



St Mary's Newsletter

TERM 3, WEEK 5 - A MONTH INTO TERM 3!

Can you believe this week is Week 5 already! The first month of Term 3 feels like it has flown! We have another great week filled with wonderful learning experiences. Yesterday (Monday) we celebrated the life and legacy of Australia's only Saint - Saint Mary of the Cross MacKillop. On Tuesday and Wednesday our learners have Specialist classes: Italian, Performing Arts and STEAM, on Thursday we have our Athletics Carnival and Friday is our Learning Spirituality Day which will see St Joseph's Kerang and St Patrick's Pyramid Hill join us in celebrating our faith! I would like to thank Fr Dean for leading us in mass yesterday and Adelia for preparing the mass. I would also like to thank (in advance) Tamara for preparing our Aths carnival, Adelia for coordinating our Spirituality Day and Leasa who will cook about 600 sausages this week!!

It was great to see so many families and staff come together to celebrate the Sacraments of Confirmation and First Eucharist on Sunday for: Connor, Oskar, Camm, Jacob, Aesha, Chloe, Kaden and Harry (and congratulations to Nathan who will make his sacraments with family shortly). Thank you to Marie, Adelia, Meg, Julianne and Julie for preparing these children. I am already looking forward to First Reconciliation (4th Term).

On top of making her Confirmation and First Eucharist, Chloe also presented her speech on Tasmania, representing St Mary's and the Cohuna Lions Club, 30 minutes before Mass!! Well done Chloe!

We are all very much looking forward to our St Mary's Athletics Carnival on Thursday. The first event of the day (Sprints) will begin at 9:30am and we hope to have presentations done by 1:30pm. We are still very welcoming of any parent helpers that can assist on the day. Thank you again to Miss Brereton who has put so much effort into organising the day!

This Winter continues to provide families with a range of challenges including: colds, flu, gastro, COVID and more recently we have had cases of school sores reported (info for school sores <https://www.health.vic.gov.au/infectious-diseases/impetigo-school-sores>).

Take care and please let the school know if there is anything we can do to support families who are battling these illnesses.

Jarrod Mullavey (Principal)



COVID-19: Information for Parents and Carers

As of 2022 St Mary's will be a red free zone. Our recent efforts we have had an increased number of learners with absences and enquiries. We already expect that our learners do not share food and by limiting some food products entering into school we continue to minimise the risk of those in their houses. Moving forward can families please refrain from packing:

- Any nut products
- Peanut butter
- Nuts
- Nut based sweet bars
- Nougat
- Products 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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St Mary's is a Child Safe School.

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

A PRAYER

Prayer of Mary MacKillop -

Ever generous God,
You inspired Saint Mary MacKillop
To live her life faithful to the Gospel of Jesus Christ
and constant in bringing hope and encouragement
to those who are disheartened, lonely or needy.
With confidence in you generous providence
And through the intercession of Saint Mary MacKillop
We ask that you grant our request
We ask that our faith
and hope be fired afresh by the Holy Spirit
So that we too, like Mary MacKillop,
may live with courage, trust and openness.
Ever generous God hear our prayer.
We ask this through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen



As St Mary said "Never see a need without doing something about it"

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 3 is :-

Looking after your own belongings.



REMINDER

Can all permission forms for our upcoming Athletics Day this Thursday the 11th August be returned ASAP please.



- Georgie Edwards 5th August
- Liam Bowland 6th August
- Nate Edwards 7th August

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.



Flying Doctor School Dental Program

The Flying Doctor Dental team will now be visiting St. Mary's in August or September 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.

Junior School Team

How crazy is it, that we are nearly half way through Term 3! We have a jam packed second half of the term - Athletics carnival, Learner Spirituality Day and Book Week,

We also have our Junior Late Stay coming up, parents please get those permission forms in as soon as possible. Our learners have been loving PE as they are learning new skills and experimenting with new equipment in preparation for Athletics day.

In the classroom, the junior classes have been learning about landmarks in Inquiry and locating different features of Cohuna and greater Australia. In Religion we have continued to learn about the Sacraments of Initiation. We congratulate the learners who received their First Eucharist and Confirmation over the weekend. In Writing, we are continuing to learn about narratives, in particular fairy tale narratives, settings, characters and sequential order. Thank you parents for all your support with reading and spelling at home, we can see by the climbing results - work at home is being done. In Maths, we are learning about shapes and the relevance of multiplication. What 3D and 2D shapes are visible in your home? Please remember to label clothing and lunch containers as we are compiling a wee collection.... Stay safe and please do not hesitate to contact us when needed.

Senior School Team

It is hard to believe we are approaching the halfway mark of Term 3, and it is going to be a busy second half of the term- Athletics carnival, Learner Spirituality Day, Book Week, Year 5/6 camp, and Arts of Show for the Year 3/4 learners who elected to work with Mrs. Jodie on this. The Year 5/6 camp permission has been sent home, please make sure you read this carefully and contact your child's teacher with any questions.

In the classroom, the senior classes have been learning about landmarks in Inquiry, and locating different landmarks on the world map. Year 5/6 learners are deepening their understanding of landmarks and their significance to different cultures around the world. In Religion we have continued to learn about the Sacraments of Initiation. We congratulate the learners who received their First Eucharist and Confirmation over the weekend.

In Writing, we have been putting the finishing touches on our Book Week narratives ready for judging during Book Week. The Year 5/6 's have been revising the different uses for apostrophes in writing, and applying these correctly in their writing. In Maths, the Year 3/4 's have been completing their pre-assessment on division, in order to know what they need to learn in this area. In Year 5/6, the focus is on multiplying whole and decimal numbers, as well as converting between fractions and decimals to represent the likelihood of events occurring.





FREE Science Week Special Event Robotics and Coding Workshops!

Join a member of Echuca's twistedED

Science team and learn how to
program ozobots

For primary school children

Saturday, 13 August

Kerang - 10.00am and Cohuna - 1.00pm



Adults to accompany children

Bookings are essential

Phone (03) 5452 1546





Drawing Competition

Reimagine a page of
'Animalia' to celebrate its
35th Anniversary.

Open to primary students in
Gannawarra.


Win two mystery Graeme
Base books plus a special
edition 'Animalia' Coin!

(Prizes for P/1/2, Year 3/4
& 5/6 students)

Phone 5452 1546 for more details

Entries close Friday 19 August





Gannawarra Library Service Drawing Competition

Celebrating the 35th Anniversary of the iconic Australian Picture Story Book 'Animalia'

In conjunction with this year's Book Week celebration, primary school students in Gannawarra are invited to take part in a drawing competition to commemorate the beloved book 'Animalia', a beautifully illustrated book by Graeme Base that endures today.

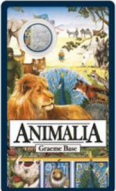

We would like students to re-imagine their favourite page from the book. Whether you stick to the traditional 'Graeme Base illustration style', or create a manga version of the page, the hand drawn illustrations must reflect the original material.

Entries can be A4 or A3, are to be hand drawn and MUST include the boy that pertains to this quote –

*"A final word before we go;
There's one more thing you ought to know;
In Animalia, you see,
It's possible you might find me."
(Ask an adult at home or librarian about this feature of the book)*

Entries will be divided into three categories – Prep/1/2, Grades 3/4 and Grades 5/6. Two prize winners will be selected from each category.

Winners will receive a SPECIAL EDITION commemorative coin, celebrating the anniversary of the publication of the story, PLUS two mystery titles of other Graeme Base books.



Entries can be delivered to either the Cohuna or Kerang libraries and must include the full name of the child, grade level and school they attend and a contact phone number. Please do not place personal details on the front of pictures.

Entries to be received by close of business Friday 19 August and winners will be announced on the Gannawarra Library Service Facebook page (with a copy of the winning drawings and the first name of the artist) on Friday 26 August and will be contacted the following week.

The Term Ahead - Term 3 - 2022



Week 1

- Monday 11/7 - Start of Term 3
- Thursday 14/7 - Inquiry Launch (11:40am - 1:40pm)
- Thurs-Fri 14-15/7 - Mrs Mullavey in Gr1/2
- Friday 15/7 - Prep for a Day
- Friday 15/7 - Final pie drive orders
- Friday 15/7 - Inquiry launch

Week 2

- Monday 18/7 - SAC meeting - 7.00pm
- Monday 18/7 - PSG meetings
- Tuesday 19/7 - Amy Stanton in: Speech Pathologist
- Thursday 21/7 - Pie drive pick up
- Thurs-Fri 21-22/7 - Mrs Mullavey in Gr1/2



Week 3

- Monday 25/7 - P&F meeting - 6:30pm
- Monday 25/7 - PSG meetings
- Wednesday 27/7 - RFDS Dental Service visit
- Wednesday 27/7 - Prep's 100 Days Smarter!
- Thurs-Fri 28-29/7 - Mrs Mullavey in Gr1/2
- Friday 29/7 - Prep Assembly
- Friday 29/7 - RSL Public Speaking comp - 6:30pm

Week 4

- Monday 1/8 - Yr 5/6 ABLAZE @ Ulumbarra
- Tuesday 2/8 - Amy Stanton in: Speech Pathologist
- Wednesday 3/8 - Class Mass - Seniors
- Wednesday 3/8 - Sacraments of Confirmation/Eucharist Mass rehearsal (straight after mass)
- Sunday 7/8 - Sacrament of Confirmation and Eucharist @ 2.00pm

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- 8/8 - Feast of Mary MacKillop whole school Mass - 12:30pm
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Week 6

- Monday 15th - 19th - 2023 Prep enrolment tours and family meetings
- Monday 15/8 - Feast of the Assumption @ 12:30pm Mass (whole school)
- Thursday 18/8 - St Mary's Aths back up day (surely won't be required??)



Week 7

- Book Week
- Monday 22/8 - SAC meeting @ 7.00pm
- Tuesday 23/8 - Amy Stanton in: Speech Pathologist
- Friday 26/8 - 2023 Prep enrolments due today

Week 8

- Mon 29/8 - Thurs 1/9 - Yr 5/6 Mountainview Retreat Camp - Harrietville
- Monday 29/8 - Arts on Show - Yr 3/4 learners
- Monday 29/8 - P&F meeting @ 6.30 pm
- Friday 2/9 - Father's Day celebrations

Week 9

- Wednesday 7/9 - Junior Class Mass @ 12.30pm
- Thursday 8/9 - Prep enrolment welcome packs sent out
- Friday 9/9 - Assembly Yr 5/6

Week 10

- Wednesday 14/9 - Learning Conversations
- Learning Expo (date TBC)
- Friday 16/9 - last day Term 3 (2:15pm finish)

Term Dates for the Year:

TERM 1: 28th January - 8th April

TERM 2: 26th April - 24th June

TERM 3: 11th July - 16th September TERM 4: 3rd October - 20th December

