



St Mary's Newsletter

TERM 3, WEEK 6 - HALFWAY THROUGH TERM 3!

It is Week 6, and that means we are halfway through Term 3. I don't know about you, but I feel like this year is flying by! I am enjoying the lighter mornings and longer days - surely Spring can't be far off! Thank you to all the efforts made by staff and families as we continue to work through a challenging Winter.

This week is another great week of learning at St Mary's. Today (Monday) we celebrated Mary the Mother of Jesus with the Feast of the Assumption, thank you to all those who have prepared and helped us to celebrate this Mass. On Tuesday our learners will hear from a special guest speaker (and friend of mine) named Josh Thornton. Josh will share his story of overcoming challenges to achieve his goals in a talk titled: 'Dealing with the cards I was dealt.' More information on Josh can be found at his website: <https://jtsportssolutions.com.au/> On Thursday we will hold our St Mary's Athletics Carnival.

Thank you for your understanding regarding our one week postponement of this day. We are all looking forward to a great day on Thursday. Thank you to Miss Brereton for organising, Ms Edge for feeding us and to the parents who are able to assist on the day.

To finish off the week, our Grade 6 learners will have a transition day at Cohuna Secondary College on Friday.

We continue our enrolment process of 2023 Preps with Prep Tours and Interviews. Please help us spread the word that now is the time to enrol these learners.

I am very much looking forward to the wonderful learning experiences we have ahead of us in the second half of this term including: Book Week Parade, Senior Camp to Harrierville, Arts on Show performance, Father's Day celebrations, Junior Mass, Senior Assembly, Learning Conversations and our Learning Expo! Please see the calendar attached to this newsletter for dates and times of these events.

Take care and God bless,

Jarrod Mullavey (Principal)



DATES AHEAD

Week 6

- Monday 15/8 - Feast of the Assumption @ 12:30pm Mass (whole school)
- Tuesday 16/8 - Josh Thornton 'Dealing with the cards I was dealt'
- Thursday 18/8 - St Mary's Aths Day
- Friday 19/8 - Grade 6 transition day at Cohuna Secondary College



St Mary's is a Child Safe School.

We promote the safety, wellbeing and inclusion of all children.

A PRAYER

Feast of the Assumption

The Story of the Assumption for Kids

When the apostles heard that Mary, the mother of Jesus, was going to be taken from this world, they gathered at her house and kept watch with her.

And behold, the Lord Jesus did not let the one in whose womb he had dwelled see the corruption of death; but instead, he came with his angels and took her up to heaven as the beginning and image of the Church coming to perfection, and a sign of sure hope and comfort to God's people.



Canteen

Lunch orders must be placed before 8:45am in the mornings. The new cut off time for lunch orders is 8:45am!

Please note: If your child is absent and has a canteen order placed, please contact the school before 11am on the day so we can cancel this order.

PBIS

Our focus for the start of Term 3 is :-

Looking after your own belongings.



- Bayley Merkel 11th August
- Noah Mathers 13th August

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.



Flying Doctor School Dental Program

The Flying Doctor Dental team will now be visiting St. Mary's in August or September to provide FREE dental check-ups and education about healthy teeth and gums. Please be aware that this dental check-up is a basic evaluation and does not take the place of a full comprehensive dental examination. If you would like your child to have a dental check-up, please complete the consent form which will be sent home shortly, and return it to school. After your child's check-up, the dental team will send home a report. If your child requires follow-up treatment this will be stated in the report. The mobile public clinic will be in town shortly after and your child can have their treatment completed at no cost, or you can visit your nearest public or private practice. If you require any further information please contact Flying Doctor Dental Team on (03) 8412 0444 or dental@rfdsvic.com.au.

Junior School Team

We are absolutely super proud of all our learners from Friday's Spirituality Day, what great manners and beautiful connections made between St Josephs, St Patrick's and of course St Mary's. Thank you to all the parent helpers and Ms Edge for the delicious lunch. The learners had a great day participating in activities aimed at recognising and caring for God's creations and the environment.

Another busy week ahead, we have Mass on Monday (Feast of Assumption) and guest speaker Josh Thornton on Tuesday, to chat about persevering through challenging times. On Thursday we have our rescheduled Athletics Carnival - fabulous!

In the classroom, our Book Week stories will be ready for judging by Mr. Mullavey and the library. These winners will be announced during Book Week. All classes have been finding out about Australia's only saint, St. Mary Mackillop, as we marked her feast day last Monday. In Religion, we are continuing to learn about the importance of the Sacraments, we are reflecting on learning about Confirmation and Eucharist.

In Inquiry, the focus is on exploring the geographical features within Australia and Cohuna. Indigenous connections with local areas and landmarks are also a focus, do you have any stories to share or photos from the past our learners could bring in? We will begin working on our learning expo projects near the end of term.

In Maths, we are continuing to learn 2D and 3D shapes and also multiplication. Our learners are very capable on their devices now and are exploring new educational activities in both reading and mathematics. Keep enjoying the seesaw posts and have a wonderful week.

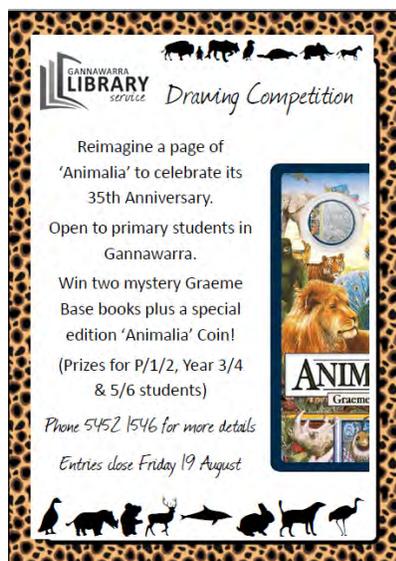
Senior School Team

What a fantastic day we had for Spirituality Day on Friday. The learners had a great day participating in activities aimed at recognising and caring for God's creations, as well as making new friends and reconnecting with old ones from St. Joseph's and St. Patricks.

This week is another busy one, we have Mass on Monday, and guest speaker Josh Thornton on Tuesday, to chat about persevering through challenging times. On Thursday we have our rescheduled Athletics Sports, and on Friday the Year 6's will be participating in a transition session to Cohuna Secondary College.

In the classroom, our Book Week stories are just about complete and ready to be judged by Mr. Mullavey and the library. These winners will be announced during Book Week. In Reading all classes have been finding out about Australia's only saint, St. Mary Mackillop, as we marked her feast day last Monday. In Religion, we are continuing to learn about the importance of the Sacraments; the Year 5/6 's are beginning to find out about the Sacraments of Healing; Anointing of the Sick and Reconciliation. The Year 3/4 's are reflecting on their learning about Confirmation and Eucharist. In Inquiry, the focus is on exploring the geographical features of countries around the world, and the Year 3/4 's also get to learn about the animals native to other countries.

In Maths, the Year 5/6's are learning to multiply decimal numbers, as well as convert between percentages, decimals and fractions. The Year 3/4 's are focusing on division, using arrays and fact families to build an understanding of the concept.



GANNAWARRA LIBRARY service Drawing Competition

Reimagine a page of 'Animalia' to celebrate its 35th Anniversary.

Open to primary students in Gannawarra.

Win two mystery Graeme Base books plus a special edition 'Animalia' Coin!

(Prizes for P/1/2, Year 3/4 & 5/6 students)

Phone 5452 1546 for more details

Entries close Friday 19 August



Gannawarra Library Service

Gannawarra Library Service Drawing Competition

Celebrating the 35th Anniversary of the iconic Australian Picture Story Book 'Animalia'

In conjunction with this year's Book Week celebration, primary school students in Gannawarra are invited to take part in a drawing competition to commemorate the beloved book 'Animalia', a beautifully illustrated book by Graeme Base that endures today.

We would like students to re-imagine their favourite page from the book. Whether you stick to the traditional 'Graeme Base illustration style', or create a mega version of the page, the hand-drawn illustrations must reflect the original material.

Entries can be A4 or A3, are to be hand drawn and MUST include the boy that pertains to this quote –

"A final word before we go:
There's one more thing you ought to know:
In Animalia, you see,
It's possible you might find me."
(Ask an adult at home or librarian about this feature of the book)

Entries will be divided into three categories – Prep/1/2, Grades 3/4 and Grades 5/6. Two-prize winners will be selected from each category.

Winners will receive a SPECIAL EDITION commemorative coin, celebrating the anniversary of the publication of the story. PLUS two mystery titles of other Graeme Base books.



Entries can be delivered to either the Cohuna or Renang libraries and must include the full name of the child, grade level and school they attend and a contact phone number. Please do not place personal details on the front of pictures.

Entries to be received by close of business Friday 19 August and winners will be announced on the Gannawarra Library Service Facebook page (with a copy of the winning drawing and the first name of the artist) on Friday 26 August and will be contacted the following week.

Learner Spirituality Day



The Term Ahead - Term 3 - 2022



Week 1

- Monday 11/7 - Start of Term 3
- Thursday 14/7 - Inquiry Launch (11:40am - 1:40pm)
- Thurs-Fri 14-15/7 - Mrs Mullavey in Gr1/2
- Friday 15/7 - Prep for a Day
- Friday 15/7 - Final pie drive orders
- Friday 15/7 - Inquiry launch

Week 2

- Monday 18/7 - SAC meeting - 7.00pm
- Monday 18/7 - PSG meetings
- Tuesday 19/7 - Amy Stanton in: Speech Pathologist
- Thursday 21/7 - Pie drive pick up
- Thurs-Fri 21-22/7 - Mrs Mullavey in Gr1/2



Week 3

- Monday 25/7 - P&F meeting - 6:30pm
- Monday 25/7 - PSG meetings
- Wednesday 27/7 - RFDS Dental Service visit
- Wednesday 27/7 - Prep's 100 Days Smarter!
- Thurs-Fri 28-29/7 - Mrs Mullavey in Gr1/2
- Friday 29/7 - Prep Assembly
- Friday 29/7 - RSL Public Speaking comp - 6:30pm

Week 4

- Monday 1/8 - Yr 5/6 ABLAZE @ Ulumbarra
- Tuesday 2/8 - Amy Stanton in: Speech Pathologist
- Wednesday 3/8 - Class Mass - Seniors
- Wednesday 3/8 - Sacraments of Confirmation/Eucharist Mass rehearsal (straight after mass)
- Sunday 7/8 - Sacrament of Confirmation and Eucharist @ 2.00pm

Week 5

- 8/8 - Feast of Mary MacKillop whole school Mass - 12:30pm
- 11/8 - St Mary's Athletics Carnival
- 12/8 - Learners Spirituality Day- St Mary's to host St Pats and St Josephs

Week 6

- Monday 15th - 19th - 2023 Prep enrolment tours and family meetings
- Monday 15/8 - Feast of the Assumption @ 12:30pm Mass (whole school)
- Tuesday 16/8 - Josh Thornton 'Dealing with the cards I was dealt'
- Thursday 18/8 - St Mary's Aths back up day (surely won't be required??)
- Friday 19/8 - Grade 6 transition day at Cohuna Secondary College



Week 7

- Book Week
- Monday 22/8 - SAC meeting @ 7.00pm
- Tuesday 23/8 - Amy Stanton in: Speech Pathologist
- Thursday 25/8 - Prep/Gr 1 Late Stay excursion
- Friday 26/8 - Book Week Parade!!
- Friday 26/8 - 2023 Prep enrolments due today

Week 8

- Mon 29/8 - Thurs 1/9 - Yr 5/6 Mountainview Retreat Camp - Harrierville
- Monday 29/8 - Arts on Show - Yr 3/4 learners
- Monday 29/8 - P&F meeting @ 6.30 pm
- Friday 2/9 - Father's Day celebrations
- Sunday 4/9 - Father's Day

Week 9

- Monday - Welcome Remy (Work Experience)
- Wednesday 7/9 - Junior Class Mass @ 12.30pm
- Thursday 8/9 - Prep enrolment welcome packs sent out
- Friday 9/9 - Assembly Yr 5/6

Week 10

- Tuesday 13/9 - Learning Conversations - new date
- Learning Expo (date TBC)
- Friday 16/9 - last day Term 3 (2:15pm finish)

Term Dates for the Year:

TERM 1: 28th January - 8th April

TERM 2: 26th April - 24th June

TERM 3: 11th July - 16th September

TERM 4: 3rd October - 20th December

