

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 37 - Term 4 - Wednesday 11th December, 2019*

PBIS Focus of the Week Expectations in the Church

Dear Parents/ Carers,

**This Sunday is the
Third Sunday of ADVENT.**



Rejoice Sunday

This Sunday we light the 3rd Candle,

the PINK candle on the Advent

Wreath, the Candle of Joy.

**"The Coming of Jesus Brings Us
Joy!"**

Last Newsletter of the Year

This is the final newsletter of the year. Once again it has been a busy and productive year. We have seen the opening of the refurbished Administration and staff space, the launching of our one-to-one iPad program, which sees every child in the school having an iPad to support their learning and the new playground markings around the school.

All the students and their teachers have had a wonderful year of learning together and all deserve a well earned break over the Christmas period.

I hope all families enjoy a holy and happy Christmas and can find some "real" family time to spend together over the summer holidays. I would especially like to thank Amanda for all the support she has given me over the year and all the support she has given to all families during the year.

I will be entertaining my 6 grandchildren over Christmas which will see the youngest QLD grandchild meeting the youngest Wodonga grandchild for the first time.



IMPORTANT DATES

Mon 9—Fri 13 Dec

Fri 13 December

Mon 16 December

Meals on Wheels delivery roster

Rutherglen Christmas Carols

9.30am end of year whole school Mass

Grade 6 Graduation

Nativity Play, Student Award and Family Picnic Evening Tonight at 6pm.

All students are to be in the church by 6pm for the Nativity Play followed by the student awards. After proceedings have finished in the church all families are invited back to school for a BYO family picnic. The students will also unveil a special display to all families that they have completed ***It is worth seeing!!!!!!!!!!***



2020 Class Homegroups:

Foundation & Yr 1 - Mrs Hannah Kelly

Year 1 & 2 - Mrs Libby Dickinson

Year 3&4 - Mrs Bert Cheeseman

Year 4&5 - Ms Shannon Terlich

Year 5&6 - Mr John McNamara

Learning Diversity/ Well Being - Mrs Nicole O'Mahony

Speech Pathologist- Mary Alfred

Italian- Signora Gina Nero

Visual Arts- Mrs Jane van Zanten

LSO's (Learning Support Officers): Rhi Cracknell, Wayne Milthorpe, Denise Coman & Brenton Mead

2020 School Board

At last week's AGM the 2020 School Board was elected.

1. **Chair:** Rachelle Enever
2. **Deputy Chair:** Emily Morris
3. **Secretary:** Kelly De Lacey

2020 Members.

Fr. Carey, Matt Attwater, Libby Dickinson (Staff Rep), Sally Colwell, Jim O'Toole (Parish Rep).

We thank outgoing Board Chair Paul Somerville. The Somerville's have had a long connection, both at a Board and Parents & Friends level with St. Mary's, however, 2019 will be their final year as a St. Mary's family.

School Reports:

2019 Semester 2 school reports will be released on

PAM (Parent Access Module) this Friday afternoon.

Rutherglen Christmas Carols this Friday evening 7pm.

We hope to see lots of families this Friday evening at the Big Red Shed at the Primary School to enjoy the community Christmas carols. Our students, along with other schools community groups, will be singing as part of the performance. There is a BBQ, soft drinks and fairy floss stall available on the night.



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.

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.

Last Frosty Friday this Week. And Well Done to the Catholic Identity Team

This Friday is the last Frosty Friday of the year. Well done to the Catholic Identity Team who have raised a significant amount of money for St Vincent DePaul. Money raised will purchase Rutherglen IGA vouchers which the team will present to St. Vinnies tonight in the Church.



Catholic Identity Team - Fundraiser - Friday 6th December


Pictured below:-


Felicity Hartung, Mrs Hannah Kelly, Emma Meyer and Jaz Lea





PBIS Awards (Positive Behaviour in Schools):

This year's focuses were:

Using the school crossing	Respect Ourselves	Respect Others	Respect our Environment
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Listen for instructions Walk across the crossing calmly Walk your bike calmly across the crossing 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Wait at the bins for the teacher. Remind adults, who are picking you up, that you must use the crossing. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Watch for traffic on the road and wait until it is clear. Walk straight across the crossing and move onto the footpath

Sharing and responding to each other.	Respect Ourselves	Respect Others	Respect our Environment
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Listen to the person speaking Learn from making mistakes Persist and keep trying 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Listen to the person speaking Encourage others to have a go and persist Be inclusive of others Take turns Give positive feedback. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Respect the visual work of others displayed in the classroom. Respect the visual work of others shared in your group. Respect our ICT resources when sharing presentations.

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

Assembly	Respect Ourselves	Respect Others	Respect our Environment
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Be quiet and ready to listen to the speakers Face the speakers Clap appropriately Sit appropriately on the floor Enter and exit rooms calmly 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Walk into assembly quietly and quickly Hands and feet to myself Be a good listener Make a good choice to sit with my peers Be aware of other students personal space Listen to the teachers when they have given an instruction Let parents through the door first Line up at the end of assembly in emergency evacuation line. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Show school pride by singing the National Anthem Help pack up chairs after the assembly Pick up all my belongings, eg. drink bottle, jumper. Take props, school work and items back to classroom in a respectful way.

Toilets	Respect Ourselves	Respect Others	Respect our Environment
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Wash hands after using the toilet Keep food and drink out of toilets Enter cubicle only through the door Exiting people go first 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Walk to toilets without noise Flush toilet after use Boys wait your turn at urinals 1 child in cubicle at all times Wait your turn outside if the cubicles are full Walk to toilets without noise 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Paper towels in correct bins Flush toilet after use Turn taps off after use Report any blockages/issues to teachers Use toilet paper sparingly


Playground	Respect Ourselves	Respect Others	Respect our Environment
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Use kind words Be a good self umpire Keep hands and feet to myself Respond to the bell immediately (drink, toilet) Tell, not do Be active 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Share with others Take turns in games Good Sportsmanship with others Be inclusive Be a good role model with others Be tolerant towards others 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Use equipment appropriately Pack away sports equipment Pick up my belongings, eg. drink bottle, jumper. Put our rubbish in the bin

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


Sport	Respect Ourselves	Respect Others	Respect our Environment
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Wear school sports uniform Bring water bottle Try your best Give it a go/be prepared to try new things Be a good sport Collect personal belongings 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Listen to instructions Be a team player Respect umpire/referee's decision Respect rules and decisions Encourage others Acknowledge and praise others Help others succeed 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ensure sports equipment is put away Correct use and storage of sports equipment


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

Undercover/Verandah/paths/concrete	Respect Ourselves	Respect Others	Respect our Environment
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Walk on the concrete Model appropriate behaviour Keep hands and feet to yourself Go to where you need to go- don't dawdle 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Be helpful Be aware of other classes working Move quietly around not to distract others Smile to others when passing them in Be courteous of classes lining up Speak appropriately to other people 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Pick up rubbish if you see it Walk in appropriate areas

Busline	Respect Ourselves	Respect Others	Respect our Environment
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Line up (sit) in correct order and line Keep food and drink in bag Walk Stay seated Be organised and on time 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Use quiet voices Use kind words Sit in correct bus order Don't push in Keep your hands to yourself Sit correctly in your bus line 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Be organised and have all your belongings in your bag Leave your bag closed Walk on and off the bus quietly

Out in the community	Respect Ourselves	Respect Others	Respect our Environment
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Listen and follow instructions/directions Follow road rules Engage/participate with the community Be in correct uniform 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Follow road rules Use a crossing (if available) Use quiet voices Walking quietly Use the path Keep left Walking with a partner Keep your hands to yourself Use your manners when speaking to people in the community Engage/participate with the community 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Keep your hands to yourself Put your rubbish in the correct bin Leave plants and animals alone Listen and watch

Office Building	Respect Ourselves	Respect Others	Respect our Environment
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Use inside voice Be patient and polite. Eg. Please, Thank you, Excuse me Knock before entering and wait Respect all staff Smile to others Watch where you're walking Enter and exit rooms calmly and correctly 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Smile to visitors in the school and say hello Follow adult instructions 	<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

Whole School	Respect Ourselves	Respect Others	Respect our Environment
	<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

This Week's PBIS Winners are: **EVERYBODY!!!!!!!!!!!!**

Well done to the whole school who all worked together in achieving all expectations in our PBIS settings over the entire year!! A great effort .



Have a great week,
Matt Attwater
Principal



Important

PAM (Parent Access Module) New Feature

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**.



We send out best wishes to:



Codie Johnson-Wood 11/12



Paddy Walsh 18/12



Arthur Morris 23/12



Milligan Morris 23/12



Holly O'Donoghue 24/12



Charlie Kay 26/12



Lilly Johnson-Wood 27/12



Connie Morris 27/12



Holly McMahon 29/12



Faith Barkley 31/12

Who are all celebrating their
birthdays in December

And also to those celebrating their birthdays in January:



George Morris 1/01



Elijah McFarlane 3/01



Ryan Moore 4/01



Felicity Hartung 4/01



Lucinda Steel 5/01



Callum Potter 10/01



Harper Potter 16/01



Jed Goudie 29/01



Antonio Finnemore 31/01



Happy Holidays

CHILDREN'S CHATTER MATTERS

Tell Me How

As much as it is important for your child to understand instructions and follow directions, your child will also need to use and understand how to give advice. Give your child a chance to share about something they are good at and give advice to others who might be trying that activity for the first time. Give your child five minutes to explain how to do something that they know how to do. It may be something recreational like skateboarding or something professional like examining a specimen under a microscope or even something silly like how to become a superhero. Have a go at the activity they are explaining and then encourage your child to give you advice. What should you do? What should he not do?



Focus: Understanding and Using longer and more complex sentences

Questioning the text.

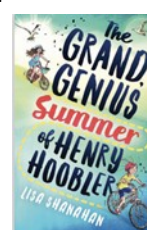
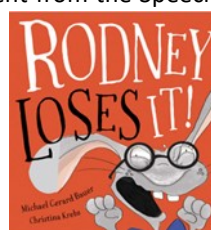
Here is a list of the best books for language and literacy development from the Speech Pathology Australia 2018 book of the year awards.

Rodney Loses It - by Michael Gerard Bauer

Danny Blue's Really Excellent Dream - by Max Landrak

The Grand Genius Summer of Henry Hoobler - by Lisa Shanahan

Sorry Day - by Coral Vass



When asking your child questions encourage them to repeat part of the question to extend their responses

For example; What was your favourite part of the story? *My favourite part of the story was when.....*

Why did you like that part? *I liked that part because....*

What would you do if you were that character? *If I was that character I would.....*



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.



Parent Access Module

Check your inbox for Activity Notifications



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

COROWA PCYC BLUE LIGHT PRESENTS

BLUE LIGHT DISCO

6.00pm/8.00pm

DRESS UP
CHRISTMAS

FREE ENTRY

20-12-2019

NO ALCOHOL | NO DRUGS | NO PASSOUTS

All Blue Light events are drug and alcohol free and supervised
by Police Officers

COROWA RSL CLUB
Friday September 20
For ages 5 to 12.

All children must be collected from the
RSL Club.

LUCKY DOOR PRIZES | DANCE COMPS
DRINKS, HOTDOGS AND ICE-CREAMS AVAILABLE

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Important Calendar Dates - 2019

Term 4

Mon 9—Fri 13 Dec	Meals on Wheels delivery roster
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 (Casual Clothes Day - gold coin donation)

Term 2 - 2020

Tuesday 14 April	First day Term 2 for students
Friday 26 June	Last Day Term 2 (Casual Clothes Day - gold coin donation)

Term 3 - 2020

Monday 13 July	First day Term 3 for students
Friday 18 September	Last Day Term 3 (Casual Clothes Day - gold coin donation)

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