



St Mary's Newsletter

TERM 4, WEEK 4

As we move through Week 4 this week, we are roughly one third of the way through the term! I know the community will celebrate Halloween on Thursday and as Catholics we look forward to All Saints' day (Fri 1st Nov) - where we celebrate all the Saints in the Church and then All Souls' day (Sat 2nd Nov) - where we commemorate all our loved ones in heaven. It is a special time of the year where we remember those we admire (St Mary, St Mary of the Cross MacKillop, St Joseph etc.) and those we miss (our dearly beloved). On Sunday, Fr Boniface held mass for the first time since taking over from Fr Dean. Fr Boniface's message to those gathered was to never give up on God. Sometimes when we pray we want an instant response or answer. This is not how God works. Often His grace and guidance isn't apparent for days or weeks or months or even years. Fr Boniface told the story of his friend who joined the seminary and took twice as long as most to graduate into the priesthood. His friend, who showed faith and patience in God, will be ordained later this year at the 'young age' of 49! Never give up on God.

This week we have our second round of tennis coaching (Tues/Wed) at the lawn courts and on Friday we host our 2025 Preps for their 2nd transition day followed by our Juniors leading assembly after lunch (2:20pm in the church).

The weather is looking really good for our St Mary's School Fete on Friday. Gates open at 6pm and we have lots going on including: food vans, jumping castle, miniature train rides, heaps of raffles and silent auctions, dunking machine, lolly guessing competition and lots more. There's a \$20 family entry fee (cheaper for individuals or couples) and all money raised from the night (including raffles, auctions) will go towards upgrading our playground. Thank you again to Ella, Clancy, Brent, Shelly, Sacha, Josh and our School Advisory Council for all their work! Please come along if you can and support our school.

I was fortunate enough to attend the Pro Rock Dance concert on the weekend and see many of our amazing learners perform to such a high level (not that I know much about dance). Congratulations to everyone involved - especially the mums who not only had children perform, but were also up on stage themselves!!

Although we are only into our fourth week of the term, I am sure the Melbourne Cup long weekend will come at the perfect time for many learners (and staff). A reminder that there is no school on Monday 4th Nov (pupil free day - Report Writing day) and Tuesday 5th Nov (Public holiday - Melbourne Cup). The following week is busy with our Yr5/6's on camp (Mon 11th - Wed 13th Nov) and a pupil free day on Thursday 14th Nov when staff will attend a Spirituality Professional Learning day. Because our Yr5/6's will be away on Remembrance Day, our Yr4's will represent the school at the town Remembrance Day ceremony.

Take care and let me know if you have any tips for the Melbourne Cup!

Jarrold Mullavey

Principal

PRAYER

The Serenity Prayer

God grant me the serenity
to accept the things I cannot change;
courage to change the things I can;
and wisdom to know the difference.
Living one day at a time;
Enjoying one moment at a time;
Accepting hardships as the pathway to peace;
Taking, as He did, this sinful world
as it is, not as I would have it;
Trusting that He will make all things right
if I surrender to His Will;
That I may be reasonably happy in this life
and supremely happy with Him
Forever in the next.

Amen.



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| 4 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tues 29th Oct - Jarrod at Mini-HUB meeting at P.H. • Fri 1st Nov - <u>All Saints' day</u> • Fri 1st Nov - Assembly - led by the Juniors • Fri 1st Nov - St Mary's Fete • Sat 2nd Nov - <u>All Souls' day</u> |
| 5 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mon 4th Nov - Report Writing Day - pupil free day • 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 - Yr5/6 Camp at Cave Hill Creek • Thurs 14th Nov - Staff Spirituality Retreat - pupil free day • 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 - <u>Leiza</u> 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"> • Wed 11th Dec - Graduation Night @ The <u>Tay</u> • Thurs 12th Dec - End of Year Mass and BBQ |
| 11 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wed 18th Dec - Learner's last day • Thurs 19th Dec - Staff strategic planning day • Fri 20th Dec - Last day of the school year! |



ARE YOUR DETAILS
UP TO DATE???

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

CHANGE OF DATE

SAVE THE DATE

ST. MARY'S Fete

COHUNA RECREATION RESERVE



\$20 per family

ENTRY COST INCLUDES
ACCESS TO KIDS ACTIVITIES



SILENT AUCTION

MUSIC

FOOD TRUCKS

KIDS ACTIVITIES

RAFFLE

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!



OSKAR HAYES
30TH OCTOBER

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.



Dentist Visit to School

On Tuesday 26th November the Martin Vale Dentistry Van will be visiting St. Mary's. Treatments may be bulk billed through the Medicare Child Dental Benefits Schedule (CDBS) for eligible students (families who receive FTB).

Information will be sent home to families tomorrow, however parents can click on the link below to complete their child's details

<https://form.jotform.com/220327988392062>

A poster for Cohuna Secondary College's School Saving Bonus. The top left features the college's logo and name. The main text reads 'School Saving Bonus' in large white letters on a dark blue background. Below this, it says 'Enrol for 2025 by 18th of October 2024' and '\$400 School Saving Bonus' in a yellow rounded rectangle. The bottom left section, titled 'Actions for parents and carers', lists instructions for enrollment. A large yellow circle on the right says 'Enrol now'. The bottom right shows a group of students in blue and white tracksuits. The background includes a photo of the school building and a photo of students walking on a path.

Cohuna Secondary College

School Saving Bonus

Enrol for 2025 by 18th of October 2024

\$400 School Saving Bonus

Enrol now

Actions for parents and carers

Before 18 October 2024, parents and carers are asked to:

- Complete enrolment: Starting Year 7 or changing school
- Check your contact information: Ensure your email address and phone number is up to date with us.

We need to ensure your contact information is up to date as the Department of Education will email you

- in October, to verify your email address
- in November, with your \$400 School Saving Bonus and access to an online system

A registration poster for Little Athletics Victoria. The top left has the 'Little Athletics Victoria' logo and a '30' anniversary logo. The main text reads 'WE ARE LITTLE ATHLETICS' in large white letters with red horizontal lines. Below this, it says 'Season 2024-25 Open Now' and 'REGISTER TODAY' in a red rounded rectangle. The background is dark purple with red and white stripes.

Little Athletics Victoria

WE ARE LITTLE ATHLETICS

Season 2024-25 Open Now

REGISTER TODAY

Registrations are opened for Cohuna Little Athletics 2024/25 season. Come and join us for fun and fitness on Friday nights from 5:30pm. If you haven't done little athletics before, you can register as a trial member and receive two weeks free before you have to fully register. Our first night of competition begins Friday 11th October.

St. Mary's

PREP ENROLMENTS

NOW OPEN

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

VICTORIA'S CONTAINER DEPOSIT SCHEME

Check for the 10c mark **10c**

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

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

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.

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





SATURDAY JUNIOR PROGRAM

Are you a Junior keen on playing Tennis this year?

Starting **26th September 2024**. Every Saturday Morning, 9:00am - 10:30am

The first three sessions are **FREE!**

No need to register for the first three sessions — just turn up and have fun!
After three sessions, membership is only \$60 for the season.

Program runs throughout:

- Term 4, 2024
- Term 1, 2025

Come and Try!

All abilities welcome – come join the fun, learn new skills, and make new friends!

Contact Cohuna Lawn Tennis Club on FB,
Jason Hensley: 0429 428 084 or cohunatennisclub@gmail.com



Don't you just love beetroot? Or even better, pickled beetroot? Well the learners in Year 5 sure do! That's why Nina Reid, Heath Spalding, Dan Murray, Bailey Gray and Savannah Roberts have planted, washed, cooked and put a whole heap of them into jars, and are preparing to sell them next Monday.

When planting the beetroots, we had a lot of help from Peter and Val who prepared us with the task of planting, growing and watering. But the best part was peeling them, cutting them up, putting them into jars and cooking the pickle juice.

It has been a busy few weeks for the garden this term. Harvesting, pulling out garden and weeds.

Also Peter Fawkner our wonderful grandfather / gardener has been planting ,preparing beds for our veggies, and cooking with the children.

Peter and Levi Spring worked on the weekend putting in a watering system, to make it easier to water our veggies.

Today peter and the grade four children who planted the beetroot made more of our Pickled Beetroot. (will be on sale soon)

Thank you Peter and Levi for all the extra work you do for our school veggie garden.