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This Sunday's Gospel Summary:

While Jesus was with his disciples at the Last Supper, he pointed toward his future glory following his death and resurrection where he would be reunited with his Father in heaven. He also gave the disciples a command: to love one another. But the disciples didn't have to figure out how to do this on their own. Jesus told them to love one another in the same way he had loved them.

Reflection for Parents:

Jesus wanted the disciples to love one another and all followers with a binding love. It is this same kind of love that binds families together. When other people turn their backs and walk away, it is symbolic of Jesus' love that families are bound by a love incomparable anywhere else in our own experience. We fail at times, but rarely in any other setting do we see anything close to the unconditional love God has for us, as we see in the love parents show their children.

Weekend Mass Times:

Chiltern Saturday 6pm

Rutherglen Sunday 9am

Wahgunyah Sunday 10.30am

IMPORTANT DATES

Friday 17 May

District Cross Country
Yackandandah

Friday 24 May

9.30am - Junior Mass

12.00noon - Annual Cross Country
with St Joseph's at Chiltern Golf
Course (substitute date)

Tuesday 28 May

3.00pm - Assembly

Dear Parents/Carers,

WE WILL NEED HELP FROM ALL FAMILIES **Rotary Country Fair Stall**

As outlined in last week's newsletter we were fortunate to gain a BBQ stall at the Rotary Fair on the June long weekend this year. This will be our major fundraiser of the year for our school, but it means we will need a commitment from families to help out on the stall for just a few hours. The more families who volunteer will make it far easier to spread the load.

Below is a volunteers sign up link that will have all the relevant information that you will need to help out. Remember the school stands to raise a significant amount of money, so please help out.

volunteersignup.org/QTTLC

School Crossing Speed Limits: A Police presence

A reminder that the speed limit around our school crossing between 8.00am - 9.30 am & 2.30pm - 4pm is strictly **40 km**. I have been noticing that many local residents, not school families, are not adhering to this law, especially in the morning. I have asked the **police** to come and do some random speed checks in school drop off and pick up times over the next few weeks as a warning for local residents.

Ambulance Cover Reminder:

All families need to make sure that they have ambulance cover. If a student has an accident, or experiences a medical emergency requiring an ambulance, an ambulance will be called immediately.

NAPLAN has begun

This year our Yr 3 & Yr 5 students will be doing NAPLAN online for the first time. The NAPLAN online testing window lasts a fortnight beginning on Tuesday 14th of May with the writing component. If you have any questions please don't hesitate to contact myself or your child's class teacher.

Cross Country Postponed until Friday 24th May

The school's annual cross country was postponed last Friday due to weather conditions. The new date is Friday 24th May at Chiltern Golf Course. Permission notes will be distributed to students today.

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Mother's Day

We had a great Mother's, Grandmother's & Great Grandmother's Day last Friday. Pretty sure I saw a few tears in the audience whilst the children were singing. Look inside today's newsletter for some photos.

IMPORTANT PAM INFORMATION.

PAM - Parent Access Module :

As you are aware, all parents have been given access to PAM (our Parent Access Module). Currently PAM is used for families to view and download reports and to book in for Parent/Teacher Interviews. However **PAM** has many functions that we are going to release and used before the the year is out. These features will make communication simpler and more effective, as everything will be found on the one platform - PAM. These new features will include Students Absentee Notification, Family Medical Records, Excursions Permission Forms, Daily Messages & Weekly Events.

IMPORTANT: VERIFYING Your Accounts. All families have been given an access code to verify their PAM account, **however 22 families** have still not verified their email address on PAM. This is important otherwise you will not receive important notifications through PAM. PLEASE note your account **must be verified** for you to access these new features as they are released. Could all families please ensure they have verified their PAM account by logging into <http://pam.smrutherglen.catholic.edu.au> then follow the prompts. This needs to be done by the end of this week. If you are having trouble please contact the school promptly.


IMPORTANT: PAM - School Attendance Feature is Now Open

We have now opened the school attendance feature on PAM (Parent Access Module). This will allow you to notify the school of absenteeism or late to school once you have logged into PAM. There will be an School Attendance Link on the PAM homepage. Using this link will directly link to each teacher's classroom roll.

We are encouraging all families to begin using this method to notify the school of any absenteeism or arriving late to school as we begin to move to solely using PAM as the school's communication method.

PBIS Awards (Positive Behaviour in Schools):

This week's Focus: Whole School Expectations

Whole School	Respect Ourselves	Respect Others	Respect our Environment
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Wear correct uniform Care for your own belongings Do your best work Listen and participate Be ready to be a learner Respect learning time Label your belongings 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Be polite Accept differences Use respectful and inclusive language Speak kindly to others Consider how your actions impact others 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Pick up litter Be careful with school property. Respect property and resources

Congratulations to this week's PBIS Winners

(pictured right):

Holly McMahon 5/6 (JM)

Matilda Colwell 3/4 (ST)

Adelyn Holland 3/4 (ST)

Have a great week,

Matt



Parent Team Social Gathering Friday 24th of May:

The Parent Team has invited everyone for a catch up & drink on Friday 24th of May. Nothing formal just an opportunity to catch up with other school community members.

Details below:

Date	Friday 24th May
Time	5:30 to 6:30pm
Venue	James & Co Wines 136 Main Street Rutherglen

Class award winners:

Back Row left to right: Emma Meyer 5/6 JM, Lillian Baker 5/6 JM

Front Row left to right: Jed Goudie F/1 HK, Patrick Colman F/1 HK, Charlie Kay 1/2 LD, Seve Cottam F/1 HK, Callum Potter 3/4 JS



Principal award winners:

Pictured below: Paige Lee-Wood 5/6 JM, Dusty Fisher 3/4 ST, Sam Morris 3/4 ST, Harper Lee 1/2 LD & Zoe Buscall F/1 HK





We send our best wishes to:
Maiya Lea (18/5), Sam Morris (19/5), Noah Cracknell (20/5)
& Brodie Upton (22/5)
who will be celebrating their birthdays this week.



Annual St Mary's/St Joseph's Cross Country Event - Chiltern Golf Club

Friday 24th May, 2019

The approximate race times are:-

5/6 year olds	-	1 Lap	-	12.15pm
7 year olds	-	1 Lap	-	12.25pm
8 year olds	-	2 Laps	-	12.35pm
9 year olds	-	2 Laps	-	12.50pm
10 year olds	-	2 Laps	-	1.05pm
11 year olds	-	3 Laps	-	1.25pm
12/13 year olds	-	3 Laps	-	1.45pm

Parents/family/friends are all welcome as spectators. Please notify the school if your child will **not** be returning to school on the bus after the event.

CHILDREN'S CHATTER MATTERS

An activity to build vocabulary - Etymology

Etymology is the knowledge of where words come from. E.g, Crocodile – the word was founded in the 1560's from a French/Latin spelling of crocodilia, which means large lizard. Finding the origin of the word is interesting and fun, all you need to do is google etymology of... (word). Here are some examples to start you off.

Nightmare
Sandwich
Boxing day
Bluetooth
Kangaroo

Have a go at finding the origin of spelling words, unusual words in books or look up some phrases e.g. bite the bullet, bust your chops, raining cats and dogs.





Catholic Education Week activities







CATHOLIC COLLEGE WODONGA

2020 ENROLMENTS

NOW OPEN!

A reminder that all 2020 enrolment applications must be handed into Catholic College by Monday 27 May.

All CEW students or students with a sibling already at Catholic College, **MUST** still complete the application process.

Failure to submit your application may result in your child not being enrolled here in 2020.

Applications close 27 May.

Enquiries: Jodie Kensington 02 6043 5500



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Australia's Biggest Morning Tea

Every dollar raised helps support those impacted by cancer.

When: **Thursday 23rd May**

Where: **Gollings Square**

Time: **10am - 12pm**

Details: **Hosts - Helen + Janice**
0427 035 090

biggestmorningtea.com.au



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Important Calendar Dates - 2019

Term 2

Friday 17 May	District Cross Country - Yackandandah
Friday 24 May	9.30am - Junior Mass 12.00noon - Annual Cross Country with St Joseph's at Chiltern (substitute date)
Tuesday 28 May	3.00pm - Assembly
Friday 31 May	Glenview Visit - 3/4ST
Friday 7 June	Senior Mass
Monday 10 June	Queen's Birthday Public Holiday (School closed)
Tue 11 - Fri 14 June	Meals On Wheels duty
Friday 21 June	Glenview Visit - Juniors
Thursday 27 June	4.00pm - Reports released
Friday 28 June	Last Day Term 2 (Casual Clothes Day - gold coin donation) School finishes at 2.30pm

Term 3

Monday 15 July	First Day Term 3
Friday 20 September	Last Day Term 3 (Casual Clothes Day - gold coin donation) School finishes at 2.30pm

Term 4

Monday 7 October	First Day Term 4
Wed 30 October	Canberra Camp (Grades 5 & 6)
Thur 31 October	Canberra Camp (Grades 5 & 6) Borambola Camp (Grades 3 & 4)
Fri 1 November	Canberra Camp (Grades 5 & 6) Borambola Camp (Grades 3 & 4)
Wed 18 December	Last Day Term 4 (Casual Clothes Day - gold coin donation) School finishes at 3.30pm

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