

St Mary's Newsletter

WEEK 8 - IT'S SHOWTIME!

Welcome to Week 8! Can you believe we are already 8 weeks into the school year! I hope everyone enjoyed the long weekend and had a chance to enjoy some family time. I know for myself it was a good chance to take a breath and reset for the last month of term.

On Monday night of last week our School Advisory Council held our AGM. Thank you to all members who attended the meeting. Brent Borkowski takes over from Rob Merkel as SAC Chair. I thank Rob for his efforts and wish Brent all the best moving forward. Both Rob and Ben Appleby will remain on the council as will Lyndsey Quinlan, Grace Jones, Tim Douglass, Adelia Muldoon and myself. I also thank Nerissa Nicholson for her service on the council as she steps down after serving two terms. We are still very open to new members. Our next meeting will be on <u>Tuesday 3rd May</u>, please contact myself, Adelia or any member of the council for more information.

Ms. Adelia and the Grade 6's finally got to celebrate Shrove Tuesday - even if it was one week late - by teaming up with the Lions Club to sell Pancakes at the Park! This was a great opportunity for our school leaders to get out into our local community and serve others. Thank you to Leigh and Norm Walkington from the Cohuna Lions club for their support with this event.

I found last Wednesday night's Resilience Project parent webinar with Hugh Van Cuylenberg extremely entertaining and informative. Hugh's message of including gratitude, empathy and mindfulness practices into our daily lives made a lot of sense of the benefits of this (which is based on research) look amazing. I hope those parents who were able to attend (online) felt the same way. If I am sent a recording of this session I will be sure to pass it on to our school community. Our learners will continue to learn about gratitude, empathy and mindfulness through daily lessons linked to The Resilience Project. Last year our staff worked through Hugh's first book 'The Resilience Project.' Now we will begin exploring his second book 'Let Go'.

This <u>Thursday 17th March</u> we will celebrate St Patrick's day at school. Learners are invited to wear 'green' and bring a coin donation (if you can). All proceeds will go towards our local parishes. See this newsletter for more information.

On <u>Monday 21st March</u> we will celebrate Harmony Day with a cultural day of activities, food and fun! If you are able to make a meal to share with our community that celebrates your culture please contact Sarah Toll (<u>sarahtoll@smcohuna.catholic.edu.au</u>) to register your interest. Learners are invited to wear '<u>orange</u>' on this day to celebrate the diversity in our community. See this newsletter for more information.

Unfortunately we are still awaiting delivery on our new school iPads. These were meant to be delivered and ready to go at the beginning of the year - however they are still to arrive (and no arrival date has been provided!). This means that learners in the Junior levels are currently unable to share their work with parents as freely as we'd like via Seesaw. We apologise for this delay - however expect a flood of work to be shared once they arrive!

And lastly, Georgia, Patrick and I are looking forward to attending our first ever <u>Cohuna Show</u> on Friday night (it also runs Saturday). I hope to see members of our school community there! It has been great seeing so many of our learner's 'show posters' in the shop windows around town. Good luck to anyone entering show competitions!

Have a great week!

Thanks for your ongoing support. Take care and God bless! Jarrod Mullavey (Principal)



DATES AHEAD

- 14th March Labour Day Holiday
- 21st March Harmony Day
- 29th March Learning Conversations
- 1st April Assembly (Grade 5's)



A PRAYER

Canteen

Lunch orders must
be placed
before<u>8:45am</u> in
the mornings. The
new cut off time for
lunch orders is
8:45am!

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.

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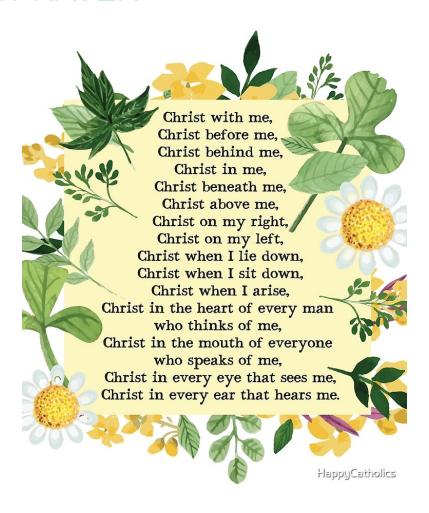
Caring for our environment

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



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.





IMPORTANT INFORMATION - ST MARY'S A NUT FREE ZONE

As of 2022 St Mary's will be a nut-free zone. Over recent times we have had an increased number of learners with allergies and anaphylaxis. We already expect that our learners do not share food and by limiting some food products coming into school we continue to minimise the risk of harm to these learners. Moving forward can families please refrain from packing;

- Any nut products
- Peanut butter
- Nutella
- Nut based muesli bars
- Nouga
- · Biscuits that contain nut products
- Cakes that contain nut products

Thank you to the whole community for your co-operation with this change.

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LOOP is the Scholastic Book Club
Linked Online Ordering & Payment platform for parents.
To order and pay for Scholastic Book Club by credit card visit:

www.scholastic.com.au/LOOP





Junior School Team

Our Junior school had a blast learning about being creative and successfully completed a floatable raft as a team. They can identify how and what it takes to work together in order to achieve a common goal.

The Preps this week have absolutely aced their testing. They are making great connections between their learning in the classroom and are applying it to their testing. We have been learning to make predictions within our reading and have become superstars at identifying our focus letters in the world around us.

Show and tell is one of our highlights of the week, our learners are practicing to be attentive listeners and are able to confidently give feed forward (Feed back).

Our Year One and Two class have been learning about numbers and currency and enjoyed playing shops while checking Mrs Smith gave out the correct change and breaking up bigger notes when needed to divide currency with others. We are enjoying learning about the colorful semantics writing program, our writing has more depth and detail. Parents please ask your child about their narrative writing pieces. Our Cohuna Show posters look amazing around the shop windows in Cohuna, well done to all the students who made fabulous looking posters.





- Emmy Easton 9th March
- Bailey Gray 10th March
- Henry Borkowski 11th March
- Oskar Fletcher 12th March
- Eadie Power 12th March

Senior School Team

Wow what a busy week in the Senior end of the school! We are continuing to learn about what makes an effective learner through Inquiry; this week focusing on investigating what it means to be an independent learner. We did this through construction of our own marble mazes, and during this, we also explored the importance of constructive feedback, and how to give it.

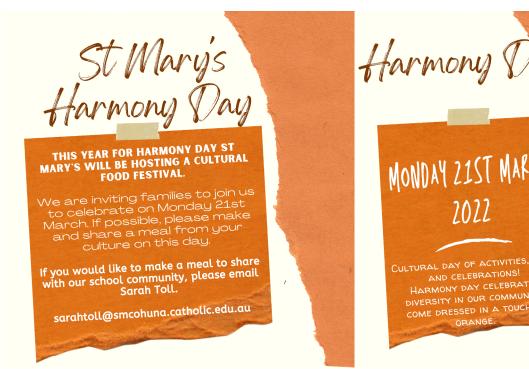
In Year ³/₄, the maths focus is ordering numbers using number lines, and practising adding 10 and taking 1 using our mental maths strategies. Year 6 are learning to order decimals and how to place them correctly on a numberline. We are just about ready to finish up our narratives and will begin to learn about and write our own Information Texts. The Year 6's had a ball this week when we headed to the Apex park for Pancakes in the Park with the Lion's Club, cooking and serving to raise money for CARITAS



Can all money's raised please be directly deposited to St Mary's School NAB Account:

BSB 083-543 Acc No. 457171993

Thank you.









Year 7 2023 **Information** Evening



Wednesday, 4 May 2022 at 7pm in the College Oak Centre.

Tour St Joseph's College with our new Principal, Ms Anne Marie Cairns.

- Monday 4 April 2022: 9am and 4.15pm
- Wednesday 27 April 2022: 2pm and 4pm
- Thursday 28 April 2022: 9am and 10.45am

To book a tour contact Mrs Brianna James on 03 5482 2577 or email registrar@sje.vic.edu.au.

www.sje.vic.edu.au



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2023 Scholarships

Moama Anglican Grammar is delighted to offer a range of scholarship opportunities for current and new students across Years 5-11 in 2023.

Applicants must demonstrate a commitment to the School values, be committed to their learning and contribute to the life of the School. Applications are assessed on an individual basis by a selection panel

Moama Anglican Grammar offers scholarships in four categories:

- General Excellence Music/Performing Arts Education Support

Scholarship applications close Friday 13 May 2022 Visit our website for more information www.moamagrammar.nsw.edu.au

Contact our Registrar (03) 5480 5900 or registrar@moamagrammar.nsw.edu.au









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To be eligible your child must be

· aged 0 to 18 years a resident in Victoria

named on a valid Health Care Card or Pensioner Concession Card and





Entries close Friday 1st April 2022.

Email rotarykerangartshow@gmail.com

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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)

Week 4

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)

Week 5

22nd Feb - PSG's

23rd Feb - Prep Rest Day #4

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)



