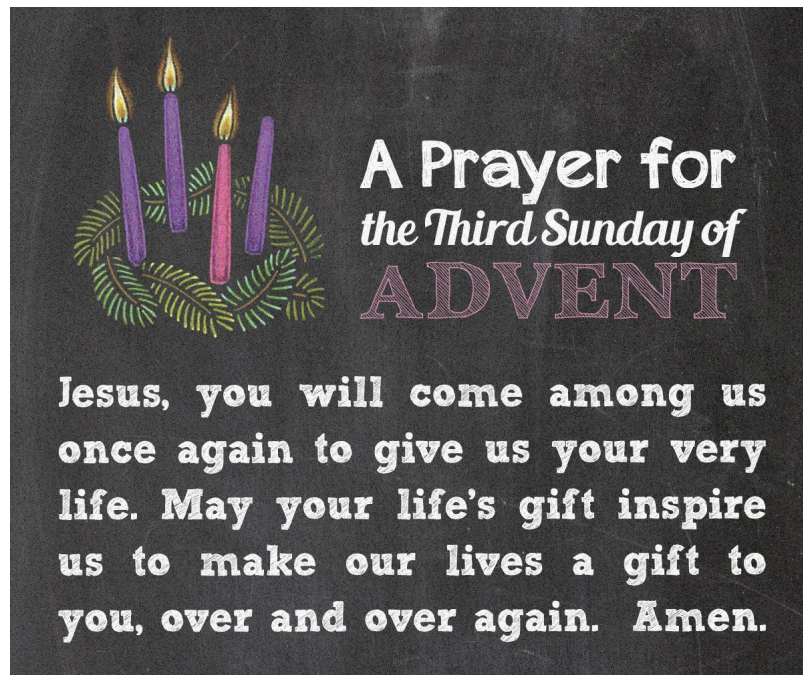
THERE WILL BE NO CANTEEN SPECIALS FOR THE REST OF THE YEAR.

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.



On Thursday 15th December at 10:00am our Learners will be sharing with the community some Christmas carols and some of their learning from Performing Arts & Music. Our families are

welcome to attend for this performance. Our learners are welcome to wear casual with as much Christmas as they can on this day!

*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.*



### SECOND HAND UNIFORM STALL - 15th December

Next Wednesday, half an hour before our Christmas Assembly and half an hour after, St Mary's will have second hand uniform for sale. We have much that has been donated to the school once our learners grow out of them. Please have cash available if this is of interest to you. We have many bomber jackets particularly.





## Junior School Team

We have enjoyed the first week of our swimming program and have had so much fun being out in the community and the beautiful sunshine!

This week in the Junior School we have been working hard to complete the Taking Action phase of our Inquiry! Learners have been loving writing lyrics for their songs and using GarageBand to compose matching music.

We have been very excited waiting for the pending arrival of Clarke and Shelfie! Safe to say the excitement grew when they arrived last week.



## Senior School Team

What fun we are having in the Senior learners classrooms. We have been busy finishing off learning about Statistics and Probability with a final assessment.

The Year 5 learners gathered data from other learners about a specific question and created a graph to assist with analysing the data.

Learners are exploring poetry and the different styles. They have selected a style they would like to explore further and created their own poem.

Swimming program has started well and we had some great weather for the 2 days. Swimming will continue this week. Please make sure learners bring all their required items to be able to participate in the swimming program.

Learners are continuing to complete their Inquiry investigation about music and putting together the final touches. Learners are exploring different ways to make sound to incorporate into their investigation. The year 6 learners are continuing to put together their digital portfolio of their time at primary school in readiness for their Graduation dinner.

We have a busy week again this week with swimming lessons continuing. Tuesday is community step up day where the learners will go into their new classroom and meet their teacher for 2022. The year 6 learners will spend the day at their new high school.

We will be having the end of year Mass and BBQ on Thursday night starting at 6pm.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY



- Darcy Gordon 1st December
- Riley Hore 3rd December
- Thomas O'Mahoney 3rd December

## COHUNA SWIMMING POOL

Swimming Lessons-Stroke Correction

Pre School - School Age - Adults



SUMMER HOLIDAY LEARN TO SWIM PROGRAM 2022

Enrolments Open

Starts Tuesday 4th Jan 2022

3 Weeks

Geoff Dale-Austswim Teacher of Swimming

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## *Rural communities leading the way!* **Gannawarra & Loddon Shires**

OVER

# 95%

## FULLY VACCINATED



Figures as at 22nd November 2021 (% of population aged 15+)

**BIG Summer Read**

**JOIN. BORROW. PLAY. WIN!**  
**1 DECEMBER 2021 - 31 JANUARY 2022**

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