

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

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Weekend Mass Times:

Chiltern Saturday 6pm

Rutherglen Sunday 9am

Wahgunyah Sunday 10.30am



Newsletter

Issue 36 - Term 4 - Wednesday 4th December, 2019

PBIS Focus of the Week

Expectations in the Church

Dear Parents/ Carers,

**This Sunday is the Second Sunday of ADVENT.
As our school sign says - "WE ARE WAITING!"**



This Sunday we light the 2nd Candle on the Advent Wreath, the Candle of Peace.

"The Coming of Jesus Brings Us Peace!"

IMPORTANT DATES

Wed 4 December

Board AGM

Junior grades (F/1/2) after school activities & dinner until 6pm

Fri 6 December

Fun Food Friday—for St Vinnies

Mon 9—Fri 13 Dec

Meals on Wheels delivery roster

Youth Ambassador: Alexandra O'Meara

Well done and thanks to Alex who represented our school so well as our Youth Ambassador representative on the Indigo Shire. It certainly was a great opportunity for Alex to further her leadership skills and share her learnings back at school. Yesterday was her last meeting and graduation day. Again well done and congratulations Alex.



REMEMBER It's Busy Time Ahead:

Term 4 is usually the most hectic time of the year in any school and our school is no exception. With reports, Yr 6 graduation, new Foundation student transition days, Advent, nativity play, end of year mass etc., please keep yourself up to date with what's happening by reading the school newsletter and the weekly class newsletters. Hopefully all families have found a spot on the fridge for the upcoming dates list that was sent home to all families.

Important

PAM (Parent Access Module) New Feature Released Next Monday

As you are aware we have been transitioning over to **PAM** (Parent Access Module) this year with the implementation of the parent/teacher interview times, absenteeism notifications and school excursion permission note features. So far it has been very successful and has cut back on much administration time, particularly for Amanda.

The new **Student Medical Information Form** feature was released on **Monday 2nd Dec**, this should be filled out by parents/carers on **PAM**. All new enrolments will use this feature however it is imperative that **all existing families** access the feature and fill in their student's medical information as well. This will ensure that every child in the school will have their medical details updated on our system. The beauty of this feature on **PAM** is that any time there are any medical information changes parents/ carers are able to instantly update them on **PAM** as **PAM** is a live feature.

Instructions:

On Monday 2nd December, each family received a notification email that the new feature is active. Also, each family received a hard copy of the instructions guiding them through the process.

Please note:

Do not access this feature until you receive the hard copy of the instructions.

* Graduating Year 6 students are not included in this exercise.

Important: Please note this feature is automatically linked to the Excursion Permission form on **PAM** and students **will not** be able to attend any excursions until the **Medical Form** is completed on **PAM**.

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 DePaul.



Christmas Hamper Donations

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



\$12 from the front 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.



Sporting Schools Australia: Tennis:

Over the last week, we have had a Tennis Coach, Doug Smith, from Sporting Schools Tennis Australia putting the students through their paces. He has done a great job and all the students have thoroughly enjoyed practising their tennis skills. Maybe another budding Ash Barty on the scene.



PBIS Awards (Positive Behaviour in Schools):



This week's Focus: **Expectations in the Church**



Church	Respect Ourselves	Respect Others	Respect our Environment
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ⇒ Participate ⇒ Follow routines ⇒ Sit, stand and kneel appropriately ⇒ Bless yourself when entering and leaving the church ⇒ Enter and exit calmly and correctly. ⇒ Exiting people go first - wait for them to leave 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ⇒ Keep your hands to yourself (personal space) ⇒ Listen to the person speaking ⇒ Be quiet ⇒ Participate ⇒ Offer peace quietly and calmly to others ⇒ Listen to the person speaking ⇒ Enter and exit the pews correctly during communion and blessings. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ⇒ Respect the sacred space ⇒ Be quiet ⇒ Use Mass book correctly ⇒ Enter and exit correctly ⇒ Keep your feet on the floor

Congratulations to this week's PBIS Winners

Pictured below: Noah Cracknell 1/2 LD, Emelia Landers 1/2 LD and Elijah McFarlane 3/4 ST



Have a great week,
Matt Attwater
Principal



CHILDREN'S CHATTER MATTERS

Focus: Using a variety of language genres

Communicating to socialise

We all use a particular style when we email or use the internet to access social media but are our children explicitly aware of these styles? How can they adjust their language/style to get more out of their interactions with others?

Ask your child to tell you they might write an email to the following people about a recent holiday. Grandma, their best friend, the school principal, a prep student, the school magazine. What sort of words, phrases do they use for each of these different audience? Why?



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.



Mmmmmmm.....what are Jaylen and Arthur doing??



Parent Access Module (PAM)

Check your inbox for Activity Notifications



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



Community Christmas

It's on again

25th December 2019

Rutherglen Town Hall

12.30pm onwards

RSVP: Leonie: 0400429738 (let us
know if you need to be picked up)

All Welcome

Important Calendar Dates - 2019

Term 4

Wed 4 December	Board AGM
	Junior grades (F/1/2) after school activities & dinner until 6pm
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 all students
Wed 5 February	Foundation Students day off
Wed 12 February	Foundation Students day off
Friday 14 Feb	School Photos
Wed 19 February	Foundation Students day off
Wed 26 February	Foundation Students day off (full time from next week)
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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