



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 7 - Wednesday 11 March, 2020

IMPORTANT DATES

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

Wednesday 25 March

Blueearth sport

Thursday 26 March

Easter Egg Raffle Draw

Friday 27 March

Last Day Term 1

2.30pm finish

Gold coin donation Casual
Clothes day

PBIS Focus of the Week - Expectations in the Toilets

Dear Parents/Carers,

This Sunday is the 3rd Sunday of Lent

Gospel Summary

In this coming Sunday's Gospel, Jesus approached a Samaritan woman at Jacob's well and asked her for a drink of water. This surprised the woman for several reasons. In the first place, it was unlikely that a man would ask a woman for anything and even more unbelievable that Jesus, a Jew, would ask something of a Samaritan, a great enemy of the Jewish people. Jesus explained to her that our thirst would return if we drank water from the well; but if we drank the water Jesus offered us, we would never thirst again. After Jesus told her many things about herself, she came to believe that he was the Son of God and called others to him.



Reflection for Families

Jesus offers us living water just as he did the woman at the well. It is the water of salvation so when we stumble, we know that Jesus refreshes us with forgiveness. This is helpful to remember on days when we are disappointed by our anger, impatience, and discouragement.

Events Coming Up in this Newsletter's Edition

- * **Friday: St. John's First Aid training for all students.**
- * **Friday: F,1,2 & Yr.6 Mass - 9.30am**
- * **Monday 16th & Tuesday 17th : Parent/Carer Teacher interviews**

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Weekend Mass Times

Saturday 6pm Chiltern

Sunday 9am Rutherglen

Sunday 10.30am Wahgunyah

IMPORTANT

Coronavirus Update:

Please take time to read the Coronavirus insert in today's newsletter.

Families Impacted by Bushfires:

If your family has been impacted by recent bushfires please take time to read the **Bushfire Support** information insert in today's newsletter.

IMPORTANT: Parent/Teacher Interviews:

Next Monday & Tuesday are Parent/Carer Teacher Interviews. Please make sure you have booked your time on **PAM**.



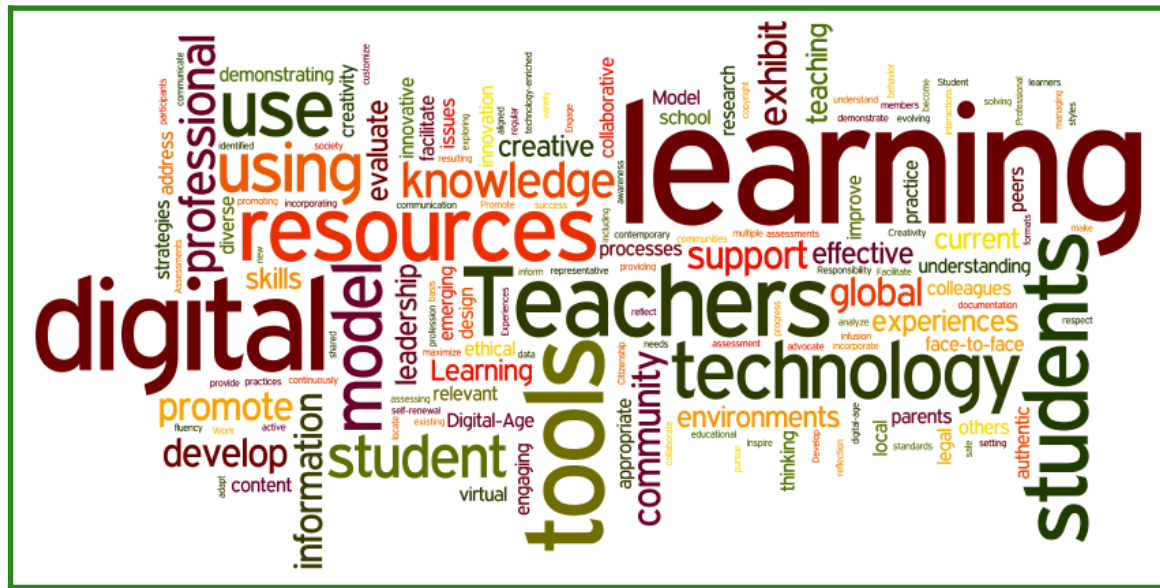
Swimming Sports:

What a great day, and we were so lucky with the weather after the heavy rain on Wednesday and Thursday. Well done to **O'Connor House** who were the overall winners on the day and a big congratulations to

Sonny Enever-Cooper

who is the 2020 May Baring Champion.

Tuesday 28th of April is a **Pupil Free Day** at school. All staff will be attending a Digital Technology Conference in Wangaratta on that day.



We had lots of creative minds during our weather pay and lunctimes last week!!



School Assembly - Tuesday 10th March



Teacher award winners:-

Back row (left to right) Adelyn Holland, Gemma Delost, Antonio Finnemore, Travis Gunning & Holly O'Donoghue

Front row (left to right) Lilly Johnson-Wood, Ivy Massari, Natasha Doolan & Melody Flannery



Principal award winners:-

Pictured left with Mr A

Clementine Colwell

And

Hamish Neil



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10 March 2020

Dear Parents/Carers,

We have been in the midst of a period of unprecedented bushfire and extreme weather events across Victoria. Many members in our North East Victorian community have been impacted by the bushfires.

Support is being offered to help those of our students affected by the bushfires in the 15 Local Government Areas of Ararat, Alpine, Ballarat, East Gippsland, Glenelg, Golden Plains, **Indigo**, Mansfield, Northern Grampians, Pyrenees, Southern Grampians, Towong, Wangaratta, Wellington and Wodonga.

Families that have been impacted during the current bushfire season can receive assistance for each student family member to cover the cost of uniforms including school shoes, books and stationery, and other essential school items.

Support is available to all students whose families have been impacted by:

- Loss of family home - \$1200
- OR
- Loss of income through volunteering to fight bushfires - \$500
- OR
- Loss of livelihood/income caused by bushfires - \$500.

If you have been impacted, please contact Matt Attwater to complete the appropriate support request form.

Please note that families will be asked to confirm their eligibility for this support.

With kind regards,

Matt Attwater
Principal

Coronavirus

You will all be aware of the increased level of coverage the novel coronavirus disease (COVID-19) is receiving. Australia is well prepared to manage the disease, with plans in place to adapt the response as more information about the virus and how it is spread becomes known.

While COVID-19 is of concern, it is important to remember that most people displaying symptoms such as fever, cough, sore throat or tiredness are likely suffering with a cold or other respiratory illness - not coronavirus.

It is therefore timely to take the opportunity to remind everyone of what our school and workplace is doing to minimise the spread of any type of respiratory illness.

All staff have been advised to follow the procedures outlined below. This is also excellent advice for all families as well.

- If you have symptoms such as a fever (temperature above 38°C), cough, sore throat or congestion, do not come to work. Stay home until symptoms have subsided for at least 24 hours (without the use of fever-reducing or cough-suppressing medication).
- If you become ill in this manner while at work, inform your principal and go home.
- Avoid close contact with people who have a respiratory illness.
- Practice good respiratory etiquette - cover a cough or sneeze with a tissue and discard.
- Try not to touch your eyes, nose or mouth.
- Wash hands thoroughly using soap and water, or use hand sanitiser.
- Increase the cleaning of frequently touched surfaces - desks, countertops, keyboards, computer mice, and telephone handsets.
- Attend to cleaning of hard surface such as desks and table where practicable. Our classrooms and toilets are cleaned daily.
- All students are to be advised about washing hands routines and sneezing etiquette by all staff.
- All classrooms and toilets to have student friendly posters about washing hands and sneezing etiquette.

Catholic Education Sandhurst will continue to monitor the situation and follow the advice of the federal and state governments, and advise all schools of any relevant changes to the situation as required.

PLEASE CLICK BELOW for a list of FAQs that may be of assistance, or when enquiries are made by staff, students or families. <https://drive.google.com/file/d/1LantWJcF01qxstnEJNX4bpPXcbIGr15i/view>

Further information is available from the Federal Department of Health <https://www.health.gov.au/news/health-alerts/novel-coronavirus-2019-ncov-health-alert>

the Victorian Department of Health and Human Services <https://www.dhhs.vic.gov.au/victorian-public-coronavirus-disease-covid-19>

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.



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.



EASTER EGG RAFFLE

This year, our Easter Egg Raffle will be drawn on
Thursday 26th March

Raffle tickets have been handed out to each family.

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

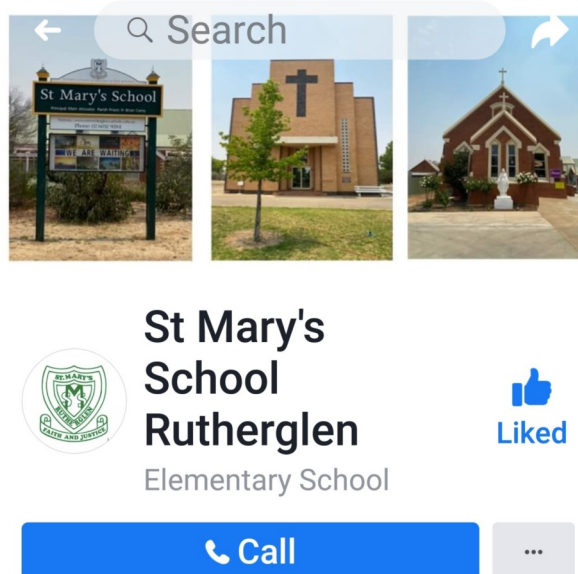
The more goodies we receive, the more hampers we can make up.



St Mary's School - Facebook page

Great to see lots of families liking our new FaceBook page.

The page will be updated regularly and every Sunday evening **What's On** for the upcoming week will be posted.



Indigo North Health Rutherglen OSHC

Vacation Care – 2020


Monday 30 MARCH – Friday 10 APRIL

Date	Wk1	Wk2
Mon	Decorate your own bin to take home at the end of vacation care	Craft day
Tues	Kite flying Decorate and make your own kite to take home	Cooking up a storm Some to eat some for tomorrow
Wed	ONWARDS Movie day in Albury	Maze fun and meeting up with another OSHC
Thurs	Minute to win it activities	Easter activities
Fri	Science mess	NOT OPEN GOOD FRIDAY

For more details please contact Rutherglen OSHC PH: 0419439286

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PBIS Focus this week - Expectations in the Toilets

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

This Week's PBIS Winners are:


Clementine Colwell 1/2LD, Gemma Delost 5/6JM and Alex Kidd-Alam F/1HK



Have a great week,
Matt Attwater
Principal








Rutherglen High School

Grade 5/6 Transition Evening



When...

Wednesday 18th March
From 5.30pm til 6.30pm

Why...

To listen to some information, obtain a booklet outlining the school's policies and requirements and meet the staff.

What to expect...

An information session about Year 7 in 2021 and quick tour of the school grounds.

Hope to see you there!

Hi everyone . Another film night is fast approaching. "Newsfront" (1978) is our next film on Saturday 14th March . Cheers
Lois

It is film critic David Stratton's No 1 pick of Australia's best films. "I love *Newsfront* because it's a terrific script by [Bob Ellis](#), a great writer; it's beautifully directed by [Phillip Noyce](#); it has a wonderful cast (with) Bill Hunter, Chris Haywood, Wendy Hughes, Lorna Lesley, Bryan Brown and Drew Forsythe; and it managed to tell me so much about Australia during that post-war period – those 10 years between 1946 and 1956 – while at the same time being so entertaining, so funny, so sad and in some ways so brilliant. I think it's a brilliant piece of work."

Chiltern Lions Club – FLICS! (Film Lions International Chiltern Society)

Come and join us for another good Aussie Film night experience and great food!
At Chiltern's Star Theatre at 6.45pm

- **Saturday 14th March with the film "Newsfront" PG 1978**

The story of the newsreel cameramen and production staff who would do anything to get footage for their weekly audience of moviegoers. Set between the years 1948 and 1956, when television was introduced to Australia. The film tracks the destinies of two brothers, their adventures and misadventures placed in the context of sweeping social and political changes in their native Australia as well as natural disasters. Len Maguire is resistant to change, while his younger brother Frank welcomes any alterations in his own life and in the world around him. The film fluctuates seamlessly between black and white and colour, between actual news footage and reconstructed events. Winner of several AFI & International Awards.

Starring Bill Hunter, Wendy Hughes, Gerard Kennedy, Chris Haywood and John Ewart
Bookings ASAP for catering purposes .

Cost: \$30 p/p - The night includes BBQ tea, film showing, discussion and supper as well as membership of FLICS. Children half price.

To: chilternlionsclub@gmail.com ph 0413 570 804

Or Lois Hotson : hotson@westnet.com.au ph 0357 261358

- * Take advantage of our \$28 Early-bird concession price if booking and payment is received by the Wednesday prior to the film night by Direct Debit
Direct Debit to **BSB 803 070 Acct No 29394** Lions Club Chiltern Inc.
Please include your name in reference line.
- * **Or** payment can also be made at the Chiltern Post office.

Important Calendar Dates - 2020

Term 1

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Term 2

Tuesday 14 April	First day Term 2 for students
Wednesday 22 April	Bluearth (sport)
Friday 24 April	Responsible Pet Education (all students at school)
Tuesday 28 April	School Closure Day (staff Professional Development at Wangaratta)
Wednesday 6 May	Grade 5 & 6 Excursion (Concert at Sacred Heart Yarrawonga) Bluearth (sport)
Friday 26 June	Last Day Term 2 (Casual Clothes Day - gold coin donation) 2.30pm finish

Term 3

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

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