



St Mary's Newsletter

TERM 4, WEEK 10

On the weekend we celebrated the beginning of the Christmas season with the First Sunday of Advent. Advent is a time of preparation for the coming of Jesus Christ. It is also a time when we can renew ourselves with the actions that make us good people. We can call a loved one that we haven't spoken to in a long time, make extra time to spend with our family and friends or simply let our loved ones know how much they mean to us.

Today marks the beginning of the penultimate week of the school year for our learners and the excitement is building. After today, we have 9 more school days and lots of fun experiences to fit in before we go on Summer holidays. I am most looking forward to: P-2 Carols to the elderly at the Cohuna Hospital - Tues 5th Dec, Yr6 Big Day Out - Thurs 7th Dec, Community Step Up Day - Tues 12/12, Christmas Performances - Wed 13/12, St Mary's Feast Day and End of Year Mass and BBQ - Wed 13/12, Yr6 Graduation - Thurs 14/11, Learner's last day - Fri 15/12 and Staff last day - Wed 20/12.

Last Thursday night was a special one for Jaida, Abraham, Sylvi and Nate, who made the Holy Sacrament of First Reconciliation. This Sacrament is a cornerstone of our faith, whereby if you make a mistake, own up to it, truly seek forgiveness and work to make up for it, that forgiveness is always granted in the eyes of God. Thank you again to Mrs Kelly for preparing the children and to Fr Dean for leading this celebration of faith.

This week we welcome Ellesha Ferguson to our school. Ellesha will complete a week of Yr10 Work Experience working across all grade levels. If you see Ellesha around the school, please make her feel welcome.

Our Prep to Year 2 learners are excited to be singing Christmas carols to the Aged Care community at the Cohuna Hospital on Tuesday. This is a great way we can spread the joy of Christmas to those in our community. We will leave school just after 10am and parents are welcome to come along and join in the fun.

Staff are deep into preparation for 2024. Next week we will announce staffing for 2024 as well as our class structure and Specialist programs. Following Community Step Up Day, families will be notified of which class their child/ren will be in for 2024.

Have a wonderful week everyone and keep hydrated!

Take care and God bless,

Jarrold Mullavey (Principal)

St Mary's Cohuna Families - Term 4- 2023



Week	Dates & Items
10	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Thur 7th Dec - Yr 6 Big day out
11	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Tues 12th Dec - St Mary's Feast Day/End of Year mass @ 6pm Wed 13th Dec 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

A PRAYER

*God grant me the serenity
To accept the things I cannot change;
Courage to change the things I can;
And wisdom to know the difference.*

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

7th Dec
AMARLEE
WARREN

9th Dec
REX
POWER

10th Dec
EMMA
NICHOLSON



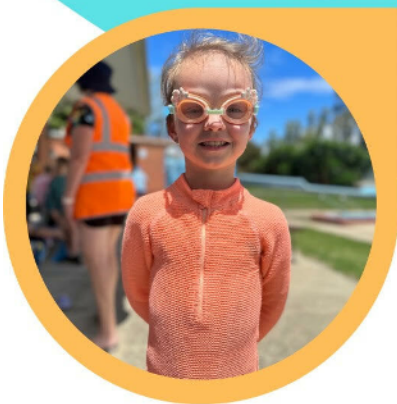
JUNIOR SCHOOL

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Highlights from our week..

Swimming Program

Swimming Program
learning grids



SENIOR SCHOOL

This week we had swimming and swimming learning grids because we were split into different groups. So for reading we did grammar and comprehension, and for math we did angles and symmetry. We also had to finish our graduation project. The Year 5's presented their speeches about why they should become a captain for Fatima, Carmel or Lourdes. While they did that the Year 6's did some graduation preparation and Inquiry practice.

Lainie

This week was a big week full of Swimming. We went over to the pool, Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday. All of our classes have begun to enter the Christmas spirit. We've been practicing our plays About Jesus' birth and his lifestyle in all different ways. The grade 5's presented their speeches running for sports captain, for the new year coming. The year 6's have been busy finishing off their Graduation preparations.

Pippa

Mon:

On Monday we did reading, writing, maths, inquiry, swimming and spelling .

Tues

On Tuesday we had a party for Victoria because she was leaving. We had zooper doopers and lollipops and then went swimming.

Wed

On Wednesday it was raining so we didn't go swimming.

Thur

On Thursday I went swimming and I hit the wall. Then we had free time.

Fri

On Friday we decorated our class Christmas tree and played board games.

By Chloe Hawken

Amber-

This week we started swimming ■■so we had to work off grids. I started reading 2 books. I have now finished the first book so I'm reading a new school book. Swimming is fun. My friends are mostly in the same swimming group. Victoria left for New Zealand on Tuesday.

This week was more fun and sad than I have had in a while.

Emmy-

On Monday we had swimming and me and Addy were so happy. On Tuesday we also had swimming as well as specialist and we think it was the best day of the week because it was fun. On Wednesday we had no swimming because it was raining basically all day so it got cancelled. On Thursday we had swimming again and we got to play some Santa tracker afterwards! On FRIDAY we decorated the Christmas tree because it was the 1st of December.

COMMUNITY NEWS



PLEASE JOIN US FOR



END OF YEAR

Mass
FOLLOWED BY BBQ

Wednesday, December 13th, @ 6pm
St. Mary's Church

A - K Families to bring a SWEET
L - Z Families to bring a SALAD

RSVP via School Stream

COHUNA PROGRESS ASSOCIATION

CAROLS IN THE PARK

20TH DECEMBER 6PM

BYO:

**CHAIR, SNACKS,
ALCOHOL**

Hello December

SPECIAL EVENTS



26	27	28	29	30	1	2
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30

- 5 Year 6 - St. Joseph's Echuca Step Up Day
- 7 Year 6 - Big Day Out
- 12 Community Step Up Day
- 13 Christmas Performances
- 13 St. Mary's Feast Day & End of Year Mass
- 14 Pool Party & Year 6 Graduation
- 15 Learner's Last Day
- 20 Staff's Last Day

IMPORTANT DATES



Important Dates for the rest of the 2023 year

Pupil Free Day - Fri 24/11

Swimming Program/Week begins - Mon 27/11

Sacrament of Reconciliation (Yr3's) - Thurs 30/11

Yr6 Big Day Out - Thurs 7th Dec

Community Step Up Day - Tues 12/12

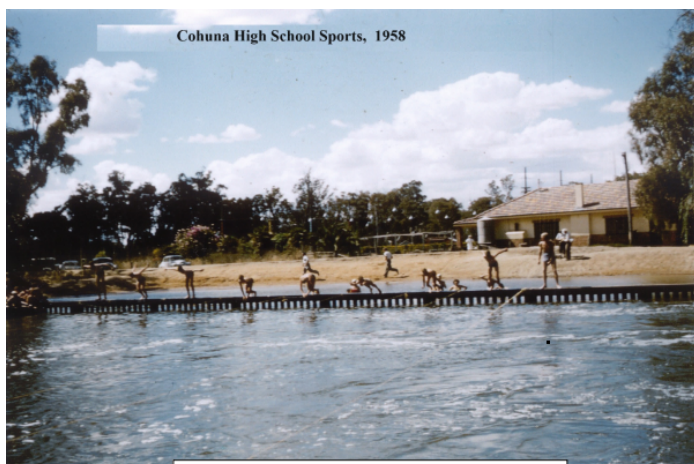
Christmas Performances - Wed 13/12

St Mary's Feast Day and End of Year Mass - Wed 13/12 (new date)

Yr6 Graduation - Thurs 14/11

Learner's last day - Fri 15/12

Staff's last day - Wed 20/12



Cohuna High School Sports, 1958

Photo courtesy Cohuna & District Historical Society

January 2024

Starts 8th January

Monday, Wednesday, Friday.

All ages and abilities.

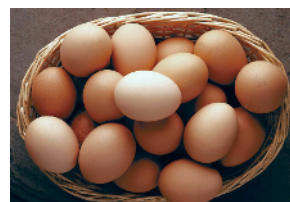
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For information and enrolment form

**Mrs Mac's
EGGS FOR SALE
\$4.00**



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.

