



# St. Mary's School Newsletter

*Always faithful to God, ourselves and others in the spirit of the Presentation tradition.*

*St. Mary's is committed to Child Safety and the inclusion of all children.*

**Respect Ourselves - Respect Others - Respect our Environment**

**Term 1 - Week 6 - Wednesday 4 March, 2020**

## IMPORTANT DATES

**Mon 2 - Thurs 5 March**

Swimming Program

**Friday 6th March**

Swimming Carnival

**Monday 9 March**

Labour Day Holiday

No School

**Wednesday 11 March**

Blueearth sport

**Friday - 13 March**

Mass Grades F/1/2 & 6

9.30am

St John First Aid education  
for all students

**Monday - 16 March**

Parent Teacher Interviews

**Mon 16 - Fri 20 March**

Meals on Wheels Roster  
Grades 5 & 6

**Wednesday 18 March**

Rutherglen High School  
Information Evening

Yr 6 into Yr 7 in 2021

5.30—6.30pm

**Friday 27 March**

Last Day Term 1

## PBIS Focus of the Week - Expectations in the Church

Dear Parents/Carers,

### Lent

*This Sunday is the 2nd Sunday of Lent*

*Lent is the liturgical season that began last week on Ash Wednesday and ending on Holy Thursday. It includes six Sundays, the five Sundays of Lent plus Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord.*

*Lent is a time for reflecting on our lives, for refocusing on God's love for us and God's call to love and serve others.*

*Lent is a time for renewal through prayer, fasting and giving, as we prepare to celebrate the resurrection of Jesus at Easter – the most important feast in the Church's calendar. Lent provides us with an opportunity to consider how we might help those in need, rather than thinking about ourselves.*

*Porreca. K 2015, "Some Sundays in Lent" Good News for Catechists*

### Events Coming Up in this Newsletter's Edition

\* **Swimming Sports next Friday 6th March.**

\* **School Board Meeting Tuesday 10th March 6.30pm.**

\* **Parent Teacher Interviews Monday 16th March.** On-line bookings will be open on Thursday (a note will be sent home)

\* **Remember this weekend is a long weekend.**

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### Weekend Mass Times

Saturday 6pm Chiltern

Sunday 9am Rutherglen

Sunday 10.30am Wahgunyah

# IMPORTANT SWIMMING CARNIVAL

## Swimming Sports This Friday:

The swimming sports are this Friday & the weather looks promising. Please note below:

- All students are to go straight to the pool and not come to school in the morning. There will be a teacher on duty at the pool from 8.30 am.
- The buses will drop all bus students off at the pool in the morning, not at school.
- There is a free sausage sizzle for students and families during the lunch break.
- The swimming sports will conclude around 1.30 pm after the Yr.6 May Baring race.
- Parents / carers are able to take students home after the sports have finished.
- All students still remaining at the pool after the sports will be walked back to school for the afternoon.
- Buses will pick up as normal after school.
- All students must have a hat, drink bottle and rashy.
- The school will provide sunscreen.
- Children will not be able to visit the canteen during the sports but will be able to at the lunch break.
- If you are able to help out on the day please let John McNamara know

## A Manchurian Pear:

Fundraising efforts last year, including our participation in the Rotary Autumn Fair, has been put to some beautifying projects around the school. Last weekend we planted a new manchurian pear near the front entrance of the school to complete the courtyard and the new planter box.





## Parent Access Module (PAM)



Check your inbox for Activity Notifications

**IMPORTANT:**

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



### Child Safe:

St. Mary's is a Child Safe School which means that we have policies and strategies in place to ensure all students feel and are safe at school. Please take time to familiarise and read our child safe section on the school's website under the Child Safe Tab.



## Girl Time in the Sandpit



### Term 1 Hats are Compulsory:

Term 1 will see the Sun Smart Policy enacted which means **No Hat No Play**. All students need to wear a school hat during Term 1 when playing outside. This rule is strictly enforced so please make sure your child brings a hat to school.





## Frosty Friday's:

The Catholic Identity Team will be selling Zoopers Doopers for 50c each Friday of this term. All money raised will go to Caritas.



## Clean Up Australia Day

All students did a fantastic job on Clean Up Australia Day, sprucing up our local area.

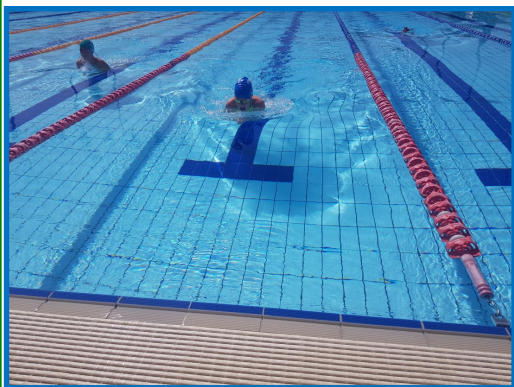


## Zone Swimming at Wave's Pool, Wodonga - Friday 28th February, 2020

Well done to Faith Barkley, Brodie Upton and Penny Hartung who represented the school to their best at the zone level last Friday at WAVES Wodonga.

### Results:

Brodie 50mt backstroke 3rd out of 8 boys  
Penny 50mt freestyle 15th out of 38 girls  
Faith 50mt backstroke 4th out of 27 girls  
Faith 50mt breaststroke 3rd out of 22, with a PB time



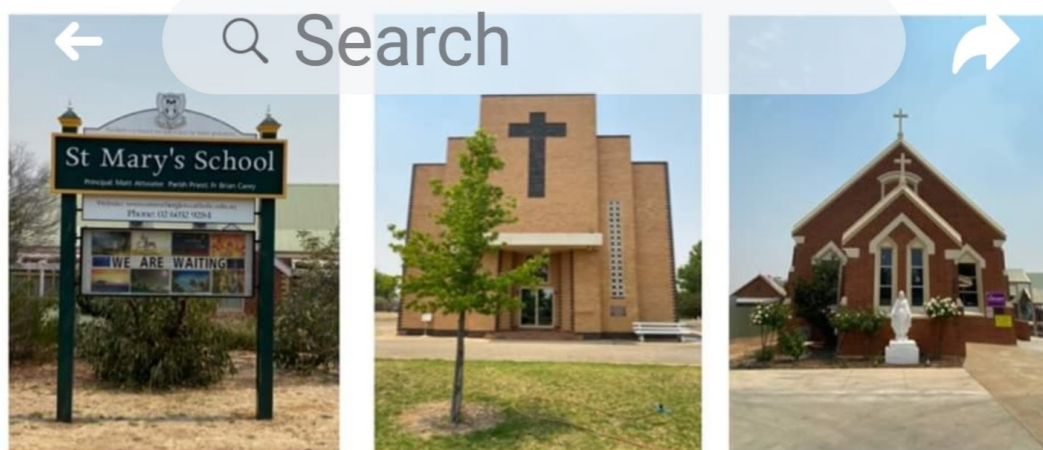
## St Mary's School - Facebook page

As a school, St Mary's is always looking for ways to communicate effectively with our families and our wider school community. The parent portal PAM has been a new effective and efficient way to communicate with parents, getting permission forms completed and for recording absenteeism.

So we are very excited to have launched our St Mary's Rutherglen Facebook Page last Monday. Please make sure you follow us to see what's happening around the school. This is another avenue of communication with our school community. Our Facebook page will promote what will be happening each week at school, put out reminders and celebrate successes. It will also be a way we are able to share new learnings as they're happening in the moment, especially on camps and excursions.

As with all social media it is important to remember that it is to be used appropriately and with respect. You will not be able to post on the Facebook page for security reasons so if you have things you would like to share please contact the school. Nicole O'Mahony and Libby Dickinson are the administrators of the page.

Please check PAM for a consent form for your child's photo to be used on our Facebook page.



**St Mary's  
School  
Rutherglen**

Elementary School

  
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## EASTER EGG RAFFLE

This year, our Easter Egg Raffle will be drawn on

**Thursday 26th March**

Raffle tickets will be handed out next week.

It would be great if every family could bring in a donation for our hampers.

The more goodies we receive, the more hampers we can make up.

### Gymnastics Program:

We were again fortunate to receive some funding through Sporting Schools Australia to run a gymnastic program for the remainder of the term. FlyAway Gymnastics from Wodonga will come out each Friday to run the program for all students. All the students started off well last Friday.



## PBIS Focus this week - Expectations in the Church

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

### This Week's PBIS Winners are:

Adelyn Holland 4/5 ST and Acacia Rhodes 4/5 ST



Have a great week,  
Matt Attwater  
Principal





# Important Calendar Dates - 2020

## Term 1

Mon 2 - Thur 5 March	Swimming program @ Rutherglen Pool
Wednesday 4 March	Foundation students start full-time
Friday 6 March	Swimming Carnival
<b>Monday 9 March</b>	<b>Labour Day Public Holiday - No School</b>
Wednesday 11 March	Bluearth (sport)
Friday 13 March	Mass - Grades F/1/2/6 - 9.30am St John First Aid education for all students
Monday 16 March	Parent Teacher Interviews
Mon 16 - Fri 20 March	Meals on Wheels Roster
Wednesday 18 March	Rutherglen High School Information Evening - yr 6 into yr 7 in 2021 5.30pm to 6.30pm
Wednesday 25 March	Bluearth (sport)
Thursday 26 March	Easter Egg Raffle Draw
Friday 27 March	<b>Last Day Term 1 (Casual Clothes Day - gold coin donation)</b> <b>2.30pm finish</b>

## Term 2

Tuesday 14 April	<b>First day Term 2 for students</b>
<b>Tuesday 28 April</b>	<b>School Closure Day (staff Professional Development at Wangaratta)</b>
Friday 26 June	<b>Last Day Term 2 (Casual Clothes Day - gold coin donation)</b> <b>2.30pm finish</b>

## Term 3

Monday 13 July	<b>First day Term 3 for students</b>
Friday 18 September	<b>Last Day Term 3 (Casual Clothes Day - gold coin donation)</b> <b>2.30pm finish</b>

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