



St Mary's Newsletter

WEEK 9 -

It was wonderful to see so many learners and their families at the Cohuna Show on the weekend. Well done to all those who entered competitions and showed animals. The new pavilion looks great!

We have enjoyed a number of celebrations at St Mary's over the past few days. Last Thursday we enjoyed St Patrick's Feast day by wearing **GREEN** and parading (and dancing) to Irish music. All donations from this day will go to our local parishes to ensure they are able to continue to do the great job of sharing the Good News of God with our local communities.

Today as I look around the school yard, I see **ORANGE** everywhere as we celebrate our multicultural society with Harmony Day. We began the day with a school liturgy, followed by learners rotating through a variety of culturally diverse activities. I am looking forward to seeing what foods from around the world are on offer at lunch time! Thank you to all staff for their efforts in organising different activities and especially thanks to Miss Toll who coordinated the day.

Tonight we will hold our Parents and Friends Annual General Meeting. The P&F plays a vital role in organising school community events and raising funds so that our learners are able to be provided with the best education St Mary's Cohuna can provide. If you would like to join our P&F please come along - it will be held at 6:30pm at school and all are welcome.

I am very much looking forward to Monday 28th March when our learners will take part in a Cyber Safety talk delivered by Senior Constable Travis Collier - a Police Liaison Officer from Swan Hill. This talk will include how to stay safe when online as well as the lasting impact of our digital footprint! Thank you to Sacha Kier and Sarah Vevers for coordinating this presentation. We are hoping to have Senior Constable Collier back at St Mary's in Term 2 to provide a similar talk to interested parents and guardians.

On Tuesday 29th March we will hold our Term 1 Learning Conversations. These Learning Conversations provide parents and guardians with the opportunity to discuss the progress of their child/ren with teachers and set goals for the remainder of the school year. These Learning Conversations can be booked online via the following link:

<https://www.schoolinterviews.com.au/code/7cqut>

Or if you log on to www.schoolinterviews.com.au and enter the event code: 7cqut And finally, just a reminder that our Grade 5 Learners will be leading assembly on Friday 1st April. Assembly will begin in the church at 2:20pm on this day and we would love to see families there!

Thanks for your ongoing support. Take care and God bless!

Jarrod Mullavey (Principal)

DATES AHEAD

- 21st March Harmony Day
- 29th March Learning Conversations
- 1st April Assembly (Grade 5's)
- 6th April Learning Expo
- 8th April Last day of Term 2.15 pm finish.





St Mary's is a Child Safe School.

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

A PRAYER

A Prayer for Living in Harmony and In Peace

"Dear Lord, you created all people in your image. We thank you for the variety of races and cultures within our St Mary's community.

Enrich our lives by ever-widening circles of friendship, and show us your presence in those who differ most from us.

Grant that we may always promote the justice and acceptance that ensures lasting peace and racial harmony.

Grant that we may show equal respect to all persons of different cultures that we may come across.

And help us to remember and appreciate that we are one community, with many stories.



Canteen

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

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

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.



What a wonderful surprise for our staff and learners as Mrs Lamb and baby Charlie, and Miss Adams with babies Hallie and Billie joined us for an impromptu visit last Friday. They were inundated with learners wanting to see them which was beautiful to see.

We can't wait for their next visit!



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
- Nougat
- Biscuits that contain nut products
- Cakes that contain nut products

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



SCHOLASTIC

Book Club LOOP for Parents

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. 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.

STEAM LESSONS FOR GRADES 3 - 6 Wednesday 23rd March.

Our STEAM lesson this week will involve all grade 3 to 6 pupils to construct an 'Animal Shelter', for an endangered species in our environment, in Northern Victoria. Most are working with a partner and have already designed their shelter, so they know which materials they need to bring from home. **Could all students please bring these materials on Wednesday.**



- Addison Taylor 16th March
- Heath Spalding 19 March
- Henry Gaiter 20th March

Senior School Team

In the Senior end of the school this week we have been putting the finishing touches on our narratives and beginning to explore and revise our understanding of information texts. The Year 5's and 6's have been learning to level information texts to help them have an understanding of what a text at their level should look like.

In Religion, every class has been learning about Lent and its significance, as well as deepening our understanding of the Easter Story. The Year 5's have been comparing and contrasting different stories of Easter.

In Grade 6, the learners have been setting goals for themselves around their reading, and what they can do to level up their reading fluency. The Year 3/4 's are busy making predictions, questioning and summarising what they read.

Our maths focus is moving on to or continuing on with measurement, with the Year 6's about to begin their fractions learning.



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

Please join
SALT

MENTAL HEALTH AND WELLBEING

This presentation is designed to give participants an understanding of anxiety and depression and provides them with positive mental health habits for life. It educates participants in how to have real conversations and aims to reduce the stigma that remains around mental health issues. Participants are encouraged to ask good questions of their friends and to be open and honest about how they are coping. People who reveal that they are languishing are connected to people with capacity to ensure they receive follow up. The presentation engages with a mixture of sporting clips and humour to connect the group with the content.

"Undertaking Sports and Life Training at the Lindenow South Football Netball Club this year has proved to be one of the most valuable and important training we have ever committed to as a club. SALT allowed the playing group which consisted of both netballers and footballers to either privately check in with the way they were really feeling or discuss their concerns with the playing group. This became a real eye opener, it has now made the playing group stronger and more committed to each other but has confirmed the clubs direction to focus on mental health as a priority."

- Noel Jansz, President

TIME: 7.00PM - 8.30PM

DATE: 31 MARCH 2022

LOCATION: AT THE CLUBROOMS

For more information:
www.sportandlifetraining.com.au
PH: 1500 980 424
info@sportandlifetraining.com.au

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The Leitchville - Gunbower Football & Netball Club Invite you to attend an important Mental Health & Wellbeing Presentation Thursday 31st March from 7 - 8.30 @ the Gunbower Oval.

This is an open invitation and you do not have to be associated with the LGFNC to attend.

There will be wood fired pizzas available for \$10 each on the night.

Music | Culture | Food

SWAN HILL HARMONY DAY

Riverside Park
26 MARCH 2022, 4pm-8pm

Welcome to Country • Kids activities • Traditional Dress Parade
Dancing • Indonesian Dance Workshop and performance
• Colombian music with Rose Páez

We acknowledge the Traditional owners of the lands on which we gather and pay our respects to Elders past, present and emerging.



goodFriday
appeal THE ROYAL CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL

Meet Alex & Isla



Cohuna Lions Club needs your help to help them!!

Volunteers needed for
Good Friday Appeal 'Door Knock'
Friday 15th April 2022

If you would like to help, please contact
Anne Graham ~ Secretary
cohuna.vic@lions.org.au or 0407 316 183



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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STRENGTH & KINDNESS



Kildare Education Ministries
In the Anglican Tradition



Discover the opportunities at Moama Anglican Grammar!

Year 7 Information Evening

Tuesday 3 May 2022
5:30 - 7:00 pm

Join us for our Year 7 Information Evening to meet key Secondary staff and explore our facilities. Parents and Students will have the opportunity to engage in mini sessions coordinated by our dedicated Teaching staff.

Bookings via:
moamagrammar.nsw.edu.au/2023year7/

BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL

Secondary Enrolment Interviews
Tuesday 14 March – Friday 13 May

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



Dear Parents/Guardians, you are invited to our

Year 7 2023 Information

Wednesday 11th May at 7pm

Tour Cohuna Secondary College with our Principal, Mrs Fiona Miller

- Wednesday 4th May at 11am, 2pm and 4:30pm

Book your tour by contacting CSC 5456 2555
or cohuna.sc@education.vic.gov.au



Community—Ownership—Respect—Excellence
Excellamus: Let us excel!

START PLAYING

LEARN THE BASICS, FIND YOUR FEET AND MAKE A BUNCH OF NEW FRIENDS.

[REGISTER NOW](#)



Macorna Football Netball Club

ARE HOSTING NETSETGO IN 2022

You're invited to our FREE Come and Try session
Thursday 7 April @5:45 – 6:30pm

Our season will run from Thursday 21 April until Thursday 23 June
Trainings are 5:45 – 6:30 pm weekly at
Macorna Netball Courts, Macorna South Road.

NetSetGO is aimed at girls and boys aged 5 – 10 and introduces kids to netball in a fun and relaxed environment

For information contact **Leeza Wishart** on 0427 886 956

Or to register for the 2022 season visit:
<https://netball-registration.worldsportaction.com/userRegistration?organisationId=316ef5f0-5355-4fbc-8f50-7eed569f8347&competitionId=bb574cb5-df2e-4a91-ae1-a149f50e065f>

GET ACTIVE KIDS VOUCHER PROGRAM

Apply for up to \$200 to support your child in sport and active recreation activities.

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 Medicare Card.

Visit getactive.vic.gov.au



ANNUAL ART SHOW

Easter April 15th, 16th & 17th, 2022. **Rotary Club of Kerang**

At the Kerang Basketball Stadium, Maxwell St, Kerang.

Prizes totalling \$7,300

Official Opening, Judging & Sales
Friday April 15th, 7 pm - 10 pm
Entry \$5.00 includes program, supper, complimentary wine, judging announcements & entry for Saturday and Sunday.
All Welcome. COVID regulations will apply

Display, Sales & Demonstrations
Saturday April 16th, 10 am - 6 pm
Sunday April 17th, 10 am - 3 pm
Refreshments available.
Entry \$7 includes program.
All Welcome. COVID Regulations will apply

High Standard Exhibits for Sale, by Artists from all parts of Victoria and Interstate

Major Prizes

Gannawarra Shire Acquisition Award - \$1,500
Best of Show (any medium) - \$750
Best Oil/Acrylic - \$500
Best Pastel/Drawing - \$500
Best Watercolour/Pen & Wash - \$500
Best Mixed Medium - \$300
Best Any Other Medium - \$300
Best Photographic Print - \$300

Kerang Progress Association Acquisition Award depicting Kerang - \$500
Kerang Turf Club Award themed 'Country Racing Strong' - \$500
Mallee District Aboriginal Services Indigenous Artwork Award - \$500
Regional Encouragement Award - 50 km radius - \$300
Kerang Ministers & Chaplains Assoc. Best Easter Themed Artwork - "Hope" - \$400
Peoples Choice Award - 50 km radius - \$250
Yvette Brimacombe Memorial Youth Encouragement Award (16-25 years) - 50km radius - \$200
Judge - Jon Lam, Artist & Tutor
Raffle prize: Abstract Triptych Acrylic artwork donated by Rhonda Willoughby

Entries close Friday 1st April 2022.

Enquiries
Email rotarykerangartshow@gmail.com

Art Show Coordinators
Jenny Kelly 0400 571 266
Annette Kelly 0409 183 354

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)



HAPPY St. Patrick's DAY

