



# St Mary's Newsletter

## TERM 2, WEEK 6

It is Week 6 and that means that tomorrow (Wednesday) marks the halfway point in the term! Last Sunday's Gospel focused on Pentecost (Jn 20:19-23) - the day many people believe the Holy Spirit came into the world. It is important to remember that the Spirit had long been active in the world before this event. Genesis (the first book of the Bible) 1:2 tells us that 'the Spirit hovered over the waters.' The Old Testament (written before the birth of Jesus) is filled with references in which 'The Spirit of God came upon (him) with power' and the Spirit was evident at Jesus' baptism and throughout the gospels. Jesus is frequently described as being 'filled with the Spirit'. So, from the very beginning of creation the Spirit has moved in the world and continues to energise it today. God sent His only son, Jesus, who in turn gave us this gift of the Holy Spirit. How we celebrate this gift and follow in Jesus' footsteps is up to us.

Thank you to those parents who attended PSG meetings last week, working together with our staff to meet the needs of our learners with additional needs. I am thankful to Miss Cartwright who leads our school in this area. Thank you also to Mrs Walker, Mrs Douglass and the parents who were on hand to cheer on our Divisional Cross Country team in Swan Hill last Tuesday. Distance running is a great way to challenge both our physical and mental capacity, and our team (trained by Mrs Walker) excelled in both areas!!

This week we welcome Mrs Kelly back from Long Service Leave and look forward to hearing of her 'European adventures.' On Wednesday Miss Cooke has organised an Indigenous performance for all our learners to celebrate Reconciliation. Also on Wednesday we have our Simultaneous Storytime at 11am. We will come together as a Junior and Senior school to celebrate the importance of reading and literacy using the Australian Children's story: Bowerbird Blues by Aura Parker. This is a wonderful story that highlights the importance of giving gifts, and also the importance of having the grace and self-acceptance to receive and see ourselves as being worthy of the gifts and joy of others. The school has a number of copies of this story, so please let Mrs Fry know if you would like to borrow this book and share it at home.

Next week (Week 7) is a big week. We have the school nurse attending school to screen our Preps on Monday. Our Senior learners (Yr4-6) will attend the Kyabram Zoo on Tuesday and our Junior learners (P-3's) will attend on Wednesday, to enrich their study of 'living things.' We will conclude the week in Pyramid Hill with the communities of St Patrick's and St Joseph's at our Good Samaritan Winter Cup.

Last Friday I attended a Director's Briefing in Shepparton with principals from all Sandhurst primary and secondary schools. At this briefing, CES Ltd Director Kate Fogarty spoke about creating "an Authentically Sandhurst Catholic Education." To do this, Kate and her team at CES Ltd will support our school in 3 main areas: Outstanding student growth, Subsidiarity (decisions made by the right people at the right level) and Synodality (Walking together on the path to the Kingdom of God). Kate and the team at CES Ltd will focus their support on schools improving their student growth data, understanding why decisions are being made at CES Ltd and supporting Pope Francis' message of honouring the dignity of all.

Thank you for your ongoing support. Have a great week and stay warm.

Take care and God bless,

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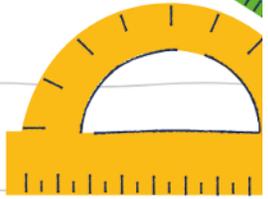
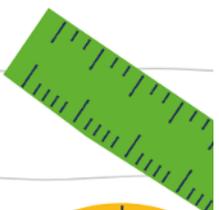
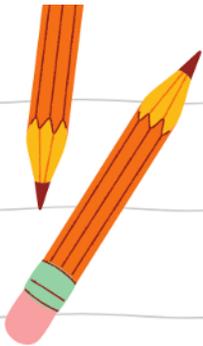


**ARE YOUR DETAILS UP TO DATE???**  
Please contact the office of any changes to your details!!!

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



<i>Week</i>	<i>Dates &amp; Items</i>
6	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Wed 22nd - Indigenous Performance @ school 9:15-10:15am</li><li>• Fri 24th May - Speech Path (Georgia in)</li></ul>
7	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Reconciliation Week (27th May- 3rd June)</li><li>• Tues &amp; Wed - AFL Clinic</li><li>• Fri 31st May - Good Samaritan Winter Cup - Pyramid Hill</li></ul>
8	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Mon 3rd June - SAC @ 7pm</li><li>• Wed 5th June - Wheelie Wednesday</li></ul>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Friday 7th June - Pupil Free Day (Data focus)</li></ul>
9	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Mon 10th June - King's Birthday Public Holiday</li><li>• Wed 12th June - R.E. Network - Jarrod out</li><li>• Wed 12th June - Wheelie Wednesday</li><li>• Fri 14th June - Assembly</li></ul>
10	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Tues &amp; Wed - Gymnastic @ Palmers Gym</li><li>• Fri 21st June - Speech Path (Georgia in)</li><li>• Fri 21st June - Division Winter Sports</li></ul>
11	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Tues &amp; Wed - Gymnastic @ Palmers Gym</li><li>• Fri 28th June - Last day of Term 2 - 2:15pm finish</li></ul>



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**PREP**  
**ENROLMENTS**

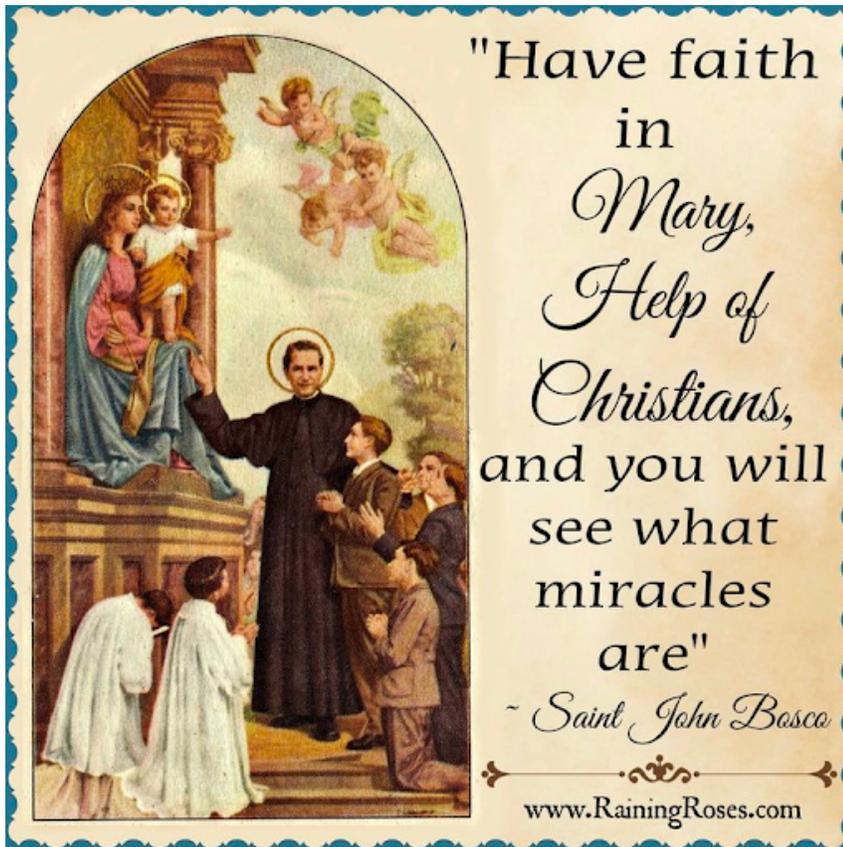


**NOW OPEN**

School tours available daily!  
Contact the office  
**(03) 5456 2062**



# PRAYER



## 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 :-

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## Attendance Matters

### Attendance in Early Years Matters!

- attendance matters full stop!
- what is your child's attendance at? 95% is the target

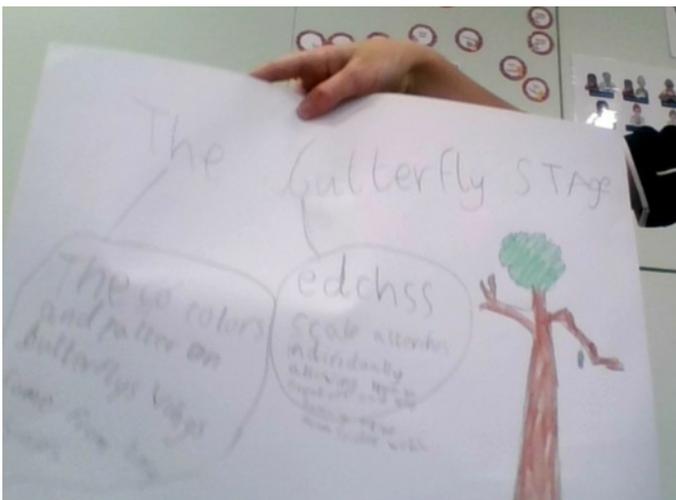
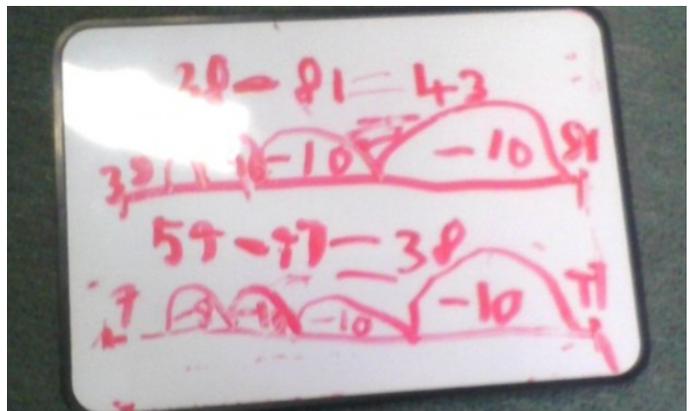
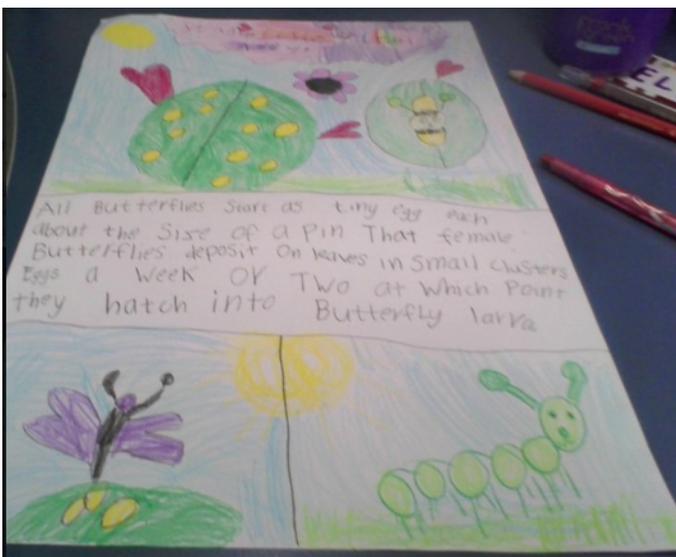
The logo for Attendance Matters features a stylized sun with three hands (purple, green, blue) reaching up to it. The text "Attendance Matters" is written in pink below the hands. Above the hands, the phrases "better health", "better future", and "better outcomes" are written in pink, separated by dots.

*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.*



# 2/3 CLASSWORK

Over the past few weeks in 2/3 we have been focusing on building our knowledge of the life cycle of a butterfly in Inquiry. Learners have been making their own information posters to show their knowledge. Each collaborated in pairs or groups of three to create their masterpieces. We have also been learning to apply different strategies to solve problems in maths, focusing on addition and subtraction. This week we have looked at the jump strategy for subtraction. Here are some examples of our awesome learning!



# HAPPY BIRTHDAY!



**22nd May**  
**JAX TAYLOR**

**24th May**  
**MELI FROOD**



**26th May**  
**KOA SPALDING**

# 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.



**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**



## 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:

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