

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 Community

Dear Parents/Carers,

This Sunday is the 3rd Sunday of Advent



Gospel Summary

In this Sunday's Gospel reading, those in the crowd, tax collectors, and soldiers all ask John the Baptist what they should do. In each response, and according to each group's circumstance, John emphasises keeping or taking only what is needed or prescribed. John also makes it clear to all that the Christ for whom they have been waiting is yet to come.

Reflection for Parents

This Gospel highlights several Christian values that are learned in the home—generosity, fairness, truthfulness, and contentment with what you have. Take some time today to think about each of these values. How are your children learning these values through your example? How can you make these values more a part of your family life as Christmas nears?

And remember if you have picked up any of these signs and symptoms below lately you might be infected with the Advent virus!!!!

- A tendency to think and act spontaneously rather than on fears based on past experiences.
- An unmistakable ability to enjoy each moment.
- A loss of interest in judging other people.
- A loss of interest in interpreting the actions of others.
- A loss of interest in conflict.
- A loss of the ability to worry. (This is a very serious symptom.)
- Frequent, overwhelming episodes of appreciation.
- Contented feelings of connectedness with others and nature.
- Frequent attacks of smiling.
- An increasing tendency to let things happen rather than make them happen.
- An increased susceptibility to the love extended by others as well as the uncontrollable urge to extend it.

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Weekend Mass Times:

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

Important Dates

Wednesday 12th December

Junior Fun Afternoon F/1 & 2 - 3.30pm until 6.30pm

Thursday 13th December

Christmas Nativity 6.00pm at the Church

Friday 14th December

End of Year Mass
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

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Last Newsletter for the Year

Please note this is the last newsletter for the year. If any further information needs to be shared before the end of term we will send home a short bulletin.

School Reports Released Next Week

Due to some frustrating little technical issues, all school reports will be released next week.

Transition Day

We had a very positive transition day yesterday with some very excited students, especially our new Foundations. By all accounts our Yr 6 students had a great day at their new secondary schools as well.

The 2019 grade structures and homeroom teachers are:

Foundation & 1 - Hannah Kelly

Year 1&2 - Libby Dickinson

Year 3&4 - Mel Field (3 days - Mon Tues Wed) & Jodie Smith (2 days -Thurs & Fri)

Year 3&4 - Shannon Terlich

Year 5&6 - John McNamara

Teacher Aides: Rhi Brown, Wayne Milthorpe, Katrina Bridge & Denise Coman

Nativity Play Tomorrow Evening at 6pm sharp

Remember the Nativity Play tomorrow evening will start right on 6pm. The play will last roughly ½ an hour, followed by some student awards and end of year thank-yous. Everybody is then invited back to the school grounds for a BYO picnic around 7pm. **Grades 1 and 2 children need to be in the Junior space by 5.40pm to change into their costumes please.**

End of Year Mass

The end of year Mass is on this Friday at 9.30 am. At this mass, we will farewell our leaving Year 6 students. It would be wonderful to see as many families as possible at our final whole school end of year Mass.


Remember We Have Moved

Due to the upcoming refurbishment of the Office/Admin area Amanda and myself are now operating out of Room 4 until the end of Term 1 next year.

Final and Year 6 Assembly Tomorrow

Tomorrow will be the final assembly for the year and will be run by our Year 6 students as part of their farewell to the school.

PBIS Classroom Matrix: As a school we will be focusing on expectations when Out in the Community

| Out in the community | Respect Ourselves | Respect Others | Respect our Environment |
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|  | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Listen and follow instructions/directions• Follow road rules• Engage/participate with the community• Be in correct uniform | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Follow road rules• Use a crossing (if available)• Use quiet voices• Walking quietly• Use the path• Keep left• Walking with a partner• Keep your hands to yourself• Use your manners when speaking to people in the community• Engage/participate with the community | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Keep your hands to yourself• Put your rubbish in the correct bin• Leave plants and animals alone• Listen and watch |

Congratulations to this week's PBIS Winners (pictured below):
Marley Ford F/1HK, Malakye Walch F/1HK and Jackson Cooke F/1HK



Have a great week,
Matt



CHILDREN'S CHATTER MATTERS

Language is used for a huge range of purposes. Has your child had a chance to practice all of these this week:

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| - instruct | - persuade |
| - predict | - explain |
| - negotiate | - sympathize |
| - clarify | - retell a story |
| - disagree | - apologise |



We send our best wishes
to:

Paddy Walsh (18/12), Arthur & Milligan Morris (23/12), Holly
O'Donoghue (24/12), Charlie Kay (26/12), Holly McMahon
(29/12) & Faith Barkley (31/12)

who will be celebrating their birthdays this month.



RUTHERGLEN COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS CAROLS

Friday 14th December

At the ***"The Big Red Shed"***
Rutherglen Primary School -
Entry Church Street

7PM

Sausage Sizzle

Children's Choirs

Visiting Artists

Santa's Visit

Reserved Seating for Seniors/Elderly

BYO chairs, rugs and best singing voices

Everyone Welcome!

Reminders

Movie Day

Tuesday 18 December

Still waiting on permission
forms and \$17

(movie/popcorn/drink)
from some students.

Please return asap.



STM Dux Plus Case for 12.9-inch iPad Pro (1st & 2nd Generation)

We have quite a few 2nd hand iPad
cases we are selling for \$5 each.
(normally retail for \$79)

All money raised from the sale will be
donated to St Vincent de Paul.

Available at the office.



Important Calendar Dates 2018

TERM 4

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TERM 1

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| Tuesday 29th January | Teachers 1st day back |
| Wednesday 30th January | First day for all students |
| Wednesday 13th February | District Swimming |
| Friday 15th February | School Photos |
| Friday 22nd February | Division Swimming |

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CATHOLIC IDENTITY NEWSLETTER

Upcoming Parish Altar Servers Roster

| PARISH ALTAR SERVERS TERM FOUR | | | |
|-----------------------------------|--|------------------------------------|--|
| 9.12.18 | Akira Bonacci-Law Aleisha Price Emily Price | 24.12.18 Christmas Eve - 7pm | Holly McMahon Grace Milthorpe Hayley Barkley |
| 16.12.18 | Milly Cheeseman Olivia Cheeseman Sonny Enever-Cooper | 25.12.18 Christmas Day - 9am | Volunteers please |
| 23.12.18 | Hayley Barkley Brayden Field Faith O'Donoghue | 30.12.18 | Milly Cheeseman Olivia Cheeseman |



We will require altar servers for the holiday period. If you are able to volunteer please contact Mel Field

END OF YEAR MASS

Our end of year mass, a celebration of our year will be held on **Friday 14th Mass at 9:30am**. We welcome our family and friends to come along and share in this celebration with us.

TOY SWAP AND SELL

CHRISTMAS MASSES:

Rutherglen:
Christmas Eve - 7pm
Christmas Day - 9am



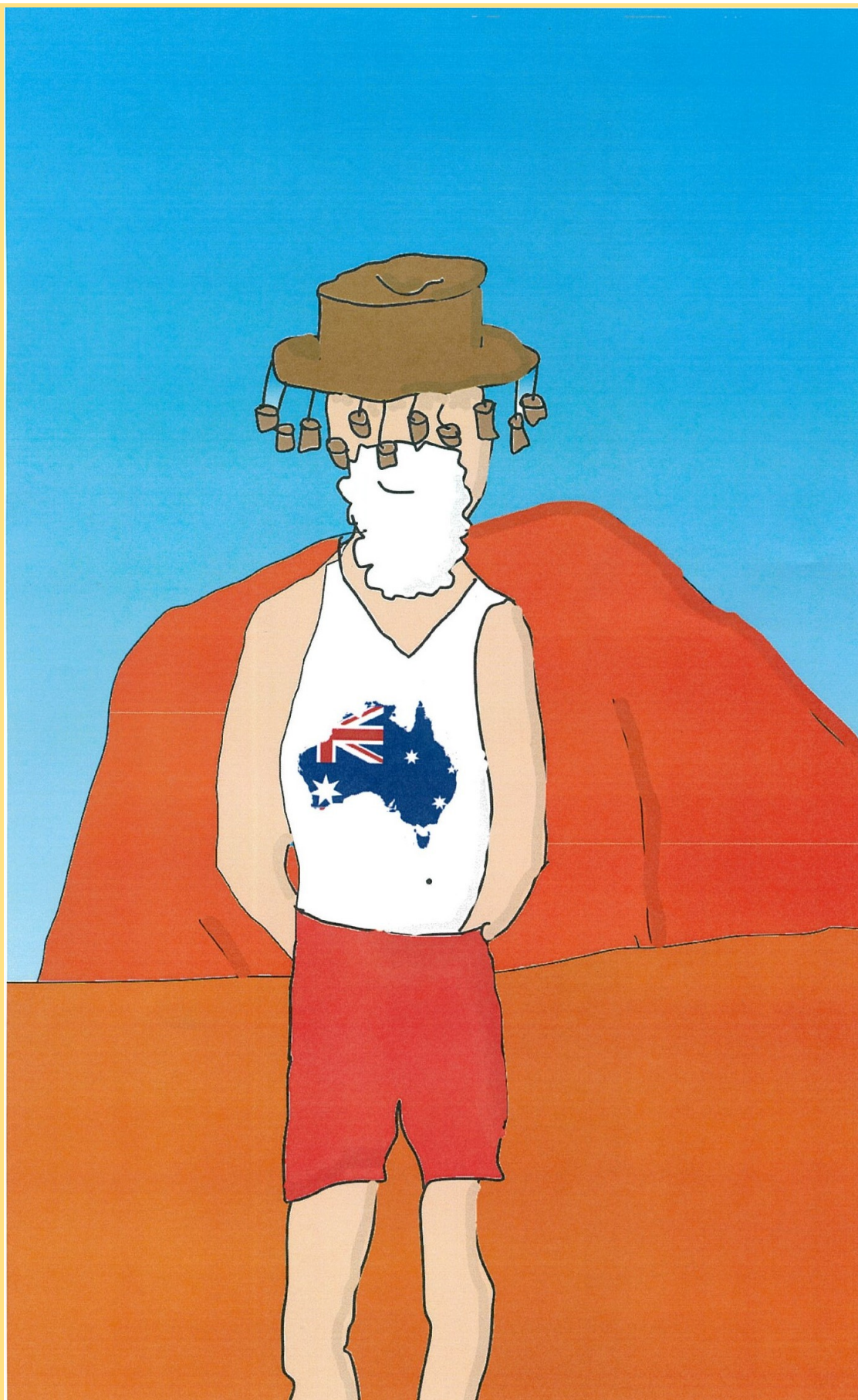
Many thanks to all of the families that supported last weeks 'Toy Swap and Sell.' It was a wonderful success with many toys being donated, lots of toys finding new homes and many happy, smiling owners!

We raised \$160 for the local St Vincent De Paul Christmas Appeal.

Congratulations to our Catholic Identity Team ~ Milly Cheeseman, Tom Frazier, Annie Johnson and Amelia Verhulst for their planning and organisation of the event.

A wonderful example of giving to others this Advent.

One of the 'Choose Your Own Adventure' Christmas activities that the Seniors have been doing this week is to design an Australian Santa Claus. What would he wear? What would he look like? Here is Jo Somerville's interpretation of the task. Not only did she initially draw this image by hand in grey lead but she then proceeded to use a drawing program on her laptop to draw a digital version of her Aussie Santa. Congratulations Jo, we love your Aussie Santa and your creativity!



Christmas Hamper raffle tickets have been issued to all families.
Like last year, we would like all families to donate an item for our hamper/hampers.....

Please bring your donations to the front office
anytime from now until the draw on Tuesday 18th
December.

Money raised from the sale of tickets will be
donated to St Vincent De Paul

Tickets - \$1ea - \$2 for 3 - \$10 for a book of 15
Extra tickets available :-)

ARE YOU FREE TO COME IN AND MAKE UP OUR HAMPERS?

We would love to see some volunteers - tea/coffee will you wrap and chat.

A BIG THANKS FOR ALL OF THE DONATIONS RECEIVED SO FAR

