



# St Mary's Newsletter

## TERM 4, WEEK 11 - THE LAST DANCE!

It is Week 11 and that means this is our final newsletter of the 2022 school year. I would like to thank families for the support they have provided our staff and learners throughout the year. More so than ever, schools are a partnership between learners, families, staff and the community. I would also like to thank our dedicated staff for the efforts they put in day after day, week after week. I have said it before, and I will say it again, the greatest resource our school has are our kind, caring, faith-filled, hard working staff. On a personal note I would like to thank the school community for welcoming Georgia, Patrick and myself into town. Our move to St Mary's and Cohuna has been all that we hoped they would be! I very proudly tell anyone who will listen how kind, compassionate and happy our learners are.

Following on from our Step Up day last week, I would like to share the following information with you regarding the school class structure for next year:

Class	Prep/1	Yr1/2	Yr3/4L	Yr3/4M	Yr5/6KG	Yr5/6Z
Teacher/s	Graecen Cartwright	Meg Cooke	Lily Beer	Meaghan Lamb (M,T,W) Marie Kelly (Th,F)	Kayla Williams (M,T,W) Georgia Mullavey (Th,F)	Zoe Dennis
LSO	Julie McLoughlin	Leasa Edge	Sally Adams		Julianne Fry	

P.E.	Wellbeing	LOTE/Italian	Art	Chaplain/LSO	Office Admin
Chloe Adams (Tu,W)	Janine Fletcher (Tu,W)	Angie Jones* (M,Tu,W)	We are still looking for an Art teacher!!	Leiza Mathers	Stacey Patterson (M,T) Jenny Barry (T,W,Th,F)

\*Angie will provide tutoring support on Mondays and teach Italian Tuesdays and Wednesdays.

We are excited about maintaining six classes and keeping class sizes extremely low. The composite make up of the Yr3/4's and Yr5/6's will allow us to better meet the needs of each individual learner in our school than if we were to have straight Yr3's, 4's, 5's and 6's. Our new additions of Lily, Zoe, Leiza and Stacey have all spent time working collaboratively with our staff over the past week and I am thrilled at how well they have fit in (and how good they are at their jobs!).

I would like to make special mention of Jaida and her amazing art piece that was a 'People's Choice Finalist' at the Sandhurst Art Show held in Bendigo this year. See below a photo of Jaida with her art work (not sure why I felt I needed to be in the photo??!!).



Thank you to everyone who has helped our school community celebrate the year. Our End of Year Mass and BBQ was a fitting way to celebrate a wonderful year. Thank you to Kels and the P&F for all your work behind the scenes - and a huge thank you to Ben Appleby who has done a number of jobs around the school including putting together our two new BBQs and dressing up in a 'red suit' for our learners! Although Friday's swimming carnival and pool party couldn't go ahead due to the weather, the staff responded to the challenge of creating Christmas fun here at school and I think everyone still had a 'fun day!' Thank you for your understanding as we navigated through a 'fluid swimming program'. We will look at what changes need to be made to our swimming program to ensure our learners are swimming more. I am looking forward to Tuesday night when staff will gather with our Yr6 learners and their families to celebrate their primary school graduation! If you are available, please attend our Carols under the COLA and Learning Expo beginning at 10am on Wednesday. Just a reminder that school finished for the year on Wednesday at 3:15pm (usual time).

Next year school teachers will resume school (officially) on Friday 27th January. Learners will resume the 2023 school year on Monday 30th January.

Have a Merry and spirit-filled Christmas and an enjoyable and safe new year. Bring on 2023!!

*Jarrod Mullavey (Principal)*

#### DATES AHEAD

- Tuesday 13/12 - Grade 6 Graduation Dinner (Bower Tavern)
- Tuesday 13/12- Year 6 CSC transition session- all day (statewide step up day)
- Wednesday 14/12 - Learner's last day
- Thursday 15/12 - Staff 2023 Planning Day
- Friday 16/12 - Staff Christmas celebrations

## A PRAYER

This weekend coming we celebrate the fourth week of Advent. We light the fourth candle, the **THE ANGEL CANDLE** or **THE CANDLE OF LOVE**. The 4th Sunday of Advent symbolizes Peace with the "Angel's Candle" reminding us of the message of the angels: "Peace on Earth, Good Will Toward Men."



Holy Father, thank you for the gift of your Son, Jesus Christ, your greatest gift of love to your people. Fill my heart with such love, opening my heart to accept your great love for me. Overflow my heart with your love, so I may pour it out into the world. Help me to love others as you've loved me – even those who aren't so easy to love. For following you means loving others as you love me. Lord, thank you for your great gift of Jesus as we celebrate Christmas. May I ever walk in your love and show the world I am your disciple by the love I show to others, keeping Jesus, your Son, close in my heart. 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 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.*





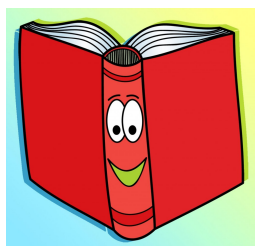
## Junior School Team

Another year is coming to a close and we are seeing some very excited and tired learners this week. It was a fabulous day last Friday with a special visit from Santa, DJ Deils and some awesome Christmas activities. This week we will be preparing to take all of our belongings home so we ask that learners please bring in an extra bag on Tuesday so they can take their learning home. We also ask that if there are any reading or library books at home can they please be returned. We look forward to spending the last few days with our learners and wish all of our Junior Learners a Merry Christmas and happy holiday.

### Library Books

Can all Library books  
please be returned back  
to Mrs. Fry ASAP

**Thank You**



## Senior School Team

Wow, we have arrived at the end of another school year! We wish the Year 6 learners all the best at High School for next year, we cannot wait to see what the future has in store for you all!

Please join us if you are able on Wednesday for our Christmas Carols, as well as our Inquiry Expo, to finish off the term.

## NEW UNIFORM ITEMS

We will be introducing 2 new uniform items in 2023. A zip soft shell jacket & a zip polar fleece jacket. We are taking pre-orders only at this stage and will not be taking orders for the 1st roll out after Monday 12th December. To order these, please head to CDFPay. Bomber jackets are still current and still available but will be eventually phased out next year.



# St Mary's Cohuna - Term 1- 2023



## *Week      Dates & Items*

1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Thurs 26th Jan- Australia day</li> <li>• Fri 27th Jan -Staff commence</li> </ul>
2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mon 30th Jan - Learner's first day back!</li> <li>• Fri 3rd Feb - St Mary's Swimming Carnival</li> </ul>
3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mon 6th Feb - SAC meeting (AGM)</li> <li>• Thurs 9th Feb - Jarrod @ Principal's meeting</li> </ul>
4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Thurs 16th Feb - Beginning of Year Mass</li> </ul>
5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mon 20th Feb - Mallee Div Swimming</li> <li>• Mon 20th Feb - P&amp;F AGM</li> <li>• Swimming lesson week 1</li> <li>• Tues 21st - Shrove Tuesday - burning of the ashes</li> <li>• Wed 22nd Feb - Ash Wednesday (mass @ 12:30pm)</li> </ul>
6	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•</li> </ul>
7	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Fri 10th Mar - School Closure Day - Staff R.E. professional development</li> </ul>
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9	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Thurs 23rd March - Jarrod @ Principal's meeting</li> </ul>
10	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Wed 29th March - Jarrod @ Principal's meeting</li> <li>•</li> </ul>
11	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Thurs 6th Apr - Holy Thursday (Last day of Term 1)</li> <li>• Fri 7th Apr - Good Friday</li> <li>• Sun 9th Apr - Easter Sunday</li> </ul>

### School Term Dates 2023:

Term 1: 27th Jan - 6th Apr

Term 2: 24th Apr - 23rd Jun

Term 3: 10th Jul - 15th Sep

Term 4: 2nd Oct - 20th Dec