



St Mary's Newsletter

TERM 3, WEEK 10

The last week of Term 3 is here, and there's still so much fun to be had at St Mary's before we enjoy a two week Spring break! Today (Monday) we sent close to 30 athletes off to Division Athletics in Swan Hill - the biggest team we have sent in many years! Thanks Mrs Walker, Miss Adams and Mrs Douglass for leading our team (and driving the mini-buses!).

After school tonight, staff will set up our St Mary's Art Show at the Members Pavilion at the Rec Reserve (near the netball courts). Learners will go over for a look tomorrow during school hours and then families are invited on Tuesday and Wednesday afternoon (3:30-5:30pm) to check out the master pieces! Please come along and support our art show if you are able. This Wednesday is a Pupil Free Day as we hold our Term 3 Learning Conversations. Online booking has now closed, so please phone the office if you still need to book a time. Thursday will be Pet day and Fr Dean will be on hand to bless our pets. This day is a reward to our learners, celebrating their excellent behaviour in respecting themselves, others and the environment. If you are bringing in a pet - please remember that parents need to be in control of the animal at all times! On Friday we will wear Footy Colours (or any sporting team colours) to celebrate the last day of term, which will conclude at 2:15pm for learners! Thank you to families for all your effort and support this term, even though it feels to me like it has flown by, when I look back at all we have achieved and participated in, I'm blown away!

I would like to take this opportunity to announce that Mrs Carla Walker will be our new Prep teacher in 2025. Carla's enthusiasm, work ethic and connection with our learners and families make her the perfect educator to carry on the good work Graecen and Kayla have undertaken this year. Carla will begin 'transitioning to Prep' early next term as we begin our Prep Transition program in Week 3. Our 2025 class structure and staffing will be announced early next term. Please do not ask staff which level they will be teaching in next term as I have instructed them to keep quiet until this is announced in the appropriate manner.

We have confirmed with Kimmy that she is able to provide us with lunch orders next term when we 'flip' our eating times around. For (at least) the first 2 weeks of Term 4 our learners will go straight out to play at 11:00am and eat their 'lunch' at 11:30am. On Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays, this is the time when Kimmy's lunch orders will arrive. Then learners will go straight out to play at 'recess' at 1:40pm and eat at 2:10pm before returning to class. Extra fruit and healthy snacks (yogurt etc.) can be eaten throughout the day as we adjust to these new eating times. This change is being made so learners eat their food - instead of rushing off to play, also to improve yard behaviour and allow for a smooth transition from yard time to learning time. Kimmy's lunch orders will close the night before lunch order days at 9pm so she has time to get them to us early the following day. Please respect Kimmy by getting your orders in on time.

In Sunday's Gospel (Mk8:27-35) Jesus speaks to his disciples about how he, as the Son of Man, is destined to suffer grievously, to be rejected by elders and the chief priests and the scribes, and to be put to death, and after three days to rise again. As Peter tries to convince Jesus not to go down this path, Jesus says the famous line: 'Get behind me, Satan!' Jesus needs Peter (and us) to understand that by sacrificing his life, we are all shown the challenges that come with being faith-filled and living out the message of God. We face difficult decisions everyday, (perhaps not as difficult as Jesus'), and we are called to make hard (right) choices over easy (wrong) ones. This is the cross we bear.

Next term all learners are to wear a school hat as a part of their correct school uniform. This will be enforced at school from day 1 of Term 4. We are a SunSmart school and follow the motto: no hat, no play (in terms 1 and 4).

Looking ahead, we have a couple of big events in the beginning of next term. On Friday 18th October we will celebrate Grandparents and Special Persons day and then, that same night, we will have our St Mary's School Fete at the Cohuna Recreation Reserve (beginning at 6pm). Please support these events as much as you can! Also a reminder that Monday 4th Nov (Report Writing day) and Thursday 14th Nov (Staff Spirituality Retreat) are pupil free days. And looking even further ahead, our learners finish up the year on Wednesday 18th December. More dates can be found in the Term 4 Term Ahead - attached to this email.

Have a great break, hopefully we get some sunshine. Those who are travelling, be safe, and those who are hanging around ... look out for those swooping magpies!

Jarrold Mullavey

PRAYER



St Mary's Cohuna - Term 3- 2024

Week

Dates & Items

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- Mon 16th Sept- Division Athletics @ Swan Hill
- Mon 16th Sep - School Engagement Surveys close today
- Wed 18th Sept- Pupil Free Day- Learning Conversations
- Fri 20th Sept- Last Day of Term 3- 2:15 pm finish (Footy Colours Day!)



ARE YOUR DETAILS UP TO DATE???

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

Can we please with the change of times for lunch, ask that all lunch orders be in by 9pm the night before to help Kimmie's be organised for these earlier lunches.



Week	Dates & Items ▼
1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Mon 7th Oct - Term 4 begins ● Mon 7th Oct - SAC @ 7pm ● Tues 8th Oct - P&F meeting (TBC) ● Wed 9th Oct - ThinkUKnow - Year 5/6 @11:40am ● Fri 11th Oct - Leasa's B'day
2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Mon 14th Oct - SAC @ 7pm (TBC) ● Tues 15th Oct - SoSafe Curriculum Day @ Shep (Meg) ● Wed 16th Oct - Meaghan's B'day ● Fri 18th Oct - Grandparent's day ● Fri 18th Oct - St Mary's Community Event
3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Fri 25th Oct - 2025 Prep Transition day #1 (TBC) ● Fri 25th Oct - Primary Principals' Network PL day - Shepp ● Fri 25th Oct - World Teacher's Day
4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Tues 29th Oct - Jarrod at Mini-HUB meeting at P.H.
5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Mon 4th Nov - Report Writing Day - <i>pupil free day</i> ● Tues 5th Nov - Melbourne Cup Public Holiday ● Fri 8th Nov - Jarrod at Child Safe Officer training @ Bendigo
6	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Mon 11th - Wed 13th Nov - <u>Yr5/6</u> Camp at Cave Hill Creek ● Thurs 14th Nov - Staff Spirituality Retreat - <i>pupil free day</i> ● Fri 15th Nov - MacKillop Art Exhibition opening (Bendigo)
7	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Thurs 21st Nov - Principal's briefing - Shepp ● Fri 22nd Nov - Principal's network - Shepp ● Fri 22nd Nov - SAC Christmas celebration
8	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Mon 26th Nov - School dental van ● Tues 27th Nov - School dental van ● Wed 28th Nov - School dental van ● Fri 29th Nov - Leiza WB training

9	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sun 8th Dec - St Pat's PH Celebration and Mass with Bishop Shane
10	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Thurs 12th Dec - Graduation Night @ The Tav
11	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wed 18th Dec - Learner's last day • Thurs 19th Dec - Staff strategic planning day
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fri 20th Dec - Last day of the school year!

SAVE THE DATE

FRIDAY

18TH OCTOBER

GRANDPARENTS DAY

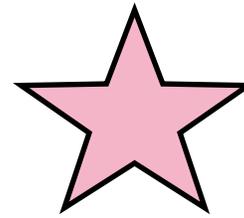
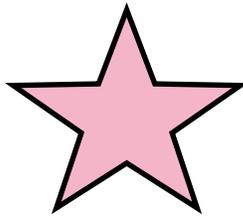
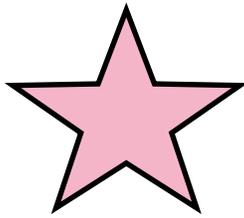
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ST MARY'S FETE

(AFTER SCHOOL)

MORE INFORMATION TO COME



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ST. MARY'S Fete

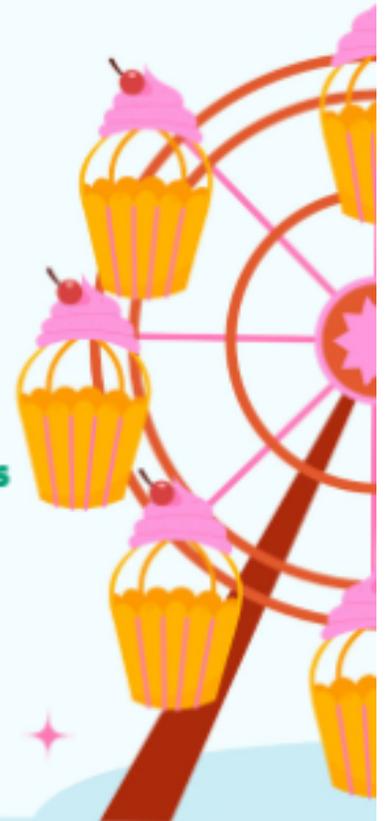


COHUNA RECREATION RESERVE

October
18 | **6**
 pm

\$20 per family

**ENTRY COST INCLUDES
 ACCESS TO KIDS ACTIVITIES**



SILENT AUCTION

MUSIC

FOOD TRUCKS

KIDS ACTIVITIES

RAFFLE

JASMINE KEATING

17TH SEPT



DAISY COATES

18TH SEPT



LOLA MCGLONE

19TH SEPT



**HAPPY
BIRTHDAY!**

MACEY POLLOCK

2ND OCT



ANNA BORKOWSKI

4TH OCT



HARRY COOMBS

4TH OCT



TERM 3

IN GRADE 4



OLYMPICS

The Olympics were a class favourite. We recapped the events of the night before, every morning, as well as updated our medal tally and discovered some new sports. We were very lucky and got to make our own Olympic Medals during art, which we will hopefully get to bring home soon.

GODLY PLAY WITH COLLEEN

We were very lucky to have Colleen in to take an RE lesson for us. We explored the concept of family through Godly play and hands on learning activities. We even had some of our own learners having a go at Godly Play.

CAMP

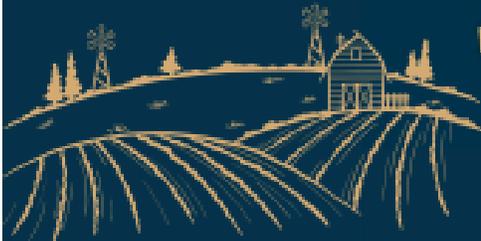
We spent three days at Campaspe Down in Kyneton with our grade 3 learners. Learners were buzzing after returning from camp, excited to share all of the different activities they tried. We are super impressed by how many of our learners challenged themselves and had a go at activities they had never tried before.

CONFIRMATION/EUCHARIST

Some of our learners celebrated their Confirmation/Eucharist. We spent lots of time preparing during our class Religion lesson. Well done to all involved.

We have also enjoyed Athletics day, Spirituality day and have been working hard to prepare for our upcoming art show.

WE LOOK FORWARD
TO SEEING YOU ALL
AT OUR SCHOOL ART
SHOW!



THE UNBREAKABLE FARMER



*"Resilience, Persistence, Determination -
These are the three words that best describe me."*

October is Mental Health Awareness month in Australia.

St. Mary's Primary School, Cohuna, is hosting a Community Event with inspiring Guest Speaker Warren Davies, the 'Unbreakable Farmer'.
(Suitable for people aged 16 and over)

Warren is one of Australia's leading rural mental health speakers and advocates.

His ability to engage with individuals or organisations is through the journey of him piecing back together his life, as well as the life lessons he has learned along the way.

Warren's down-to-earth approach makes his story and strategies relevant to everyone. He provides tips and tools that his audience can easily implement in day-to-day life

Date: Sunday, 13th October

Where: Memorial Hall COHUNA

Time: 12.00pm - 1.30 pm
12:00 - FREE SAUSAGE SIZZLE AND MINGLE (Thanks to the Cohuna Lion's)
12:40 - 1:30 Guest Speaker - WARREN DAVIES - The Unbreakable Farmer

To secure your spot register via the link or QR Code:

<https://www.trybooking.com/CUXTL>





ST MARY'S LIMITED EDITION BEANIE

IF YOU WERE LUCKY
ENOUGH TO BE RANDOMLY
SELECTED TO DO THE
SURVEY AND YOU HAVE
COMPLETED IT, PLEASE LET
STACEY KNOW IN THE
OFFICE AS SHE HAS YOUR
FREE BLOCK OF CHOCOLATE
FOR DOING THE SURVEY.
THANK YOU



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

St. Mary's

**PREP
ENROLMENTS**

NOW OPEN

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

*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



SCHOOL HOLIDAYS

CHOOK FEEDING

Mrs Mac is hoping a member of our community would be able to feed the chooks over the school holiday maybe 2-3 times a week.

Watering Garden

Mrs Mac is also hoping we could have someone offer to water the sustainable vegetable garden again maybe 2-3 times a week.

Please contact Mrs Mac on the school number if you can help out

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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.



Fight Cancer Foundation **FOOTY COLOURS DAY!**

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

GOLD COIN DONATION

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Proudly supported by **FOXTEL**

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NONDIES COHUNA CRICKET

School Holiday Program

ONLY \$20

WED 25TH SEP
FROM 2PM TILL 4PM.

WED 2ND OCT
FROM 2PM TILL 4PM.

A fun opportunity for kids to get out, play and make new friends!

WHERE: COHUNA REC 2ND OVAL

REGISTER YOUR ATTENDANCE FOR EITHER (OR BOTH) DAYS VIA THE QR CODE OR OUR WEBSITE

REGISTER HERE

ACTIVITIES INCLUDE:

GAMES, BASIC CRICKET SKILLS AND EXERCISES PLUS A **FREE HAT** FOR EVERYONE THAT PARTICIPATES.

ALL YOU NEED TO BRING IS A DRINK BOTTLE AND YOUR OWN CRICKET BAT (IF YOU WISH), EVERYTHING ELSE WILL BE SUPPLIED.

NONDIESCOHUNA CRICKET CLUB

4TH ANNUAL NONDIES COHUNA CC GOLF DAY

Proudly Sponsored by **Wilson Transport COHUNA**

Special Guest - **Robert DiPierdomenico**

COHUNA GOLF CLUB

FRI 27 SEPTEMBER 2024 TIAM
GRAND FINAL PUBLIC HOLIDAY

\$50 per person
\$90 - Sportsmans Night/Golf Package (paid before 22/09)
Includes all day BBQ, snacks and stubby holder

PRIZES	DETAILS
1st Winner \$400	The Wilson Transport Nondies Cohuna Golf Day is on again for the 4th year. In what is arguably the biggest day on the calendar, its now got bigger with Robert 'Dipper' DiPierdomenico being our special guest for the day. Dipper will be set-up on a Par 3 available for a chat, a photo and for a small fee is able to take a shot for your group!
Runner Up \$250	
Third \$150	
Fourth \$100	
Fifth \$50	
National Heating and Cooling NTPs, straightest drive, Long drive, Nearest 2nd shot on 18th, Lucky card draws.	Format - 2-Man Ambrose
	Handicapping - GA golf handicaps apply. Those who don't have handicaps will be provided a handicap by CGC handicapper.
	Drinks- Must be purchased on the day through Cohuna Golf Club Bar. No BYO.

HOW TO ENTER

Get your entries to Cohuna Golf Club (03) 5456 2820. Contact a Nondies Cohuna member or scan the QR code to go to our website ticket page to enter the full names of your pairing.

SPORTSMANS NIGHT

FEATURING **ROBERT 'DIPPER' DIPIERDEMEMICO**

VENUE- COHUNA GOLF CLUB

Lucky Door Prizes

Percentage of proceeds to be donated to Cohuna District Hospital

Pick the AFL Grand Final Margin

Thurs 26th Sept @6pm (night before Public Holiday)
Early Bird tickets - \$60
At the door- \$70
Sportsmans Night/Golf Day package - \$90 (must be paid before 22/09)

*Ticket includes full roast carvery and lucky door entry

Catering by Ben North

Drinks at Bar prices

Norm Smith/First Goal Calcutta

NONDIESCOHUNA CRICKET CLUB

COHUNA GOLF CLUB

Silent Auction

SPONSORED BY WILSON TRANSPORT COHUNA

Tickets can be pre-purchased by any of the below options

BANK TRANSFER **CREDIT/DEBIT CARD -SCAN QR CODE**

Nondies Cohuna Cricket Club
BSB-633 000
Acc- 196 264 600
Ref- Sportsmans Night + Name

SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAM

GANNAWARRA LIBRARY



Spring Time



Build It With Bunnings - Cohuna (5+)

2.30pm, Tuesday 24 September

Fly a Kite! (session 1) - Kerang (5+)

10.30am, Wednesday 25 September

Wooden Flying Bird - Kerang

10.30am, Thursday 26 September

Fly a Kite! (session 2) - Kerang (5+)

10.30am, Tuesday 01 October

Garden With Bunnings - Kerang

11.00am, Thursday 03 October

Bookings via TryBooking
Adults to accompany children
Phone 5452 1546 for details

www.trybooking.com/CUWQP