



St Mary's Newsletter

ALREADY IN WEEK 4!

Thank you to all those families who were able to join us online last Wednesday night for our Parent Information Night. I know the staff are excited about the great learning experiences in store for our learners this year and it was a great opportunity to share our routines with you all. The curriculum letter for each level also went out to families last week (Friday). Hopefully these forms of communication allow us all to work in partnership for the benefit of our learners.

It was great to meet the parents on our School Advisory Council last Monday night and share with them information about our start to the new school year. I thank Rob Merkel, Ben Appleby, Nerissa Nicholson and Emma Boughtwood who will move on from the Council after years of service. This also means that we have positions available on our Council - including replacing Rob as Council Chair. If you are interested in joining, please contact myself, Adelia or any member of the current council for more information.

I look forward to our first Parents and Friends meeting tonight. It will be great to go through our school calendar and plot all our great events such as our Easter celebrations, Grandparents day and Pie drive to mention a few!

Just a reminder to everyone that we have a Pupil Free Day this Friday 18th February. On this day, there will be NO SCHOOL for our learners. Staff will continue our professional learning in the area of Visible Learning with a focus on building our capacity to provide clarity when teaching. We will partner (online) with OLSH Elmore and St Patrick's Pyramid Hill for this day.

Today our learners will bring home their second box of rapid antigen tests. Please let the school know if these don't arrive home. Thank you again for remaining vigilant with our COVID safe practices. I will update our community as soon as any of our COVID safe practices and procedures are altered in the coming weeks.

Take care and God bless,

Jarrod Mullavey (*Principal*)



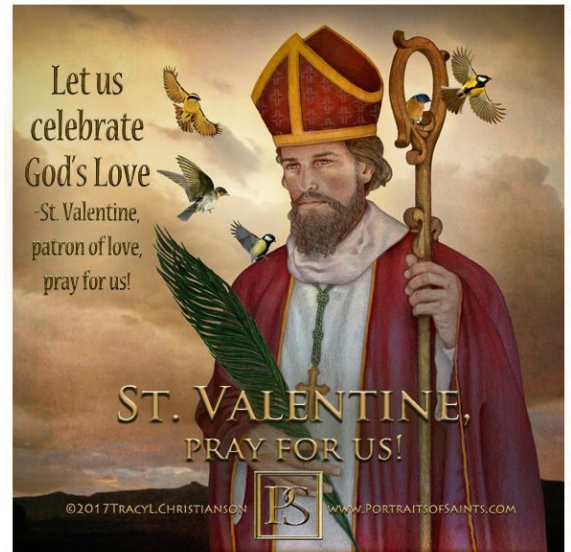
DATES AHEAD

- 14th Feb - P&F Meeting 6:30pm (online)
- 15th Feb - PSG's
- 16th Feb - Prep Rest Day #3
- 18th Feb - School Closure Day (Staff attending Visible Learning Professional Development)
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A PRAYER

A Valentine's Day Prayer

*I said a Valentine prayer for You
and asked the Lord above
to fill your heart and bless your soul
with the precious gift of love.
I asked Him for sincere love
the kind that's meant to stay
just like the generous love
You give to those You touch each day.
I prayed for love from family
and from every cherished friend
then I asked the Lord to give you
His love that knows no end.*



Canteen

Please note: There will be
NO CANTEEN

Wednesday 16th
February.

Please note: If you 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

Caring for our environment

Our focus for the start
of Term 1 is how we
behave in the toilets.



ZONE SWIMMING KERANG

Well done to our fabulous swimmers who represented St Mary's at the Kerang Zone District trials on Monday the 14th of February. Our learners enjoyed the day in the pool competing and cheering on their peers from underneath the shade of the tree. A big thanks to Miss Adelia for getting our swimmers to their events on time and supplying us with a cold treat on the way home. Families will be contacted shortly for those learners who progressed through to the Mallee Division Trials in Swan Hill which is to be held Monday 21st of February.

Well done! Edie Power, Millah Crichton, Matilda Matthews, Noah Mathers, Emmy Easton, Pippa Reid, Milla Ryan, Addy Taylor, Abbey Wishart, Kieran Jameson, Victoria Smith, Nathan Mihailovic, Jacob Matthews, Harry Mathers, Camm Nicholson.

*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.*



Canteen supply delays.

Unfortunately we are
experiencing delays with Sippah
Straws at the moment. I will
update availability as soon as
possible.

Junior School Team

Wow! We are nearing the end of our testing and settling in well regarding our class routines and expectations. It is great seeing our learners excited and organized in the morning, ready to learn. Thank you to all of the parents that were able to attend our virtual parent information evening, it was wonderful touching base with many of you.

Our religious lessons have begun and we are learning about 'Stewardship' and what that means to us both personally and in the community. We discussed the consequences of decisions we make, particularly on the environment. At home, maybe you could discuss what 'Stewardship' means to you and your family as a whole?



- Alby Coates 7th February
- Jonty Lucas 7th February
- Elliot Warren 10th February
- Lotti Murray 11th February

Senior School Team

It really feels like we have settled in well to our learning in all classrooms, and the learners have begun their small targeted group learning in literacy and numeracy. We have started to find out more about the essential question in our Inquiry topic 'How can I be an effective learner at St. Mary's?', with the learners brainstorming lots of interesting wonderings about the topic. In Religion, we are finding out about the Charism of our school, and how it is linked to the Parable of The Good Samaritan. Today we had many learners attend the Zone Swimming in Kerang; we look forward to hearing their results and congratulating them on their efforts. The Year 6 learners have presented their speeches for House Captain, the results will be in later in the week!





FOOTBALL PROGRAMS

KERANG SWAN HILL

WEDNESDAY 23RD OF FEB 4.30-5.30
KERANG FOOTBALL OVAL

TUESDAY 1ST OF MARCH 4.30-5.30
SWAN HILL REC RESERVE

8-12 YEARS OF AGE BOYS
HAVE SOME FOOTBALL FUN AND LEARN MORE ABOUT THE 2022 SEASON

REGISTER USING THE LINK OR SCAN THE QR CODE
<https://www.playhq.com/afl/register/d3f3f1>



ANY QUIRES PLEASE CONTACT
DAVID.ALDERUCCIO@AFL.COM.AU



COME AND TRY FEMALE FOOTY!

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COVID-19 VACCINATION CLINICS

INCLUDING 5-16 YEAR OLDS

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

Speak to your GP about any medical concerns

If you or someone you know needs support to access the vaccine please call 1800 959 400

- NDCH Medical Clinic** 35 Fitzroy Street, Kerang Adults and Children's Pfizer By Appointment only 5452 1366
- Echuca Regional Health** Vivid Building, 238 High St, Echuca erh.org.au/covid-19-vaccinations Children and Adults, Pfizer & AstraZeneca By Appointment Only 5485 5000
- Swan Hill District Health** 152 Campbell St, Swan Hill (Tristar Medical Clinic) www.shdh.org.au hotdoc@com.au - Swan Hill Respiratory Clinic Children and adults By Appointment Only 5033 9960
- Mallee District Aboriginal Services** Kerang 9 Nolan St, Kerang 5412 6004 Swan Hill 70 Nyah Rd, Swan Hill 5032 8600 Mildura 115 Orange Ave, Mildura 1800 183 593 Walk in available for Aboriginal community Appointments available for all eligible community members
- Ochre Medical Centre Cohuna** 111 King George St, Cohuna 16+ Pfizer By Appointment Only 5456 2609
- Kerang Medical Clinic** 47 Victoria St, Kerang Children and Adults Pfizer By Appointment Only 5450 8060
- Boort Community Pharmacy** 108-112 Godfrey St, Boort 16+ Only Pfizer & Moderna available. Please phone for appointment. 5455 2044
- Bendigo Health** 113-133 Mollison St, Bendigo bendigohealth.org.au/registerforvaccine Children and adults. Walk in and appointments available. 1800 675 398 for more information
- Boort District Medical Centre** 2 Courtts St, Boort Children and Adults Pfizer By Appointment Only 5451 5202
- Terry White Chemmart** Kerang 28/32 Victoria St, Kerang Cohuna 63-67 King George St, Cohuna terrywhitechemmart.com.au/health-services/covid-19-vaccination 12+ Only Pfizer & Moderna Online bookings now open. By Appointment Only



THIRD DOSE AVAILABLE

To view all clinics within the local area visit
www.murrayphn.org.au/vaccinationclinics/



Information correct as of 9 February 2022



Kangas Junior Netball

CKFNC are seeking interest from all junior netballers

• 18 & Under • 16 & Under • 14 & Under • 12 & Under •

Current Kangas or new players looking to join, we are seeking interest for season 2022!! Girls from 10yrs up and of all abilities encouraged and very welcome.

Why join the Kangas:

- For fun and fitness
- For great competition
- To build freindships
- To develop social skills
- To create long lasting memories

More info to come regarding
Preseason Training
and
Registration dates



COACHES ALSO WANTED!!

For more information or to confirm playing interest for 2022
Please contact Gab Fitzpatrick 0447798956 or Kim Lister 0428557473

TERM 1 DATES:

Term 1 Dates:

Week 3

7th Feb - SAC Meeting 7pm

9th Feb - Prep Rest Day #2

- Parent Information Night 6:30pm (via Google Meet)

10th Feb - Curriculum Newsletter (sent home)

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Week 6

1st March - Shrove Tuesday

2nd March - Ash Wednesday Mass 12:30pm (Preps attend today)

4th March - Clean Up Australia Day

- Assembly (Grade 6's to lead)

6th March - (Sunday) Cohuna Bridge to Bridge

Week 7

9th March - Resilience Project Parent Information Night (Webinar)

Week 8

14th March - Labour Day Holiday

Week 9

21st March - Harmony Day

Week 10

29th March - Learning Conversations (12:30-7:30pm)

1st April - Assembly (Grade 5's)

Week 11

6th April - Learning Expo

8th April - Term 1 ends (2:15pm)

