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This Sunday's Gospel Summary:

In this Sunday's Gospel, Jesus prepared his disciples for his return to God. Jesus promised them that the Holy Spirit would live within them and provide strength and courage. The Spirit would always be available to help them as a counselor and advocate. Through the Spirit, they would recall the words and teachings of Jesus and even come to understand these things in a way that they could not before. In addition the disciples would receive peace from the Spirit. The peace of the Spirit would be a kind of peace which provided a special inner serenity.

Reflection for Parents:

This reading is especially helpful when parents have to explain death to their children. Jesus told his disciples that if they truly loved him, they would be happy that he was going to be with his Father. While the words are sometimes hard, even for us as we face a loss through death, our faith lets us know that Jesus and our loved ones are truly happy in a way we can't fully understand. Jesus offered the Spirit to the disciples because he knew the days ahead would be hard for them. It is that same Spirit that helps us and our families when we face hard days following a death. The greatest news in this reading is that Jesus will be back for us!

Weekend Mass Times:

Chiltern Saturday 6pm

Rutherglen Sunday 9am

Wahgunyah Sunday 10.30am

IMPORTANT DATES

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,

Condolences Robins Family:

We keep the Robins family in our thoughts this week after the loss of Steve's mum, Lucy's mother-in-law and Hannah and Toby's Grandma, Janice Robins. I heard Hannah spoke beautifully about her Grandma at the funeral.

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.

Meeting Times Reminder:

All staff have meetings every Monday and Tuesday after school between 3.45 pm to 5pm. Where possible could parents arrange to meet with teachers outside these times.

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.

Cross Country is on this Friday 24th May

The school's annual cross country that was postponed due to weather conditions is back on this Friday, 24th May at Chiltern Golf Course. All race times are in today's newsletter.

Zone Cross Country

Well done to all the senior students who competed in the District Cross Country last week at Yackandandah. A special congratulations to Travis Gunning, Lukas Moore and Flynn Verhulst who all progressed through to the Zone stage at Albury next Friday.

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

Social catch up for a drink and a chat.

PBIS Awards (Positive Behaviour in Schools):

This week's Focus: Whole School Expectations

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

(pictured below):

Freya Kay (F/1 HK)

Elijah McFarlane (3/4 ST)

Jaylen Cracknell (3/4 ST)



Have a great week,

Matt
Principal





We send our best wishes to:
Molly Colman (24/5), Jaylen Cracknell
(26/5)

who will be celebrating their birthdays this week.



CHILDREN'S CHATTER MATTERS

An activity to build vocabulary: Explore different text types

Familiarising your child to different types of texts will allow them to be exposed to different types of words. E.g. Fairy tales, magazines, recipes, instructions, comics, joke books, factual topics. While reading different text types develop a list of tricky or new words e.g. e.g. A recipe: emulsify, fold, combine, separate, pre-heat, rest, knead. You can discuss the meaning of the word or get your child to draw a picture of each word or find a picture of the word on google images and practice using in everyday conversation where appropriate.



To return your permission slips for this Friday's Cross Country Event at Chiltern ([blue note](#))

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.



**Earn & Learn
is on again**

\$10* =  **1 sticker**

*From Wednesday 26 July to Tuesday 19 September 2017. Excludes liquor, tobacco and gift cards. Availability of stickers may vary store by store. While stocks last.

BORINYA INFORMATION SESSION

**THIS SESSION WILL SHOWCASE BORINYA'S PROGRAMS
FOR RE-ENGAGEMENT.**

**THIS SESSION WILL BE A VALUABLE OPPORTUNITY FOR
THOSE INVOLVED IN THE EDUCATION, WELLBEING AND
YOUTH PATHWAYS.**

**PLEASE MAKE TIME TO COME AND LEARN WHAT BORINYA
HAS TO OFFER.**

LOOKING FORWARD TO SEEING YOU.

WHEN

June 5th, 2019

4.00 pm—5.00pm

WHERE

30 COLLEGE STREET, WANGARATTA

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BORINYA
Wangaratta Community Partnership



Important Calendar Dates - 2019

Term 2

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
Thursday 30 May	9.15am - 1.30pm (Gr 3,4,5 &6) Excursion to Corowa Federation Museum
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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