

# St Mary's School, Rutherglen (a child safe school)

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## Newsletter *Issue 16 - Term 2 - Wednesday 12 June, 2019*

Dear Parents/Guardians,

### This Sunday is Trinity Sunday

**This Sunday's Gospel Summary:** John 16:12-15

This Sunday's Gospel helps us see the interconnectedness of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit - the Holy Trinity. This Gospel reveals Jesus' words at the Last Supper. The disciples could not understand the meaning of Jesus' words because they had not yet witnessed the resurrection. But Jesus explained that everything he had taught them and the witness he bore was from the Father. He assured them that he and the Spirit were one and that the Spirit spoke only what had been told by the Father through Jesus. The Spirit would remain with the community until Jesus returned in glory.

#### Reflection for Parents:

The connection of trinity is seen in the relationships of our families. Often the Holy Trinity is referred to as love, truth and peace. God the Father loves us. Through his Son, Jesus, God's love is revealed. The peace of the Holy Spirit remains with us as a guide in our faith. Our families are also built on these three values: love, truth and peace. Consider your own family to see where these qualities are noticeable.

#### The Sacrament of the Eucharist:

This coming Sunday we have 12 Children making their first Holy Communion at the 9.00am Parish Mass. We wish Henry Ross, Patrick Walsh, Felicity Hartung, Murray Enever-Cooper, Maiya Lea, Faith Barkley, Brodie Upton, Flynn Verhulst, Samuel Moloney, Arthur Morris, Milligan Morris and Eva Maddison all the best for their special day.



#### Weekend Mass Times:

Chiltern Saturday 6pm

Rutherglen Sunday 9am

Wahgunyah Sunday 10.30am

### IMPORTANT DATES

**Tue 11 - Fri 14 June**

**Meals On Wheels duty**

**Thursday 13 June**

**St John Ambulance First Aid in Schools Program**

**Sunday 16 June**

**First Eucharist**

**Tuesday 18 June**

**9.00am-5.00pm School Open Day**

**Presentation at 9.30am followed by light refreshments at 10.00am**

#### Thankyou Thankyou:

A big thank you to all parents and staff that were able to help out on the BBQ stall last Sunday at The Rotary Fair. It was very busy, but with all of our help made for a successful day.

### PAM ACCESS ASSISTANCE

#### PAM - Parent Access Module

If you are having trouble accessing, verifying your email or remembering your login details for PAM, we have a computer set up in the School Administration area for parents to use. The computer will be available throughout the day and before & after school. Please see myself or Libby if you require help especially with your login details.

**Remember all families need to have access to PAM to view their child's report in a few weeks.**

**SCHOOL ATTENDANCE & EXCURSION FEATURE ARE NOW LIVE**

## **IMPORTANT: PAM**

### **School Attendance & Excursion Links are now open**

The School Attendance Link will allow you to notify the school of absenteeism or your child/ren being late to school after you have logged in to PAM. Using this link will directly link you to each teacher's classroom roll.

We have now released the Excursion Link also found on the PAM homepage. PAM account holders will be notified of excursions via email and asked to login and complete the excursion request form. The related excursion will be available to Parent account holders to approve, when they login to their accounts.

**We strongly encourage you to use this link as we phase out unnecessary paper forms. Once you start to use PAM you will notice how easy and time effective it is.**

**It is now important that you check your email account linked to PAM regularly.**





This week's Award winners, presented at Assembly yesterday.

**Principal's Award**

Above (left to right) - Henry Ross, Flynn Verhulst, Clementine Colwell, Lexie Wilson & Harper Potter

Congratulations to all of our Grade 5 and 6 students pictured below, for being such a friendly and hardworking group of students.





## School Open Day Tuesday 18th of June

The school Open Day is a chance for all families with 2020 Foundation students to visit our school.

I will run a school information session in the morning at 9.30am and school tours will be also available throughout the day. If you know any families with children starting school in 2020, please encourage them to visit our school on the Open Day.

## Safe on Social Media Parents TIPS

### ***1. Educate yourself about social media.***

Do you remember when the only big social media sites were Facebook and Myspace? That's not the case anymore. As a parent, it's important to familiarise yourself with what sites are out there and which are appropriate for your child.

### ***2. Establish an age limit for your child to start using social media.***

While you're familiarising yourself with what social media sites are out there, you should take a look at what the required minimum age is for each site. Most social media sites require users to be 13 or older to create an account without their parents' permission.

### ***3. Regularly check your child's privacy settings.***

If your child has set up a social media account, it's important to remain vigilant about keeping their privacy settings updated. Social Media sites are continually adding security settings to ensure that maximum protection is available, but often they need to be updated manually.

### ***4. Keep your child's profile private.***

Most social media sites give you the option to make your account private. This means that only people who your child has friended will be able to see the content on their profile. This is an important step to take in order to keep their content private.

### ***5. Make sure they're not posting personal details, including phone numbers, address, etc***

Social media has become such a normal part of people's lives that it's not uncommon for people to share information about themselves that shouldn't be shared. It's important that your child understands what kinds of information shouldn't be shared and why.

### ***6. Don't allow them to post photos or videos which jeopardise their safety or character.***

While most people post pictures and videos with the best intentions, it's easy for things to be taken the wrong way or out of context and when everyone is online, the wrong message can have long-lasting consequences. Talk to your kids about this and make sure they understand to only post pictures and videos that present themselves and others in a positive light.

### ***7. Make sure they choose a strong password.***

"1, 2, 3, 4, 5? That's amazing! I've got the same combination on my luggage!" Would you really use a password as simple as 1,2,3,4,5 to safeguard something important? No, of course you wouldn't and you should get your kids into the habit as well.

### ***8. Never allow them to accept friend requests from people they don't know.***

This may be self-explanatory, but there are a lot of people out there who use social media to stalk people and steal their information to cause harm. It's always best practice to only accept friend requests from people your child knows such as their friends and family.

### ***9. Set guidelines/rules for their social media use.***

Establishing rules or guidelines from the start is a great way to instill positive habits for your child on social media. However, you don't want to set up rules which are too strict or else you run the risk of your child actively and secretly trying to break them. Try to make rules that empower your child to make good decisions on their own.

### ***10. Keep an open dialogue with your child.***


You can't monitor your child's social media activity 24/7, so maintaining a strong line of communication is important to understand what's going on with your child online. Ask them to always inform you whenever they feel unsafe or uneasy on social media.





## PBIS Awards ( Positive Behaviour in Schools):

This week's Focus: Expectations when Eating.

Etiquette when eating	Respect Ourselves	Respect Others	Respect our Environment
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>⇒ Clean up after ourselves</li> <li>⇒ Stay seated for the eating time</li> <li>⇒ Make good food choices</li> <li>⇒ If required, wash hands and face after eating</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>⇒ Talk quietly to the people around you</li> <li>⇒ Eat with your mouth closed</li> <li>⇒ Keep your lunchboxes and drink bottle in your own space</li> <li>⇒ Only eat your own food</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>⇒ Put lunchboxes in bags when finished</li> <li>⇒ Put classroom rubbish in the correct bins</li> <li>⇒ Take your lunchbox rubbish home</li> <li>⇒ Leave a clean space</li> </ul>

### Congratulations to this week's PBIS Winners

Clementine Colwell (F/1 HK), Jyden Kramer (3/4 ST) & Arthur Morris (3/4 ST)

*(pictured below):*



Have a great week,

Matt  
Principal





## **Book Club**

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**Your orders are being  
sent home today.**



We send our best wishes to:  
Ryan Barkley (15/06), Patty Dobbyn  
(17/6) and Poppy Ellery (18/6)  
who will be celebrating their birthdays this week.



## CHILDREN'S CHATTER MATTERS

### Find the Base word:

Teach the concept of base words to your child. You might say, "A base word is the 'main' word in a longer word." Give examples and then have your child practice identifying the base words.

Remember: The affixes at the beginning of words are called "prefixes" because "pre-" means before, and a "suffix" comes at the end of a base word.

Ask your child to highlight the base words in following complex words.

Mouthy

Hopeful

Sleepless

Carefully

Childish

Workable

Sawed

Trembling

Growing

unhelpful





# Important Calendar Dates - 2019

## Term 2

Tue 11 - Fri 14 June	Meals On Wheels duty
Thursday 13 June	St John Ambulance First Aid in Schools Program
Sunday 16 June	First Eucharist
Tuesday 18 June	9.00am - 5.00pm School Open Day Presentation at 9.30am followed by light refreshments at 10.00am
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 19 July	9.30am - Junior Mass
Tuesday 23 July	3.00pm - Assembly
Tuesday 13 August	Stage Door Performance at Victory Lutheran College (whole school)
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)
Mon 4 November	Report Writing Day (School closed)
Tue 5 November	Melbourne Cup Public Holiday (School closed)
Fri 29 November	Bishop's Holiday (School closed)
Wed 18 December	Last Day Term 4 (Casual Clothes Day - gold coin donation)

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