



# St Mary's Newsletter

## TERM 3, WEEK 1

Welcome back everyone! I hope families have had a great mid-year break and feel refreshed and excited heading into the second half of the year!

In Sunday's Gospel, we were reminded that the Church is missionary by nature. From the very beginning, the Lord sent his apostles to preach the Gospel, drive out demons, and take care of the weak and the sick. This is an enormous task which sometimes may even be met with rejection and opposition. But this should not be a reason for discouragement, but rather a stimulus to do our very best, while trusting only in the power of God's grace and of His Word. Our challenge is to continue the work that Jesus began, and to love and care for others.

We have a big term ahead with: sacraments, athletics, Father's day celebrations, Book Week, camp, Learner Spirituality day and much more!

On a personal note, I have enjoyed my time away from school and look forward to getting back to work following my paternity leave. A huge thank you to Kayla Williams for stepping up as Acting Principal - supported by Graecen Cartwright and Meg Cooke, and all staff members. Both Georgia and I appreciated being able to focus on our family, and I would like to thank the school community for the support we have felt as we welcomed babies Michael and James into this world.

We have a few staff changes this term. Mrs Lamb will begin her maternity leave at the start of the term, and we wish Meaghan, Will and Charlie all the very best and keep them in our thoughts and prayers as we await some wonderful news. Mrs Walker will take full control of the Yr2/3 grade this semester. Mr Mann will also be on leave for Term 3, as he spends some time with his family and travelling. Mrs Jude Warren, a highly experienced, credentialed and capable educator will take on the Auslan role and also teach a passion area of hers - Creative Writing! P.E. will be covered by myself and Kayla.

Please take note of the Term Ahead calendar - attached to this newsletter. We are no longer holding a Pupil Free Day on Friday 6th September - this day has recently been allocated for the Kerang Zone Athletics.

I am looking forward to the Olympic Games - beginning on Friday night in Week 2 - held in Paris. The Olympic motto: "Citius, Altius, Fortius - Communiter," is Latin for "Faster, Higher, Stronger - Together" and provides many learning opportunities for our children. I hope everyone enjoys their start back to school and has a great first week.

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!!!

# PRAYER



God of new beginnings, new ideas, new creations and new hopes,  
We come to you at the beginning of this year with many feelings,  
expectations, anxieties and dreams.  
Help us to recognise that we are given NEW opportunities to hope, to  
create, to think and to begin again each and every day  
Help us to accept these opportunities as ways for us to grow as an  
individual, as a teacher and learner, as a parent, as a friend, as a  
grandparent, as a community member, as a follower of Jesus.  
This we ask through Christ our Lord,  
AMEN.

## St Mary's Cohuna - Term 3- 2024

Week	Dates & Items
1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mon 15th July- First day of term 3</li> <li>• Mon 15th July- ASPA visit @ 11:45am-1:00pm (Yr 5/6)</li> </ul>
2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mon 22nd July- SAC meeting @7:00pm</li> </ul>
3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mon 29th July- P&amp;F meeting @ 6:30pm</li> </ul>
4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Sunday 11th August- Confirmation/ Eucharist @ 2:00pm</li> </ul>
5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Fri 16th August- St. Mary's Athletics Carnival</li> </ul>
6	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• BOOK WEEK</li> <li>• Wed 21st Aug- Fri 23rd Aug- Yr 3/4 camp @ Kyneton</li> </ul>
7	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Thurs 29th Aug- Father's Day celebrations at school</li> <li>• Fri 30th Aug- Learner Spirituality Day @ Cohuna</li> </ul>
8	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mon 2nd Sept- SAC meeting @ 7pm</li> <li>• Fri 6th Sept- Kerang Zone Athletics (no longer a pupil free day)</li> </ul>
9	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Thurs 12th Sept- Sandhurst Arts on Show @ Echuca (Yr 5/6)</li> </ul>
10	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mon 16th Sept- Division Athletics @ Swan Hill</li> <li>• Wed 18th Sept- Pupil Free Day- Learning Conversations</li> <li>• Fri 20th Sept- Last Day of Term 3- 2:15 pm finish</li> </ul>



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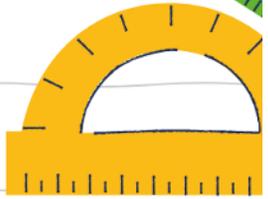
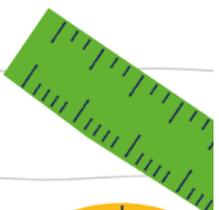
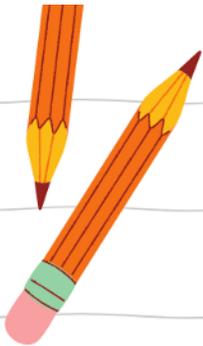
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# HAPPY BIRTHDAY!



Henry  
&  
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Bishop  
21st July





St. Mary's

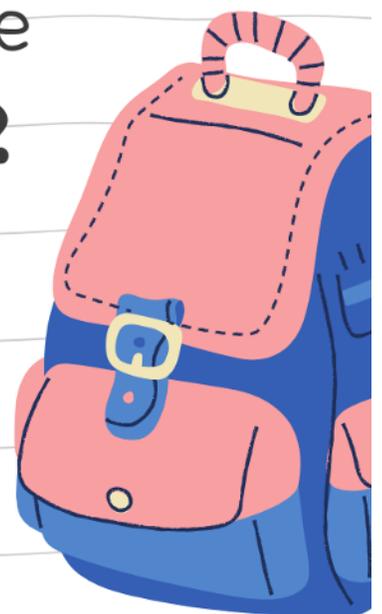


**PREP**  
**ENROLMENTS**



**NOW OPEN**

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



MRS MAC IS CHASING SOME CONCRETE POTS IF ANYONE HAS ANY HANGING AROUND THAT THEY DON'T NEED. THANKS



## Sustainability Update

### Semester One

The sustainability group has been very busy this semester:

- Alex has joined our group
- We have new garden beds with lots of new plants such as snap beans, snap peas, cabbage, carrots, spring onions, celery, beetroot, and a mixture of herbs. Thank you to Val and Peter who have helped with the planting.
- At the start of the year, we had an abundance of tomatoes, which we enjoyed with cheese and a bicki. We also made passata with Mrs Jones. Students also enjoyed corn on the cob with melted butter.
- We also learned all about fruit flies. We tried all different ways of getting rid of them. The chooks had a lovely time chewing on the fruit flies and the plants, as we could not save the plants.

### WE NEED YOUR HELP

- Over the summer break, the chooks had a lovely time holidaying at Sam Cooke's farm. They came back to a clean pen, however, we now have marshmallow weed growing, which has been very hard to dig out.
- If anyone could please help us with the marshmallow weed problem, that would be great.
- We also need someone to make a cover for the chook shed to help the chooks during the summer heat, if anyone would like to volunteer to help it would be appreciated.
- We are going to make fairy gardens next term. If anyone has any old concrete pots that they are no longer using, we would love to take them off your hands and use them for our fairy gardens.

### VISY Recycling

We are also making some money through the Vissy Recycle collection scheme. We have made \$68.00 so far. The children are learning to put their milk, and juice containers in the special bin. We just need to teach the adults. (lol)

We have registered to be a donation group through Vissy. Suppose you would like to donate this way to our sustainability group. In that case, you can go to any Recycle center in Victoria, with your cans, glass, plastic, or cardboard drink containers, and ask for our group Cohuna St Mary's Sustainability. The money will go into our account and we can continue planting more fruit and vegetables, and hopefully be able to cook more with the children.

Also thank you to Tim Douglass who has helped us get rid of the dead trees around the garden, and whipper snipped around the chook shed. And the many other tasks Alex does him into.

Have a nice holiday break from Mrs Mac, Alex, Mrs Jones and the sustainability group.

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

**ST. MARY'S** is a **NUT FREE SCHOOL**

**P & F chocolate fundraiser**

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

**School Term Dates 2024:**

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

*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.*