St Mary's Primary School
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St Mary's Newsletter

TERM 1, WEEK 2

We made it through the first week and well done to everyone getting back into school routines and getting organised for our Swimming Carnival so soon! It feels like a really positive start to the new school year with happy learners, staff and families.

On the weekend, Fr Dean spoke about how God is close to the brokenhearted. In a world full of suffering and illnesses, Jesus' presence can bring hope and salvation to all of the afflicted. Wherever human beings do their best to relieve the pains of their neighbour, Christ is present and active in them as instruments of his healing love.

Thank you to all parents for bringing your children in last Tuesday and Wednesday so we could go through our Maths testing ahead of the school year. Staff will pull apart this data over the coming weeks so our Maths program is meeting the needs of each individual learner. I thought Friday's Swimming Carnival was fantastic. It was great to see so many families at the pool and so many active learners. I would again like to thank one of our newest teachers Carla Walker for her planning and the way she led our carnival. Thank you to the parents who were able to volunteer their time to help the day run so smoothly. I'd especially like to make mention of Ian Mathers who was on hand to swim in the Yr6's vs Staff (and parent) relay! Congratulations to Lourdes on their win. Also well done to our age group champions:

12 years: Amber/Summer and Harry

11 years: Maggie and Rex

10 years: Lola and Lewis

Mrs Walker will now put together the school swim team that will represent us at District Swim Trials in Kerang on Tuesday 13th Feb.

The school events keep coming! This Wednesday we have our Parent Information Night. I will meet with all parents from 6:30-6:40pm (in the current Yr6 classroom - portable near the stage) to share some information around new initiatives at school (Auslan, SRC, Mindful Body Awareness etc.) and then classroom teachers will each run an information session from 6:45-7:15pm. We will run just one classroom session this year and teachers can catch up with any parents who are after more information (if they have learners in multiple classes).

Next week we will celebrate the beginning of Lent with Shrove Tuesday (the day before Lent begins) and Ash Wednesday. On Shrove Tuesday - or as it's more commonly known 'Pancake Tuesday' - each grade will enjoy a pancake or two. On Ash Wednesday we will attend whole school Mass at 12:30pm. All parents and families are invited to attend Mass.

On Thursday next week we will back up at Mass for our Beginning of Year celebrations. Mass will begin at 6pm and following this families are invited to gather at school where there will be food vans available and the option of BYO dinner and drinks.

Please spread the word of these events to all in our community - everyone is welcome!

Have a wonderful week and keep cool.

Take care and God bless,

Jarrod Mullavey (Principal)

PRAYER

Be Still
"Be still and know that I am God...
Be still and know that I am...
Be still and know...
Be still...
Be..."
(Psalm 46:10)

St Mary's Cohuna - Term 1- Families - 2024

Week	Dates & Items
2	• Wed 7th Feb - Parent Information Night @ 6pm
3	• Tues 13th Feb - District Swim Trials @ Kerang • Wed 14th Feb - Ash Wednesday • Thurs 15th Feb - Beginning of Year Mass and Gathering
4	• Mon 19th Feb - Swimming Program (this week) • Mon 19th Feb - Division Swimming (Swan Hill)
5	• Mon 26th Feb - PSG Meetings • Wed 28th Feb - Prep's first Wednesday of the year • Wed 28th Feb - Principal Commissioning Mass and Dinner • Thurs 29th Feb - T1 Principal's Briefing • Fri 1st Mar - PSG Meetings
6	• Mon 4th-Wed 6th March- Year 5/6 camp @ Cave Hill Creek Ballarat • Fri 8th Mar - Staff Spirituality day - Moama (Pupil Free day)
7	• Mon 11th Mar - LABOUR DAY Public Holiday • Wed 13th Mar - Tech Strategies Parent Info Night - 6-8pm • Fri 15th Mar - Good Samaritan Cup - Summer edition
8	• Tues 19th Mar - VACPSP Principal Conference
9	• Tues 26th Mar - Division Summer Sports (new date) • Thurs 28th Mar - Last day of Term 1 • Fri 29th Mar - Good Friday • Sund 31st Mar - Easter Sunday

Why is regular attendance at school important?

Coming to school every day means when leaving school, you will earn more money, have better job opportunities and will be generally healthier.

ALBY COATES	JONTY LUCAS	LOTTI MURRAY
7TH FEB	7TH FEB	11TH FEB

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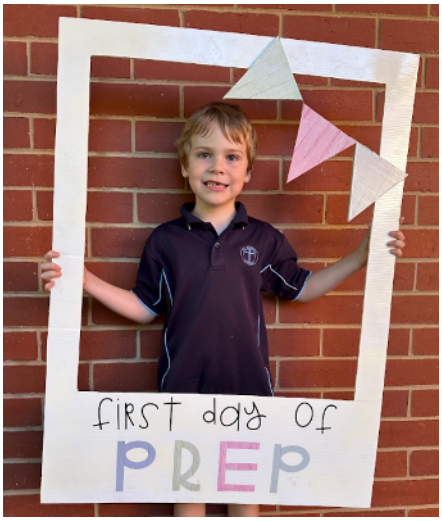

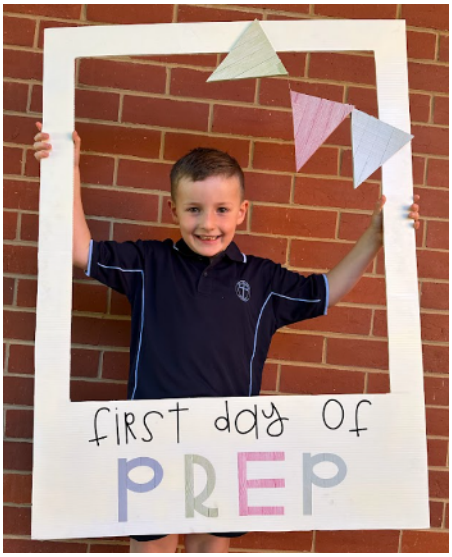

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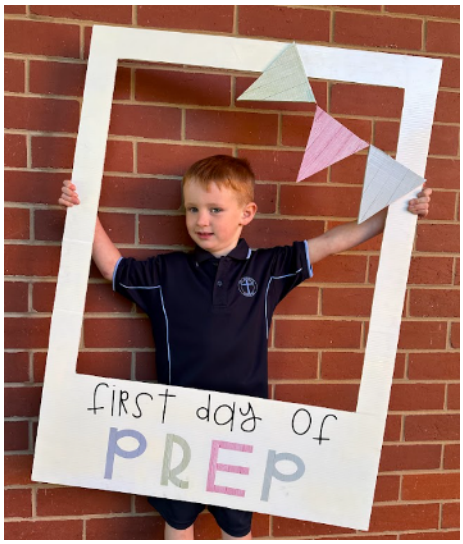
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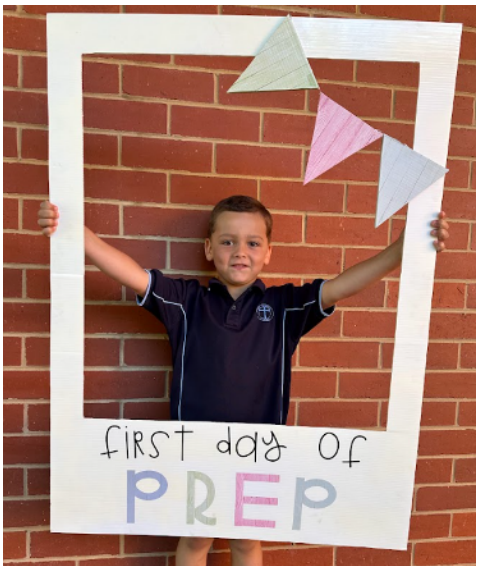
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LOURDES

AGE CHAMPS 10YRS

LEWIS MARTIN

LOLA MCGLONE

AGE CHAMPS 11YRS

REX POWER

MAGGIE MCGLONE

AGE CHAMPS 12YRS

AMBER MERKEL

SUMMER SAVAGE

HARRY MATHERS

MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER Weekend

"Live Your Best Married Life in Love"

Every relationship is a journey and the grind of everyday life can cause you to lose touch with your spouse.

This experience gives married couples the tools to keep your passion alive in a gentle, nurturing environment, away from pressures and distractions of daily living.

The weekend is based around Catholic values and couples of all faiths are welcome.

Please check our website for more details.

12-14 April 2024in Melbourne

Information/Bookings:Phone**Mercy & James 0409 183 676**or

Email:**vicbookings@wwme.org.au**

Website**:wwme.org.au**

Alannah & Madeline Foundation

eSmart
Smart. Safe. Responsible.

eSmart

St Mary's is officially an eSmart school which is very exciting! It has been a 3-year journey, focusing on cyber safety and developing an understanding on how to be safe and responsible while using the internet. It also allows teachers to be supported in implementing the curriculum into their own classrooms.

eSmart helps manage the issues that can arise with using the internet such as; cyber risks, bullying and cyber bullying. It is not only for teachers and learners, but also parents and families. We look forward to it being an explicit focus of teaching during STEAM in Term 1 then carried out in the classrooms to consolidate these skills.

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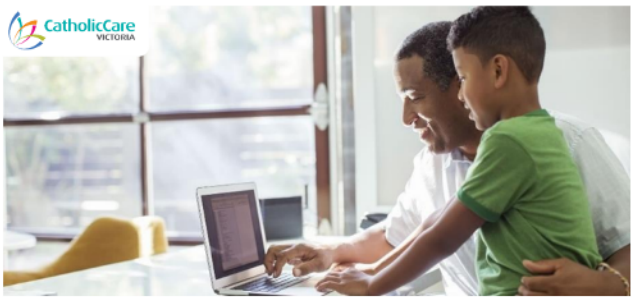

Tech Strategies for Families

Parenting in a world driven by technology presents a set of challenges for parents, guardians, grandparents, and carers. Technology is part of our reality but setting boundaries around its use is not always easy. This workshop aims to:

- Present current research
- Reflect on tech use in your family, considering both the challenges and opportunities.
- Explore strategies that focus on creating a safe and healthy tech environment for your family.

✓ Reduce conflict ✓ Set boundaries ✓ Strategies

Workshop Details:

Location: St Mary's Primary School
51 King Edward Street, Cohuna

Date: Wednesday 13th March 2024
Time: 6.00pm-8.00pm

Hosted by

This is a free workshop available to all parents, carers and grandparents in and around Cohuna.

Register:
Click here or scan the QR code

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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

ST. MARY'S is a NUT FREE SCHOOL

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 2024:

Term 1: 29th Jan - 28th March

Term 2: 15th Apr - 28th Jun

Term 3: 15th Jul - 20th Sep

Term 4: 7th Oct - 20th Dec

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