



St Mary's Newsletter

TERM 4, LAST WEEK

Well, this is it, the final newsletter of the year. We have tomorrow (pool party) and Wednesday (Christmas Carols @ 10am, and Yr6 Water Fight) to go and then we are on Christmas holidays. Never forget that the world stops to remember and celebrate the Birth of Jesus on 25th December. It is a special time for us Catholics and faith-filled people. On Sunday, Fr Boniface's message was clear, simple – yet challenging. We are called to be 'good people.' John the Baptist's message of 'Prepare the Way of the Lord' is calling us to be the best versions of ourselves. It sounds easy, but we know it's hard. In Matthew (25:40) Jesus says: "Whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me." We are called to treat the people we like the least just as well as the way we treat the people we love. This is the challenge of our faith. How will you improve the way you treat 'the least of these brothers and sisters' this holiday season?

I want to thank everyone involved in last week's festivities. From our Step Up Day, to Yr6 Graduation to our End of Year Mass and BBQ – it was a great week celebrating all that is good at St Mary's Cohuna. Lots of hard work went on behind the scenes to ensure these events were successful and I am thankful to all those involved.

Last Wednesday I was fortunate enough to spend the day taking Lauren Gould through our school. Lauren is excited and honoured to be taking over the role of (Acting) Principal at St Mary's Cohuna for 2025. Lauren has spent the better part of this year working through the 'Magnify Sandhurst' learning program at Catholic Education Sandhurst – designed to increase the learning outcomes for our students. Our school will be perfectly led through this curriculum, behaviour and teaching and learning revolution! Please support Lauren in the ways you have supported me, she will be an amazing asset for our school!

I would again like to take this opportunity to thank all parents for their commitment and partnership to their children's learning. I speak for all staff, when I say we feel well supported by our parent community and thoroughly enjoy teaching your children. Thank you to the Mums on the P&F Committee and to the School Advisory Council members, led by Brent. Please set yourself a challenge to find a way to be more involved in your child/ren's education in 2025. It could be helping out on the P&F, supporting Reading one morning per month, taking up the opportunity to cover new books, or another creative way that you might be thinking of.

The staff at St Mary's Cohuna are dedicated to the support and growth of each and every student in our care. I would like to thank the teachers, learning support officers, specialist teachers and office administration staff for the efforts they have put in this year (and over the previous 3 years). If I could, I would take you all to Yarrowonga with me – even Mrs Fry! - but I don't think Lauren would ever talk to me again if I did that!! Ha ha

I would like to make special mention of, and thank: Marie Kelly, Matt Mann, Georgia Mullavey and Lily Beer for their services to our school. I wish each of these teachers the very best as they move on to new challenges and hope they know they will be forever a part of the St Mary's Cohuna story.

Since we announced that we would be moving on at the end of the year, Georgia, Patrick and I have been overwhelmed by the kindness and support we have received from our school community. From the bottom of my heart, I would like to thank you all for accepting us 3 years ago and becoming such a special part of our lives.

Have a Merry Christmas and a safe and refreshing New Years!

Take care and God bless,

Jarrold Mullavey

Principal



St Mary's Cohuna families - Term 4- 2024



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- ~~Mon 16th Dec - Pool Party!!~~
- Mon 16th Dec - Reports go home
- Tues 17th Dec - Pool Party!!
- Wed 18th Dec - School Christmas Carols @ 10am (new time and date)
- Wed 18th Dec - Learner's last day - 3:15pm finish
- Thurs 19th Dec - Staff strategic planning day
- Fri 20th Dec - Last day of the school year!

Teaching line-up for 2025

Principal: Lauren Gould

Learner Diversity Leader: Graecen Cartwright

Curriculum Leader: Kayla Williams

Behaviour Curriculum Leader: Meg Cooke

Office Administrator: Jenny Barry

Foundation/Year 1 teacher: Carla Walker

F/1 LSO's: Julianne Fry (Mon-Thurs) and Leasa Edge

Year 1/2 Teacher: Zoe Dennis

Yr1/2 LSO: Stacey Patterson

Year 3/4A Teachers: Sarah Vevers (Mon-Thurs), TBA* (Fri)

Yr3/4A LSO: Alex Douglass

Year 3/4B: Meg Cooke (Mon, Tues, Wed, Fri), TBA* (Thurs)

Yr3/4B LSO: Julie McLoughlan (Mon-Thurs)

Year 5/6A: Jude Warren (Mon-Thurs), Graecen Cartwright/Meaghan Lamb (Fri)

Yr5/6A LSO: Sally Fields (mornings)

Year 5/6B: Chris Distefano

Yr5/6B LSO: Leiza Mathers (Mon-Thurs mornings)

Literacy Support: Angie Jones (Mon and Wed mornings)

P.E.: Graecen Cartwright

Art: Chloe Adams

Sport: Graecen Cartwright

Auslan: Kayla Williams

Chaplain: Leiza Mathers

Mental Health in Primary Schools Lead: Janine Fletcher

Parish Priest: Fr Boniface

*We are currently advertising for a new 2-day per week classroom teacher.



ARE YOUR DETAILS UP TO DATE???

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

PLEASE ADVISE THE OFFICE OF ANY ADDRESS CHANGES OR PHONE NUMBERS FOR ALL MEMBERS OF THE FAMILY PLEASE.



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



A Prayer for
Holidays

"Thank you for all of the beauty and joy and wonder of the holidays. Bring sweet moments into the hard days. Show your fingerprints and signs of your faithfulness and goodness."

HAPPY BIRTHDAY



**NATHAN
MIHAIOVIC
19TH DEC**



**LEVI
MCKEE
22ND DEC**



**ABRAHAM
MATTHEWS
23RD DEC**



**SONNY
FRIEDBERGER
29TH DEC**

HOLIDAY BIRTHDAYS



**LETTI FRIEDBERGER 1ST JAN
DAN MURRAY 2ND JAN
NATE HIPWELL 5TH JAN
BROOKLYN BEATTIE 9TH JAN**

**PIPPA KINGMA 9TH JAN
THEO WILSON 13TH JAN
OLLY MARTIN 14TH JAN**

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!

Play Cricket

PROUDLY PRESENTED BY Woolworths CRICKET AUSTRALIA



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.

Woolworths Cricket Blast	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> SHALL BE FIRST FREE TOOLS & EQUIPMENT LEARN THE SKILLS THROUGH FUN, PROGRESSIVE GAMES STRONG FOCUS ON PLAYING CRICKET 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> LEARN THE SKILLS THROUGH FUN, PROGRESSIVE GAMES UP TO 10 YEARS AGES 10-12 (INDICATIVE ONLY) 	
JUNIOR CRICKET 1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 7 PLAYERS NO PRICE 30 OVERS 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 45 MIN DURATION 10-15 MINUTE GAMES 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> LEARN THROUGH PLAY UNDER 10 AGES 10-12 (INDICATIVE ONLY)
JUNIOR CRICKET 2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 8 PLAYERS UNIFORM 30 OVERS 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 45 MIN DURATION 15-20 MINUTE GAMES 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> PLAYING THE GAME UNDER 10 AGES 10-12 (INDICATIVE ONLY)
JUNIOR CRICKET 3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 9 PLAYERS NO UNIFORM 30 OVERS 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 45 MIN DURATION 20-25 MINUTE GAMES 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> PLAYING AND COMPETING UNDER 14-16 AGES 10-12 (INDICATIVE ONLY)

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Play Cricket



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

THANK YOU

Mrs Mac and the sustainability group would like to thank Leiza, Dallas, St Pats PHill and helpers for transporting the green house to St Mary's.



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



Geoff Swim

Swimming Lessons and Coaching

Pre School - School age -

Cohuna Swimming Pool

Monday, Wednesday, Friday

Starting Monday 6th January

3 Weeks

Phone Geoff Dale 0428 563395

Email. geoffdale29@gmail.com



SWIMMING LESSONS AVAILIABLE
AT THE LEITCHVILLE POOL

OPEN TO AGES 5 - 12



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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