



# St Mary's Newsletter

## TERM 2, WEEK 5 - HALF WAY THROUGH TERM 2!

Can you believe we are heading into Week 5 of Term 2 this week and will reach the halfway mark of the term on Wednesday? When you think about all that we have done this term it probably makes sense!!

I can not speak highly enough of our Yr5/6 learners and their positive attitudes and behaviour on camp. They were a joy to be around and made us teachers feel very proud! We received amazing feedback from the staff at Billabong Ranch. Some of our camp highlights included: Gravity shack, the bungee trampolines, whip cracking display, archery, mini golf and the animal walks. The blue heeler puppies were also popular and the food was delicious. Thank you to our staff (Kayla, Zoe, Julianne and Georgia) who cared for the learners on camp and ensured it was a memorable experience for all. I am very much looking forward to this week's Yr3/4 camp at Murray Life Torrumbarry. Thanks in advance to Mrs Lamb, Ms Adams, Miss Beer and Miss Cooke for supporting our learners.

Last Tuesday Miss Adams and Mrs Barry supported our Mallee Divisional Cross Country team at Swan Hill. Well done to all our runners: Elliot, Jensen, Millie, Maggie, Sienna, Sophie, Tilly, Nate E, Dan and Raff. We had some fantastic results, especially Maggie who will now go on to represent our Mallee Region at Divisional Cross Country in St Arnaud. Thank you Miss Adams for organising the team and a HUGE thank you to Mrs Barry who clocked up 494kms of 'mini-bus driving' to ensure that our Yr5/6 runners, who were on camp, had the opportunity to compete ... just amazing Jen!

This Tuesday our Year 6 learners will have their first Transition day at Cohuna Secondary School. Our Year 5 learners have also been invited to this first session and will attend along with our senior teachers from 1:30-2:45pm.

Wednesday is 'National Simultaneous Storytime.' This year's chosen story is The Speedy Sloth by Rebecca Young. All members of our school will stop and share this story just before they head out to recess. We will let the learners know that students all over the country will be doing exactly the same thing at exactly the same time because reading is so important!

Also on Wednesday our Yr3/4 learners will celebrate the Feast of Our Lady Help of Christians with Fr Dean at Mass at 12:30pm. Thank you Mrs Kelly for all your preparation with this celebration. If your children are in Yr3/4 please come along and join us at mass.

I hope everyone has a wonderful Week 5!

Take care and God bless,

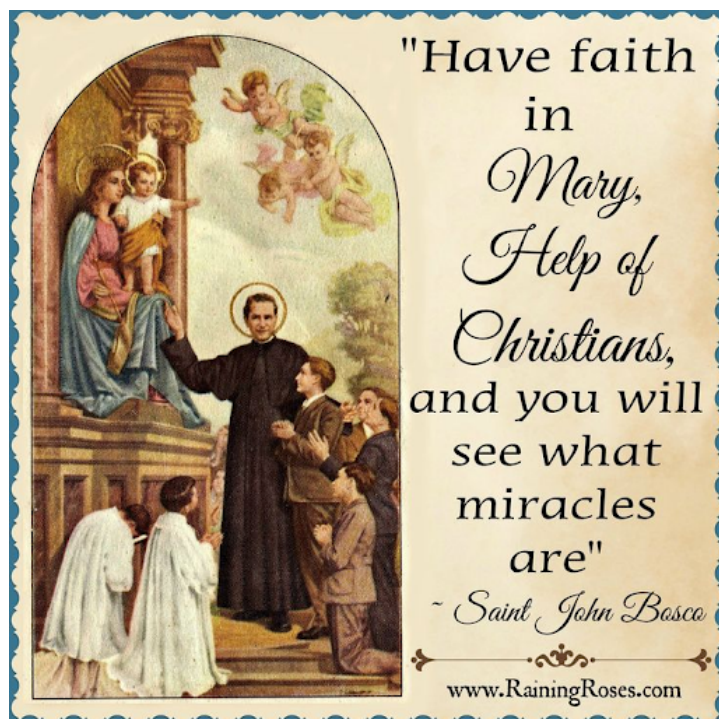
*Jarrod Mullavey (Principal)*

# St Mary's Cohuna - Term 2 - 2023

## Dates & Items

- **Week 5**
  - Mon 22nd - Tues 23rd May - Yr 3/4 Camp - Torrumbarry
  - Wed 24th May - Middle school mass - Our Lady Help of Christians - 12:30pm
  - Wed 24th May - Jarrod out - Principal's Network (Echuca)
  - Wed 24th May - National Simultaneous Storytime - The Speedy Sloth
  - Thurs 25th - Friday 26th - Graecen out - R.E. accreditation
- **Week 6**
  - **RECONCILIATION WEEK**
  - Thurs 1st - Fri 2nd Jun - Jarrod out HUB meetings
- **Week 7**
  - Mon 5th Jun - SAC @ 7pm
  - Wed 7th Jun - Senior School Mass @ 12:30pm
- **Week 8**
  - Mon 12th - King's Birthday Long Weekend
  - Tues 13th Jun - P&F Meeting @ 6:30pm (new date!)
  - Thurs 15th Jun - Festival of the Sacred PD - Zoe out (Bendigo)
- **Week 9**
  - Fri 23rd Jun - Last day of Term 2 (2:30pm finish)

## A PRAYER





**21st May**

**Mitchell Gray**

**22nd May**

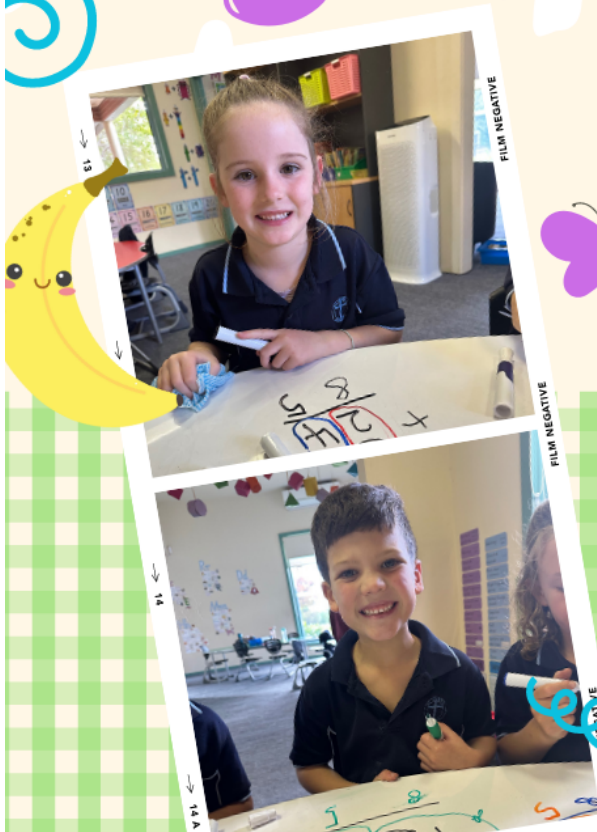
**Jax Taylor**



# JUNIOR SCHOOL

## FROM THE JUNIOR SCHOOL

WEEK 5



### HIGHLIGHTS FROM OUR WEEK:

Playing footy at recess & lunch  
Not having to share the  
playground with the big kids  
Being leaders of the school



# SENIOR SCHOOL

## Day one

We went to Gravity Shack for an hour and then we got back on the bus and drove to Billabong Ranch. We got settled in and then we went to our first activity which was where we learnt how to use the compasses to navigate around. Then we did bush first aid and learnt about snake bites. After that we went to a low ropes course. We had lasagna and chips with some salad and for dessert we had ice cream and fruit. We went for a night walk after tea before going to bed.

## Day 2

We had cereal and toast for breakfast then we went to our first activity of the day which was a bungee trampoline. It was really fun, you could jump very high and I was on my belly and I was pretending to be a bird. We all had a good go and everyone tried it, it was really fun. The next activity was making damper. In the afternoon we did roping which is where you got a rope and you had to get it over a bucket. We then played a game with the teachers and Indi, who was our activity leader, tried to catch us. I got caught once by Miss Dennis and everyone had a fun time. We all wanted to play with the puppies and they were so cute!!! There were two types of puppies, there were Blue Heelers and really fluffy Pomeranian dogs. There were also some birds and over 150 horses. We enjoyed hotdogs for lunch and had schnitzel with gravy for tea. We went on a tractor ride with two trailers and were driven out to a sport where we had to use the compass for orienteering. My team located all the letters and discovered the hidden message. It was so fun!

## Day 3

We had to pack up before we let the teachers announce the winners of the Ritz and Pits. This was a game of who can keep their room clean. My cabin won and tied with the other room next to us so we get to do something fun with Mr Mullavey. Billabong Ranch is a really fun place, we all had a great time and we would love to go there again.






The St Vincent de Paul Society is an international organisation operating in 153 countries and has over 800,000 members worldwide. The Society has a presence on every continent in the world with the exception of Antarctica perhaps. Mrs Mathers in her role as chaplain at our school is also a St Vinnies Kerang member. She is able to assist families with food vouchers or other resources that families require. You can make appointments to see her if a need arises. Please do not hesitate to contact the school.

**"Helping one person may not change the whole world, But it could change the world for one person."**


God Bless Mrs Mathers



**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](https://www.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**

**Prep/1**  
**Year1/2**  
**Year3/4 LK**  
**Year 3/4 B**  
**Year 5/6 WM**  
**Year 5/6 D.**

#### LOGIN DETAILS

SCHOOL: St Marys School

SCROLL to Cohuna

Note: No cash please pay through Loop

CLASSES:



*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.*



#### 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

# COMMUNITY NEWS

## SCHOOL NURSE VISIT

Kerrie McCosh, primary school nurse, will be visiting our school on June 16<sup>th</sup> this year.

Prep Grade Health Assessments: All parents/guardians of Prep grade children will be asked to complete a Health Questionnaire and return the form to the school before June 16<sup>th</sup>. 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 June 16<sup>th</sup>, 2023. Should parents wish to have an interview with the School Nurse, please indicate your request on the form.

Please note: You can talk to the primary school nurse at any time throughout the year. The school has her mobile phone number.

