



# St Mary's Newsletter

## TERM 1, WEEK 5 - THE BEGINNING OF LENT!

Last Wednesday I attended the Sandhurst Diocesan Assembly in Shepparton. This event brought together Parish Priests, Pastoral Associates and Catholic Principals from all over the Sandhurst diocese with the aim to understand where the Catholic Church is at and what needs to happen for it to prosper into the future. I am optimistic about the outcomes of this day with fruitful discussions around: reimagining what the Church needs to look like moving forward, the important role of music in liturgy, the need to embrace diversity and the role of lay people in parishes. It comes at the perfect time as we head into the Season of Lent this week. Today the learners will take part in our 'burning of the ashes' ceremony where they will make Lenten promises and aim to keep them for the days leading up to Easter. They will also enjoy pancakes as a reminder of the times when faithful would use up all their milk, eggs and butter before fasting through Lent. Thank you to Kris, Linda and Shelley for cooking our pancakes! On Wednesday we are looking forward to celebrating Ash Wednesday alongside the parish. Please join us, with Mass beginning at 12:30pm in the church.

Thank you to everyone who was able to come along to our Welcome Mass and BBQ last Thursday night. Thank you especially to Fr Dean for leading our celebration, Brent, Leigh, Darren and Kelvin for cooking our BBQ, Leasa for coordinating the food, Graecen for preparing the Mass and Meg for operating the technology. Next time we will provide ice cream for the children ... so that adults get the good desserts!!

Our week long swimming lessons are well underway and the learners all appear to be having a great time. I am really looking forward to our Swimming Carnival to be held next Friday 3rd March. Thank you again Chloe for your preparation and coordination of these events.

Last night I met with our Parents and Friends Committee for our first meeting of the year. Our P&F do an amazing job raising funds and organising events for our school community throughout the year. I have noticed that I see the same few people putting their hands up for these tasks and would really appreciate parents in our community who haven't yet done so, to make contact with the P&F and volunteer some time to help out at one of our yearly events (Mother's Day, Father's Day, Grandparent's Day etc.). Many hands make light work. Take care and God bless.

*Jarrod Mullavey (Principal)*

### 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

**SCHOOL PHOTOS  
THURSDAY 27TH  
APRIL**



**NEW UNIFORMS  
SOFT SHELL JACKETS  
POLAR FLEECE JACKETS  
HAVE ARRIVED.**



**20th Chloe Hawken  
25th Tully Fletcher  
26th Maggie McGlone  
26th Lucas Orr**

*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.*



**ST. MARY'S**  
*is a*  
**NUT  
FREE  
SCHOOL**

# St Mary's Cohuna - Term 1- 2023

## **Dates & Items**

- Week 5
- Swimming lessons this week
- Mon 20th Feb - Mallee Div Swimming
- Mon 20th Feb - PSG's
- Mon 20th Feb - P&F (AGM) @ 6:30pm
- Tues 21st - Shrove Tuesday - burning of the ashes
- Wed 22nd Feb - Ash Wednesday (mass @ 12:30pm)
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- Week 6
- Fri 3rd March- Clean Up Australia Day
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- Week 7
- Fri 10th Mar - Pupil Free Day - Staff R.E. professional development
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- Week 8
- Mon 13th Mar - Labour Day Holiday
- Wed 15th Mar - NAPLAN testing window opens
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- Week 9
- Tues 21st March- Harmony Day
- Thurs 23rd Mar - Jarrod meeting John and Chris 11:30am @ Pyramid Hill
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- Week 10
- Tues 28th Mar - Learning Conversations (12:30pm - 7:00pm)
- Wed 29th Mar - Director's Briefing
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- Week 11
- Thurs 6th Apr - Holy Thursday (Last day of Term 1)
- Fri 7th Apr - Good Friday
- Sun 9th Apr - Easter Sunday

## **A PRAYER**

### *A Lenten Prayer*

Lord, I know how much you love me  
It's hard for me to feel it sometimes  
but I know your love is always with me  
Help me to use your love as a way  
to persevere in my Lenten intentions  
I am weak, but I know with your help  
I can use these small sacrifices in my  
life to draw closer to you. Amen



# JUNIOR RECAP



A WOW MOMENT  
FROM MY WEEK  
WAS. HAVING MISS  
CARTWRIGHT EVERY  
SINGLE DAY

SOMETHING THAT  
MADE ME SMILE  
THIS WEEK WAS.  
LEARNING THE  
ALPHABET AND  
DOING MY  
HOMEWORK



SOMETHING THAT  
WENT WELL FOR ME  
THIS WEEK WAS. PE  
BECAUSE I LISTENED TO  
MISS ADAMS REALLY  
GOOD



SOMETHING THAT  
CHALLENGED ME  
THIS WEEK WAS.  
WHEN WE PLAYED  
FARMER SAM



# JUNIOR SCHOOL TEAM



# SENIOR SCHOOL TEAM

-What went well this week was my math. I feel I have gotten smarter over the holidays.

-I learned that Australia has more winter sports than the northern hemisphere.

-My goal for next week is to finish the book I am reading, Aurora's End book 3 in the aurora cycle it's about time.

-And my favorite part was we got to chat with our friends in grade 5\6 W.M while we cleaned and got out the seats for the start of the year mass.

-AMBER MERKEL

**Nina:** I enjoyed doing new things and new activities. Something i learnt that i need a book that is challenging but not really challenging

**Jimmy:** In math I have been learning about number patterns and that they always repeat. I was able to solve all my number patterns this week.

**Jaida:** We have made up a new game that we are playing called 'Piggy'. I'm proud of my learning about the Good Samaritan sisters, that they started schools and that they are special to our school.

**Ayla!!** I enjoyed playing new games and doing new things. Something I learnt is that writing a biography will also give me a challenge.

We all had specialists on Tuesdays and Wednesdays. We had a pretty good week. All the Grade 6s got their leadership shirts and badges and also scrolls. It was very exciting and fun. After all that we went back to school and had a barbecue and it was good. We also had sweets, we had a lot..... We have our spelling test and kids briefing on Fridays.

Addy

**Dan:** This week has been very successful for me and my friends because we have played well and fairly together. I have learned that number patterns go either up or down and follow a rule.

Level 1 Sports Trainers Course-\$285 (Time 8.30am-5pm) /Re-accred course-\$120 ([2.30pm-5pm](#))

Venue-Wycheproof-Narraport Football Club rooms , Calder Highway, Wycheproof Vic 3527

Date-Sunday 5th March 2023

Facilitator-Dawn Ferrier

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**NEW DATE!** ST. Y'S COHUNA

# SWIMMING CARNIVAL

IN ALL THINGS MAY

WHEN: FRIDAY 3RD MARCH  
WHERE: COHUNA SWIMMING POOL  
TIME: 9:30AM - 1:30PM

SAUSAGE SIZZLE LUNCH TO BE ORDERED VIA CDF PAY

LEARNERS CAN WEAR THEIR HOUSE COLOURS

EVENT SCHEDULE TO BE RELEASED CLOSER TO THE EVENT

PARENTS ARE TO CONTACT MISS ADAMS VIA SEESAW IF THEY ARE ABLE TO HELP ON THE DAY

LEARNER PERMISSION FORMS ARE TO BE COMPLETED ON SCHOOL STREAM

**MACORNA FNC IS CALLING ALL JUNIOR NETBALLERS!**

**NET SET GO  
UNDER 12  
UNDER 14  
UNDER 17**



*Tigertime*

Express your interest in playing in season 2023 by contacting us today!

Facebook Messenger the following coaches:

NET SET GO: LEEZA WISHART

U12: JO BEAR

U14: LAURA BENNIE, JACINTA FERRIS

U17: CAT WHINFIELD, BRIELLE OMEARA

HEAD OF NETBALL: LEAH LACY

Please note if our coaches have already been in contact no need to contact again.



**CALLING FOR  
EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST**

**JUNIOR  
NETBALLERS**

**BORN 2009, 2010 & 2011**

To express interest or for  
more info please call/text  
Kim Lister 0428557473

# 30<sup>th</sup> Cohuna Bridge to Bridge Sunday, March 5



## Ride / Run / Walk

Apex Park, Island Rd. Cohuna

- Mawsons Kids K
- thegannawarra.com.au 6.5km Fun Run/Walk
- North Central CMA 12.5km Trail Run
- Cohuna Auto Electrical 21.1km Trail Run
- AWMA Water Control Solutions 6.5km Junior Cycle
- 25km Cycle
- 50km Cycle
- Virtual options for each event

15%  
FAMILY  
DISCOUNT

Major fundraiser for the



with proceeds going towards an upgrade  
to the outdoor area for the aged care  
residents in the nursing home.



Neighbourhood Houses  
The Heart of Our Community

Organised by the  
Bridge to Bridge Committee, under the  
auspices of Cohuna Neighbourhood House.

[www.bridgetobridge.org.au](http://www.bridgetobridge.org.au) for full details and to enter  
REGISTRATIONS CLOSE: Saturday, March 4 at 3pm



# TENNIS

IF YOUR CHILD LOVES TENNIS &  
WOULD BE INTERESTED IN PLAYING  
IN A SCHOOL TOURNAMENT IN  
SWAN HILL PLEASE CONTACT MISS  
ADAMS!

## Book Club



1. Your child will bring home a  
Book Club catalogue from  
school

2. Discuss with, and help your  
child pick the books they  
would like to read

3. Order online via the Scholastic  
Australia LOOP website or  
app and the school will take  
care of the rest! (LOOP orders  
are electronically linked to  
your school in an easy, secure  
online process)

4. The books are delivered to  
your child's classroom.



**LOOP** is the easy way for families to order and pay for Book Club.

Log in, or create a new account at [scholastic.com.au/loop](http://scholastic.com.au/loop)

1. If you are new to Book Club, follow the Wizard to set up your profile
2. Click the ORDER tab, and select your school and child's class
3. Add your child's first name and last initial (so the school knows who the book is for)
4. Enter the product item number shown on the Book Club catalogue
5. Make payment via credit card.

SCHOLASTIC

## LOGIN DETAILS

SCHOOL: St Marys School

SCROLL to Cohuna

Note: No cash please pay  
through Loop

Prep/1

Year1/2

Year3/4 LK

Year 3/4 B

Year 5/6 WM

Year 5/6 D.





# WELCOME MASS & BBQ

