



St Mary's Newsletter

TERM 4, WEEK 3

Week 3 has arrived and here comes the good weather (later in the week). It is shaping as another great week filled with excellent experiences for our learners. Sunday's Gospel (Mt 22:1-14) about "Who is inviting to the wedding" provides an insight into the inclusive way Jesus lived his life. He often ignored social boundaries of the time by being attentive to those who were normally shunned. This story allows us to reflect on the people in today's society who are 'left out' and challenges us to reach out to them in their time of need.

Today we welcomed the Leitchville Kinder crew, including their 3 and 4 year old groups, for a 'School visit'. It was also the beginning of our PSG meetings. Tomorrow we have our Breakfast program again to start the day (also on Thursday mornings). The Yr3/4s will lead the parish at Mass on Wednesday from 12:30pm, all are welcome (however, our Yr3/4s are the only grades from school attending this mass). On Thursday (and every Thursday) Mrs Fry will host Playgroup from 10-11am - please invite any young families (with kids under 5) from the community to attend. We will conclude the week of Friday by sending four Yr3-6 cricket teams to Swan Hill to compete in the Cricket Blast - good luck teams!! And our 2024 Preps will attend their 2nd Transition day.

In order to ensure we are well planned ahead of the 2024 school year, we will have a pupil free day on **Friday November 24th**. Staff will be onsite for a day of strategic planning, however no learners are to attend school on this day. We apologise for the inconvenience this 'pupil free day' will cause some families.

Attached in this newsletter is the job advertisement for a Learning Support Officer position. We are seeking an enthusiastic, kind and caring individual to join our team in the role of supporting learners at our school. If you, or someone you know, would be suitable for this position please apply.

Mark **Friday 27th October** in your calendar because it is a big day for St Mary's. We have Grandparents and Special Persons day running in the morning. A reminder that we are putting together a slideshow filled with photos of St Mary's learners with their grandparents. Please email a photo to Graecen (gcartwright@smcohuna.catholic.edu.au) if you would like it included in this presentation (to be shown on Grandparent's day). Following this day, we have a special night planned. Led by the School Advisory Council members, we will host a Community Event at the Cohuna Recreation Reserve from 6-9pm. This night will include Food Vans, Coffee/Soft drinks Van, games and activities for the kids, music and a raffle. The idea is to bring the local community together (not just families of St Mary's learners), to have a good time and enjoy each other's company. Please spread the word of this event and stress that 'everyone is welcome'.

Have a great week everyone and continue to look after one another.

Take care and God bless,
Jarrold Mullavey (Principal)

Dear God,
Thank you for all the blessings
in our lives, big and small.
Thank you for surrounding us
with people who love and care
for us.
In Jesus' holy name, we pray.
Amen



A PRAYER

St Mary's Cohuna Families - Term 4- 2023



Week	Dates & Items
3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mon 16th Oct - Leitchville Kinder Visit @ 11:30am Mon 16th Oct - PSGs Mon 16th Oct - P&F Meeting @ 6:30pm Tues 17th Oct - Georgia D, Michelle and Sheryn (CES Ltd) visit Wed 18th Oct - School Mass - Middles @ 12:30pm Thurs 19th Oct - Miss Cooke out - Pastoral Wellbeing Network @ Shepp
4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mon 23rd Oct - PSGs Thurs 26th Oct - Mr Mullavey out - Western Deanery Principal's Network Bendigo Fri 27th Oct - Grandparent's day Fri 27th Oct - Community Event
5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mon 30th Oct - 11-12:30pm Child Safe Officer Training (Miss Cooke and Mr Mullavey)
6	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mon 6th Nov - Mrs Fields out this week Mon 6th Nov - Report writing day (Pupil Free day) Tues 7th Nov - Melbourne Cup Public Holiday Wed 8th Nov - Mrs Barry out LSL until 23/11 (replaced by Mrs Patterson) Wed 8th Nov - School mass - All Souls day @ 12:30pm (Seniors) Thurs 9th Nov - Kylie Smith (CES Ltd) visit - faith formation Fri 10th Nov - MacKillop Art Exhibition (opening)
7	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Tues 14th Nov - Georgia D and Michelle Sanders in (CES Ltd Speech therapists) Thurs 16th Nov - Mr Mullavey out - Director's Briefing @ Shepparton
8	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Fri 24th Nov - Mrs Barry back from LSL
9	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mon 27th Nov - Swimming Program this week Mon 27th Nov - P&F Meeting @ 6:30pm Tues 28th Nov - Georgia D and Michelle Sanders in
10	<ul style="list-style-type: none">
11	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Tues 12th Dec - St Mary's Feast Day/End of Year mass @ 6pm Thurs 14th Dec - Learner Pool Party! Thurs 14th Dec - Yr6 Graduation @ Tavern Fri 15th Dec - Learner's last day of 2023
12	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mon 18th Dec - Staff professional development Tues 19th Dec - Staff 2024 planning Wed 20th Dec - Staff last day Wed 20th Dec - CES Ltd office closes for 2023



13th October 2023

Dear parents and carers,

We wanted to take this opportunity to inform you about some important changes we are making to our teachers' work patterns and conditions and benefits. These changes have been carefully considered and are necessary due to a variety of factors, including how all Victorian schools are required to allocate a teacher's workload.

These changes deliver several positive changes for both our dedicated staff, including enhancing their well-being and work life balance and the overall functioning of our school. We continue to ensure the quality of Catholic education continues and maintain a safe and nurturing environment for our students remain our top priorities.

However, implementing these changes will mean that an additional pupil free day will be taken on **Friday 24th November 2023** with a focus on developing our School Improvement Plan and 2024 Annual Action Plan.

We appreciate your understanding and support in this matter. Our commitment to your child's education, experiences and wellbeing remains, and we will continue to communicate any updates or adjustments as they occur.

If you have any questions or concerns about these changes, please do not hesitate to reach out to us.

Thank you for your continued partnership as we strive to provide an outstanding education for our students.

Kind regards,

Jarrod Mullavey

JUNIOR SCHOOL



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Highlights from our week..

Having the kinder kids visit

Making fairy bread

Playing drama games in Inquiry



SENIOR SCHOOL

This week we have been working hard on our decimals in Maths. We started writing poems and learning how to publish properly. This week we have been doing Haiku and Limerick poems. On Tuesday we had Mr. Mann back for the first time in 2 terms. It was really fun and exciting to have him back. Also on Monday some learners from this 5/6 went to Bendigo for athletics day! We got Maccas on the way back and danced and sang songs on the way home. Well done to Lainie Spring for competing in the 100m hurdles, Kaden Hollingworth in the 200m event, Chloe Keating in shot put, triple jump and 4x100m relay, Bella Douglass in 800m and congratulations to Zarah Crichton for competing in shot put and placing third in discus.

Lainie Spring & Pippa Reid.

Sylvi - This week Jaida and I came up with a song to remind us to wear our hats and it goes like this:

No hat, no play,

No fun today.

Sit on the pews,

Or run away.

Sophie: This week I have enjoyed playing with my friends and I am proud of the introduction I have written for my persuasive text because my topic is 'Football is Better than Basketball' and I used the persuasive device 'choose an interesting fact' to hook my reader into my text.

Nate: I enjoyed learning about Drama in inquiry and the activity where we stuck meanings and definitions into our books by following instructions from a Youtube clip.

Jax - I enjoyed sport because we played dodge ball.

Izzy - Small groups with Mrs Jones were great because we learnt Algebra, it was challenging at the start but I enjoyed it.

Immy - This week was a great week because I got to start helping to run the chook shed at recess and lunchtime.

Lola - Music was back with Mr Mann and we got to do different tasks and use the instruments.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

**16th October
Kaden
Hollingworth
17th October
Zarah Crichton
21st October
Beau Appleby**



COMMUNITY NEWS

COMMUNITY FUN NIGHT

HOSTED BY ST. MARY'S!

Food Vans

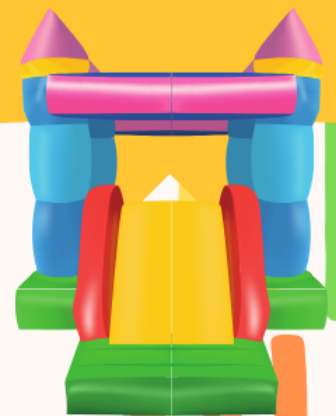


**FRIDAY
OCTOBER 27TH, 2023**

6PM - 9PM

**COHUNA RECREATION
RESERVE**

**Kids
Activities**



**BYO Drinks &
Chairs**





St. Mary's Cohuna

LEARNING SUPPORT OFFICER Commencing Term 1, 2024

St. Mary's Cohuna is looking for a highly motivated and enthusiastic LSO to join their school community.



We can offer you:

- You will work with a supportive team who will provide you with exceptional support & mentoring
- A learning culture that has a strong focus on the individual person
- Professional development with a focus on evidence based learning
- Provide the support in the area of teaching Religious Education
- Spacious and well equipped classrooms to teach in
- Some flexibility around hours and days of work

To see what St. Mary's Cohuna has on offer for you, please visit:
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=61oWnXqtM0k>

To apply:

Please email your cover letter and resume supported by 3 verbal referees to
jmullavey@smcohuna.catholic.edu.au

Applications close 27th October 2023

For more details about this role, please contact
Jarrod Mullavey (Principal) on (03) 5456 2062 or
jmullavey@smcohuna.catholic.edu.au

St. Mary's Cohuna embraces diversity and social inclusion,
and encourages people from diverse backgrounds to apply.

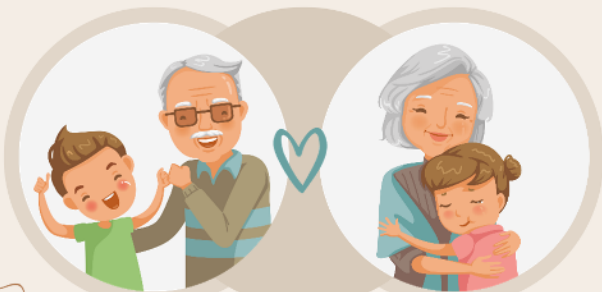
We are committed to promoting the safety, wellbeing and inclusion of all children.

Grandparent's Day



Join us for a Grandparents Day liturgy followed
by activities and a special morning tea

Friday, October 27th



Join us for reading in our classrooms
from 8:45



SEEKING PLAYERS - UNDER 15 GIRLS

We are seeking a couple of more players for our U/15 Girls side. We have a dedicated group of girls who are desperate to play this season but we need a couple more to ensure we can fill the side.

-Training - 5pm Wednesdays for 1 hour

-Number of games - 10

-When - Friday Nights

Where - 6 weeks in Cohuna and 4 in Echuca

We welcome all girls of all abilities to join in the fun!

For information please contact Peter Taylor-0407 817 105 or Steven Spring-0407 231 415 or email the club nondiescohuna@yahoo.com



Responsible Service of Alcohol Courses

30th October: Mildura Settlers Cricket Club—(near the Mildura Senior College)

31st October: Ouyen Neighbourhood House—(46 Oke St. Ouyen)

1st November: Cohuna Kangas FNC—(Cohuna Recreation Reserve, Tennis Rd, Cohuna)

2nd November: Sea Lake Nandaly Tigers FNHC—(Community Complex, 40 Complex Dr. Sea Lake)

Time: Registration 6pm Course 6.15pm—10.00pm

Cost: \$75.00 (includes light refreshments on arrival)

TO REGISTER:

To attend this Good Sports RSA course, you are required to pre-enrol. Go to www.liqcon.com.au/goodsports and use the password: **Goodsports** Select the RSA course, click "Book" and complete the enrolment process.

As part of the enrolment process, you are required to enter a unique student identifier, a USI. Don't have a USI or forgotten what it is? Go to www.usi.gov.au and follow the prompts—this is an easy process and will only take a few minutes, but is required in order to undertake the RSA course. This is now a nationally accredited RSA course hence the enrolment process required.

Once enrolled you will receive a confirmation email. Please check your junk or spam folder before enrolling again.

Payment can be made on the night in cash or there should be an EFTPOS facility available as well, technology permitting.



ALL ENQUIRIES:

MSA 0428 213 509 OR 5021 3464 info@malleesportsassembly.org.au

LIQCON

Peter Rosenthal 0407 844 643 pcr188@outlook.com

CANTEEN MENU



St. Mary's Canteen

Wednesday & Friday Menu

Term 3 COMMENCING ON WEDNESDAY 12TH JULY

ALL ORDERS ARE TO BE COMPLETED ON CDFPAY & CLOSE AT 8.30AM EACH MORNING
(orders can be placed up to 1 week prior)

FOOD & DRINKS WILL BE SUPPLIED BY KIMMY'S CAFÉ

PRICE LIST



HOT / COLD FOOD

PIE	\$5.00
SAUSAGE ROLL	\$4.50 (GF & DF OPTIONS AVAILABLE)
SWEET CHILLI WRAP	\$6.50
SALT & VINEGAR WRAP	\$6.50
LASAGNA	\$6.50
CHICKEN NUGGETS	\$.80 EACH (GF & DF OPTIONS AVAILABLE)
MINI DIM SIMS	\$.80 EACH
SWEET CHILLI TENDER	\$2.00
SALT & VINEGAR TENDER	\$2.00
MINI PIZZA	\$3.50
CHICKEN SALAD WRAP	\$6.50 (GF & DF)
HAM SALAD WRAP	\$6.50 (GF & DF)

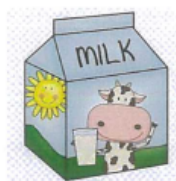
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SLICES

HEDGEHOG SLICE	\$2.00
JELLY SLICE	\$2.00
RUMBALLS (3)	\$2.00

DRINKS - \$3.00

BIG M 300ml - Chocolate or Strawberry
POP TOP - Orange, Apple or Apple/Blackcurrent



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

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



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

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.

