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Newsletter Issue 34 - Term 4 - Wednesday 20th November, 2019

PBIS Focus of the Week Whole School Expectations

Dear Parents/ Carers,

Gospel Summary

This Sunday's Gospel, Lk 23: 35-43, brings us to the scene of the crucifixion. Jesus, on his own cross, is flanked by thieves on either side. One of the thieves jeers and taunts Jesus calling him a king and wondering why a king cannot save himself and them as well. Jesus responds telling the thief that his royalty is not like that of earthly kingdoms. He has no material wealth or armies. The second thief asks Jesus to remember him when he comes into his kingdom. We know today that he is with Jesus in heaven.

Reflection for Families

Today's children are not considered outcasts, but if you ask most children, they'll tell you they don't think adults really value their opinion. Jesus always reached out to the people that society generally found unimportant and that is a good thing for us to remember as parents. Even while he hung on the cross, Jesus preached the Good News to the criminals hanging beside him. Sometimes we find ourselves living, witnessing, and teaching the Gospel message to our children, even when the majority view is different. Jesus' words in today's Gospel gives us the courage to share our faith with our children even when society doesn't count their input for much and even when the Gospel message is not the majority viewpoint.

2020 Foundations

Yesterday we welcomed our 2020 Foundation students for their first term 4 transition visit. Our current Foundation students had a very responsible job in showing them the ropes on what it is like being Foundation student!



IMPORTANT DATES

Thursday 21 November **Tuesday 26 November**

Friday 29 November

Rubbish Free Lunch Day

9.00am - 11.00am Kinder/Foundation Transition day

Bishop's Holiday (School closed)

Staffing News

As you are aware Jodie Smith will be on 12 months maternity leave in 2020. I am pleased to announce that Bernadette Cheeseman will be joining us in 2020 as Jodie's maternity leave replacement. Many of you will already know Bernadette as a former parent and Board member of our school. As a school community we warmly welcome Bernadette back to St. Mary's.

A Big Think Tank!!

It takes a combined THINK tank on how to get the ball out of the tree!!



It's Girl Time in the Sandpit!!!!



Rubbish Free Lunch-Box - Thursday 21st November

Tomorrow is rubbish free lunchbox day. More details inside the newsletter.

Frosty Fridays:

On Friday's icy poles are being sold for 50 cents at recess or lunch times by the Catholic Identity Team. The money raised will be going to St Vincent De-Paul.



Pictured below:

George Morris & Lexie Wilson



Christmas Hamper Donations

It would be appreciated if families could begin dropping items off in the office for our Christmas Hamper that will be drawn on Monday 16th of December. If you need more tickets they are available from Amanda in the office.

2020 Bus Forms

Vicki, from Rutherglen High School has asked that we remind our Year 6 students who will be travelling on the Rutherglen school buses in 2020 to get their forms in before the end of year.

School Board AGM Wednesday 4th Dec 6.30pm.

The School Board works closely with Fr. Carey and myself both in the short and long term strategic planning for our school. We are always looking for new members who have an interest in this area of school life. The school Board meets in Week 2 & 8 of each term on a Wednesday evening. This year's Board members are Fr. Carey, Matt Attwater, Paul Somerville, Rachelle Enever-Copper, Emily Morris, Sally Colwell, Kellie DeLacy and Jim O'Toole (Parish Rep). If you are interested in finding out more information please talk to me or another Board member. The 2020 Board nomination forms can be obtained from the school office.





Term 4 Hats are Compulsory:

During Term 4 the Sun Smart Policy is enacted, which means No Hat No Play. All students need to wear a school hat during Term 4 when playing outside. This rule is strictly **enforced so please make sure your child brings a hat to school.**



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PBIS Awards (Positive Behaviour in Schools):

This week's Focus: Whole School Expectations



Whole School	Respect Ourselves	Respect Others	Respect our Environment
RESPECT	 Wear correct uniform Care for your own belongings Do you best work Listen and participate Be ready to be a learner Respect learning time Label your belongings 	 Be polite Accept differences Use respectful and inclusive language Speak kindly to others Consider how your actions impact others 	 Pick up litter Be careful with school property. Respect property and resources

Congratulations to this week's PBIS Winners

Pictured right:

Henry Lister

3/4 JS

Milligan Morris

3/4 JS

Matilda Colwell

3/4 ST



Have a great week, Matt Attwater Principal



CHILDREN'S CHATTER MATTERS

Focus: Using longer and more complex sentences

Modelling and recasting

Modelling and recasting are natural strategies that parents and teachers use as children are learning language. Using these strategies in a more structured way helps children learn the language rules they need to use language appropriately across a variety of situations. These strategies help a child focus on the rules they need to learn. When a child makes an error, the child hears the correct use of language and over time will master it by themselves.

Modelling - providing a good model all the time requires you to use:

An unhurried speech rate

clear speech

short sentences

appropriate vocabulary

more repetition and re-stating than you would use if you were talking to another.

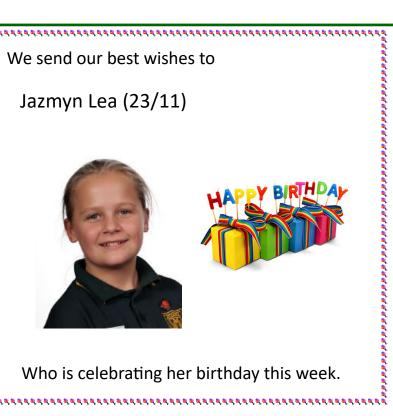


Recasting – repeat s sentence that corrects an error the child has made or expands the sentence used. The key to recasting is that it immediately follows the child's sentence and it maintains the meaning of the sentence. Recasting sentences usually occurs without actually correcting the child, that is, you don't actually need to make the child repeat the corrected sentences. The main idea is to 'feed' the correct form back to the child to let them hear it and this should occur naturally as part of conversation. Good recasting occurs without overt criticism, without interrupting the flow of communication and without getting in the way or listening. When you notice you have 'recasted' remember to do it again for the same structure 2 or 3 times later in the same day.



Next Thursday, the 21st of
November, our school is having a
rubbish free lunch day. At the end
of the day, the amount of rubbish
in your classroom bins will be
counted and the classroom
with the least amount of
rubbish will get a free icy

pole on Friday.





Parent Access Module (PAM)



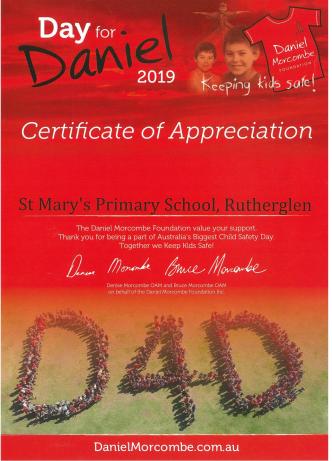
Check your inbox for Activity Notifications

IMPORTANT:

Please use PAM to notify the school of your child's absence.







2nd Hand Uniforms

We have a good supply of 2nd hand uniforms looking for new owners. Come along and have a look, there may be something that your child could use.

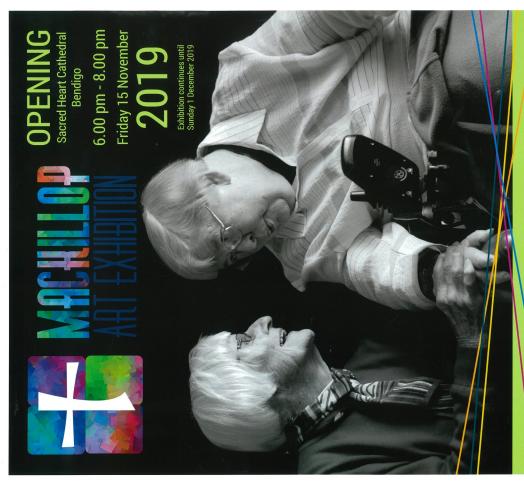






The new Mens Shed off High Street behind the Kinder Saturday 23rd November – 9:30am-11:30am

Join us every 4th Saturday for a cuppa & a chat & repair broken things together, subject to volunteer availability. If we can't repair it on the day we will seek someone with the skills! CLOTHES • FURNITURE • TOYS • BICYCLES • SKILL-SWAPPING *Please note that electrical items are not able to be repaired. Jeanette McIntosh: 0409 328 053: mcintoshs@netspace.net.au



MacKillop Spiritual Art Award

Primary & Secondary Art Awards · Highly Commended Awards

The Philomena Billington Social Justice through The Arts Scholarship









Important Calendar Dates - 2019

Term 4

Thur 21 November Rubbish Free Lunch Day

Tues 26 November 9.00am - 11.00am Kinder/Foundation Transition day

Fri 29 November Bishop's Holiday (School closed)

Tues 3 December 9.00am - 12.45pm Kinder/Foundation Transition day

Wed 4 December Board AGM

Fri 6 December Fun Food Friday—for St Vinnies (watch this space)

Mon 9—Fri 13 Dec Meals on Wheels delivery roster

Tues 10 December State wide Transition Day
Wed 11 December Nativity Play & School Picnic
Fri 13 December Rutherglen Christmas Carols

9.30am end of year whole school Mass

Mon 16 December Grade 6 Graduation

Christmas Hamper draw

Tues 17 December Movies & Splash Park

Wed 18 December Last Day Term 4 (Casual Clothes Day - gold coin donation)

School finishes at 3.30pm

Term 1 - 2020

Tues 28 January Staff return

Wed 29 January First day Term 1 for students

Friday 14 Feb School Photos

Mon 2 - Thur 5 March Swimming program @ Rutherglen Pool

Friday 6 March Swimming Carnival
Friday 27 March Last Day Term 1

Term 2 - 2020

Tuesday 14 April First day Term 2 for students

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