



# St Mary's Newsletter

## TERM 4, WEEK 6

Can you believe we are over halfway through Term 4. You might say we're on the downhill run to Christmas! I calculate there are 46 days until Christmas ... and 28 more school days for our learners!! We plan on making the most of each and every one of them. At mass on Sunday, Fr Boniface urged us to never to give up on God's providence. We are to remember that even in our darkest hours, God is there with us. His love for us is unconditional.

This week, Week 6, we have lots going on. From Monday until Wednesday our Yr5/6's are on Camp at Cave Hill Creek. Thanks Miss Dennis, Miss Adams, Mrs Kelly and Mrs Douglass who will be supporting our Seniors (and me) on camp. I know with all the planning that has gone into this camp that our kids are going to have a great time! Thanks also to Miss Beer and Mrs Mac who will take their Yr4's to the Remembrance Day town ceremony on Monday and Miss Cartwright who will accompany the group. Just a reminder that Thursday is a Pupil Free Day – whilst staff attend a Spirituality retreat. These days are important for staff to pause, take a breath and strengthen their relationship with God, making them even better Catholic educators. And to finish of the week, seven of our Yr5's will attend a 'Just CARITAS Leadership day' in Echuca. Thank you to Mrs Kelly who will accompany these children (with me). We have the lawn tennis courts booked Tuesday and Wednesday, so staff will observe the weather and take their classes down if the opportunity presents itself.

A reminder that the P&F have organised a Christmas Raffle with hampers to be won. Last week, raffle books (10 tickets at \$2 each) went 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 are 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 will hold this event on Wednesday 11th December from 2-3pm at school. 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.

**Jarrod Mullavey**

Principal

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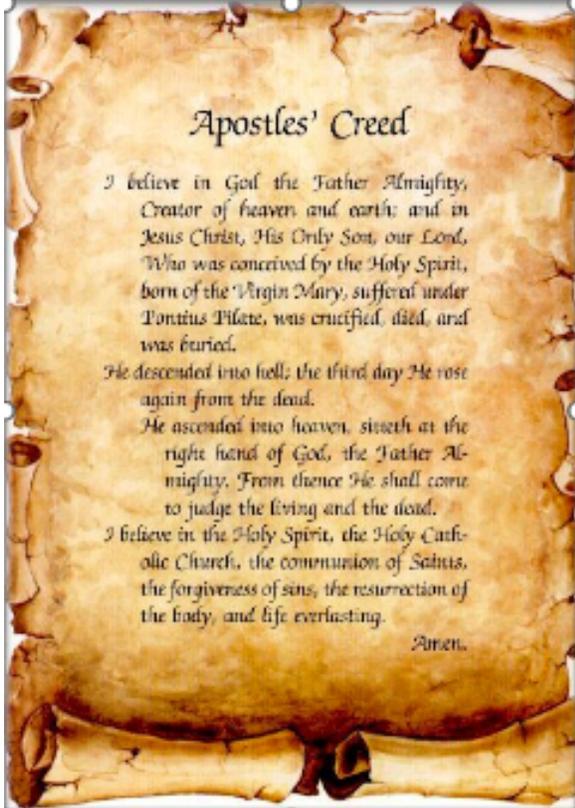


**ARE YOUR DETAILS UP TO DATE???**  
Please contact the office of any changes to your details!!!



6	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● Mon 11th - Wed 13th Nov - Yr5/6 Camp at Cave Hill Creek</li><li>● Thurs 14th Nov - Staff Spirituality Retreat - <b>pupil free day</b></li><li>● Fri 15th Nov - MacKillop Art Exhibition opening (Bendigo)</li></ul>
7	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● Thurs 21st Nov - Principal's briefing - Shepp</li><li>● Fri 22nd Nov - Principal's network - Shepp</li><li>● Fri 22nd Nov - SAC Christmas celebration</li></ul>
8	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● Mon 26th Nov - School dental van</li><li>● Tues 27th Nov - School dental van</li><li>● Wed 28th Nov - School dental van</li><li>● Fri 29th Nov - <u>Leiza</u> WB training</li></ul>
9	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● Sun 8th Dec - St Pat's PH Celebration and Mass with Bishop Shane</li></ul>
10	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● Wed 11<sup>th</sup> Dec - School Christmas Carols @ 2pm</li><li>● Wed 11<sup>th</sup> Dec - Graduation Night @ The <u>Tay</u></li><li>● Thurs 12th Dec - End of Year Mass and BBQ</li></ul>
11	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● Wed 18th Dec - Learner's last day</li><li>● Thurs 19th Dec - Staff strategic planning day</li><li>● Fri 20th Dec - Last day of the school year!</li></ul>

# PRAYER



**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!



**NOAH PASCOE**  
**14TH NOVEMBER**

**MAGGIE GORDON**  
**15TH NOVEMBER**

**ELSIE LUCAS**  
**15TH NOVEMBER**

**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 includes a photo of the school building and trees.

A 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 a red ribbon graphic on the right.

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](mailto:cohunatennisclub@gmail.com)

MRS MAC AND THE SUSTAINABILTY TEAM WOULD LOVE TO THANK PETER AND LEVI FOR INSTALLING A SPRINKLER SYSTEM IN THE VEGGIE GARDEN, MUCH APPRECIATED.



ALSO WOULD LOVE TO THANK EMMA AND HANNAH WHO CARED FOR THE CHOOKS OVER THE HOLIDAYS, AGAIN VERY MUCH APPRECIATED



# 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*

