



# St Mary's Newsletter

## TERM 3, WEEK 4

And just like that we are entering Week 4! Last week I enjoyed celebrating our Preps 100 days Smarter on Monday, and walking through the classrooms throughout the week, the learners appeared really settled with lots of learning taking place.

Sunday's Gospel explored the importance of 'bread' in the context of Jesus' life and the gospel stories. For thousands of years, bread has been a staple part of the human diet in many cultures. It is no accident that the image of Jesus as bread makes such a significant appearance in the gospels. For the people in Jesus' time, bread was a vital mainstay of their diet. In the Bible, the word 'bread' often simply means all food - it was that important! For many, regular access to bread did equate to life. In much the same way, regular access to Jesus (and the story of his life) can be just as important for us to live a healthy and satisfying life.

Unfortunately today we had a number of staff away sick and have had to postpone our PSG appointments. My apologies to those who have been inconvenienced by this change. It is a reminder to us all that there are colds/flu etc. in our community and I am thankful to the staff who have remained at home, rather than spreading these illnesses at school. The same thanks goes to our families who are doing likewise and supporting our community's health by keeping sick children at home.

Tomorrow our Yr6's are off on an excursion to the Pioneer Settlement in Swan Hill. On Thursday classes will individually celebrate the Feast of Australia's only Saint (apart from Mrs Fry!), St Mary of the Cross MacKillop. On Friday we conclude the school week with an assembly in the church where the Juniors will share some of their work. Everyone is invited to join us. On Sunday I am excited for our learners who will celebrate the Holy Sacraments of Confirmation and Eucharist. Please keep Dan, Sylvi, Amaeley, Nate, Abraham and Jaida in your thoughts and prayers as they receive Jesus through the Eucharist and celebrate the Gifts of the Holy Spirit through Confirmation. Thank you Mrs Kelly and Miss Beer for preparing our learners, and thanks in advance to Bishop Shane who will lead our Mass. Also on Sunday, Chloe competes in the Lions Club public Speaking final - Go Chloe!!

Next week we have two big school events. Next Wednesday (14th Aug) we will be joined by St Patrick's Pyramid Hill, St Joseph's Kerang, Gen Bryant and Michael Chisholm (CES Ltd) to celebrate our Spirituality. Recess and lunch will be provided to learners on this day. And on Friday (16th Aug) we will have our own Olympics track and field meeting at our school Athletics Carnival (held at the Rec Reserve - 2nd oval). I hope our learners feel just as inspired as I do to run fast, jump high and give their best!

In the weeks to follow, we have Book Week (and parade), Yr3/4 Camp in Kyneton and our school Father's day celebration ... plus much more! Miss Cartwright is putting together a slideshow for Father's day. If you would like some photos of Dads or Special Men (grandpa, pop, uncle etc.) included in this slideshow, please email them to Graecen (gcartwright@smcohuna.catholic.edu.au).

And finally, I just wanted to remind families that in the final week of this term we are trialing having Learning Conversations (parent/teacher interviews) during the day. As such, Wednesday 18th September will be a pupil free day. We will seek feedback from families following this event to see if this is preferred over afternoon/night time meetings.

Take care and God bless.

Jarrold Mullavey



# PRAYER

## A Prayer for Winter

Lord,  
*In the midst of winter, when the days are cold and wind can pierce remind us of the warmth of your love.*  
*In the midst of Winter, when days are short, dawn comes late, and dusk arrives early remind us that in the darkness your light still shines.*  
*In the midst of Winter, when the flowers of spring still lie hidden in the earth, when leaves are off the trees, and the world can seem bleak remind us that Spring is but a short time away.*  
*And when in our lives we feel as if we are experiencing a season of Winter, reach out to us with the power of your resurrection so that we may feel the warmth of your love and see your light that alone can take away the darkness of our soul.*  
 Amen



- TEXTS**                      **CHARACTER SUGGESTIONS**
- 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



## ARE YOUR DETAILS UP TO DATE???

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

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



<b>Week</b>	<b>Dates &amp; Items</b>
<b>1</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Angie LSL</li> <li>• Mon 15th July- ASPA visit @ <u>11:45pm-1:00pm</u></li> </ul>
<b>2</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Angie LSL</li> <li>• Mon 22nd July- SAC @7:00pm</li> <li>• Fri 26th July- Olympics begin</li> </ul>
<b>3</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mon 29th July- P&amp;F @ 6:30pm</li> </ul>
<b>4</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Tues 6th Aug- Learner Diversity Network (<u>Graecen</u>)</li> <li>• Sun 11th- Confirmation/ Eucharist @ 2:00pm</li> <li>• Sun 11th- Lions Club Public Speaking final</li> </ul>
<b>5</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Thurs 15th Aug- Jarrod at Principals network meeting</li> <li>• Thurs 15th Aug - Pastoral Wellbeing Leadership Day (Meg)</li> <li>• Fri 16th August- St. Mary's Athletics Carnival</li> </ul>
<b>6</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• BOOK WEEK</li> <li>• Wed 21st August - Jen begins LSL</li> <li>• Wed 21st Aug- Fri 23rd Aug- Yr 3/4 camp @ Kyneton</li> <li>• Wed 21st Aug- PLC Kylie Smith- Mark's Gospel</li> </ul>
<b>7</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Thurs 29th Aug- Father's Day celebrations at school</li> <li>• Thurs 29th Aug- Jarrod at Principal's Briefing @ Shepparton</li> <li>• Fri 30th Aug- Learner Spirituality Day @ Cohuna</li> </ul>
<b>8</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mon 2nd September- SAC @ 7pm</li> <li>• Wed 4th September- Jarrod- R.E Network</li> <li>• Fri 6th- Kerang Zone Athletics (no longer a pupil free day on this day)</li> </ul>
<b>9</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Thurs 12th September- Sandhurst Arts on Show @Echuca</li> </ul>
<b>10</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mon 16th- Division Athletics @ Swan Hill</li> <li>• Wed 18th September- Pupil Free Day- Learning Conversations</li> </ul>

Date 19<sup>th</sup> - 23<sup>rd</sup> August 2024 Time 3.15 - 4.30 pm  
 Place STEAM/MUSIC Room

## Scholastic Book Fair Pre-Payment

Your child's school is having a Scholastic Book Fair. Your child will bring home their wish list of titles they have discovered at the Fair. We encourage you to discuss the Book Fair and their wish list choices with your child. Once you have agreed which items you will purchase you can pre-pay for those titles by completing the following steps.

- 1 List the titles they are going to purchase from the fair.

Title	Price

- 2 Make a secure payment online by going to [scholastic.com.au/payment](https://scholastic.com.au/payment) or scanning the barcode below.



Book Fair Payment

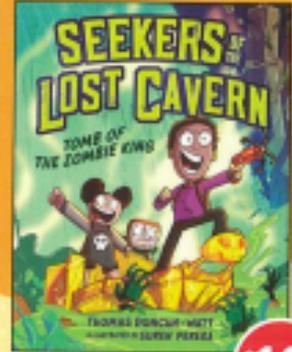
- 3 Complete the Payment Form including the receipt number and amount paid. This form needs to be returned to the school.

Receipt Number	Amount Paid
<input type="text"/>	\$ <input type="text"/>
First Name: <input type="text"/>	
Surname: <input type="text"/>	
School: <input type="text"/>	
Suburb/State: <input type="text"/>	
Daytime Tel: <input type="text"/>	

**THIS IS JUST A PRE-PAYMENT. THIS FORM MUST BE PRESENTED TO THE SCHOOL DURING THE FAIR TO COLLECT YOUR BOOKS**



Every BOOK equals RESOURCES for our school.



**THE TOMB OF THE ZOMBIE KING** \$10  
 Davern and his friends must solve a mystery AND survive a zombie curse!  
 100134140 | CHAPTER BOOK | AGES 7+



**DOOMSDAY** \$12  
 Nolan's first mission after spy training is to go undercover in an oceanic lab!  
 100134139 | PB NOVEL | AGES 10+



**AXOLOTL SQUISHY SNACK DIARY** \$17  
 An adorably squishy lockable diary.  
 100133240 | JOURNAL | AGES 6+



## ST MARY'S LIMITED EDITION BEANIE

## MARKET DAY

This Thursday there will be a Garden Market after school.

We have celery, spring onions, baby spinach, snap peas, mint, chocolate mint, garlic chives, thyme, parsley, spinach, and radishes.

Also oranges, grapefruit, and lemons. Hopefully some eggs.

Please bring cash.

## 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.*

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





## 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)



SCAN HERE



If you would like to be a part of our Father's day slideshow, we invite you to email through a photo of your child with their dad or special man.

**Father's "Day"**



Please email them to [gcartwright@smcohuna.catholic.edu.au](mailto:gcartwright@smcohuna.catholic.edu.au) by Friday, August 23rd.

Reading is..

**MAGIC**



**Book Week**  
 Friday, 23rd August

Come dressed as your favourite Magical book character






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