



St Mary's Newsletter

TERM 2, WEEK 5

We are flying into Week 5! Sunday's Gospel challenges us to proclaim the 'Good News' of God. I'm reminded of St. Francis of Assisi's words, 'Preach the gospel at all times and when necessary, use words!' Every time we interact with someone we say so much about who we are, what we think of the other person and what we believe - even without opening our mouth. Our actions and attitudes showcase our beliefs more powerfully than our words ever do. If we claim to be concerned about justice and yet behave unjustly then it is our actions, not our words, that we be heard! When we are called to proclaim the 'Good News' we are called to do this first and foremost in action.

Last Monday we shared all the good things about our school at our 2025 Parent Information Evening. Thank you to Kris Cameron who shared her experiences as a parent at our school. We are hoping for another big Prep cohort to join us in 2025. Please spread the word that: "2025 enrolments are now open!"

You may have heard the government has announced a \$400 payment to all families who attend government schools, however this payment is only available to families of Catholic and Independent schools who have a Health Care card. All Sandhurst Catholic principals have met with Kate Fogarty (Director of Catholic Education Sandhurst) to discuss our actions to this injustice moving forward. We are not against families receiving benefits to support them in the cost of education, however we feel this should be 'means tested' as there are families in both Catholic and government schools that need help, and some that don't. Shortly I will be writing to our local parliament member Peter Walsh to express my disappointment about this policy. I encourage you all to do the same.

I hope all mothers and special women had a wonderful day yesterday and were celebrated for all the wonderful things you do for the people in your lives! Thank you to the staff who put together a delicious morning tea and a great variety of activities at Friday's Mother's Day morning. It was great to see so many mums, grandmas and special women at school. We received some feedback about their not being a Mother's day stall. This decision was made by the P&F as we felt the focus of this morning should be on mums spending time with their children. The staff provided activities that allowed families to create a gift together. Also it is becoming more difficult to source gifts of quality for learners to purchase at the Mother's day stall. I would like to thank the P&F for the time and effort they put into our school celebrations and invite anyone who would like to have input into these celebrations to join our group. Our next meeting is Tuesday 11th June.

I wish all our Divisional Cross Country runners the very best when they run at Swan Hill on Tuesday. Mrs Walker and Mrs Douglass are taking a fit team of 15 - run well team!!

Can I please ask that when dropping learners off to school in the morning, those families who park in the center of King Edward St outside of school, walk their children across the road and onto the school footpath. We have had a number of 'near misses' and do not want any child walking/running in front of cars as they come into school. Similarly on the way home, please get out of your car and walk your child from the footpath across King Edward St to your car so no child has to do so by themselves.

I am looking forward to seeing all the bikes and scooters around school this week as our learners participate in their second week of Bike Education. A huge thank you also to those families who have brought in 'spare bikes' so those learners who don't have a bike or scooter are still able to join in the lessons. Staff will ensure that any bikes left at school during this week are kept safe. Thanks Mrs Walker for this great initiative!

Have a great week everybody!

Take care and God bless,

Jarrold Mullavey

Principal



ARE YOUR DETAILS UP TO DATE???
Please contact the office of any changes to your details!!!

LOST JACKET

CAN WE PLEASE CHECK TO SEE IF ANYONE HAS A JACKET WITH KOBE MATHERS NAME ON IT..

CAN WE ALSO REMIND EVERYONE TO PLEASE NAME THEIR UNIFORMS WE HAVE ALOT GOING MISSING.

St Mary's Cohuna - Term 2- 2024 - Families



<i>Week</i>	<i>Dates & Items</i>
5	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Mon 13th May - PSG meetings• Tues 14th - Division Cross Country (Swan Hill)• Wed 15th May - Pastoral Wellbeing Leaders Network - Miss Cooke out• Wed 15th May - Wheelie Wednesday• Thurs 16th May - Principal Briefing Shepp (5:30pm)• Fri 17th May - PSG meetings• Fri 17th May - Principal's Briefing Shepp• Sun 19th May - Pentecost Sunday
6	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Wed 22nd - Indigenous Performance @ school 9:15-10:15am• Fri 24th May - Speech Path (Georgia in)
7	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Reconciliation Week (27th May- 3rd June)• Tues & Wed - AFL Clinic• Fri 31st May - Good Samaritan Winter Cup - Pyramid Hill
8	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Mon 3rd June - SAC @ 7pm• Wed 5th June - Wheelie Wednesday
	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Friday 7th June - Pupil Free Day (Data focus)
9	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Mon 10th June - King's Birthday Public Holiday• Wed 12th June - R.E. Network - Jarrod out• Wed 12th June - Wheelie Wednesday• Fri 14th June - Assembly
10	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Tues & Wed - Gymnastic @ Palmers Gym• Fri 21st June - Speech Path (Georgia in)• Fri 21st June - Division Winter Sports
11	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Tues & Wed - Gymnastic @ Palmers Gym• Fri 28th June - Last day of Term 2 - 2:15pm finish



6th May 2024

Dear families,

We will hold our Term 2 Parent Support Group (PSG) meetings on Monday 13th May and Friday 17th May. These meetings are very important to help us plan for, and meet, the needs of our learners who have additional needs.

If you haven't done so already, please book a time to meet with your child's teacher to discuss their learning via School Interviews with the link or QR code below:

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



If you have any further questions (or trouble booking), or need to make a time to meet outside of the two days we've provided, please contact Graecen Cartwright (or your child's teacher) at school on 5456 2062 (or via email and Seesaw).

These bookings will close on Friday 10th May.

Kind regards

Jarrod Mullavey
Principal
St Mary's Cohuna

PRAYER



PENTECOST PRAYER

*Come, O Holy Spirit
Come, O Holy Spirit.*

*Come as Holy Fire and burn in us,
come as Holy Wind and cleanse us within,
come as Holy Light and lead
us in the darkness,
come as Holy Truth and dispel
our ignorance,
come as Holy Power and
enable our weakness,
come as Holy Life and dwell in us.*

*Convict us, convert us, consecrate us,
until we are set free from the
service of ourselves,
to be your servants to the world.*

Amen

—SouthernCross

School Term Dates 2024:
 Term 2: 15th Apr - 28th Jun
 Term 3: 15th Jul - 20th Sept
 Term 4: 7th Oct - 20th Dec

P & F chocolate fundraiser
 A reminder to please deposit the \$60 into the School bank account :-
 BSB 083-543
 Acc. No. 457171993

The logo for Attendance Matters features a stylized sun with rays in yellow, orange, and red. Three hands in purple, green, and blue are positioned behind the sun. Above the hands, the text "better health", "better future", and "better outcomes" is written in a curved path. Below the hands, the text "Attendance Matters" is written in pink.

Attending the Early Years = Greater chance of success

- establishes positive habits
- builds positive relationships
- maximises opportunities to learn
- supports problem solving skills

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.

The image shows two flags side-by-side. On the left is the Australian national flag, and on the right is the flag of the Barrapa Rappa People, which features a blue field with a white circle and a red circle.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

14TH MAY
JIMMY POLLOCK

14TH MAY
NINA REID



SCHOOL NURSE VISIT

Kerrie McCosh, Primary School Nurse, will be visiting our school May 27th 2024.

Prep Grade Health Assessments:

All parents/guardians of prep grade children will be asked to complete a Health Questionnaire online, before May 24th. A "postcard" will be sent home from school with information about how to do this. **If you do not wish your child to be seen by school nurse**, please go online, register, and indicate the non-consent.

Referrals (Grade 1-6)

Parents and/or teachers may refer children from any grade for assessments of vision, hearing, basic speech, physical abilities, medical conditions, behavioural and parenting issues. Please collect a referral form from the school office. Completed forms are to be handed into the school office prior to 24th May. Should parents wish to have an interview with the School Nurse, please indicate your request on the form. Please note: You can talk to the primary school nurse at any time throughout the year.



PREP CLASSWORK

Over the last couple of the weeks the Preps have been learning about the days of the week! They are becoming absolute pros at identifying what they do on different days. If you see them around be sure to ask them to sing you the days of the week song!



EXPRESSION OF INTEREST

Would your child be interested in participating in a MiniRoos soccer program?

The program would need a minimum of 15 students to run.

It would run as an after school activity on the Cohuna Consolidated School Oval over 4-6 weeks.

If interested please send an email with your name and preference for a 4 or 6 week program to:

genna.gordon@education.vic.gov.au

by Wednesday 15th of May.



The poster features three hexagonal images: a classroom with a table and chairs, a large outdoor play area with a building, and a smaller indoor play area. The text is in white and blue on a dark blue background.

LEITCHVILLE PRESCHOOL
OPEN DAY

Leitchville Preschool invites all interested families to come visit our exceeding educational service, meet the educators and explore the facilities on offer.

WE OFFER :

- ▶ Exceeding Rating
- ▶ Purpose built facility
- ▶ Bush Kindergarten
- ▶ Excursions & Incursions
- ▶ Certified Healthy Early Childhood Achievement Program

'LEITCHVILLE PRESCHOOL OFFERS AN OPEN-ENDED PROGRAM FULL OF FUN AND LEARNING IN A SUPPORTIVE AND CARING ENVIRONMENT'

Tuesday 14th May 2024
9:30 am - 12:30pm
50 King Albert Ave, Leitchville

MORE INFORMATION CONTACT KIM 03 5456 7478



The poster has a blue background with white and orange text. It features icons of various drink containers and a '10c' mark.

VICTORIA'S CONTAINER DEPOSIT SCHEME

Check for the 10c mark

DONATE YOUR DRINK CONTAINERS TO COHUNA ST MARY'S SUSTAINABILITY GROUP

EVERY CONTAINER YOU RECYCLE CAN EARN 10c FOR OUR CAUSE

We are raising funds for:
GARDEN GREEN HOUSE

VISY FOR A BETTER WORLD
CDS VIC
VICTORIA State Government



The poster features a circular photo of a smiling family (father, mother, and child) against a purple and blue background with a rainbow arc.

positive partnerships
Working together to support school-age children on the autism spectrum

Free workshop

2 Day Autism Workshop for Parents and Carers
Bendigo, VIC

Scan the QR code or click here to register

This workshop is for parents, full time carers and grandparents.

Tuesday & Wednesday
28 & 29 May, 2024
9:30am - 2:30pm

All Seasons Hotel
171-183 McIvor Hwy,
Bendigo VIC 3550

Morning tea and a light lunch will be provided

Interpreters available upon request

During the workshop you will learn about:

- The diversity of autism
- Sensory processing
- Working together with your child's school.

Learn more about autism and ways to strengthen the partnership between home and school.

For more information or to register visit:
<https://www.positivepartnerships.com.au/PC>
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