



# St Mary's Newsletter

## WEEK 11 - ENJOY THE BREAK!

It is Week 11 and the Easter holidays are in sight! I hope that everyone has a safe and relaxing break as we celebrate the life, death and resurrection of Jesus over the next few weeks.

Last week our Grade 6 learners enjoyed their first transition day at Cohuna Secondary College. These days are important in providing a smooth transition to high school for our senior learners. On Friday the Grade 5 learners led our school assembly. We thank Miss Toll and her class for their preparation and leadership.

This Tuesday night, staff will meet to plan the term ahead. We are currently creating our new School Strategic Plan with a focus around learning and teaching, pastoral wellbeing and parent re-engagement. Following Tuesday night's meeting, I will share key dates for Term 2 with families. We already know that Term 2 will be another busy term, with a lot crammed into 9 weeks. In Week 1 we have an ANZAC day ceremony (Wednesday 27/4) and school photos (Thursday 28/4). Week 2 sees our Grade 5/6 learners travel to Echuca for a Student Conference, as well as Mother's Day celebrations and Cross Country (Friday 6/5). Again, I will share our key term dates with families later this week to help with planning out the coming months.

This Wednesday learners and staff from St Patrick's Pyramid Hill will join us at school to celebrate our term of learning at our Learning Expo. Throughout the day, different year levels will showcase the learning that has taken place over the past 11 weeks. There will be a sausage sizzle available at lunch for those interested - orders can be made through the canteen portal (CDF Pay) but must be placed by 12pm tomorrow - Tuesday 5th April.

On Thursday we will celebrate Fr Novie's final Mass in our parish before he moves on to Echuca. Mass begins at 12:30pm and it would be great to see as many families as possible at the church to farewell Fr Novie and celebrate Term 1 at St Mary's. Later that night (Thursday 7/4) we will hold our first annual St Mary's Cohuna Fishing Competition. The event will begin at 4:30pm at the Apex Park in Cohuna and finish up with a BBQ dinner and prizes at 6:30pm.

This Friday (8/4) is our final day of Term 1. To celebrate the term, learners are invited to wear casual clothes. School will finish on this day at 2:15pm.

On Monday 25 April the community of Cohuna will celebrate ANZAC Day. Our learners have been invited to join in the ANZAC Day parade and march. If your child/ren are interested in doing so, they are to meet in their school uniform outside the Post Office at 9:15am. We will have a school wreath to lay. Please join in this day if you can. We will celebrate ANZAC Day at school on Wednesday 27th April with a ceremony at 10:30am. All families are welcome to attend.

Lastly, I would like to take this opportunity to thank the St Mary's School community for welcoming myself, Georgia and Patrick into the town. Cohuna already feels like home and we look forward to getting to know everyone better as time goes by.

Have a safe and relaxing holiday and remember, Term 1 finishes at 2:15pm this Friday and Term 2 begins on Tuesday 26th April

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

Jarrod Mullavey (Principal)



## DATES AHEAD

- 6th April Learning Expo
- 7th April Family Fishing Comp 4.30pm
- 8th April Last day of Term 2.15 pm finish.
- 25th April ANZAC Day parade 9.15 am
- 26th April Term 2
- 28th April - School Photos



St Mary's is a Child Safe School.

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

## A PRAYER

### 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.



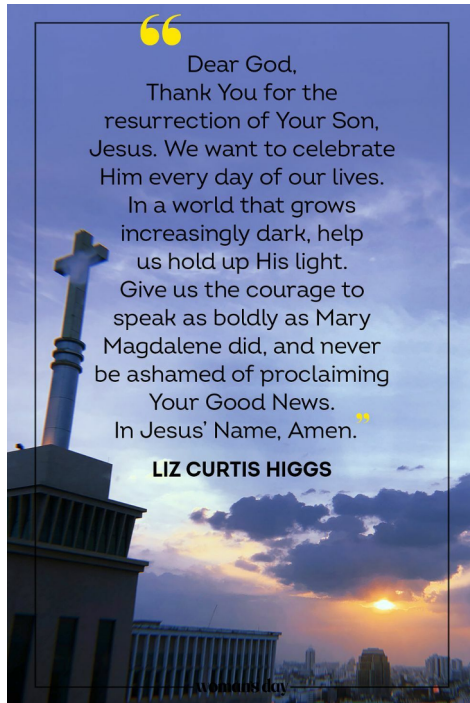
*St Mary's acknowledges and pays respects to the traditional custodians of the land on which we meet; the Barrapa Rappa People, and pay respects to elders both past and present.*



“

Dear God,  
Thank You for the resurrection of Your Son, Jesus. We want to celebrate Him every day of our lives.  
In a world that grows increasingly dark, help us hold up His light.  
Give us the courage to speak as boldly as Mary Magdalene did, and never be ashamed of proclaiming Your Good News.  
In Jesus' Name, Amen.”

LIZ CURTIS HIGGS



John 11:25-26: “Jesus said to her, ‘I am the resurrection and the life. The one who believes in me will live, even though they die; and whoever lives by believing in me will never die. Do you believe this?’”

### Learning Expo Sausage Sizzle Reminder.

Can all sausage sizzle orders please be placed by 12pm Tuesday 5th April via CDFPay.

Thank you .

## ANZAC Day Appeal

We are proudly supporting the ANZAC Day Appeal once again this year. There will be badges, pens & wrist bands from as little as \$1 for purchase at the front office until Friday morning.

We thank you for your support for such an important day.  
Lest we Forget...



#### 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.



### SCHOOL PHOTOS

will take place on Thursday 28th April  
envelopes will be sent home with  
our Learners next week.



## Junior School Team

Our junior school learners have been doing us proud by showing us their true patience and resilience skills at the end of a hard and long term 1. Editing is underway with Ms Cartwright as she edits the "what it is to be an effective learner at St Mary's video showpiece.

Our learners actively participated in the internet safety lesson and learnt some amazing tips and skills that they can use throughout the year. Parents and families, we thoroughly enjoyed meeting with you at last weeks learning conversations, your child's education and safety is our priority so please contact us at any stage if needed via email or seesaw (\*24 hour reply if possible).

As Easter approaches our learners are getting more excited about the holidays, we have been learning about the 'true' meaning of Easter and Lent and the predominant symbols of this holiday. Fingers crossed our collaborative prayer table blanket turns out beautifully. We have also written a wonderful 5 finger prayer to present at Assembly this week, students will be chosen at random to present.

Finally, there is a fishing competition including cool prizes this Thursday at the Apex Park to end a fabulous term!

## Senior School Team

Well what a busy week to finish up the term! We all learnt a lot at the Internet Safety Session on Monday, and found out some tips to stay safe while we are online. Make sure to ask what we learnt! The Year 6's had their first transition session to the Secondary College on Thursday, with a tour of the school to help us become familiar with the setting.

Every year level in the Senior area have been learning about Lent and the story of Easter; understanding the significance of each aspect of the story. We have all been busily finishing off our Information texts in writing, with a focus on creating interesting introductions that will 'hook' the reader in. Area and perimeter have been a focus in maths in the Year 3/4 room, while the Year 5's have been learning to convert between metric units, and the Year 6's are also focusing on area.

It would be great to see many families at our fishing competition this Thursday at the Apex Park; it will be a great way to end a terrific term!



## ST MARY'S FAMILY FISHING COMPETITION



Join St Mary's Primary School as we gather together for some fabulous family fishing fun.

Families meet at Apex Park @ 4.30pm for instructions. After fishing, families meet back at Apex Park for presentations and BBQ dinner @ 6pm.

Prizes for:  
Largest Cod, Yellowbelly and Carp  
plus a mystery length prize and spot prizes.

Date: Thursday 7th April  
Where: Apex Park  
Time: 4.30 - 6.30pm

BBQ dinner and salads provided.  
BYO drinks

RSVP [via school stream](#) by Monday 4th April



We would appreciate direct deposit of the egg money into the school account : BSB 083-543 Acc. No. 457171993



# STEAM

## STEAM NEWS.

Many thanks to students, parents, carers and grandparents, who were able to spend some time helping our learners in grades 3-6 build their 'Animal Shelters' at home. We had some amazing constructions and up cycling of materials. Here are just two examples of there wonderful work.

A bee hive shelter and a wedge tail eagle shelter.



Grades Prep to 2 challenged themselves with 'The Three Little Pigs' houses using newspaper, cardboard and Lego and along came the big badwolf.



# "Hollywood Under the Stars" Friday 8th April

Tickets from \$10 via Eventbrite or at the Gate  
Hosted by the Leitchville Gunbower Football Club

Gunbower Oval from 6.00 pm



# MOVIE NIGHT



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Find us on

**FREE FOOTBALL FUN**

**SCHOOL HOLIDAY**  
COME AND TRY  
**WEDNESDAY 13TH APRIL**  
**SWAN HILL KERANG**

11.30 AM - 12.30 PM  
SWAN HILL REC RESERVE

2.00 PM - 3.00 PM  
RIVERSIDE PARK KERANG

8-12 YEARS OF AGE BOYS & GIRLS  
SCHOOL HOLIDAY FOOTBALL FUN!!

REGISTER USING THE LINK OR SCAN THE QR CODE  
<https://www.playhq.com/af/register/4a899c>

ANY QUERIES PLEASE CONTACT  
DAVID.DERUCCIONI@AFL.COM.AU

## GIRLS FOOTBALL IN 2022

# JOIN UP TODAY

REGISTER WITH ONE OF OUR CLUBS FOR THE 2022 SEASON

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play 2022  
our clubs are permanently  
AFL VICTORIA

## 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](mailto:registrar@sje.vic.edu.au).

[www.sje.vic.edu.au](http://www.sje.vic.edu.au)

## ROOM FOR A ZOOM?

Are you currently considering your child's  
future education in a Secondary School setting?

Our School Principal Mrs Carmel Spry looks  
forward to connecting with you at one  
of our informative Zoom sessions.

Discover what our  
Secondary School  
has to offer!

**WEDNESDAY 6 APRIL  
THURSDAY 28 APRIL**  
7:30 PM  
(30 minute sessions)

[moamagrammar.nsw.edu.au/enrolments/zoom/](http://moamagrammar.nsw.edu.au/enrolments/zoom/)

**Secondary (Year 7-12) topics discussed include:**  
Curriculum opportunities, co-curricular and  
extra-curricular programs, leadership  
opportunities, student wellbeing, enrolment  
process, fees and general information.



Contact our Registrar Lou Kennaugh  
to book a school tour  
p. (03) 5480 5900  
e. [registrar@moamagrammar.nsw.edu.au](mailto:registrar@moamagrammar.nsw.edu.au)

COMPASSION | RESPECT | INTEGRITY

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](mailto:cohuna.sc@education.vic.gov.au)

Community—Ownership—Respect—Excellence  
*Excellimus: Let us excel*



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](mailto:cohuna.vic@lions.org.au) or 0407 316 183



Loddon Murray is looking for senior players aged 11 and over  
to join us on the pitch in Bendigo on Sundays throughout the  
2022 season

**New and experienced players welcome**

Club fees are \$20 for the season plus Hockey Victoria registration fees  
(Please contact us for more information)

**Free carpooling is available to Bendigo**

Training available in Kerang on Wednesday nights

The club can assist with equipment and uniform, please ask.

**Get Active Kids activity provider with vouchers for club  
fees available for under 18s.**

If interested, please contact Amy on 0409751383 Or  
Sharon at [secretary@lmhc@yahoo.com](mailto:secretary@lmhc@yahoo.com)

## START PLAYING

LEARN THE BASICS, FIND YOUR FEET AND  
HAVE 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.worldsportation.com/userRegistration?organisationId=316e5f0-5355-4fbc-8f50-7eed569f8347&competitionId=bb574cb5-df2e-4a91-ae11-a149f50e065f>



# 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)

