



# St Mary's Newsletter

## TERM 3, WEEK 10 - WHAT A GREAT TERM!!

We've made it to the last week of Term 3 and upon reflection, we have fit a lot into the past 9 weeks. My highlights include: Harrietville Camp, Athletics Carnival, Father's Day celebrations and Sacraments of Confirmation and Eucharist. And I haven't even mentioned: Late stay, Josh Thornton, retirement village visits, library visits, Arts on Show, Book Week Parade, Leader Spirituality day, Lions Club Speech Competition, 100 days Smarter and Prep for a Day (I am sure I have left out other great events and moments!). If your children are feeling tired - they should be!

I would like to take this opportunity to thank parents and families for the support you continue to provide our school community. It has been a challenging term with COVID, flu, gastro etc. circulating the community which not only causes physical illness but also emotional strain as well. We appreciate parents who followed (the ever changing) health and safety protocols, who have kept sick children at home, who have understood when teachers have been away sick and who volunteer at our extra curricula excursions and events. Your support has helped staff get through the term!

I would also like to acknowledge the dedication of our staff who continue to make learning enjoyable and engaging whilst creating lifelong memories for our learners (and families). When one staff member has been away sick, there are always two or more who offer to fill the void and do extra.

Sadly for us here at St Mary's, Mrs Smith will finish up her teaching at the end of the term. We wish Mrs Smith all the very best and look forward to seeing her around the school as a parent. Thank you for all that you have given our community Raewyn! Mrs Mullavey and Miss Adelia will be working together with Miss Brereton and Mrs Edge next term in the Grade 1/2s.

As Term 4 fast approaches, please see the 'Term 4 Term Ahead' document dates so families are aware of what will be going on next term at St Mary's. I especially want to point out the following dates that will be Pupil Free Days:

- Friday 14th October 2022 (Week 2)
- Monday 31st October 2022 (Week 5)

Students will not attend school on these days.

Lastly, I would like to wish Miss Adams all the best as she and Jason get married on Saturday - congratulations Sally!! Also congratulations to Miss Angie's daughter Emily who will marry her fiance Cody. I hope Saturday is a perfect Spring day for you all!

I hope everyone has a great week and the holidays provide wonderful family time!

*Jarrod Mullavey (Principal)*



## DATES AHEAD

### Week 10

- **Tuesday 13/9 - Learning Conversations - new date**
- Learning Expo Friday 16/9 12-1.20pm
- Friday 16/9 - last day Term 3 (2:15pm finish)



St Mary's is a Child Safe School.

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

## A PRAYER

We thank you Lord, for this term. For our challenges, our successes, and the mistakes from which we have learnt. Be with us as we spend our time with family and friends.

Give us strength and courage to do what is right: to be witnesses of our faith. Help us to be a practical Christian these holidays, to appreciate what others do for us, to give time and effort to help others. To be peacemakers in our family.

Keep us safe in our activities; give us good rest and good fun. Bring us back refreshed and ready for a new term. We thank you for our classmates, teachers, parents and a community that cares for us.

May we always be conscious of you in our lives.

### 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.

**Unfortunately there will be no Playgroup this Wednesday 14th September at St Mary's - we apologise for the inconvenience.**

**Playgroup will return in Term 4 - Wednesday 5th October - and we look forward to seeing all the preschoolers then!**

### PBIS

Our focus for the start of Term 3 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.*



### 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](mailto:dental@rfdsvic.com.au).

## Junior School Team

How excited are we all for the holidays? It has been an absolutely jam packed term! We had a wonderful time visiting the Elderly Home here in Cohuna, we sang songs and talked about our families and personal connections to others within the community. Our learners were so gracious and caring towards the elderly - lovely to witness. Thank you to those that attended our Junior School Mass, yet again our learners made us proud and performed and spoke beautifully. In class we have been busy completing our end of term assessments and reflecting on how well we have done over the term. In Inquiry, our junior classes have been finishing off their Australian Inquiry research posters and 3D models, ready for our Inquiry Expo on Friday. Please come and join us from 12:00pm if you are able, you are welcome to take the model home with you.

In Religion, the learners have been comparing their knowledge and what they have learnt about the Sacraments and celebrations, thank you for sharing your family celebration photos with us. During reading we learnt about the Aboriginal story Anora and the Black Crane, congratulations to those learners who performed during senior assembly. Parents and careers, thank you very much for your support over the term. We as a junior team wish you a safe and wonderful holiday, in preparation for the last term of the year.

## Senior School Team

Well here we are at the end of another term, and what a busy one it was! It is hard to believe that when we come back from holidays it will be the last term of the year!

Well done to all those learners who headed to Mallee Zone athletics today, we know you will have given it your all, and we can't wait to hear your results.

In the classrooms to finish up the term we have been busy with post assessment, as well as completing pre assessment ready for topics we will cover at the start of next term. These assessments are valuable information for teachers to see where to next for the learners.

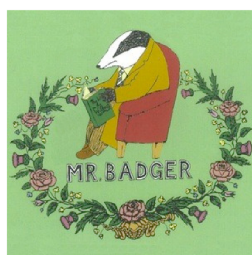
The Year 5/6 's have been busy creating recounts about their time at camp for writing this week, and the 3/4 's have been continuing to practice putting information into their own words in order to understand it better. In reading, they have been unpacking the importance of illustrations and how they can assist in portraying the meaning of a text.

In Inquiry, each senior class has been finishing off their Inquiry research and presenting their findings in an interesting way, ready for our Inquiry Expo on Friday. Please come and join us from 12:00pm if you are able.

In Religion, the learners have been showcasing their knowledge and what they have learnt about the Sacraments, and in the 3/4 room, the order of the Mass.

We hope all families have a safe and restful holiday, ready for an awesome last term!

Gannawarra Library Service Presents  
**MR BADGER tells the story of  
*The Wind in the Willows***



Mr Badger tells this much loved story celebrating the joys of nature and friendship.  
A delightful storytelling performance for the whole family.

**Cohuna - 3.00pm  
Monday, 26 September**

To book your place at this free event,  
call 5452 1546 or 5456 4124



Welcome  
Spring



Celebrate the new season with miniature gardens, diamond painting and a visit from Mr. Badger himself!

**Miniature Gardens**  
Suitable for all ages

**Kerang - 10.30am Tuesday, 20 September**  
**Cohuna - 10.30am Thursday, 22 September**

**MR BADGER tells the story of *The Wind in the Willows***  
Suitable for all ages

**Cohuna - 3.00pm Monday, 26 September**

**Diamond Painting 5+**

**Kerang - 10.30am Wednesday, 28 September**

**Bookings**

Phone 5452 1546 or 5456 2124

Children to be accompanied by an adult



# Year <sup>5</sup>/<sub>6</sub> camp

By Sam Dobie

## Monday

On Monday morning we got up and headed down to the school at 8:00 O'clock. Our parents dropped us off and we said goodbye. I wasn't sad, this was going to be the best 4 days of my life. We hopped on the bus and drove for about 1hr and 30m, our first stop was Shepparton for recess. After 30mins in Shep, we hopped back on the bus and drove for another 1hr and 30m to Myrtleford. After Myrtleford it was off to Harrietville. When we arrived at Harrietville we unpacked all our stuff and went over to get snow gear. Later on we had a delicious Paella for dinner. After that we had trivia night and then went to bed at approximately 9 O'clock.

## Tuesday

Tuesday was a snow day! We woke up and had poached eggs and baked beans. After we finished we put all of our snow gear on and hopped on the bus and headed up to Mt Hotham. It was a long trip up, but eventually we got there, grabbed our toboggans and headed down the slopes. After a while on the toboggans we were starving and exhausted so we settled in the hut and had a delicious BBQ lunch and soft drink. After lunch we had a competition about who can build the best sculpture out of snow. Later on it was time to head back to the rooms, we had a hot shower and had yummy roast and veggies for dinner and mouth watering churros for dessert. After that we went back to our rooms and chilled out then went to bed.

## Wednesday

On Wednesday morning we woke up to a wonderful breakfast of hashbrowns and bacon. After breaky we headed off in our groups to activities. We did the Indigenous program, archery and hut building. We learned how to paint silhouette artwork in the Indigenous program, I learned how to shoot a bow and arrow properly in archery and we attempted to build the most liveable hut in a hut building. Later we headed in to have a wonderful butter chicken with veggies and to top it off with a pavlova. Next we went back to the rooms and had a disco and talent show! Soon after that it was time to get some sleep.

## Thursday

On Thursday morning we got up and packed all of our bags and put them in the hallway and had some breaky. After breakfast we went outside and attended a session about bushfires and how dangerously they can spread, after that we could hop on the low ropes course and have some fun. My favorite part was when we went on the flying fox. Then it was time to go, we packed our stuff and said goodbye to Harrietville and hit the road. Our first stop was all the way to Shepparton! We got out and had a little play on the playground and then jumped back on the bus and headed for home. We arrived at about 4:30 PM and waited for our parents to pick us up. Camp was really fun and I would definitely recommend going to Harrietville for the snow and scenery around it.

Cohuna Lawn Tennis Club Inc.

Season 2022/23

The NDLTA season will commence  
in October

Anyone interested in playing Saturday afternoon tennis

Please contact Shirlene Barker 5456 2053 or

Raelene Farrant 0412 031 422

Names must be in by 28th September 2022

Saturday morning & twilight tennis

Start dates to be advised.

Please check Facebook page for updates.

NEW PLAYERS WELCOME



RITCHIES IGA + LIQUOR



**NOMINATE US TODAY**

**AS PART OF THE RITCHIES  
COMMUNITY BENEFIT PROGRAM**  
and help us generate extra funds.

***St Mary's Cohuna***

**1** Download or update the  
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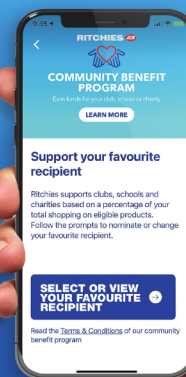
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# LASER TAG & LIVE MUSIC

FOR STUDENTS  
GRADES 5 - YEAR 12

**FRIDAY 16TH SEPTEMBER**

(LAST DAY OF TERM)

**6-10PM**

6-7PM FOR PRIMARY SCHOOL  
AGED STUDENTS ONLY

THORNLEY HALL, 48 MURRAY ST KERANG,  
KERANG TECHNICAL HIGH SCHOOL

**FREE ENTRY**

MUSIC BY 'THE KNOWN'

BBQ & SNACKS AVAILABLE- GOLD COIN DONATION  
(FUNDS SUPPORTING ROTARY CLUB OF KERANG)

TO REGISTER:

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## The Term Ahead for Families - Term 4 - 2022

<b>Week</b>	<b>Dates &amp; Items</b>
<b>1</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Mrs McLoughlan Long Service Leave (7 weeks off - safe travels!)</li> <li>Monday 3/10 - start of Term 4</li> </ul>
<b>2</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Monday 10/10 - SAC meeting @ 7.00pm</li> <li>Thursday 13/10 - Good Samaritan Cup</li> </ul>
<b>3</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Monday 17/10 - P&amp;F meeting 6:30pm</li> <li>Friday 21/10 - Prep Transition Day #1</li> </ul>
<b>4</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Friday 28/10 - Grandparent's day</li> <li>Friday 28/10 - Prep Transition Day #2</li> </ul>
<b>5</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Monday 31/10 - Pupil Free day - Report Writing Day</li> <li>Tuesday 1/11 - Melbourne Cup Public Holiday</li> </ul>
<b>6</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Friday 11/10 - Prep Transition Day #4</li> </ul>
<b>7</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Friday 18/10 - Prep Transition Day #5</li> </ul>
<b>8</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Monday 21/11 - 23/11 - 3/4 Camp</li> <li>Monday 21/11 - P&amp;F Meeting @ 6:30pm</li> </ul>
<b>9</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Friday 2/12 - Prep Transition Day #7</li> </ul>
<b>10</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Tuesday 6/12 - Community Step Up Day</li> <li>Tuesday 6/12 - Prep Transition Day #8</li> </ul>
<b>11</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Tuesday 13/12 - Grade 6 Graduation Dinner (Bower Tavern)</li> <li>Wednesday 14/12 - Learner's last day</li> <li>Thursday 15/12 - Staff 2023 Planning Day</li> <li>Friday 16/12 - Staff last day</li> </ul>

### **Term Dates for the Year:**

**TERM 1:** 28th January - 8th April (Learners Start 28th Jan)

**TERM 3:** 11th July - 16th September

**TERM 2:** 26th April - 24th June

**TERM 4:** 3rd October - 20th December