

St Mary's School Newsletter



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A Child Safe School

From the Principal - Matt Attwater



PBIS Focus of the Week - Using the School Crossing

Dear Parents/Carers,

Gospel Summary

A complete circle of love is found in this Sunday's gospel reading, John 15:9-17. God loved the Son, Jesus. The Son loves his followers, and the followers show their love for God through their love for one another. It is clear in this reading that while we are part of this circle, we are only part of it because God chose us to be. Our response to God's choice for us is simply to show our love for God through the love we show to other human beings.

Reflection for Families

The lives of parents are very full and busy. It's like juggling apples and catching each falling one to prevent it from falling to the floor while tossing the others high in the air. But sometimes we need to think beyond the immediate demands of jobs, family, and home. When we widen the circle of those we include in our love, our children see first hand how we live this gospel message. When we reach out to others, especially those who are difficult to love, they learn by our example what Jesus asks us to do in showing our love to one another just as he shows his love to us.

First Eucharist:

What a beautiful mass we had on Sunday to celebrate the sacrament of the Eucharist for the first time for **Grace Fuge, Sienna Park-Osborne, Sonny Enever-Cooper, Shaun Gunning, Alexandra O'Meara, Lucinda Steel, Grace Milthorpe, Akira Bonacci-Law, Faith O'Donoghue and Sharon Law**. Thanks to Mel Field, Fr. Carey and the parents who prepared the students so well for their big day.

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Weekend Mass Times:

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

Important Dates

Wednesday 2nd May

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

Friday 4th May

Athletics Carnival (see page 12 for timetable)

Monday 7th May

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

Wednesday 9th May

Grade 2 Excursion - Beechworth Honey
Sporting Schools - After school sporting program
3.40pm to 4.40pm

Thursday 10th May

Junior Mass - 9.30am

Friday 11th May

District Cross Country (selected students)
Mother's Day Stall & Morning Tea (Parent & Friends Team)

Sunday 13th May

Mother's Day

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Athletic Sports:

The Athletic sports will be held this Friday at Alexandra Park in East Albury. This is always a great day and one we share with St. Joseph's, Chiltern. I hope to see lots of parents and grandparents there cheering the students on.

NAPLAN:

Students in Yr.3 & 5 will be sitting for NAPLAN testing on May 15,16 & 17. All families of Year 3 & 5 students will receive a NAPLAN information sheet today. If you have any concerns or queries please contact your class teacher or myself as soon as possible.

PBIS Classroom Matrix: As a school we will be focussing on expectations when Using the School Crossing. Below is the matrix

Using the school crossing	Respect Ourselves	Respect Others	Respect our Environment
 A diagram showing three overlapping circles labeled 'Respect'. The left circle is blue and labeled 'others', the middle is red and labeled 'ourselves', and the right is green and labeled 'our environment'. The word 'RESPECT' is written across the bottom of the circles.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Listen for instructions• Walk across the crossing calmly• Walk your bike or scooter calmly across the crossing	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Wait at the bins for the teacher.• Remind adults, who are picking you up, that you must use the crossing.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Watch for traffic on the road and wait until it is clear.• Walk straight across the crossing and move onto the footpath



Well done to this week's PBIS Winners: Lucas Zani, Hannah Robins & Annie Johnson.

Assembly: Thursday at 9.10am

Have a Great Week!

Matt



Important Calendar Dates 2018

TERM 2

Wednesday 2nd May	Sporting Schools - After school sporting program 3.40pm to 4.40pm
Friday 4th May	Athletics Carnival
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Wednesday 9th May	Grade 2 Excursion - Beechworth Honey Sporting Schools - After school sporting program 3.40pm to 4.40pm
Thursday 10th May	Junior Mass - 9.30am
Friday 11th May	District Cross Country Mother's Day Stall & Morning Tea (Parent & Friends Team)
Sunday 13th May	
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 to receive another response to our letters on the 23rd April. 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 an Australian Soldier.

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Dear students & teachers
of St Marys School,
Thankyou so much for your
thoughtful gifts and
letter.
To all of us serving over here
it means a great deal to
receive these tokens of
your selflessness and generosity
I hope you all study hard
and be the best you can be
be nice to your teachers and
especially your mum & dad.
Thankyou all,
An Australian
Soldier

IT AND DIGITAL CITIZENSHIP NEWSLETTER

The Australian Government Office for the eSafety Commissioner has released an interactive tour titled 'Screen Smart Parent Tour.'

This 10 minute interactive tour is for parents of pre-teens and young teens (10-14 years old) but it wouldn't hurt if we all watched it to educate ourselves.

There are tips and practical steps so that you can help your child explore the internet safely and manage online issues should they arise. This is especially important at this age as they strive for independence and peer acceptance.

Follow this link <https://esafety.gov.au/> and explore ways that you can support your child's wellbeing.

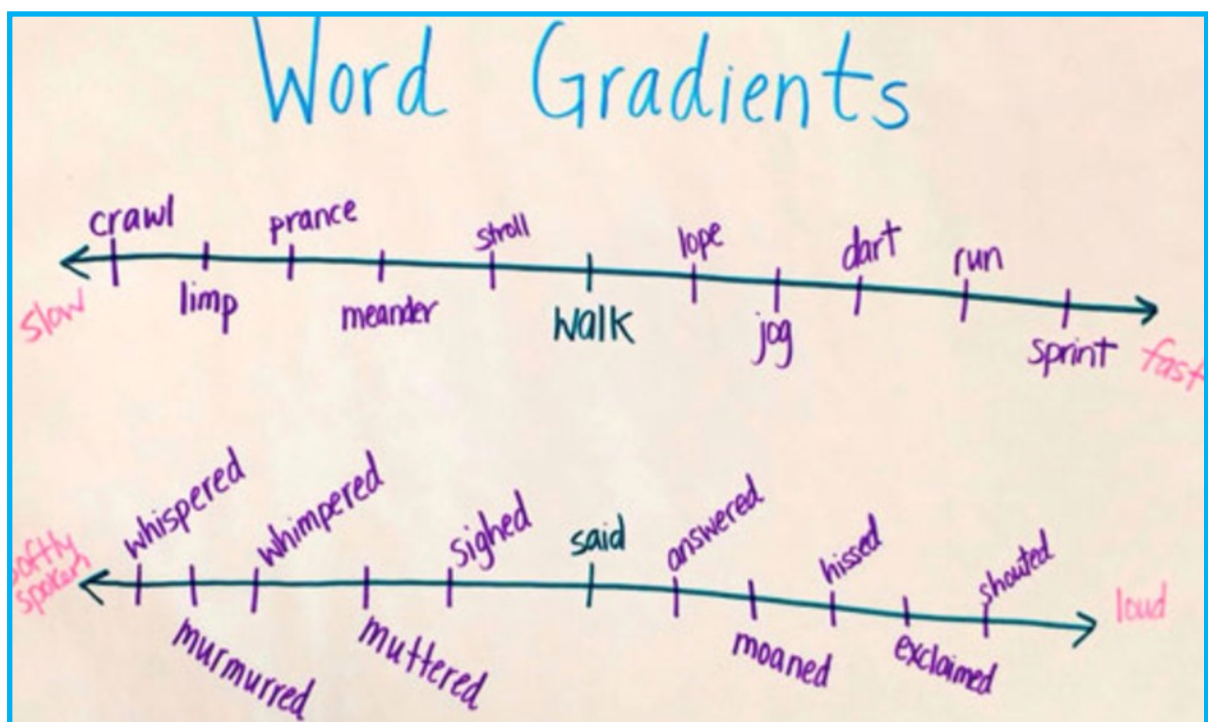
Introducing our
interactive
screen smart
parent tour

Take the tour



Phonological Awareness Activities for Chatter Matters:

Word Gradients: Word meaning gradients are a way to broaden and deepen students' understanding of related words. The idea is to consider a continuum of words by order of degree. Start by selecting a pair of polar opposite words and generate at least five synonyms for each of the opposite words. For example, hot and cold which may include boiling, scorching, blistering, tepid, lukewarm, cool, chilly, freezing. Ask your child to arrange the words in a way that makes a bridge from one opposite word to the other. Continuum can be done horizontal or vertical, in a ladder-like fashion. Discuss the reasons why they placed certain words in certain locations. Encourage a conversation about the subtle differences among the words.



ANZAC BISCUITS

Last week the Senior students learnt about the history of the ANZAC Biscuit and were able to spend some time cooking them. A great Maths lesson with the expectation of working in teams effectively to achieve a goal.

The big question was "Crunchy or Chewy ANZAC Biscuits???" What a great topic for a persuasive text.

Some students and families have asked for the recipe...please follow this link

<http://www.bestrecipes.com.au/recipe/anzac-biscuits-L79.html>

We would like to thank Mrs Coman, Mrs Marquison and Rhi for their help and organisation.



CATHOLIC IDENTITY NEWSLETTER

Eucharist - Sunday April 29th 2018

Congratulations to the candidates who received the Eucharist for the first time on Sunday. It was a lovely morning of celebration.

Many thanks to the parents and Fr Carey for preparing the candidates so well over the past 6 weeks or so.

Thank you to Simon (cousin of the O'Donoghue family) for the 'amazing' First Eucharist cake, it was beautiful.

Thank you to the families for their organisation of the morning tea, in particular, Kelli O'Meara for the great job she did setting up for the morning tea.

Congratulations to:

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



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.

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>	<u>CATHOLIC EDUCATION WEEK</u> 24/5: Whole School Mass		



First Eucharist - Sunday 29th April, 2018



Mother's Day Stall - next Friday, 11th May.

There are still some order forms to come in..... \$5.00 per gift.



Sacred Heart College, Yarrawonga

Would like to remind you about the

College Information Evening on Wednesday 2nd May at 6pm

in the Lone Pine Room, Corowa RSL

Enrolment applications are available on the night, from the College Administration Office
or via the College website

Enrolment applications due back by Wednesday May 30

All Enquiries 5742 1300

www.shcy.vic.edu.au

News from Presentation Sisters' Missions - Our Sponsored Child

With Compliments



PRESENTATION SISTERS' MISSIONS

To the Staff and Students of St. Mary's School Rutherglen,
Unfortunately your sponsored child #81 Dani Rose Bayles (Grade 10) has dropped out of the Program at the Presentation Centre. The family moved as the father found work outside the City and so Dani has transferred to another school. Thank you for your support of Dani while she was in the Program. The parents expressed their appreciation of your financial support to Dani. Thank you for taking on another child—Prince Yang Sencil. Enclosed is a photo of Prince and information about his family. You will see they are a needy family.

Thank you to everyone for your continual support and generosity to our Program.

Blessings from

Sr. Frances Hargreaves

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If I could be of service in any part
of the world I would willingly do
all in my power. Nano Nagle

Introducing our new Sponsor Child - Prince Yang Sencil



Comm 2018 YOUR SPONSORED CHILD

NAME: *Prince Yang Sencil*

DATE OF BIRTH: *19th October, 2009*

AGE: *8 years old*

EDUCATIONAL LEVEL: *Grade 4*

MOTHER'S NAME: *Dreamie Anne Sencil*

FATHER'S NAME: *Michael Sencil (deceased)*

Dear Sponsor,

Thank you for showing your love and concern for this very special family.

CHILD'S INFORMATION

Name of Child: Prince Yang Sencil
Age: 8 years old
Date of Birth: October 19, 2009
Grade/Year level: Grade 4
Name Of Mother: Dreamie Anne Sencil, 27 years old
Occupation: Housewife
Name Of Father: Michael Sencil
Occupation: Deceased
No. of Children: 2(Prince Yang-8, Princes Judy Ann-4)

Family/House Condition:

Prince Yang's father died when he was seven years old. His father met an accident which caused his sudden death last year. When he was alive, he worked as a traffic enforcer in the city proper. He was a kind and loving father to his family.

The mother is just a contractual worker in the government hospital, as a pharmacy aide, to support her two children. The youngest child's tuition fee as a nursery child in Nano Nagle Child Care and Learning Center is shouldered by the uncle.

The family has a small native house with one sleeping room and one area for cooking, dining and receiving area. Their house is beside the paternal grandparents' house.

Prince Yang is a fourth grader in a public elementary school near their house. His favorite subjects are Mathematics and Science. He plays hide and seek with friends during free time. He joins the gymnast team to compete with other schools.

Thank you for your continuous support to the Program. God Bless!

Sincerely yours,

Noted by:

Josephine G. Melliza

Sr. Helen C. Lenehan, Pbm
Office-in-Charge

Athletics Carnival
Timetable
Friday 4th May, 2018

	<u>6yrs</u>	<u>7yrs</u>	<u>8yrs</u>	<u>9yrs</u>	<u>10yrs</u>	<u>11yrs</u>	<u>12/13yrs</u>
<u>10:00</u>	Bean Bag Throw	Vortex	Sprints	Long Jump	Discus	Distance	Hurdles
<u>10:30</u>	Vortex	Sprints	Long Jump	Discus	Distance	Hurdles	Shot Put
<u>11:00</u>	Fruit Snack						
<u>11:10</u>	Sprints	Long Jump	Discus	Distance	Hurdles	Shot Put	Vortex
<u>11:35</u>	Long Jump	Quoit Throw	Distance	Hurdles	Shot Put	Vortex	Sprints
<u>12:00</u>	Quoit Throw	Distance	Hurdles	Shot Put	Vortex	Sprints	Long Jump
<u>12:30</u>	Lunch						
<u>1:00</u>	Distance	Hurdles	Shot Put	Vortex	Sprints	Long Jump	Discus
<u>1:30</u>	Hurdles	Bean Bag Throw	Vortex	Sprints	Long Jump	Discus	Distance
<u>2:00</u>	Presentation						