



# St Mary's Newsletter

## TERM 3, WEEK 3

As we head into Week 3 our learners have noticeably settled into a positive and productive routine. Hopefully we have some warmer weather and longer days ...? It was great to see the Paris Olympics begin over the weekend, and I am sure we will see some tired learners (and staff) over the next 2 weeks as many of us stay up late to watch the coverage.

Sunday's readings teach us that at the time of Jesus there was a heightened expectation that the Messiah - the anointed one of God - would come and once again set the people of Israel free. However, there was great conjecture about what sort of person the Messiah would be. Some thought he would be a warrior king; others a wise priestly leader; others thought a shepherd-king in the image of David. Confounding all these expectations, Jesus' model of Messianic leadership was that of the servant leader; a leader who was one with the people, offering hope and meaning in the midst of their everyday suffering and struggling. What better role model could we look to emulate?

Also on Sunday, our learners who will be celebrating their Sacraments of Confirmation and Eucharist (Sun 11th Aug) were presented to the parish at mass. Please keep: Nate H., Abraham, Sylvi, Jaida and Amaeley in your prayers as they prepare to celebrate these important sacraments. Thanks again to Mrs Kelly and Miss Beer for leading this preparation.

Today our littlest learners celebrated their first 100 days of primary school. It is hard to believe where that time has gone! They have been learning about all things "100" and enjoyed a delicious shared morning tea. Tonight I look forward to meeting with the Parents and Friends Committee to plan our Father's day celebration (Thurs 29th Aug) and other fundraising events. Anyone who would like to join our P&F is most welcome - we'll meet at school at 6:30pm tonight (email me if you'd like to join us online via Google Meet).

Just a few reminders of important date changes in our calendar. Our Learner Spirituality Day where we host St Pat's and St Joey's will now be held on Wednesday 14th August. Recess and a BBQ lunch will be provided for learners on this day. Our pupil free day, scheduled for Friday 30th Aug has now been moved to Term 4. Please note that there will be no learners at school on Thursday 14th November. On this day staff will work with Kylie Smith (R.E. and Spirituality leader at CES Ltd) around the area of Catholic Identity. School will operate as usual on Fri 30th Aug - this day is no longer a pupil free day. Apologies for any inconvenience this change may cause.

Included in this newsletter is a list of possible Book Week parade costume ideas on the theme of 'Reading is Magic.' Mrs Warren has compiled a list of books and characters that learners may wish to dress up as. We hope this helps parents, as I know how much work goes into creating some of the costumes that appear in the parade!! A reminder that the parade will take place down at the Garden Park on Friday 23rd August (currently scheduled for a 1pm start - but I will confirm this closer to the date).

Our Athletics carnival is also fast approaching - Friday 16th August. I know Mrs Walker (and all staff) would really appreciate any parents who can help out on the day.

Have a great week and: Aussie, Aussie, Aussie, Oi, Oi, Oi!!!

Jarrod Mullavey



# PRAYER

## PRAYER FOR TODAY

Help Me Overcome Any Hurdles

Dear God,  
 Thank you for the opportunity to see this new day.  
 I pray for your love and your strength today.  
 Please help me overcome any hurdles that may come my way.  
 Please give me wisdom and guidance in everything that I do today so that my words and my actions will honor your holy name.  
 In Jesus' name, I pray,

*Amen*

### TEXTS

*Harry Potter and the Chamber of Secrets - Harry, Dumbledore, Hermione, Ginny.*  
*Possum Magic - Grandma Poss, Hush the Possum, vegemite sandwich, koala,*  
*The Magic Hat - Wizard, Magic Hat*  
*The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe. - Lion, Witch, Children*  
*Matilda - Matilda*  
*The BFG - Giant*  
*The Magic Finger- magic girl-narrator*  
*Magic Beach- Children at the beach, dragons*  
*Alice's Adventures in Wonderland -Alice, Cheshire Cat,*  
*The Velveteen Rabbit - Nursery Magic Fairy, Young Boy, Skin horse*  
*Mary Poppins - Mary Poppins*  
*Where the Wild Things Are- -Max, Wild Things*  
*Charlie and the Chocolate Factor - Charlie*  
*Peter Pan -Peter, Wendy, Tinkerbell, Captain Hook*  
*The Wizard of Oz-Wizard, Ruby*  
*Winnie the Witch- Winnie*  
*Cinderella- Cinderella*  
*Room on The Broom -Witch, Cat, Dog.*  
*Never Ending Story-Falkor, Bastian*  
*Bush Magic- Grandpa, Jarrah*  
*The Magic Pudding-Bunyip Bluegum, Bill Barnacle, the Pudding thieves*  
*The Hobbit -Bilbo Baggins, Smaug (the dragon)*  
*The Bunyip and The Stars-Little Brother, Bunyip*  
*The Magic Faraway Tree*  
*Any Fairytale Character-Wizard, Giant, Princess, King, Prince, Queen Magician, Witch, etc*

### CHARACTER SUGGESTIONS



## ARE YOUR DETAILS UP TO DATE???

Please contact the office of any changes to your details!!!

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

<i>Week</i>	<i>Dates &amp; Items</i>
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>• Wed 14th Aug- Learner Spirituality Day @ Cohuna (NEW DATE)</li> <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> <li>• Fri 23rd Aug - Town Book Week parade @ Garden Park</li> </ul>
7	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Thurs 29th Aug- Father's Day celebrations at school</li> <li>• <del>Fri 30th Aug - Learner Spirituality Day @ Cohuna</del></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>



# ST MARY'S LIMITED EDITION



Mrs Mac is chasing Jars for pickles by this Wednesday. If anyone has some they no longer need Mrs Mac would appreciate them. Thank you

St. Mary's

**PREP  
ENROLMENTS**

**NOW OPEN**

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

ST. MARY'S  
COHUNA  
MAY GOD BE PLOUGHED

**RECYCLE BIN!!!**

Mrs Mac has provided a bin near the entrance (near shed) for anyone that would like to use it to recycle.

**GLASS , PLASTIC, ALUMINUM**

*If anyone is interested in joining in saying the Rosary on a Wednesday morning at 10am please contact*

**Donna 0431 737 790.**



2024 / 2025

# KERANG RAIDERS

## BASKETBALL SQUAD TRYOUTS

### AGE GROUPS:

Under 12's - 2014 / 2015  
Under 14's - 2012 / 2013  
Under 16's - 2010 / 2011  
Under 18's - 2008 / 2009

### DATES & TIMES:

Sunday 11th August 2024  
Sunday 18th August 2024  
Sunday 25th August 2024  
11:00am - 1:00pm

**WHERE:** Kerang Basketball Stadium, Maxwell Street KERANG

**BRING:** Full water bottle, appropriate enclosed footwear, appropriate sports clothing, BYO Basketball if you have one.

### TOURNAMENTS

Swan Hill: 26th & 27th October 2024  
Shepparton: 9th & 10th November 2024  
Bendigo: 25th, 26th & 27th January 2025  
Maryborough: 15th & 16th February 2025

### REGISTRATIONS HERE:

<https://www.playhq.com/basketball-victoria/register/62112a>



**Enquiries:** [kerangbasketball@hotmail.com](mailto:kerangbasketball@hotmail.com)



Kerang Amateur Basketball Association

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



**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**

  

# 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 Visy 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.

**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.*







**YOU'RE INVITED**

AFL Victoria & Central Rivers invites you to participate in Junior Footy - Under 12's Program!  
 Eligible ages - 7-12 - Turning in 2025  
 Splitting up Age Groups (7-9) & (10-12)

a **FREE 2-week competition** playing mini matches and enjoying football in a fun & safe environment.

**let's party!**

**2024 Central Rivers Junior Football Under 12 Program**

Monday 9th September  
 Swan Hill Rec | 5:00 PM - 6:00 PM

Monday 16th September  
 Swan Hill Rec | 5:00 PM - 6:00 PM



**REGISTER NOW**



Further Enquires contact : [madeline.pieper@afl.com.au](mailto:madeline.pieper@afl.com.au)




**YOU'RE INVITED!**

AFL Victoria & AFL Central Victoria invites you to participate in Junior Footy Unders Program - Under's program!

FREE Program for kids turning 8,9,10 in 2025  
 Boys and Girls Welcome. Playing Mini Matches

**AFL Central Victoria Region  
 Central Murray**

Swan Hill Rec - Swan Hill - Friday 23rd August 4:00 - 5:30  
 Riverside Park - Kerang - Tuesday 13th August 4:00 - 5:30

Further Details contact [madeline.pieper@afl.com.au](mailto:madeline.pieper@afl.com.au)



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