



# St Mary's Newsletter

## TERM 3, WEEK 7

As we roll into Week 7, I am reminded that often Week 7 of any term can be the most challenging for our learners - we're deep into the term, but the holidays still seem so far away! I know many families are all battling against illnesses, tiredness and the general stresses and anxieties that come with life - hang in there, reach out if the school can support you in any way and remember: Spring is on its way!!

The message from Sunday's scriptures reminded us that we live in a world that is filled with advertising and marketers trying to persuade us to think certain things, buy particular products and even act in certain ways. At times the message and the medium of the message blur and it's not always clear where one stops and the other begins. For Christian people the medium (the person) IS the message (or at least it should be!). We are called to live what we believe. That can be tough at times, especially in our modern world, but the challenge comes from the example Jesus gave.

I thoroughly enjoyed attending Yr3/4 camp at Campaspe Downs (Kyneton) with a great bunch of learners, Mrs Walker, Miss Cartwright, Mrs Mac, Grace and Kara. It was wonderful to see the children push themselves on activities such as the flying fox, rock climbing, possum fly and aeroball. Staying away from home for 2 nights at that age was also a major achievement for many learners (and staff). I am grateful for the support of the staff members and parents who attended camp to support our children, and to Miss Beer who missed camp with illness, but did all of the planning and preparation work. I now look forward to Yr5/6 Camp at Cave Hill Creek in November!

Back at school things were just as busy as we celebrated Book Week! Thank you to all the families who have been able to support our Book Fair by purchasing books. Mrs Fry has been very busy and is excited to think of the literature we will be able to purchase for the school as a result of this book fair. Book Week finished in style on Friday with our annual Book Parade at the Garden Park. I am always amazed at the lengths parents go to to support this event. Our learners looked amazing in their 'magic themed' costumes! I enjoyed reading almost 100 of the learners' stories and congratulate the following narrative winners: Prep - Hughie and Harlow, Yr1/2 - Miley and Kobe, Yr2/3 - Tully and Levi, Yr4 - Oskar and Jax, Yr5 - Isabelle and Imogen, Yr6 - Amelia and Zarah and Principal's Award - Junior - Ada and Senior - Jacob. If you get a chance, please ask to see your child's narrative story, they have done a wonderful job putting them together!

Thank you to those (randomly selected) families who have completed the School Engagement surveys - and earned themselves a block of chocolate. We appreciate the time it takes to complete this survey and look forward to working with the data to improve our school.

This week our Yr4-6's will begin the first of three lawn bowls sessions at the Cohuna Bowls Club. Thank you to Mrs Mathers and Mrs Walker for organising this experience for our learners. On Thursday we will celebrate Dads, Step Dads, Grandpas, Uncles and other significant male role models at our Father's Day celebration. Breakfast is from 8:30-9:30am, followed by a liturgy (and raffle) in the church and a Father's day themed activity back at school finishing up at 11:00am.

We finish the week of Friday with our St Mary's Athletics Carnival. We aim to finish the carnival and come back to school for lunch. There will be no BBQ lunch on this day, but lunch orders through Kimmy's Cafe will be available as per usual on Fridays.

I wish all Dads, Step Dads, Grandpas, Pops, Uncles and other male role models a wonderful Father's Day on Sunday and hope that you get a moment to reflect upon the significant role you play in the development of the children in your care.

Have a great week.

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**SAVE THE DATE**

**FRIDAY**

**18TH OCTOBER**

**GRANDPARENTS DAY**

**(MORNING)**

**&**

**ST MARY'S FETE**

**(AFTER SCHOOL)**

**MORE INFORMATION TO COME**

# PRAYER



**28th AUG  
ALBA  
MATHERS**



**29TH AUG  
RAFF  
QUINLAN**



## ARE YOUR DETAILS UP TO DATE???

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

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

Week	Dates & Items
7	<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>• <del>Fri 30th Aug- Learner Spirituality Day @ Cohuna</del></li> <li>• Fri 30th Aug - St Mary's Aths carnival (take 2)</li> </ul>
8	<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>
9	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mon 9th Sept- Being a Responsible Pet owner visit- P-3</li> <li>• Thurs 12th September- Sandhurst Arts on Show @Echuca</li> </ul>
10	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mon 16th- Division Athletics @ Swan Hill</li> <li>• Wed 18th September- Pupil Free Day- Learning Conversations</li> <li>• Fri 20th September- Last Day of Term 3- 2:10 finish</li> </ul>



# THANK YOU

MRS FRY WOULD LIKE TO THANK EVERYONE WHO SUPPORTED THE BOOK FAIR.

# GRADE 6 CLASS WORK

## Pioneers Settlement Swan Hill adventure!

By Millie Dobie

On Tuesday the 6th of August the year 6's from St Mary's Cohuna embarked on a very exciting excursion to the Pioneers Settlement in Swan Hill. The learners departed for fun, to make memories and to learn about different art forms. They travelled by bus to get there and back for their exciting adventure!

When the excited children got off the bus they were introduced to a lovely lady named Brodie. She showed the way to the staff room where they put their bags down. As soon as they had left the room the excited kids rushed around the corner and ran into the jail where they fooled around and took a picture. From then on the kids walked directly to the woodturning place where the lady used certain tools to sculpt the wood into anything you would like.

After the children left, they walked straight ahead to the old shops and hurried to their next activity, the photo parlour where they dressed up to take pictures. Later they left and went through the gift shop. Most people had brought cute little necklaces with their initials on it. After that the excited bunch walked out of the gift shop and walked to the old shops across the road. They scurried there and had a look when all of a sudden they spotted the lolly shop so they all ran and got a heap of lollies to fill them for the day! Then it was time for recess so they walked back to the staff room to eat.

During recess there was an old classroom so the kids asked if they could go in there and to the church and took lots of pictures. After that the learners walked out to the print shop across the road to get their names printed on a wanted poster. The lady that was at the print shop told them all about how it works and what they used to do to print newspapers and important documents.

Then the excited children walked to their next activity which was blacksmithing. It's used to make different things like nails or making things like a toaster. He also brought out an old fashioned Irish dog carrier to fool the students. The man gave some of the kids pieces of wood that had an imprint of PS on it which stands for Pioneers Settlement. After that some of the students hopped on the horse and carriage and had a fun ride! While the other students walked to the car where you could go for a ride as well.

Afterwards the group rushed their way to the lolly shop again to get some more lollies. The excited bunch were full of sugar! By then it was time to go home so they scurried their way to the staff room to get their bags and met up with Brodie where she farewelled them. The class and teachers got on the bus and left to go back to the school.





# ST MARY'S LIMITED EDITION BEANIE

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.



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

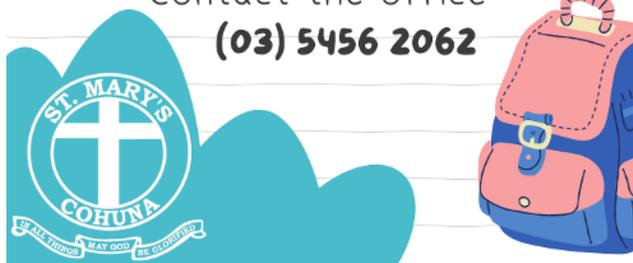
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# PREP ENROLMENTS

**NOW OPEN**

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



**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



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

## 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)




Fight Cancer Foundation **FOOTY COLOURS DAY!**

## WE'RE WEARING OUR FOOTY COLOURS ON: FRIDAY 20TH SEPTEMBER

GOLD COIN DONATION



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