



St Mary's Newsletter

TERM 4, WEEK 10 - A BIG WEEK!

It is Week 10 and we have a big week ahead of us. On Tuesday we have 'Step Up Day' where our learners will work in their 2023 grades with their new teachers. On Wednesday we will hold our final Learning Conversations for the year. Thursday is our school's feast day (Feast of the Immaculate Conception) and End of Year Mass and BBQ (beginning at 6pm). And Friday we will finish off the week with our Swimming Carnival and Fun Day (weather permitting).

As this will be our second last newsletter for the year, I would like to take this opportunity to thank and farewell our outgoing staff.

Tammy McGillivray has been at St Mary's for the previous two years and in that time has probably answered tens of thousands of phone calls, hundreds of my random questions, made countless trips down the street for supplies and provided first aid to almost every child in the school! I have appreciated Tammy's calm nature and ability to get things done! Thank you for your service to our school community Tammy and all the very best at St Mary's Echuca next year!

Tamara Brereton joined our team this year and came with years of experience teaching P.E. What has impressed me the most about Tamara is how well she has transitioned into junior classroom teaching and the amount of hard work and dedication she has for our learners. Being a P.E. teacher is not easy. Tamara is outside in the hot, cold, wet and windy conditions day after day and never complains. Tamara has a calm nature and gentle manner with our learners, staff and families. I know I speak on behalf of all the staff Tamara when I say, you will be missed and we hope to see you at Interschool Sports days down the track.

Sarah Toll has been a part of the fabric of St Mary's for the past five years. In that time she has developed her teaching and learning skills by taking on challenging roles and always striving to improve. It didn't take me long to realise that Sarah knows everyone and everything about the townsfolk of Cohuna. She is a diligent educator who is always looking for ways to make a positive impact on our learners. Sarah has been a great servant of the school and we wish her all the best at St Mary's Echuca.

When Adelia Muldoon told me she was leaving St Mary's my first thought was excitement for the new challenges that lay ahead for her. That lasted a split second before I was filled with complete dread knowing how much knowledge, experience, hard work and organisation was leaving our school in the form of Adelia!! Adelia has the rare ability among school leaders of being able to manage the day to day running of the school one minute and then slip seamlessly back into the classroom and make a real difference in the lives of our learners. She is able to make teaching fun, whilst exemplifying high standards of teaching and learning. Adelia is a huge part of our school community and most know what a huge understatement it is when I say that our loss will be St Mary's Echuca's gain! We look forward to coming across Adelia in the future standing on the bank of some river or creek with her trusty fishing rod in hand!

Sarah Vevers will be on maternity leave next year - and will probably receive many phone calls from me asking "when are you coming back Sarah?" We wish Sarah, Dill and Mia all the best and pray for the safe arrival of their new addition to the family in early 2023.

Take care everyone as we move through the final weeks of the 2022 school year.

DATES AHEAD

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- Welcome Daisy McGlone (work experience week)
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- Tuesday 6/12 - Prep Transition Day #8
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Jarrod Mullavey (Principal)



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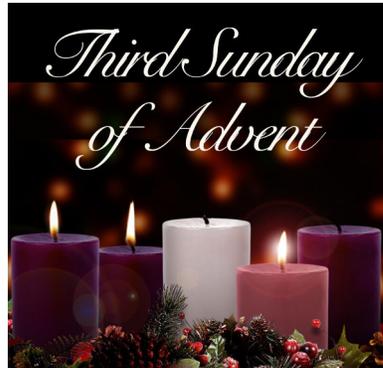
We promote the safety, wellbeing and inclusion of all children.

A PRAYER

The third week of Advent we light the

Third candle, the THE SHEPHERD CANDLE or THE CANDLE OF JOY

The 3rd Sunday of Advent symbolizes Joy with the 'Shepherd's Candle' reminding us of the Joy the world experienced at the coming birth of Jesus. The angels sang a message of JOY! "



Canteen

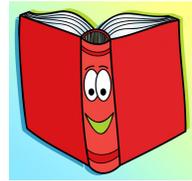
Lunch orders must be placed before 8:45am in the mornings. The new cut off time for lunch orders is 8:45am!

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.

Library Books

Can all Library books please be returned back to Mrs. Fry ASAP

Thank You



Tuesday 29th November 2022

Dear families,

Term 4 Learning Conversations will be held next Wednesday 7th December from 9:00am-4:00pm. The booking platform is now open. Please take this opportunity to meet with your child's teacher to discuss their learning and growth. The booking links are below:

Booking link:

<https://www.schoolinterviews.com.au/code/ryk6d>

Booking QR Code:



The booking platform will close on Tuesday 6th December at 4pm. If you have any problems making a booking please contact us at school, we are more than happy to help out.

Kind regards,

Jarrod Mullavey

PBIS

Our focus for the start of Term 3 is :-

Looking after your own belongings.



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.



Junior School Team

The Junior Team has been joined by 'Clarkette' the Elf on the Shelf in the Prep room and we believe there is certainly magic happening. Learners have begun the countdown to Jesus' birth through the use of the Advent Calendar.

Learners are continuing to develop their persuasive skills in writing by trying to convince each other of their opinion 'Birthdays are better than Christmas'. All learners have very good arguments for each.

With a few sessions of swimming occurring we are continuing to complete our learning grid in which we can introduce ourselves to our new teachers, write about our learning this semester and collaborate with our peers during ICT time.

We are certainly blowing the roof off with our singing in preparation for Carols under the C.O.L.A coming up next week and we hope to see you all there at our Learning Expo.

Senior School Team

We are definitely on the home stretch, and with warmer weather this week we will hopefully get some swimming in!

The Year 6's had an amazing day for their Big Day Out celebration at Billabong Ranch on Friday. Have a read of our recount and check out the photos also in the newsletter.

All of the senior classes have been busily creating and testing science experiments ready for the Inquiry Expo on the last day of term. Their experiments have to demonstrate a link between solids, liquids and gasses.

The year 3/4's have been busy completing their recounts on camp. We have been building our understanding of volume and capacity and the difference between the two, we have had some exciting new learning experiences through this. Throughout Religion, we have been building and sharing our knowledge of the Jesse Tree and the preparation for Advent.

In the Year 5/6 classrooms, we have been learning about the different Feasts of the Christmas season, and their significance. Learners have also been analysing artwork related to the different scriptures about each feast.

Last week the Year 5's who wrote a speech to run for 2023 sports captain positions presented these to their classmates. Winners will be announced soon. Well done to all those learners who presented, and good luck!

BIG DAY OUT

On Friday the 2nd of December the Yr 6's celebrated our end of year with a Big Day Out. We chose to go to Billabong Ranch near Echuca. When we arrived at Billabong Ranch we went straight to the bungee trampoline jumping. After this, we made two groups. One of the groups went straight to 'animal feeding', and the other group went horse riding with partners. After that we all went to play a quick game of mini golf with a group of 3 or 4.

On the way home we got Mcdonalds for lunch! Overall the Big Day Out was a success and we all had a lot of fun!

By Edie and Millah



Cohuna Christmas Shopping Spree



Shop local this festive season!

8th - 10th December

Late night trading til 7:30pm, Thursday 8th

RAFFLE ENTRY
WITH EVERY
PURCHASE

SANTA PHOTOS &
LETTER TO SANTA
WORKSHOP

ASK YOUR
FAVOURITE
STORES
ABOUT
THEIR
DEALS ON
OFFER!

SHOP TIL YOU DROP. THEN DROP AT
YOUR FAVOURITE EATERY!



30th Annual Geoff Swim School Holiday Program
Cohuna Pool
Starts January 9th 2023
Monday, Wednesday, Friday-3 weeks
Phone Geoff 0428 563395
email geoffdale29@gmail.com

Cohuna Lawn Tennis Club

AGM

Monday 5th December 2022

7.30pm

At Clubhouse

All Welcome

Thanks,

Shirlene Barker

Secretary

Cohuna Lawn Tennis Club



The Term Ahead - Term 4 - 2022



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11	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Tuesday 13/12 - Grade 6 Graduation Dinner (Bower Tavern)• Tuesday 13/12 - Yr6 CSC transition day• Wednesday 14/12 - Learner's last day• Thursday 15/12 - Staff 2023 Planning Day• Friday 16/12 - Staff last day

Term Dates for the Year:

TERM 1: 28th January - 8th April (Learners Start on 28th Jan)

TERM 2: 26th April - 24th June

TERM 3: 11th July - 16th September

TERM 4: 3rd October - 20th December