



St Mary's Newsletter

WEEK 3 - ANOTHER GREAT WEEK AT ST MARY'S

Wow, Catholic Education Week was fantastic! My highlights included going with the Grade 5/6s to Echuca for a Student Conference, sharing all that is good about our school with prospective parents at our Open Evening, wearing my pyjamas for our 'snuggle up and read' day and then capping the week off with a wonderful Mother's Day liturgy and morning tea. Thank you so much to the wonderful staff who continue to amaze me with their commitment to providing excellent experiences for our learners. Also thank you to Kelsey, Kara and the P&F team for organising our Mother's Day stall and for all the tireless work you do for our school community. I am looking forward to Monday night's P&F meeting. I am sure Kels would love to see any new parents join the P&F - just come along to school at 6:30pm on Monday night!

This week marks the beginning of NAPLAN testing for our Grade 3's and 5's. We use this NAPLAN data, along with other forms of data, to track student growth and ensure our learners are progressing. We also use this data to look at whole school trends and see what areas we are strong in, and what areas we can refine our teaching and learning practices in. This is how this data should be used - not in comparing one school to another or making generalised statements about the quality of teaching and learning offered by a school.

As you may be aware, our COVID numbers are rising a little at St Mary's. This is a reminder to us all to remain vigilant in our COVID safe practices. Please continue to RAT test learners twice per week, monitor any flu-like symptoms and keep learners at home if they are unwell. If you have any questions or concerns around our COVID safe practices at school, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Tomorrow (Wednesday 11th May) we will celebrate mass and welcome Father Dean into our school parish. Mass begins at 10am. If you are able, it would be great to pack out the church with our school community to welcome Fr Dean to St Mary's.

I know Miss Brereton is getting excited about Cross Country on Thursday. So are many of our learners! If you are able to help out on this day, please get in contact with Tamara. For more information about start times etc. check out Seesaw and our social media platforms. Personally, I am looking forward to racing against the Grade 6's and hopefully coming home with the trophy!!

And lastly, it is with sadness that we say goodbye to Megan Wood who leaves us to join the team at Kerang Public School where she will provide support for their learners. We will miss Megan's calm and caring approach and we wish her all the best in the future. We will employ a Learning Support Officer to replace Megan shortly and communicate this with our community then.

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

Jarrod Mullavey (Principal)





St Mary's is a Child Safe School.

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

A PRAYER

Prayer for Fr Dean

Gracious and loving God, we thank you for the gift of Fr Dean

Through him, may we experience your presence in the sacraments.

Help Fr Dean to be strong in his vocation.

Set his soul on fire with love for your people.

Grant him the wisdom, understanding, and strength needed to follow in the footsteps of Jesus.

Inspire him with the vision of your Kingdom.

Give him the words he needs to spread the Gospel.

Allow him to experience joy in his ministry.

Help him to become an instrument of your divine grace.

We ask this through Jesus Christ,

Amen.

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

Our focus for the start of Term 2 is :-

Looking after your own belongings.



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.



- Chloe Keating - 9th May
- Emily Dehne - 12th May
- Jimmy Pollock - 14th May
- Nina Reid - 14th May

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.



PLEASE NOTE THAT THERE WILL BE NO PLAYGROUP TOMORROW 11TH MAY. PLAYGROUP WILL RESUME ON WEDNESDAY 18TH MAY.



Junior School Team

Wow! What an exciting and jam packed week 3! Our Catholic Education Week was a huge success and we were able to celebrate together beautifully. A highlight for us was the Mothers day rotations and shared morning tea. Thank you to all the parents that participated or helped out in some way. Our junior school has been practicing for our cross country and we are running regularly and trying to bet our daily class tally. Both the Year 1 / 2 and Preps have been learning about what happens to our body when we keep physically active. During math our Year 1 and 2's are learning about reading an analog clock and days of the week. We are also practicing different math strategies that we can use daily and solving problems involving number sequencing. Our writing focus for this week is to write a recount about events that have affected us personally. Our weekly show and tell is underway and we are sharing information about what we do to keep healthy and explain how our choices affect our well being in a positive way.

Senior School Team

What a fantastic time we had last week celebrating Catholic Education Week!

The Year 5 and 6 learners had a great time at the Student Conference in Echuca on Monday, making new friends and catching up with old ones from different schools, and participating in a range of activities to push us out of our comfort zone, and give things our best go. It was especially wonderful to be able to have parents back in the school, taking part in our Mother's and Special Friends activities on Friday.

The Year 3's and 5's have been busily preparing for their NAPLAN testing, revising their skills and how to read questions carefully so we know what is being asked of us.

The Year 5 and 6's have been continuing to build their fraction knowledge, understanding the purpose of fractions and what they represent, as well as how to work out and match equivalent fractions in the Year 6 room. The Year 3/4 's have been building on their addition strategies.

All senior classes have been gathering wonderings for our Inquiry topic, and looking closer at our essential questions to see where we are headed next with our learning.

SCHOOL NURSE VISIT

Kerrie McCosh, primary school nurse, will be visiting our school on May 30th and June 3rd this year.

Prep Health Assessments:

All parents/guardians of Prep children will be asked to complete a Health Questionnaire and return the form to the school before May 30th 2022. If you do not wish your child to be seen by the school nurse, please sign the non-consent section and return the form to the school.

Referrals (Grades 1-6): Parents and/or teachers may refer children from any grade for assessments of vision, hearing, basic speech, physical abilities, medical conditions, behavioural and parenting issues. Please collect a referral form from the school office. Completed forms are to be handed into the school office prior to May 30th 2022. Should parents wish to have an interview with the School Nurse, please indicate your request on the form.



The Resilience Project

Throughout 2022, we will be working closely with The Resilience Project to support the wellbeing of our school community.

[The Resilience Project](#) delivers emotionally engaging programs and provides evidence-based, practical strategies to build resilience.

Our Partnership Program consists of online presentations and weekly lessons for students, professional development for staff, and Parent & Carer Hub (inc. digital presentations) for our parent and carer community.

Over the coming weeks, we'll be sharing the Parent & Carer Hub with you. The videos are 5-10 minutes long and will walk through the key pillars of resilience: **Gratitude**, **Empathy** & **Mindfulness**. You'll hear stories and be introduced to activities to show how these strategies can support our kids' learning and development, and also support you as parents and carers.

This program is an important part of our school's effort to look after the mental health of our community.

View the first presentation of the series here: Part 1: Meet Hugh and learn about The Resilience Project - <https://theresilienceproject.com.au/parent-and-carer-hub-hugh/>

In this presentation, Hugh shares a personal experience about his sister's battles with Mental Illness.

Note: This video contains a story about an Eating Disorder that may be triggering. Please consider this before watching. For mental health resources and support information, visit The Resilience Project's Support Page.

We will be in touch to share the remainder of the program, including research and wellbeing activities to integrate into day to day life.

FLYING DOCTOR SCHOOL DENTAL PROGRAM

The Flying Doctor Dental team will be visiting St. Mary's in late July to provide FREE dental check-ups and education about healthy teeth and gums. Please be aware that this dental check-up is a basic evaluation and does not take the place of a full comprehensive dental examination. If you would like your child to have a dental check-up, please complete the consent form which will be sent home shortly, and return it to school. After your child's check-up, the dental team will send home a report. If your child requires follow-up treatment this will be stated in the report. The mobile public clinic will be in town shortly after and your child can have their treatment completed at no cost, or you can visit your nearest public or private practice. If you require any further information please contact Flying Doctor Dental Team on (03) 8412 0444 or dental@rfdsvic.com.au.



Fight Cancer
FOOTY COLOURS DAY!

We're wearing our
FOOTY COLOURS
on: **FRIDAY 9TH JUNE**

Help us kick goals for kids with cancer by wearing your favourite footy team's colours and making a donation.

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Fight Cancer Foundation
Giving hope. Saving lives.



NDCH supports over 200 individuals and families across our region who are at risk of or are experiencing homelessness. For these 200 people there are over 500 dependent children.

WINTER WOOLLIES DRIVE

Donate clean, undamaged blankets and warm winter clothes at:

- NDCH Kerang
- NDCH Quambatook
- NDCH Cohuna
- NDCH Pyramid Hill
- BRIC, Boort

2nd May to 13 May 2022

NDCH



FREE

play on 2022
our club, our community

GIRLS FOOTY FESTIVAL

SUNDAY 15TH MAY
KERANG RIVERSIDE PARK

CANTEEN OPEN & RAFFLE

UNDER 14 GIRLS ACTION STARTING AT 9:30 AM ROUND 3 ACTION

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REGISTER USING THE LINK OR QR CODE
[HTTPS://WWW.PLAYHO.COM/AFL/REGISTER/827773](https://www.playho.com/afl/register/827773)

FREE GIRLS AUSKICK CLINIC 5-12 YEAR OLDS 1:00 PM START

CVFL WOMENS ACTION 2:30 PM

QR CODE

ST MARY'S PRIMARY SCHOOL
TERM 2 & 3 WINTER MENU 2022

I'm HUNGRY!!!!

Classic Potato Wedges \$4.00

Sweet Potato Wedges \$4.50

Optional add ons - **Sweet Chilli Sauce** 50c
Sour Cream 50c

Baked Potato with Coleslaw & Sour Cream
 \$5.00

Baked Potato with Baked Beans & Cheese
 \$5.00

Fresh steamed Corn on the Cob with Butter
 \$3.00

WARM & TOASTIE!!!!

Please Choose White or Multigrain Bread

Ham & Cheese Toastie \$3.00

Ham, Cheese & Tomato Toastie \$3.30

Chicken & Cheese Toastie \$3.30

Baked Bean Toastie \$3.30

Cheese Toastie \$2.50

Cheese & Bacon Roll \$3.00
 served warm with melted cheese

Mini Garlic Rolls \$2.50

Small bread roll with garlic butter, served warm.

CHICKEN NUGGETS 70c each

FISH FINGERS 70c each

TOMATO SAUCE 30c each

Sweet Chilli Chicken Tender Wrap \$5.50

Sweet Chilli Chicken Tender Strips with Lettuce,
 Tomato, Cheese & Mild Sweet Chilli Sauce.

Option: with **CHEESE only** \$4.50

Classic Crumb Chicken Tender Wrap \$5.50

Classic Crumb Chicken Tender Strips with Lettuce,
 Tomato & Cheese.

Option: with **CHEESE only** \$4.50

GLUTEN FREE OPTIONS

Gluten Free Chicken Nuggets
 70c each

Gluten Free Crumbed Chicken Tender
 Wrap \$5.50

*GF Wrap with GF Crumb Chicken,
 Lettuce, Tomato & Cheese.*

Option: with **CHEESE only** \$4.50

HAM & PINEAPPLE PIZZA \$5.00

Pita bread topped with tomato pizza
 sauce, ham & pineapple.

(Available on Wednesday's only!)

MILKSHAKES WITH SIPPAH STRAWS \$2.20

Cocoa Bean Chocolate, Lucious Strawberry, Velvety
 Vanilla, Cookies & Cream, Hellow Marshmallow, Banana
 Smoothie & Smooth Caramel.

*All milkshakes served with 200mls light milk & shaken for
 FUN!!*

JUST JUICE \$2.20

Apple, Orange, Apple Blackcurrant, Paradise Punch &
 Orange

WATER \$1.50

VAALIA YOGHURT TUBES \$3.00

Strawberry or Vanilla

PADDLEPOPS \$2.20

Rainbow or Banana

CALIPPO ICYPOLE \$2.20

Raspberry Pineapple

TERM 2 DATES:

Week 1

- 25th Apr: ANZAC Day (no school)
- 26th Apr: Term 2 begins
- 27th Apr: ANZAC Day at school ceremony 10:30am
- 28th Apr: School photos
- 29th April: Inquiry Launch - How does our health affect our wellbeing?

Week 2

- **Catholic Education Week**
- 2nd May: Student Conference - Echuca (Gr5/6 learners)
- 3rd May: SAC meeting 7pm
- 4th May: Classroom Mass - Seniors
- 4th May: St Mary's Open Evening - potential enrolments
- 6th May: Mother's Day stall and morning tea

Week 3

- 9th May: PSG's
- 9th May: P&F Meeting 6:30pm
- 12th May: Cross Country @ the Cohuna Ovals
- 13th May: GRIP Leadership day Bendigo (Gr 6 Sports Captains)

Week 4

- 16th May: PSG's
- 17th - 19th: NAPLAN
- 17th May: Zone Cross Country
- 20th May: Assembly @ 2.20pm Yr 3/4 to host

Week 5

- 25th May: National Simultaneous Storytime 11am
- 26th May: National Sorry Day
- 26th May: Good Samaritan Cup @ Kerang (new date)

Week 6

- **National Reconciliation Week**
- 1st June: School Mass - Junior
- 2nd June: Sacramental Program Orientation (Confirmation and Eucharist)
- 3rd June: Lightning Premiership

Week 7

- **Testing and Assessment week across the whole school**
- 6th June: SAC Meeting 7pm

Week 8

- 13th June: Public Holiday - no school
- 17th June: School Report sent home
- 17th June: School Assembly @ 2.20pm Yr 1/2 to host

Week 9

- 21st June: Collaborative Planning with St Pat's for Term 3
- 22nd June: Learning Conversations (12.30pm - 7.00pm)
- 24th June: Last day Term 2 - 2:15pm finish



TERM 1: 28th January - 8th April

TERM 2: 26th April - 24th June

TERM 3: 11th July - 16th September

TERM 4: 3rd October - 20th December