



St Mary's Newsletter

TERM 4, WEEK 5

Today - Wednesday of Week 5 - marks the halfway point of Term 4. I hope everyone had a wonderful long weekend enjoying this fabulous weather and backed a winner! It was fantastic to see so many families attend our fete on Friday night. The jumping castle and train were both full most of the night. The face painting line was long. The food vans did a roaring trade. The raffle and silent auctions were constant. The music was amazing. And it was great to see a few local celebrities on (in) the dunk machine! A huge thank you to Ella Pollock and Clancy Bishop who did the majority of the organising, including the food vans, raffles and silent auctions. Brent Borkowski, Shelley Matthews, Sacha Kier and Josh Coombs were also heavily involved in the planning. Thank you to staff who attended, especially those who worked on the gate, and thank you to the families who came along to support our school.

Many churches celebrated the feasts of All Saints' and All Souls' days over the weekend. I hope you were able to take some time to reflect on the loved ones in your life that are keeping watch over us in heaven.

There is a growing concern among the staff about some of our learners walking/running themselves across the road to their cars after school. Parents are required to meet their child/ren on the school footpath and walk together with them to your car. We have had several 'near misses' with learners running across the road to their cars unaccompanied. I am asking all parents (who pick their children up from the front of school) to have a conversation about the correct way to do this. I will have all teachers have the same conversation today so we can work together to make sure our children leave the school safely.

There aren't many big events on for the remainder of this week, however next week - Week 6 - is a different story! Next Monday (11/11) to Wednesday (13/11) our Yr5/6's will be on school camp at Cave Hill Creek (near Beaufort). Miss Dennis, Miss Adams, Mrs Kelly, Mrs Douglass and I will accompany the learners. That Monday is also Remembrance Day (11th of the 11th), and our Yr4's will represent our school at the town service (Memorial Park at 11am). Next Thursday (14/11) is a Pupil Free Day where there will be no learners at school. Staff will be attending a Spirituality day led by Kylie Smith from CESL. And to wrap up a busy Week 6, on Friday 15th Nov a group of Yr5 learners will attend a CARITAS Just Leadership day in Echuca.

The P&F are organising a Christmas Raffle with hampers to be won. Today, raffle books (10 tickets at \$2 each) will go home to families, along with information about the raffle. Tickets and money are to be returned to the school office on Monday 9th December. The raffle will be drawn at the end of year mass on Thursday 12th December.

Learners from each class will be asked to donate different items for the hampers (by Monday 9th December).

Prep – Christmas table wear (disposable cups, plates and serviettes)

Grade 1- Christmas food item

Grade 2 – Christmas food item

Grade 3 – Non alcoholic drinks

Grade 4 – Christmas decoration

Grade 5 – Small Christmas gift

Grade 6 – small Christmas gift

Teachers will have tubs of some sort in their classrooms for these items to be placed into.

Mr Mann and teachers are once again organising a Christmas Carols celebration for the end of the year. The plan is for each class to perform 2 songs (one of these being a Christmas song). We are just confirming the date and time for this event, and once this is locked in, we will let families know. Other important dates for the remainder of the year include: Community Step Up day – Tuesday 10th Dec, Yr6 Graduation – Wednesday 11th Dec, End of Year Mass and BBQ – Thursday 12th Dec, Learners Last Day – Wednesday 18th Dec.

Have a wonderful week everyone.

Jarrod Mullavey

Principal



ARE YOUR DETAILS UP TO DATE???
Please contact the office of any changes to your details!!!



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!

PRAYER

Dear God,
Thank you for all the blessings
in our lives, big and small.
Thank you for surrounding us
with people who love and care
for us.
In Jesus' holy name, we pray.
Amen



LEST WE FORGET

REMEMBRANCE DAY SERVICE

MONDAY 11 NOVEMBER 2024

COHUNA RSL MEMORIAL GARDEN

KING EDWARD ST, COHUNA

10:45AM

PLEASE BRING A CHAIR IF NEEDED



HAPPY BIRTHDAY!



8th November
Ella Jones



9th
November
Addy
Kingma

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 right side of the poster has a yellow circle with 'Enrol now' in blue text. Below this, there are sections for 'Actions for parents and carers' and 'We need to ensure your contact information is up to date as the Department of Education will email you'. The bottom right shows a group of students in blue and white tracksuits walking on a path. The background of the poster is a collage of photos showing the school building and students.

A poster for Little Athletics Victoria. The top left features 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.

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

PYRAMID HILL AND DISTRICT LAWN TENNIS CLUB

2024 JUNIOR TENNIS DOUBLES TOURNAMENT

9AM SUNDAY 10 NOVEMBER

ALL JUNIORS WELCOME!

\$10 ENTRY: ALISON 0427551253

BBQ, DRINKS AND SNACKS
AVAILABLE

How to access BorrowBox

Your children may have come home asking about BorrowBox last week, after meeting Stig Weymess, an audio narrator. Here are the steps to follow...



1. Join your local public library at this link or by visiting your closest library branch <https://www.gannawarra.vic.gov.au/Our-Services/Libraries>
2. Install the BorrowBox app on your device
3. Select your library service
4. Activate with your library membership
5. Borrow free eBooks, eMagazines and eAudiobooks!

Start by searching 'Stig' to see the titles available!

To borrow physical items (i.e. books, magazines etc), you must come to the library branch in-person to complete your membership, but if joining for online use only, you can complete the Online membership request which gives you access to any of the E-Library resources available!

Tip: Check your spam folder for the 'Welcome' email as sometimes they go there

