



# St Mary's Newsletter

## TERM 4, WEEK 9

Sunday marked the first day of Summer and that means the beginning of Advent - a time when we prepare for the coming of Jesus at Christmas. It can be the perfect time to reflect on what we do well and set ourselves some lofty personal goals for the Christmas season. As we progress through Advent, we start this week by focussing on being vigilant and patient. On the second Sunday we hear the warnings in the mission of John the Baptist, the one who came before Jesus. The Third Sunday tells of the coming of the Messiah - a time for rejoicing. And the fourth Sunday highlights the events leading up to the birth of the Saviour, the first Christmas, and a new beginning.

We had plenty going on at school last week with the beginning of our swimming program, the dental van on site and our Prep-2 Late Stay and Sleep Over. A huge well done and thank you to Miss Cooke, Mrs Walker and Mrs Edge who gave up family time (and sleep time) to support our Yr2's on their annual Sleep Over! And well done to our Yr2's who were fantastic over the 2 days!

This week staff are finalising school reports, ready to send home in Week 11. We continue our swimming program on Tuesday and Wednesday - hopefully the weather is supportive! And on Friday Miss Dennis, Mrs Douglass, Miss Cartwright and I will take the Yr6's to Funfields in Whittlesea for their Big Day Out and Mrs Walker will have her 7th Transition Day with next year's Preps. (Just a side note, from next year we will be referring to our Preps as 'Foundies' - which is short for Foundation students - in alignment with all curriculum documents and policies. So if you hear the term 'Foundies' or Foundation - we are talking about our Preps!) This Sunday is our school's feast day - The Feast of the Immaculate Conception. It is also the day that St Patrick's Pyramid Hill will celebrate the contribution their school has made to its community (and our diocese), before they sadly finish up at the end of the year. Please keep Mrs Mathers, Miss Dennis, Miss Vevers and Mrs Kelly (who have all worked at St Pat's over the years) in your thoughts and prayers as well as all the staff currently working there and other staff we know who have been a part of that community. It will be a tough day, but hopefully one that celebrates a great community.

Any parent helpers available this Wednesday!! This Wednesday (4/12) we will be having a 'book contacting day'. We have lots of new literacy books that need covering. Please get in contact with your child's teacher if you are available to help out (at any time, for as long as you can) on Wednesday.

Our Christmas Hamper Raffle is coming to a close. We need all hamper items brought to school, and all raffle tickets and money returned by Monday 9th December. Just a reminder of what hamper items to bring in:

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

Thankyou to Tanna and Caitlin from the P&F for organising the raffle and to all families who are able to support us. We will draw the raffle at our End of Year Mass.

Next week is a big week! Can I bring your attention to a couple of days in particular. On Tuesday 10th December we will hold our 'Step Up Day' where students will spend the day in their 2025 classes, with their 2025 teachers. This is often a day of anxious, nervousness for all involved, so please keep an eye of your children and let us know if we need to provide any 'added support' during this time. On Wednesday 11th Dec we will celebrate the graduation of our Year 6 class at the Tav. Thanks to Nerissa, Jess, Miss Dennis and Miss Douglass for their preparation. On Thursday 12th Dec we will host our End of Year Mass and BBQ. Mass will begin at 6pm and include our end of year awards. Everyone is invited over to school following mass where the Lions Club will cook a free BBQ. We ask that families bring a plate to share. Can families with a surname beginning with A-K please provide a salad, and can families L-Z please provide a sweet. BYO picnic blankets, chairs, drinks etc.

Just a reminder that we have changed the date for our Christmas Carols Concert. We will now be holding this event at school on Wednesday 11th Dec (last day of the school year) beginning at 10am. The students' last day this year is Wednesday 18th December. School will finish at the usual time on this day (3:15pm).

Take Care

**Jarrold Mullavey**

Principal



9	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● Mon 2<sup>nd</sup> Dec - P7F Meeting @ 6:30pm</li><li>● Tues 3<sup>rd</sup> Dec - Swimming program</li><li>● Wed 4<sup>th</sup> Dec - Swimming program</li><li>● Wed 4<sup>th</sup> Dec - Book covering working bee</li><li>● Fri 6<sup>th</sup> Dec - Yr6 Big Day Out</li><li>● Fri 6<sup>th</sup> Dec - Prep Transition # 7</li><li>● Sun 8<sup>th</sup> Dec - St Pat's PH Celebration and Mass with Bishop Shane</li></ul>
10	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● Mon 9<sup>th</sup> Dec - Yr5 Leadership speeches</li><li>● Mon 9<sup>th</sup> Dec - Christmas Raffle items and tickets due in today</li><li>● Tues 10<sup>th</sup> Dec - Community Step Up Day</li><li>● <del>Wed 11<sup>th</sup> Dec - School Christmas Carols @ 2pm</del></li><li>● Wed 11<sup>th</sup> Dec - Yr 6 Graduation Night @ The <u>Tay</u></li><li>● Thurs 12<sup>th</sup> Dec - End of Year Mass and BBQ</li><li>● Fri 13<sup>th</sup> Dec - Prep Transition # 8</li></ul>
11	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● Mon 16<sup>th</sup> Dec - Pool Party!!</li><li>● Mon 16<sup>th</sup> Dec - Reports go home</li><li>● Wed 18<sup>th</sup> Dec - School Christmas Carols @ 10am</li><li>● Wed 18<sup>th</sup> Dec - Learner's last day - 3:15pm finish</li><li>● Thurs 19<sup>th</sup> Dec - Staff strategic planning day</li><li>● Fri 20<sup>th</sup> Dec - Last day of the school year!</li></ul>



**ARE YOUR DETAILS  
UP TO DATE???**

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

**WEEK 1**  
*Hope*

Reminds us...  
Jesus is coming

Bible Verse  
Romans  
15:12-13

**WEEK 2**  
*Peace*

Reminds us...  
To prepare the way  
of the Lord

Bible Verse  
Luke 2:14



**WEEK 3**  
*Joy*

Reminds us...  
The joy at the coming  
birth of Jesus

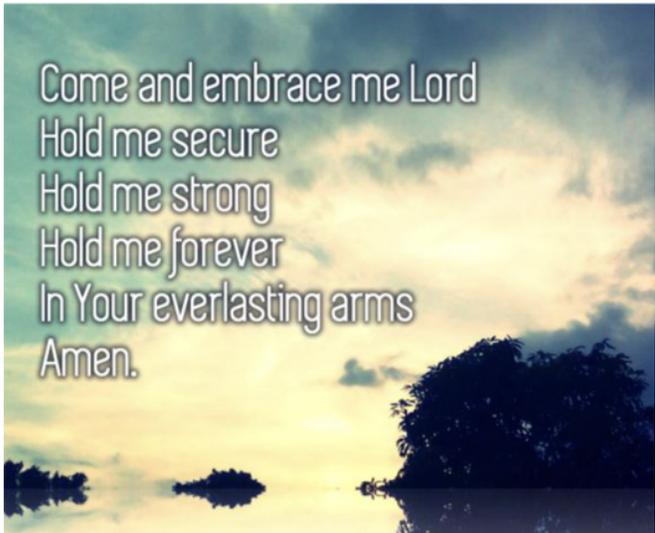
Bible Verse  
Luke 2:10

**WEEK 4**  
*Love*

Reminds us...  
of the gift of  
God's love, Jesus.

Bible Verse  
Luke 2:11

# PRAYER



**HAPPY  
BIRTHDAY!**



**OSCAR  
DYE  
5TH  
DEC**

# 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



## 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.*



St. Mary's

# PREP ENROLMENTS

NOW OPEN

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




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**



# IMAGINE THE FUN

Join Woolworths Cricket Blast  
Designed for kids to learn skills, exercise, and make friends.



**SIGN UP TODAY!**



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## JUNIOR PATHWAY



From Woolworths Cricket Blast through the Junior Cricket stage, all kids can advance their skills and discover how awesome it is to be part of a team through fun game-based activities. The stages have been developed based on academic research, testing and community feedback.

This includes consideration for physical, mental and emotional development. Participation and progression through the stage is based on ability level, therefore the ages are indicative only. Players are encouraged to participate at a stage appropriate for them.

 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>LEARN THE SKILLS FIRST</li> <li>LEARN THE SKILLS THROUGH FUN, PROGRESSIVE GAMES</li> <li>TECHNIQUE DEVELOPMENT</li> <li>TECHNIQUE DEVELOPMENT</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>TECHNIQUE DEVELOPMENT</li> <li>TECHNIQUE DEVELOPMENT</li> <li>TECHNIQUE DEVELOPMENT</li> <li>TECHNIQUE DEVELOPMENT</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>LEARN THE SKILLS THROUGH FUN, PROGRESSIVE GAMES</li> <li>UP TO 10 YEARS</li> <li>UP TO 10 YEARS</li> <li>UP TO 10 YEARS</li> </ul>
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*If anyone is interested in joining in saying the Rosary on a Wednesday morning at 10am please contact  
Donna 0431 737 790.*



# 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



## 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

# You're invited

JOIN US IN CELEBRATING THE WONDERFUL HISTORY OF

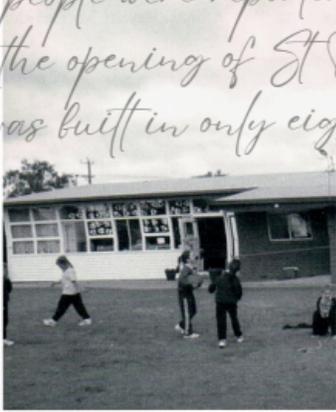
## ST PATRICK'S PRIMARY PYRAMID HILL

SUNDAY 8 DECEMBER 2024  
 11.00AM - 3.00PM



*Hundreds of people were reported turned out for the opening of St. Patrick's school which was built in only eight months.*





THE DAY WILL INCLUDE A MASS COMMENCING AT 11.00 AM FOLLOWED BY LUNCH WITH VARIOUS ACTIVITIES AND DISPLAYS UNTIL 3.00 PM ON SCHOOL GROUNDS.

PLEASE BOOK VIA THE LINK OR USE THE QR CODE

[HTTPS://WWW.TRYBOOKING.COM/CWRZS](https://www.trybooking.com/CWRZS)

RSVP 1 DEC 2024



# GEOFF SWIM SWIMMING LESSONS

PRE SCHOOL - SCHOOL AGE

FOR ALL  
AGES

3  
WEEKS

30 MIN  
LESSONS

**WHERE:** Cohuna Pool

**WHEN:** Monday, Wednesday, Friday  
*Starting Monday 6th January 2025*

BOOK - Phone: Geoff 0428 563 395  
Email: [geoffdale29@gmail.com](mailto:geoffdale29@gmail.com)



## **Geoff Swim**

*Swimming Lessons and Coaching*

*Pre School - School age -*

Cohuna Swimming Pool

*Monday, Wednesday, Friday*

*Starting Monday 6<sup>th</sup> January*

*3 Weeks*

Phone Geoff Dale 0428 563395

Email. [geoffdale29@gmail.com](mailto:geoffdale29@gmail.com)



SWIMMING LESSONS AVAILIABLE  
AT THE LEITCHVILLE POOL

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contact me via message if your interested on  
0408804131

providing name and age of children that you  
would like enrolled  
more details to come.

Deadline for  
enrolment is  
Friday the 22nd  
of November

Marli Easton

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## Executive Director

27 November 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

My name is Kate Fogarty, Executive Director of Catholic Education Sandhurst Ltd, and I'm excited to introduce a new program, **Magnify Sandhurst**, which will begin in January 2025 across all CESL schools. This initiative is based on the latest research in educational practices and designed to create a learning environment where each child can thrive academically and grow personally within our Catholic values.

### What is Magnify Sandhurst?

Magnify Sandhurst combines evidence-based practices in teaching and learning to support each student's unique needs, strengths, and goals. This program will focus on strengthening core areas like literacy and numeracy, building supportive classroom environments, and integrating Catholic values in daily learning.

### Key Features of Magnify Sandhurst

Magnify Sandhurst aims to enhance learning outcomes through several key components:

- **Structured and Evidence-based Learning:** Using the latest neuroscience and a structured, knowledge-rich curriculum, we ensure students build deep understanding. A low-variance curriculum provides students with a consistent learning experience and reduces the amount of preparation and planning required by teachers, allowing teachers to focus on individual student needs.
- **Amplifying Literacy and Numeracy:** Providing targeted support and resources to improve reading, writing, and math skills at all levels. Special focus will be on Structured Literacy in F-2 and sequential programs from Years 3-10.
- **Instructional Coaching for Teachers:** Each teacher receives a dedicated coach and program to learn and practice the best techniques to meet students' learning needs.
- **Calm Classrooms and Positive Learning Environments:** Promoting calm, supportive, and positive learning environments through common practices, expectations, and social norms, our work includes a new program for student social and behavioural learning.

### Key Changes for Your Child

Magnify Sandhurst, you will see:

- **Streamlined Curriculum:** Teachers will implement a clear and structured curriculum that prioritises essential knowledge and skills to reduce unnecessary complexity.
- **Personalised Learning Support:** Every teacher will work with a coach to apply the latest techniques for meeting individual student needs, helping all students—whether they excel or need additional support.

#### **How You Can Be Involved**

Education is a partnership, and we encourage you to stay engaged in your child’s journey with us. Here’s how:

- **Participate in Learning Conversations:** Look forward to regular updates on your child’s learning milestones. We aim to keep you informed and involved every step of the way.
- **Access Your Child’s Learning Data:** Throughout the year, you will have opportunities to review your child’s progress, including assessment results, so you can stay connected to their academic growth.

#### **Looking Ahead**

Magnify Sandhurst will be introduced across 2025 to 2027, with each phase designed to bring measurable improvements in our learning environments. We are committed to making this journey meaningful for every child and every family, ensuring that learning is both challenging and supportive.

Thank you for your support as we embark on this exciting journey together!

Peace and blessings,



Kate Fogarty  
**Executive Director, Catholic Education Sandhurst Limited.**