

St Mary's School Newsletter



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A Child Safe School

From the Principal - Matt Attwater



PBIS Focus of the Week

Sharing and Responding to Each Other

Dear Parents/Carers,

Gospel Summary

In this Sunday's Gospel, Jn 10: 11-18, Jesus tells us that he is the Good Shepherd. He makes a distinction between good shepherds and hired hands. Good shepherds truly care for, guard, and protect their sheep. Hired hands are more likely to run at the first sign of trouble. As a good shepherd, Jesus knows his sheep and his sheep know him. Jesus is so devoted to his sheep that he will lay down his life for them.

Reflection for Parents

Think of all the people who share in the task of teaching, guiding, and protecting your child. Who among those people is truly a good shepherd—a person who invests himself or herself in your child's life? Who are the "hired hands"—those who are less personally invested, but are still a part of your child's circle of formation and care? Think about your own role as a parent. How are you being a good shepherd to your child and to your family? Are there any "wolves" in your life, drawing your attention away from the flock God has placed in your care?

Welcome to Term 2:

I hope all families had a great Easter together and were able to catch up with extended family and friends. This term is a long 11 week term, so make sure you keep up to date with what's happening and check the calendar in the newsletter throughout the term.

School Uniform Term 2 - Hats

Term 2 means the students can start wearing their winter uniform as the days become colder. School hats are not compulsory in Term Two, but wearing them on sunny days is strongly encouraged.

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Weekend Mass Times:

Chiltern Saturday 6pm
Rutherglen Sunday 9am
Wahgunyah Sunday 10.30am

Important Dates

Thursday 19th April

Assembly - 9.10am

Monday 23rd April

Sporting Schools - After school
sporting program
(First for Term 2)
3.40pm to 4.40pm

Wednesday 25th April

Anzac Day - Public Holiday

Thursday 26th April

Eucharist - Parent/Child Session
5pm

Monday 30th April

Sporting Schools - After school
sporting program
3.40pm to 4.40pm

Wednesday 2nd May

Sporting Schools - After school
sporting program
3.40pm to 4.40pm

Friday 4th May

Athletics Carnival

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ANZAC DAY

ANZAC Day is one of Australia's most important National occasions. It marks the anniversary of the first major military action fought by Australian and New Zealand forces during the First World War. Australians recognise the 25th of April as a day of national remembrance, which takes two forms. Commemorative services are held across the nation at dawn – the time of the original landing, while later in the day, former servicemen, servicewomen and their families meet to take part in marches through the country's major cities and in many smaller centres, like Rutherglen. ANZAC Day is a time at which all Australians stop and reflect on the many different meanings of war and conflicts that Australian servicemen and servicewomen have been involved in.

ANZAC Day March

Next Wednesday is ANZAC Day and we would like to encourage students to participate in the march. The ANZAC Day March begins at Jasper's Corner at 9.00am and heads up to the Rutherglen Memorial park where an ANZAC Day service will be held. Students wishing to represent our school in the march need to meet at Jasper's Corner in their **School Uniform** at 8.45 am. Katrina Bridge will be there to organise and help them lay the wreath.

Staffing - Long Service Leave

Libby Dickinson will be on Long Service Leave for week 1&2 of this term. Annette Morey will be teaching Libby's class for these two weeks.

School Crossing After School

We have noticed that more and more students are walking, riding and scootering to school this year. This means that we have a big group of students crossing the road at the crossing after school. Due to this large number, a staff member will now man the crossing to get the students safely to the other side in one group. The students have been told where to meet after school (outside the Yr 5&6 room), then they will safely cross all together as a group. If you are picking up your child and you are parked on the other side of the road, your child will be in this group supervised by a teacher. If you pick up your child from the classroom area and intend crossing the road you **MUST** use the school flagged crossing.

School Athletics Sports Day

The Athletic Sports Day is on Friday 4th of May at Alexandra Park in Albury. There will be a permission note and call for volunteers to help out on the day going home next week.

No Newsletter Next Week

There will be no newsletter next week due to the ANZAC Day holiday on Wednesday.

Baby News

A big congratulations to Cassandra Lea on the birth of a baby boy. A new brother for Maiya and Jazmyn.

PBIS Classroom Matrix

As a school we will be focussing on expectations when Sharing & Responding to each other Below is the matrix

Sharing and responding to each other.	Respect Ourselves	Respect Others	Respect our Environment
	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Listen to the person speaking• Learn from making mistakes• Persist and keep trying	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Listen to the person speaking• Encourage others to have a go and persist• Be inclusive of others• Take turns• Give positive feedback.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Respect the visual work of others displayed in the classroom.• Respect the visual work of others shared in your group.• Respect our ICT resources when sharing presentations.

Thursday Assembly: 9.10 am

Have a Great Week!

Matt



Important Calendar Dates 2018

TERM 2

Thursday 19th April	Assembly - 9.10am
Monday 23rd April	Sporting Schools - After school sporting program (First for Term 2) 3.40pm to 4.40pm
Wednesday 25th April	Anzac Day - Public Holiday
Thursday 26th April	Eucharist - Parent/Child Session 5pm
Monday 30th April	Sporting Schools - After school sporting program 3.40pm to 4.40pm
Wednesday 2nd May	Sporting Schools - After school sporting program 3.40pm to 4.40pm
Friday 4th May	Athletics Carnival
Monday 7th May	Sporting Schools - After school sporting program 3.40pm to 4.40pm
Wednesday 9th May	Sporting Schools - After school sporting program 3.40pm to 4.40pm
Friday 11th May	District Cross Country Mother's Day Stall & Morning Tea (Parent & Friends Team)
Sunday 13th May	Mother's Day
Monday 14th May	Sporting Schools - After school sporting program 3.40pm to 4.40pm
Wednesday 16th May	Sporting Schools - After school sporting program 3.40pm to 4.40pm
Monday 21st May	Sporting Schools - After school sporting program 3.40pm to 4.40pm
Wednesday 23rd May	Sporting Schools - After school sporting program 3.40pm to 4.40pm
Monday 28th May	Sporting Schools - After school sporting program 3.40pm to 4.40pm
Wednesday 30th May	Sporting Schools - After school sporting program 3.40pm to 4.40pm
Monday 4th June	Sporting Schools - After school sporting program 3.40pm to 4.40pm
Wednesday 6th June	Sporting Schools - After school sporting program 3.40pm to 4.40pm (last for Term 2)
Monday 11th June	Queen's Birthday - Public Holiday
Friday 22nd June	Special Lunch Day (Parent & Friends Team) (no lunch orders on this day)
Friday 29th June	Last Day Term 2 - Casual Clothes (Gold coin donation) Students dismissed at 2.30pm

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At the end of the 2017 school year our current Grade 5 students wrote letters to our Australian soldiers in overseas postings. We shared some stories with them, wished them a Merry Christmas and most importantly thanked them for what they do.

It was very exciting on Monday to receive a response to our letters. To not only find out that our letters reached our soldiers but that they also were very appreciative of our messages was very special. It is such a great feeling to know that you have put a smile on someone's face by simply writing a letter. We have included a copy of the letter from Captain Brendan Kelleher.

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Dear students from St Mary's Primary School,

My name is Brendan Kelleher and I am a Captain in the Australian Army, currently deployed overseas very far from Australia. I am writing to say thank you for all your letters. We received a lot of care packages over Christmas and I was very lucky to receive letters from some of the students in your class. In particular I received letters from Emma, Aleisha, Georgie, Jazmyn, Felicity (and her dog Paws), and Jason, and would like to thank them all for writing to my soldiers and I.

As we are deployed all over the world sometimes letters and packages from schools might end up in two entirely different countries or might be delivered several weeks apart to members from different Army units. If there are other people in the class that have written, and have not heard back yet from a member of the Defence Force, I would like to thank them to!

Receiving mail is an exciting time for my soldiers and myself. While being deployed on operations can be an exciting experience, my soldiers and I love hearing about life back in Australia while so far away from our own families. This is particularly true over the Christmas and New Year's period which we spent away from our families, who we all miss very much. I hope you all had a merry Christmas and a happy New Years, and I hope Jo enjoyed going to the beach with her family.

I particularly liked sharing your drawings with the other soldiers in my platoon and we put them up around our accommodation so we could all look at them. Emma's drawing of her cat was particularly good.

Being in the Army is a very physically tough job. Mia-Leigh will be happy to know we play a lot of sport like AFL, cricket, and also a lot of basketball. Sport is a really great way to stay fit and make new friends, so we spend a lot of our free time playing it. While I do like swimming a lot, where we currently are there are not many swimming pools for us to use.

Finally good luck to Jason in his goal of joining the Defence Force. There are lots of very good jobs including Airfield Defence, but they all require people that work and study hard. I have found my time in the Defence Force to be very rewarding and fun, and I've made a lot of great friends.

Thank you for writing,



Brendan Kelleher
Captain
Australian Army

Deployed on operations

IT AND DIGITAL CITIZENSHIP NEWSLETTER

In the last week of Term 1 David Williams, Education Officer - Digital Technologies from the Catholic Education Office presented a night 'Keeping Our Kids Safe Online'

As we shared last term the biggest message David shared with us **be proactive and be familiar with what is available for your children, communicate and discuss what is happening online for them.... don't confiscate the technology!**

David shared some questions that you could use to open the lines of communication with your children about their online use:

HOW MANY FOLLOWERS DO YOU HAVE?

OTHER THAN SOCIAL MEDIA WHAT ARE THREE APPS SITES YOU USE THE MOST?

WHAT TIME SHOULD EVERYONE IN THE HOUSE PUT THEIR TECHNOLOGY AWAY?

HOW DO YOU KNOW WHEN SOMETHING IS OK TO POST ONLINE?

WHAT DOES IT FEEL LIKE WHEN SOMEONE POSTS SOMETHING ABOUT YOU ONLINE?

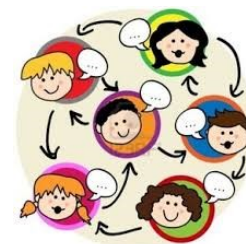


We once again, thank David for sharing his wisdom with us.

Phonological Awareness Activities for Chatter Matters:

Vocabulary/Morphology activities:

Find the synonym or antonym:



If your child has a set of spelling or tricky reading words she's working on this week, you can play games to build the words' meaning words. Decide whether the object of the game is to name antonyms or synonyms for the words. Once that is established, one player selects a word. Set a timer for one minute. See how many antonyms or synonyms each player can come up with in that time. For example: humid – muggy. Close, steamy, oppressive, stuffy. Discuss tricky word meanings and try to put them into meaningful sentences. You could use pen and paper, and ask each player to write their words down.

CATHOLIC IDENTITY NEWSLETTER

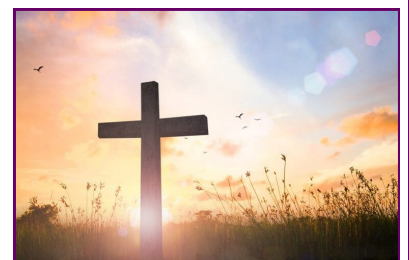
Holy Week

The last day of Term 1 we were able to reflect, pray about and share in the special stories of Holy Week from Palm Sunday to Easter Sunday. As a school community we went on a '**Holy Week Walk**' and visited each story presented in artwork around the school, we shared the stories and sang.

Part of the **Last Supper** reflection each of us had a tasting plate of foods that are symbolic to the Passover Meal that Jesus shared with his friends.



Thank you to all of the students for the wonderful artwork to share these stories and to the staff for their organisation of the art and the preparation of the tasting plates.



Many thanks to the Altar Servers who assisted over the very busy Easter period with the Holy Thursday, Good Friday, Easter Saturday and Easter Sunday masses.

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Altar Servers - Term 2

We thank Holly McMahon for volunteering to serve on the altar on Sunday mornings. If there are any others interested please contact Mrs Field.

TERM TWO ROSTER					
22.4.18	Aleisha Price / Emily Price	20.5.18	Milly Cheeseman / Olivia Cheeseman	17.6.18	Jacob Fuge / Brayden Field
29.4.18 Eucharist	Jacob Fuge / Milly Cheeseman	27.5.18	Aleisha Price / Emily Price / Holly McMahon	24.6.18 Youth Mass	Olivia Cheeseman / Aleisha Price
6.5.18 First Sunday	Hayley Barkley / Holly McMahon	3.6.18 First Sunday	Hayley Barkley / Campbell Smits	1.7.18 First Sunday	Hayley Barkley
13.5.18 Mother's Day	Campbell Smits/Brayden Field	10.6.18	Emily Price / Holly McMahon	8.7.18	Emily Price / Aleisha Price
				15.7.18	Brayden Field

Please remember:

- *Arrive at 8:45am through the side door of the Church.
- *Fr Carey has requested that at least one adult be present with the children prior to and after Mass for safety purposes.
- *If you can't make your rostered Sunday, please make a swap and notify Mel Field.



Eucharist - Sunday April 29th at 9am

We keep in our prayers those children who will be preparing to receive the Sacrament of First Eucharist for the first time on Sunday 29th April at the 9am Parish Mass. All families are very welcome to attend.

Grace Fuge, Sienna Park-Osborne, Sonny Enever-Cooper, Shaun Gunning, Alexandra O'Meara, Lucinda Steel, Grace Milthorpe, Akira Bonacci-Law and Faith O'Donoghue

Project Compassion

Many thanks to all families for their support this year of Project Compassion. We have raised approximately \$600 as a school through our Zooper Dooper Fridays, Shrove Tuesday pancakes and our Project Compassion classroom boxes to send to CARITAS. Well done and thank you everyone!

Thank you to the **Catholic Identity Leadership Team** - Emily Price, Jasmine Branella, Camia Park-Osborne and Jose Taylor for their organisation and commitment to Project Compassion events last term.



Upcoming Events

<u>Wk 1</u>		<u>Wk 7</u>	<u>RECONCILIATION WEEK</u>
<u>Wk 2</u>	25/4: ANZAC DAY 26/4: 5pm - Parent/Child Eucharist Meeting at Church 27/4: 9:30am - Mass/ Reconciliation for Eucharist Candidates 29/4: 9am - First Eucharist Mass	<u>Wk 8</u>	7/6: FEAST OF THE SACRED HEART 9:30am Whole School Mass
<u>Wk 3</u>		<u>Wk 9</u>	
<u>Wk 4</u>	10/5: 9:30am Junior School Mass	<u>Wk 10</u>	19/6: 6pm - Parent/Candidates Sacrament of Reconciliation Meeting 21/6: 9:30am Senior School Mass
<u>Wk 5</u>	17/5: Pentecost Liturgy at Assembly	<u>Wk 11</u>	24/6: 5:30pm PARISH YOUTH MASS
<u>Wk 6</u>	CATHOLIC EDUCATION WEEK 24/5: Whole School Mass		



Charlotte Rose
SMITH

29th January 2018

6.50pm

7lbs 5oz

48cm

Thank you for your
beautiful gifts and
kind messages.

Love, Jodie and Stuart



We send our best wishes to:

Zoe Buscall (22/04) & Jyden
Kramer (26/04)

who will be celebrating their
birthdays this week.



**ANZAC
APPEAL**

For sale in the
front office.

\$1 pins

\$2 pins

\$3 wrist bands

Book Club Issue 3 orders due:

Tuesday 24th April, 2018



WE NEED YOUR HELP!

MANY HANDS MAKE LIGHT WORK!

A huge thank you to the Gunning, Colwell, Cracknell, Morris, Milthorpe, McMahon and Buscall families who have already helped look after the chooks, however we still need more volunteers. Please let Miss Oberin know if you're willing to assist.