

St Mary's School Newsletter



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A Child Safe School

From the Principal - Matt Attwater



PBIS Focus of the Week Whole School expectations

Dear Parents/Carers,

Gospel Summary

The crowds in last week's Gospel had faith in Jesus, and at the same time they doubted him. In this Sunday's gospel Gospel, the Jews doubt that Jesus is who he says he is. They know that he is the son of Joseph and Mary, but they cannot explain—and therefore have a hard time believing—that he had come down from heaven.

Reflection for Parents

Like the Jews in this Sunday's Gospel, most children have a hard time believing and trusting in what they cannot see. For example, they cannot see that a choice that seems easy and fun and good today will bear negative consequences for them in the future. Like Jesus, we must remain consistent and persistent in saying what we know to be true. Our words may be met with doubt and resistance, but they serve to remind our children of the Gospel values and expectations we uphold. Today, take time to think about where you need to stand firm and remain consistent and persistent as a parent.



Mary MacKillop

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Weekend Mass Times:

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

Important Dates

Wednesday 8th August

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

Monday 13th August

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

Tuesday 14th August

Stage Door

Wednesday 15th August

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

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Mary MacKillop - Feast Day - August 8th

Today we will celebrate the Feast Day of Mary MacKillop, Australia's first canonised Saint, with a paraliturgy lead by our Senior students.

School Feast Day and Feast of the Assumption: Wednesday 15th August;

Next Wednesday, 15th of August, we will celebrate our school's Feast Day with a mass and then some fun activities for the students during the day. All families are welcome to join us for mass, a family picnic and fun Activities.

Congratulations:

A big congratulations to Hannah Oberin (F/1), who became engaged to Paul last weekend.


A Speedy Recovery:

We keep Di Milthorpe, wife of Wayne, in our thoughts and prayers as she recovers from surgery in hospital this week.

Stage Door: Victory Lutheran College Wodonga:

Next Tuesday, 14th of August, all students will be performing in Stage Door, along with other local schools, at Victory Lutheran College Wodonga. We will be on stage between 11.00am - 1pm. All parents are invited along. Please note it is a Gold Coin entry for parents.

PBIS Classroom Matrix: As a school we will be focussing on expectations for the **Whole School Expectations** this week.

Whole School	Respect Ourselves	Respect Others	Respect our Environ- ment
	<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:**

Noah Cracknell
Marley Ford
Ryan Moore

(pictured right)



Have a Great Week!

Matt



Important Calendar Dates 2018

TERM 3

Wednesday 8th August	Sporting Schools - After school sporting program 3.40pm to 4.40pm
Monday 13th August	Sporting Schools - After school sporting program 3.40pm to 4.40pm
Tuesday 14th August	Stage Door
Wednesday 15th August	Sporting Schools - After school sporting program 3.40pm to 4.40pm
Monday 20th August	Meals on Wheels Sporting Schools - After school sporting program 3.40pm to 4.40pm
Tuesday 21st August	Meals on Wheels
Wednesday 22nd August	Meals on Wheels Sporting Schools - After school sporting program 3.40pm to 4.40pm
Thursday 23rd August	Meals on Wheels
Friday 24th August	Meals on Wheels
Monday 27th August	Parent Teacher Interviews Sporting Schools - After school sporting program 3.40pm to 4.40pm
Tuesday 28th August	Parent Teacher Interviews
Wednesday 29th August	Sporting Schools - After school sporting program 3.40pm to 4.40pm
Friday 31st August	Father's Day Stall
Sunday 2nd September	Father's Day
Wednesday 12th September	Dress Rehearsal—School Production
Thursday 13th September	School Production
Friday 21st September	Last Day - Term 3 - Casual Clothes (Gold coin donation)
	<i>Students dismissed at 2.30pm</i>

TERM 4

Monday 8th October	First Day - Term 4
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We send our best wishes to:
Jacinta Fisher (12/08)
who is celebrating her birthday this week.

Phonological Awareness Activities for Chatter Matters:

The art of persuading!

Many children are very good at arguing but have they got the power of persuasion. Can they justify their decisions and provide evidence? The ability to provide a convincing argument both verbally and in written form is a critical life skill that children need to develop.

Ask your child to provide 3 reasons for and against each of these situations:

a. Having the following animals as pets (encourage them to be as creative as possible)

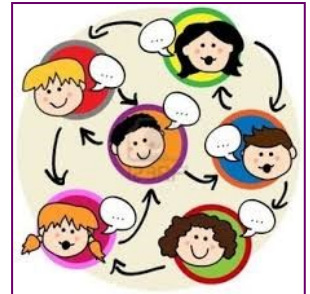
- snake, cat, koala, mouse, seahorse, magpie, giraffe.

b. having a sleepover at a friend's house

c. staying up to watch a late night movie

d. buying a new electronic game

Encourage them to use the language of persuasion for example: "I believe that a snake would make an excellent pet for the following reasons; firstly it would certainly scare away unwanted visitors....."



Last week's Principal Awards were given to:-

Back row (left to right) Adelyn Holland, Grace Milthorpe, Darcy Harris-Harwood & Georgie Upton

Front row (left to right) Kasey Rhodes, Marley Ford, Jaylen Cracknell & Dusty Fisher



Come along to celebrate St Mary's Feast Day - The Feast of the Assumption

WEDNESDAY 15th AUGUST 2018

All parents and friends are invited to share this day with us.

9:30am - Whole School Mass

Followed by cake and a cup of tea

11am - Join us on the oval for a picnic lunch - BYO your picnic rug and lunch to share with your child/children.

*Children are invited to bring their favourite board game or card game for one of our activities





TERM THREE			
22.7.18	Grace Milthorpe Milly Cheeseman Olivia Cheeseman	9.9.18	Alexandra O'Meara Hayley Barkley Grace Milthorpe
29.7.18	Alexandra O'Meara Emily Price Aleisha Price	16.9.18	Faith O'Donoghue Campbell Smits Jacob Fuge
5.8.18 First Sunday	Akira Bonacci-Law Holly McMahon Jacob Fuge	23.9.18	Akira Bonacci-Law Milly Cheeseman Olivia Cheeseman
12.8.18	Faith O'Donoghue Hayley Barkley Campbell Smits	30.9.18	Sonny Enever-Cooper Jacob Fuge Hayley Barkley
19.8.18	Sonny Enever-Cooper Aleisha Price Emily Price	7.10.18 First Sunday	Alexandra O'Meara Campbell Smits Brayden Field
26.8.18	Grace Milthorpe Holly McMahon Jacob Fuge		
2.9.18 Father's Day /First Sunday	Sonny Enever-Cooper Olivia Cheeseman Milly Cheeseman		
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.			



What's On In Term 3??

<u>Wk 4</u>	8/8: St Mary of the Cross Mackillop Feast Day Liturgy 9/8: Senior School Mass - 9:30am
<u>Wk 5</u>	15/8: WHOLE SCHOOL FEAST DAY - Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary
<u>Wk 6</u>	23/8: Junior School Mass - 9:30am
<u>Wk 8</u>	6/9: Senior School Mass - 9:30am
<u>Wk 10</u>	20/9: Junior School Mass - 9:30am



Centrepay

School Fee Payments through Centrepay

Families who receive Centrelink benefits can pay their School Fees through Centrepay.

What is Centrepay?

Centrepay is a voluntary bill-paying service that is free for Centrelink customers. Through Centrepay, a Customer can authorise Centrelink to deduct regular amounts from their Centrelink payments to pay their bills and expenses to a School or Business.

Centrepay deductions of \$20 or more per fortnight per child can be used to pay for:

Fees and charges for Book packs and Essential Items and any related educational expenses including equipment, incursions and excursions, camps and swimming.

Benefit to parents:

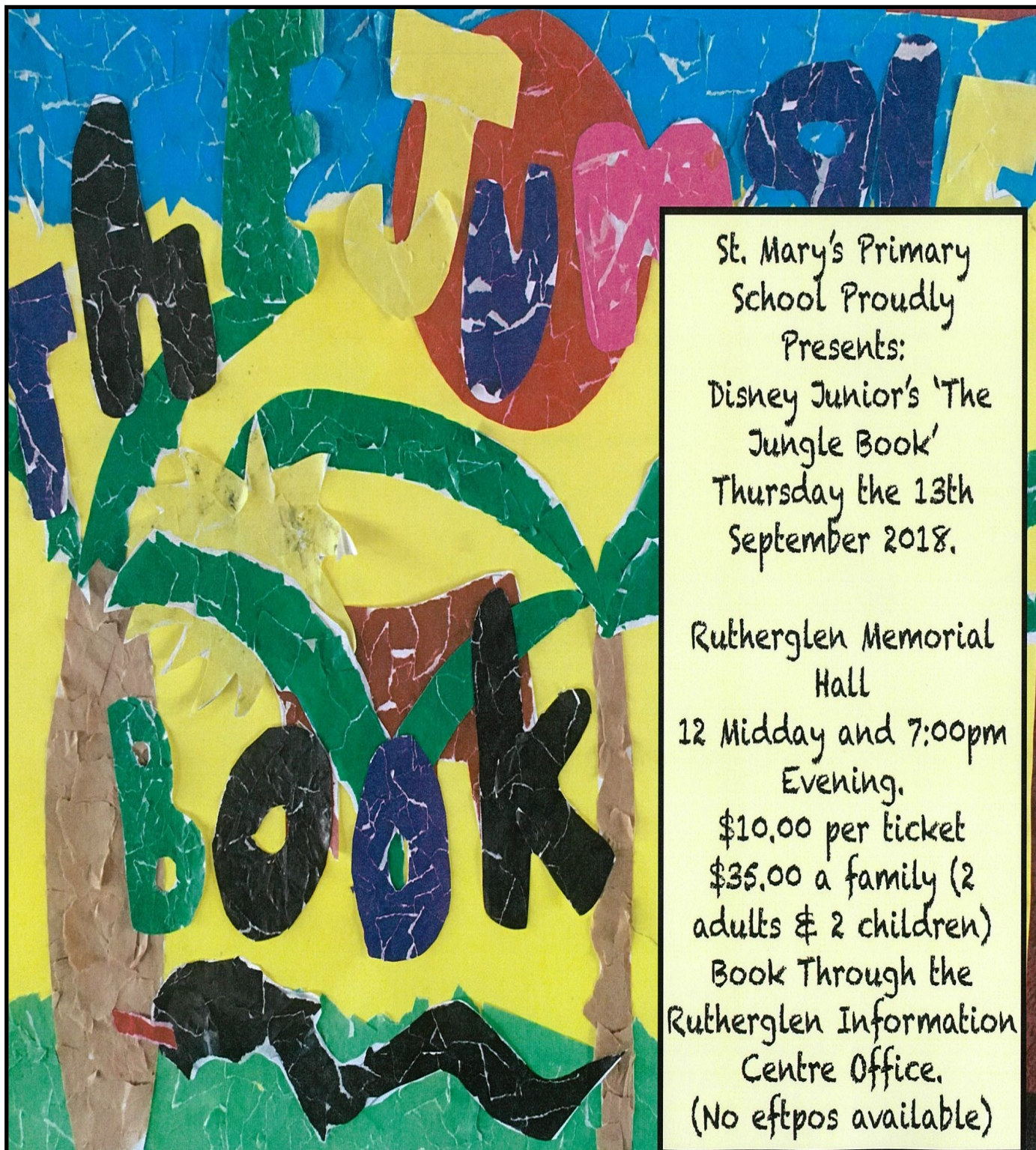
The money is debited from their Centrelink payments and sent to the school *before* being deposited into their bank account. The school receipts and allocates to outstanding charges in consultation with the parent. This eliminates the need for parents to 'put money aside' or use a credit card and there is no requirement for them to come to the school to pay their account.

Parents can include an end date, a target amount or keep it open-ended. The deduction can be amended or cancelled at any time by contacting the school.

What next?

Please contact the school office 02 6032 9284 or email Amanda Arnot aar-not@smrutherglen.catholic.edu.au for a form to be sent home or to answer any questions you may have. Please return the completed form to the office and your application will be processed through Centrepay. Your deductions can start immediately or a date of your choosing.

Please don't send your application directly to Centrelink as your unique account number is required for identification when the school receives the fortnightly reports from Centrepay.



St. Mary's Primary
School Proudly
Presents:

Disney Junior's 'The
Jungle Book'
Thursday the 13th
September 2018.

Rutherglen Memorial
Hall

12 Midday and 7:00pm
Evening.

\$10.00 per ticket

\$35.00 a family (2
adults & 2 children)

Book Through the
Rutherglen Information
Centre Office.

(No eftpos available)

Don't miss out.....

*Visit the Rutherglen Information Centre Office to book your
seats.....tickets selling fast!!*

Stage Door Costume reminder

Costumes are due this week for all grade 3, 4 5 & 6 students so that they are ready for Stage Door next Tuesday 14th August.

Mrs Field & Miss Hiberson Gr 3 & 4:-

Please supply costume as per the 'Whole School Production' costume guide. Black pants/tights/skirts. Leather/denim/black jackets. Punkish style. Hair: Punkish style if you have time.

Mr McNamara:-

As per costume guide for whole school production.

Urgently Needed



Each year the REYN group provides books and library bags for the new students transitioning into our local schools from kindergarten. The Rutherglen sewing group kindly makes our library bags for free and we are looking for any spare material that people might have in your cupboards and are not going to use. We need pieces that are 35 x 35cm long and wide, no smaller. If you do have some could you please drop it into school to Hannah or Libby in the next week.

Meals on Wheels

We are desperately in need of a volunteer driver to deliver meals with 3 of our children on:-

Monday 20th August & Tuesday 21st August.

If you have a working with children's card and can help out, please contact Amanda in the office.

Phone - 02 6032 9284 or

Email - aarnot@smrutherglen.catholic.edu.au

Help! My Kid Wants to Use Social Media - Part 1

Get your kid -- and yourself -- ready for the next step with these conversation starters.

By [Christine Elgersma](#) 7/9/2018



After months of asking, you took the plunge, and now your kid has a phone. Inevitably, soon after the smartphone **comes social media** (insert parental scream). For most parents, **social media** feels scary when they think about their kids using it. Why is it such a potential pit of despair for parents?

First, we know from our own social media that the **experience isn't always great**. How are kids supposed to deal with insensitive posts, sketchy people, privacy problems, and even FOMO -- when supposedly mature grown-ups can't even be trusted to behave appropriately? And, though most social media has a minimum age of 13, a lot of kids start asking for it **before they're technically allowed to join**.

Of course we're worried. But the truth is, **lots of teens use social media and stay safe, healthy, and connected** -- especially when parents are supportive. And if we set our teens up for success, keep lines of communication open, and stay aware of our teen's social media world, any trouble they run into will likely be speed bumps instead of roadblocks.

So, how do we do that? Talking -- and listening -- is key. Yes, it can be hard to get kids to open up, but it's possible to get more information about what they want to use, why they want to use it, and how much they know about potential risks without seeming intrusive. And it's important, too, not just for their social lives but for the future. The world runs on social media. And kids need to learn how to use it safely, responsibly, and respectfully. Today it might be **Snapchat**, but tomorrow they may be looking for a job on **LinkedIn** or sharing a professional portfolio on their website.

Below are some ideas for how to kick things off; it's best to find some downtime when you're not pulling your kid away from something they love. If you need buy-in, frame it like a driving test: They need to know the rules of the road before they can get in the car. They might know much more than you think, so make sure to let them show their expertise when possible. You can go through the script as-is or use it as a jumping-off point -- whatever works!

Ask your teen: What app(s) do you want to use and why?

Best answers:

- I really want **Snapchat** because all of my friends use it and it's really fun. And I want **Musical.ly** because some of the singers are really good.
- Instagram is cool because I can follow my favourite celebrities and message friends in one place.
- Our whole family is on Facebook, so I want to keep in touch with them, but I also want a **WhatsApp account** because it doesn't use data.

Follow-up: Is there anything in that app that isn't awesome? Anything you think I'd be worried about?

Best answers:

- Yeah, all social media has some bad stuff in it. People post weird things and can be mean, but I don't want to use it for that. I just want to have fun with my friends.
- Well, I guess so. Probably like cyberbullying and strangers and stuff. But I know how to use the settings, so I'm not worried. I'll show you ...
- Probably, but I promise to tell you if something bad is happening or if I see something that's up-setting.

Takeaways:

When teens are saying they want to use social media to stay connected to friends, that's a good sign. If their answer is more along the lines of trying to get famous or "showing off" in some way, it's more problematic -- and could lead to risky behavior in their search for online fame. Also, it matters which platforms your kid wants to use, since each one comes with its own sets of features and challenges. Kik Messenger and Mappen, for example, come with more potential risks than say, Twitter and Instagram, which use algorithms to filter out abusive comments.



We are looking for families willing to come on over the weekend to feed our chooks.

Please contact Hannah Oberin if you can help out:-

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Permission notes for Stage Door
There are still a couple to come in.

