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Newsletter *Issue 1 - Term 1 - Wednesday 6 February, 2019*

Gospel Summary

In this coming Sunday's gospel, Lk5:1-11, Luke connected the great fishing catch with the calling of the disciples. While it is an important miracle about the mission of the disciples, it appears here with the calling of Peter, James, and John. Apparently business partners, Peter called James and John to help him with the big catch Jesus provided. The invitation to these three was to "net in" people for the Kingdom as abundantly as they had netted in the fish.

Reflection for parents

Like the fishermen, Jesus calls us to discipleship in the ordinariness of our everyday lives. Rather than complain about the same routine, or the parts of our job (paid or unpaid) that irritate us, we will be happier and with lighter hearts if we search for God in the moment. When we recognise our ordinary lives as a response to God's love, the burdens will be less and our joy will be greater.

Weekend Mass Times:

Chiltern Saturday 6pm

Rutherglen Sunday 9am

Wahgunyah Sunday 10.30am

IMPORTANT DATES

Wednesday 6 February

9.30am - Opening School Mass

Thursday 7 February

5.00pm - Welcome BBQ

Friday 8 February

Glenview Visit - 3/4 ST

Wednesday 13 February

District Swimming

6.30pm - Board Meeting

Friday 15 February

9.30am - Senior Mass

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome Back

Welcome back all families to the 2019 school year. All students and teachers have made a positive beginning to the term. Again, we welcome Shannon Terlich on staff, teaching in the Senior area of the school. We also welcome back Jodie Smith from maternity leave. According to Mrs. Kelly, all Foundation students have had a wonderful start and their Senior buddies are doing a great job in helping them settle in. I am looking forward to catching up with all families during the year.

School Welcome BBQ Tomorrow from 5pm

I hope to see many families, old and new, at the welcome BBQ tomorrow evening. Hopefully the weather will be kind to us. The evening begins from 5pm. The school will supply all meat and salad. BYO drinks.

2019 School Information Book

All families will receive the 2019 School Information Book this week. Please take time to read it carefully. The book outlines all the practical things families need to know about the day to day running of the school. The booklet also contains the Senior and Junior school Term 1 newsletter. In addition both the Senior and Junior school will send an information newsletter home at the beginning of Term 2, 3 & 4 to each family.

School Uniform & Hats

Can all families **PLEASE** ensure that all uniforms and hats are clearly labelled with names. Free second hand uniforms are available at the office, please see Amanda.


Admin Building Update

The works are progressing well and on time. The new Admin area will be operational first week of Term 2. A reminder that Amanda and myself are operating out of Room 4 for this term.

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PBIS Awards (Positive Behaviour in Schools):

This week's Focus: Expectations in Classrooms and Learning Spaces

Classrooms and learning spaces	Respect Ourselves	Respect Others	Respect our Environment
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Listen to the person speaking • Do your best work • Have a go at new things • Listen and follow instructions • Be organised • Join in and participate • Be in correct uniform • Be organised • Enter and exit rooms calmly and correctly • Exiting people go first 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Listen to the person speaking • Encourage others • Be inclusive of others • Offer help to others • Take turns • Share equipment • Don't sit in front of them • Be kind to others • Be patient with others • Value differences • Respect people's personal space • Walk • Use your 'inside voice' 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Clean up your workspace when you've finished • Use resources correctly • Put rubbish into the correct bins • Use equipment for the correct purpose

Congratulations to this week's PBIS Winners *(pictured below):*

Matilda Doolan F/1 HK, Patrick Colman F/1 HK, Jed Goudie F/1 HK & Emmerson Potter F/1 HK



Opening School Mass

We celebrated a beautiful opening school mass today. As part of the ceremony all Year 6 students were presented with their Year 6 Leadership badges.



Assembly

Assembly this year will be held every 2nd Tuesday afternoon at 3pm. We had our first assembly yesterday. Changing the time to 3pm provides a great opportunity for parents picking up students at the end of the day to arrive a little earlier and join us for assembly. Our next assembly is on Tuesday 19th February at 3pm.



(Pictured above) - Foundation students at their first Assembly yesterday.

Frosty Friday is Back

Frosty Friday is back this term and is run by the Yr. 6 Catholic Identity Team. For 50c students can buy a frozen Zooper Dooper on Fridays at lunch time. Money raised goes to CARITAS.

Fire Carriers

Yesterday, Louise Levy, Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander Education Officer from the Catholic Education Office, commissioned our year 6 students as Fire Carriers in our school. Their role will be to learn and educate our students about our local indigenous culture.



Have a great week,
Matt
Principal



Important Calendar Dates - 2019

Term 1

Wednesday 6 February	9.30am - Opening School Mass
Thursday 7 February	5.00pm - Welcome BBQ
Friday 8 February	Glenview Visit - 3/4 ST
Wednesday 13 February	District Swimming Board Meeting - 6.30pm
Friday 15 February	9.30am - Senior Mass School Photos
Friday 22 February	School Closure - Student Free Day Staff Professional Development Day
Friday 1 March	9.30am - Junior Mass
Monday 4 March	Swimming
Tuesday 5 March	Swimming Shrove Tuesday
Wednesday 6 March	Swimming Ash Wednesday Regional Swimming
Thursday 7 March	Swimming
Friday 8 March	Swimming Carnival
Monday 11 March	Labour Day Public Holiday - School Closure
Tuesday 12 March	Meals On Wheels
Wednesday 13 March	Meals On Wheels
Thursday 14 March	Meals On Wheels
Friday 15 March	9.30am - Senior Mass Meals On Wheels National Day of Action against Bullying
Thursday 21 March	Pinocchio Performance (LOTE)
Friday 22 March	National Ride 2 School Day Sandhurst Switches Off

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From the Administration Office

Welcome back everyone! 😊 Wow, can't believe we are well into Term 1 2019!

Please keep an eye out for notes your children bring home in their school bags. I have sent home quite a few in the past week, and I do apologise for the excess paperwork I am asking you to deal with.

Notes/permission forms to be returned:-

1. Custom Verification Report (**Green paper**). This was sent home late last year and is our way of confirming contact details/emergency contacts and any health issues we should be aware of.
2. General Permission for 2019 School Year (**Blue paper**). Local outings within the Rutherglen town area.
3. School Photograph Permission for 2019 (**Lavendar paper**). Image & name ok to appear in Newsletter/Webpage etc.
4. Meals on Wheels Permission (**Grey paper**). Grades 5 & 6 only
5. Grade 6 Polo Shirt order form (**Blue paper**)

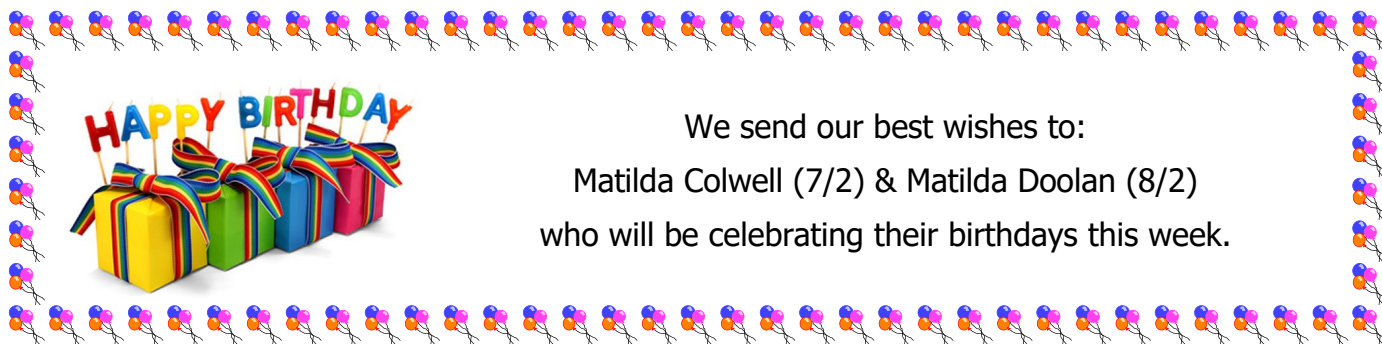
School Fees

School Fee accounts for 2019 have been sent home. Please come in and see me if you would like to set up direct debits from your bank account or Centrelink payments.

Bye for now Amanda



Book Club orders due by this Friday 8th February, 2019. Issue 2 catalogue will be available later this term.



We send our best wishes to:

Matilda Colwell (7/2) & Matilda Doolan (8/2)
who will be celebrating their birthdays this week.

Let us make this a new birthday of kindness and love
that shall endure. That is a Christmas hope, a Christmas
wish. Cyrus Townsend Brady, A Little Book for Christmas

A Christmas message from our Sponsor
Child living in the Philippines, Prince Yang
Sencil.

Christmas 2018

Dear St. Mary's School Rutherglen,

Good day! I'm Prince Yang Sencil, a grade four student.
I am studying hard and joining gymnastics in school. I am
member of gymnastics since last year.
May Jesus ^{shine} their lights on you on this special day and
bring cheers to you and your family?
Thank You and a Happy New Year to you.
Much love,
Prince Yang Sencil
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CHILDREN'S CHATTER MATTERS

To best prepare our children for the language & learning demands of the school environment, they need ample time and opportunity to engage in meaningful interactions with their family.

Research suggests that the types of questions we ask and the quality of discussions we have with our children (at any age) are linked to school success. As children progress through the grades they must learn to use extended discourse in telling stories, giving explanations, reporting, expressing an opinion or writing an essay. Asking children "if, why and how" type questions allows them to deepen their thinking and prepare longer and more complex responses. It makes sense to build their confidence with extended discourse gradually, beginning with simple oral tasks.

Our school's Speech Pathologist has provided many "family friendly", fun oral language tasks aimed to enhance learning and literacy skills. You'll find these in our weekly newsletter so look out for them!

We encourage you to set some time aside each week so that you can get the most out of your interactions with your child. In a busy household, sometimes the car is the best place for these focused activities. The key ingredients for a creative interaction are a time, a place, a willing talking partner or audience and an engaging topic or activity.

If your child is reading a particular book at home or in class, try to incorporate words or ideas from that text into your activity. For example; if you are building your child's use of describing words, select a character from your child's reader to describe. Encourage increasingly expensive words such as the *beautiful, gorgeous, stunning and breath-taking* princess.

Positive communication experiences at home help children feel accepted and valued. Growth in spoken language skills will build children's self-confidence and help them learn to negotiate social interactions at school. This often transfers to other aspects of their learning and life.

Ten activities will be provided each term focusing on key areas of oral language supporting literacy, learning and socialising. Feel free to adjust these activities according to your child's grade level.

The following link is to the most comprehensive website available that provides parents with activities that are free, easily accessible and enjoyable. Each activity has been carefully selected to reflect the highest quality, up-to-date research evidence on early literacy development. There is also advice for parents who are concerned about their child's reading and language development.

<http://www.fivefromfive.org.au/parent-resources/>

If you have any questions you can contact Mrs Nicole O'Mahony, St Mary's Leaner Diversity Leader.

Good luck and most importantly, enjoy this very special time with your child.

Activity for Week 1

Phonological Awareness Activities for Chatter Matters:

PHONOLOGICAL AWARENESS SYLLABIFICATION:

The Train Game🚂:

Let's pretend we are on a train. Copy the train driver (teacher) as he/she calls out the names of places we will visit. Select fun sounding multi-syllabic words for the children to say and clap out the syllables. For example: Stopping all stations from Toot-gar-ook to Wan-ga-rat-ta. or Next stop Dim-boo-la. Or Do you want to go to Win-ky-woo🚂or Tim-buc-too?





KEAPS

Kids Early Action Program in Schools

SCHOOL NEWSLETTER INFORMATION

Hello from the KEAPS team

St Mary's Primary School has volunteered to take part in the KEAPS early intervention program for children in their early years of primary school. KEAPS is run in partnership between Albury Wodonga Health Service and North East Hume region schools. It is staffed by health professionals specialising in early emotional and social development, together with school teachers and education staff to promote an ongoing positive school experience.

Our program will be running during Term 1 for six weeks (week 5- week 10). We will be running fun classroom activities on Thursdays with children from 3/4 to promote social skills, encourage children to manage their strong emotions and develop strong problem solving skills.

We encourage parents and carers to talk with their child's classroom teacher if they have any questions about their child's involvement in the KEAPS activities. Parents are also welcome to contact the KEAPS team on 02 6051 7900.

The KEAPS Team



Monster Auction Starts at 6PM

Come Along and Join us at our
St John's Anglican Church
Twilight Fete, Friday 15th March 2019
Federation Avenue Corowa 2646
Fete-Starts at 5-8 pm

Live Music

Plenty of Stalls

Plants/Cakes

White elephant
Books/and more

Barbeque/
Pancakes

Drinks

Military Vehicles
Welcome to
Put on a
Display

Jumping Castle

Lots of games for the
Children

Animals to pat, show



Face Painting

Any Donations are
most welcome



Classes for 2019

Starting back 4th February 2019

- **Preschool class** (3-5years): Monday 9am-10am,
Masonic Lodge hall, Rutherglen
- **Recreational Tinies** (Foundation, Grade 1, Grade 2)
Monday 4pm-5pm, Masonic Lodge Hall, Rutherglen
- **Recreational Juniors** (Grade 3 +): Monday
5:30pm-7pm St Marys Hall, Rutherglen
- **Competitive Juniors** (10-13years): Monday
5pm-7pm, Masonic Lodge Hall, Rutherglen

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RUTHERGLEN CATS



JUNIOR DEVELOPMENT SQUAD

ALL PREVIOUS AND NEW NETBALLERS, ARE ALL WELCOME TO JOIN IN TRAINING FOR THE RUTHERGLEN CATS JUNIOR DEVELOPMENT SQUAD FOR THE UPCOMING 2019 SEASON.

PLAYERS CAN BE AGED FROM 10 – 13 YEARS OF AGE. THIS IS A GREAT OPPURTUNITY FOR JUNIOR NETBALLERS TO DEVELOP THEIR NETBALL SKILLS AND BE APART OF A GREAT TEAM ENVIROMENT, ASWELL AS PLAYING ON SATURDAY MORNINGS AS PART OF THE TALLANGATTA DISTRICT NETBALL LEAGUE.

TRAINING: FEBRUARY WEDNESDAY 13TH
TIME: 5PM

WHERE: BARKLEY PARK RUTHERGLEN.

FOR ANY ENQUIRIES, PLEASE DON'T HESITATE TO CONTACT NOEL HALTON: 0418636533

Junior Registration

Wahgunyah Junior Lions training and Registration for 2019 season.

- Under 17's-training mon & wed start 4th Feb 6pm.
- Under 14's-training starts tues 12th Feb 5pm.
- Under 12's-training starts tues 12th Feb 5pm.
- Junior netball-training starts tues 12th Feb 5pm.

Training will be every Tuesday and Thursday for juniors, Under 17's Monday & Wednesday till end of February.

Registration family fun day – Sunday 10th Feb at Rowers Park. BBQ supplied . Come along meet the coaches and team mates. Registration forms will be available on the day and at training.

All enquiries: Belinda Thompson
0478601215



The 2019 Rutherglen Rotary Community Triathlon is on Sunday March 10th, a little over a month away.

As in previous years there will be two races:

Senior/Open event: 1.5Km Run, 22 Km Ride, 200m Pool Swim and 3.5Km Run
Junior/Back of the Pack event: 10Km Ride, 200m Pool Swim and 3.5Km Run

Age categories for the event are:

Individual Categories

Individual Senior (Open and Veterans)
Individual Juniors (up to 17yo)
Individual Mini Juniors (12 yo or less)
Back of the Pack individual (adults completing the short event)

Team Categories

Open and Veteran Teams
Junior Teams (up to 17yo)
Mini Junior Teams (all 12yo or less)
Back of the Pack Teams

This year there will be over \$1000 in cash and prizes.

For further information and online entry click on one of the links below:

[Event Website](#)

[Event Flyer](#)

[Online Entry](#)

While in Rutherglen why not visit the [farmers market](#) in Lions Park or have a coffee in our main street or visit a winery and participate in Rutherglen's premiere wine and gourmet food event the '[Tastes of Rutherglen](#)'.

Hope to see you on March 10th

Phil Nickson
Event Coordinator
Rotary Club of Rutherglen

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