

St Mary's School Newsletter



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A Child Safe School

From the Principal - Matt Attwater



PBIS Focus of the Week: Expectations in the Office Area

Dear Parents/Carers,

This Sunday is the Feast of Christ the King

Gospel Summary

In this Sunday's Gospel reading, Pilate refers to Jesus as King of the Jews. Jesus does not confirm that he is a king, and makes it clear that his kingdom does not belong to this world. His purpose for being in the world is to testify to the truth.

Reflection for Parents

The Preface for today's Mass describes the kingdom over which Jesus Christ is King. It is:

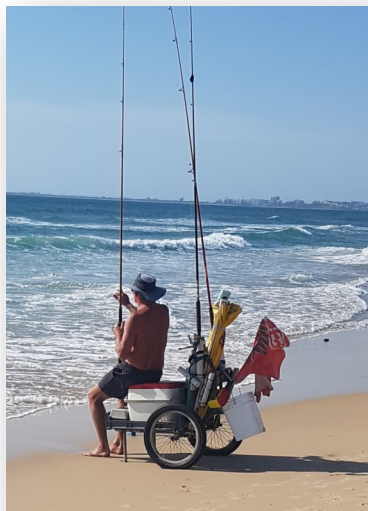
An eternal and universal kingdom, a kingdom of truth and life, a kingdom of holiness and grace, a kingdom of justice, love, and peace.

Truth, life, holiness, grace, justice, love, and peace—are these the building blocks of your home? What are you doing and saying to help build the kingdom that God has in mind?

Thanks

A big thanks to Libby and staff for looking after the school while I was on Long Service Leave. They certainly did a great job. I had a wonderful break visiting my QLD grandchildren and catching up with my daughter Evika whilst she was home from Berlin for a few weeks

I met this rather stressed (not) fellow on one of my early morning beach walks. I almost took up his offer of becoming his apprentice!!!!!!



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Weekend Mass Times:

Chiltern Saturday 6pm

Rutherglen Sunday 9am

Wahgunyah Sunday 10.30am

Important Dates

Wednesday 21st November

Catholic College Wodonga -
Transition morning 9.00am
(Gr 6 into year 7 2019)

Friday 23rd November

Book Club (issue 8) orders due

Zooper Doopers
for sale -
Fundraiser for St
Vincent De Paul
50 cents each



Tuesday 27th November

Foundation transition Day
9.00am - 11.00am

Thursday 29th November

Great Victorian Bike Ride
visit at 12 noon

Friday 30th November

Kanga Cricket Carnival -
Senior School (3-6)

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School Board

Information was sent home on Monday regarding nominations for the 2019 School Board. Please read the information carefully and consider a position on the School Board. The School Board works closely with myself and Fr. Carey in strategic planning for our school in the areas of Catholic Identity, Leadership, Pastoral Wellbeing, Learning & Teaching and Stewardship of Resources. The School Board meets twice a term.

Transition Days

We had our first 2019 Foundation transition yesterday and welcomed a very excited group for the morning session. Well done to our Senior Buddies who did a great job with them.

Phone Lines

Due to the installation of NBN here at school we now only have 1 phone line into the school until the 3rd of December when our new phone system will be installed. Your patience is appreciated as you may have to ring a couple of times to get through.

Renovations

As you will be aware as part of our master plan, the school will be going through a renovation of the main administration building. It is very exciting but it also means there will be some inconveniences over the next few months. Amanda and myself are being relocated to room 4 as of the 3rd of December until the renovation is completed next year. During that time the Grade 5/6 class will move into room 3. Entry into the school will be from the car park adjacent to the Hall. Thank you for your understanding during this time. Plans for the building can be viewed at the office, just ask Amanda.

Thursday 9.10am Special Assembly this week: A calisthenics performance.

PBIS Classroom Matrix: As a school we will be focusing on expectations when in the office area.



Office Building



Respect Ourselves	Respect Others	Respect our Environment
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Use inside voice• Be patient and polite. Eg. Please, Thank you, Excuse me• Knock before entering and wait• Respect all staff• Smile to others• Watch where you're walking• Enter and exit rooms calmly and correctly	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Smile to visitors in the school and say hello• Follow adult instructions	<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

Have a great week,

Matt



Lexie Wilson (2 LD), Zoe Buscall (F/1 HK) & Hamish Neil (3 KH)



Tickets - \$1ea - \$2 for 3 - \$10 for a book of 15



Community Christmas

Decorations

Our students have created some gorgeous

Christmas trees for the Community Christmas Decorations. All students from Foundation to Grade 6 have contributed by making and decorating the Christmas Trees built by the Rutherglen Men's Shed with a variety of decorations.

These trees will go on display around Rutherglen for the season of Christmas along with our Nativity scene.

Many thanks to Natalie Watson who volunteered her time to come along and assist us in putting together our trees.

There will be a community launch of the decorations on December 1st, Rutherglen Lights Up.



Language Development Information Session



Supporting Your Child's Language Development

Tuesday, December 11th 2018 10.00am - 11.00am in the St Mary's Primary School Hall

St. Mary's Rutherglen is offering an information session for parents of future and current foundation/grade 1 students to learn about how to support your child's language development.

Sheryn Long, Senior Speech Pathologist, will be presenting on tips for oral language in the home, how to use book reading to its full potential and simple practical ideas on how to support your child's learning.

Oral language provides your child a solid foundation in early life for future academic achievement, developing literacy skills and social engagement.

As a parent your role in your child's language development is critical. There are many simple ways to assist your child in learning to communicate.

For more information, please contact Amanda at St Mary's Primary School on 02 6032 9284



We send our best wishes
to:

Jazmyn Lea (23/11)
who will be celebrating
her birthday this week.



CHILDREN'S CHATTER MATTERS

Discuss feelings and emotions and encourage the use of words rather than actions.

Model sentences to your child e.g. I can see you're upset because... Give examples and provide reasons e.g. That makes me feel because.... Try to use a range of different vocabulary such as excited, embarrassed, upset, confused.

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Thursday 29th November	Great Victorian Bike Ride visit at 12 noon
Friday 30th November	Kanga Cricket Carnival - Senior School (3-6)
Monday 3rd December	School Closure - Student free day Staff Professional Development day Meals on Wheels roster - 3rd to 7th December
Tuesday 4th December	Foundation transition day 9.00am - 12.45pm Board Meeting and AGM—6.30pm
Monday 10th December	Rutherglen High School transition day Grade 6 to Yr 7 (social day - activities/BBQ & a trip to the pool)
Tuesday 11th December	Grade 6 transition day (all schools) Foundation transition day 9.00am - 3.30pm
Thursday 13th December	Christmas Nativity 6.00pm
Friday 14th December	End of Year Mass Reports released 4pm Rutherglen Christmas Carols
Monday 17th December	Grade 6 Graduation Dinner - Corowa RSL
Tuesday 18th December	Cinema Day (Wangaratta) - whole school Christmas Hamper raffle draw
Wednesday 19th December	Last Day - Term 4 - Casual Clothes (Gold coin donation) Students dismissed at 3.30pm
Thursday 20th December	Staff - Planning Day
Friday 21st December	Staff only

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CATHOLIC IDENTITY NEWSLETTER

First Sunday Readers -

A reminder that the following students are rostered on for the First Sunday Mass in December. This will be the regular parish mass at 9am. There will also be a Youth Mass that evening. If your child would prefer to attend the Youth Mass and help there rather than the 9am mass please let me know ASAP. Please arrive ten minutes prior to the start of mass.

FIRST SUNDAY READERS / HELPERS - SUNDAY DECEMBER 2nd 2018

First Reading: Milly Cheeseman

Responsorial Psalm: Amelia Verhulst and Matilda Colwell

Second Reading: Felicity Hartung

Prayers of the Faithful: Jazmyn Lea and Henry Ross

Offertory Procession: Flynn Verhulst and Penny Hartung



Youth Mass

Mrs Field is looking for youth members from St Mary's Parish (current students and ex students are more than welcome) to assist in the planning of the upcoming Youth Mass. If you are interested or know someone who may be please contact Mrs Field.

PARISH ALTAR SERVERS TERM FOUR			
18.11.18	Alexandra O'Meara Campbell Smits Holly McMahon	16.12.18	Milly Cheeseman Olivia Cheeseman Sonny Enever-Cooper
25.11.18	Aleisha Price Emily Price Hayley Barkley	23.12.18	Hayley Barkley Brayden Field
2.12.18 Youth Mass/First Sunday	Holly McMahon Jacob Fuge Campbell Smits	24.12.18 Christmas Eve - 7pm	Holly McMahon Grace Milthorpe Hayley Barkley
9.12.18	Akira Bonacci-Law Aleisha Price Emily Price	25.12.18 Christmas Day - 9am	Volunteers please
		30.12.18	Milly Cheeseman Olivia Cheeseman

IT AND DIGITAL CITIZENSHIP NEWSLETTER

Kathleen Morris is a Victorian teacher who has been blogging since 2008 about all things technology including blogging, global collaboration, digital citizenship, and edtech. Her views on Digital Citizenship are very positive and her blog is worth a read for both teachers and parents alike. <http://www.kathleenamorris.com/internet-safety/>

Her belief is:

Digital citizenship education should be a community effort. The impact will be more powerful when students have multiple trusted adults they can discuss issues with, and when they're hearing the same messages reinforced from both home and school.

@kathleen_morris

This aligns perfectly with our belief here at St Mary's too.

Please find attached two posters to have on your fridge at home... **10 Digital Citizenship and Internet Safety Tips for Parents** and **10 Digital Citizenship and Internet Safety Tips for Students**

LAWS

Many sites are 13+ and most images / work is protected by copyright.

YAPPY

Keep private:
Your full name,
Address,
Phone number,
Passwords,
Your plans

QUESTION

You can't believe everything you read and see online.

TALK

Tell your parents what you're doing online.
Always ask a trusted adult if you're unsure of anything.

FRIENDS

Don't add or meet online friends without parent permission. Don't trust everything friends tell you.

REPUTATION

Don't post anything you wouldn't want teachers, family, friends, & employers to see.

BULLYING

Tell someone if you think cyber bullying is happening to you or others.

MANNERS

Be polite and respectful.
Treat others how you'd like to be treated.

PASSWORDS & USERNAMES

Choose sensible usernames and email addresses.
Use strong passphrases and don't share them with others.

If in doubt

THINK ABOUT AND TALK IT OUT

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DON'T BLOCK

Avoiding technology is not a practical solution.

YAPPY

Teach privacy:
Your full name,
Address,
Phone number,
Passwords,
Your plans

CRITICAL THINKING

Help children filter information and navigate fact from fiction.

UNPLUG

Balance green time and screen time. Focus on basic developmental needs.

COLLABORATE

Take an interest in your child's digital interests and favourite apps or sites. Consider co-viewing or co-creating at times.



Digital Citizenship & Internet Safety TIPS FOR PARENTS

RULES

Create a family media agreement with tech free zones such as cars, bedrooms and meals.

LEARN

Explore reliable resources for parents so you can educate yourself.

13 +

Don't support your child to sign up for 13+ sites if they're underage.

COMMUNICATE

Work with your child to navigate digital dilemmas. Encourage open communication and avoid using devices as rewards/punishments.

Don't forget
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Come along
and join us
at our

Youth Mass

On Sunday 2nd December 2018
@ 5pm

followed by pizza in the hall

All Welcome

