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 4 - Week 1 - Friday 9 October, 2020

We are back!!

IMPORTANT DATES

Friday 23 October

AFL Grand Final

Public Holiday

Monday 2 November

Report Writing Day

Student Free Day

Tuesday 3 November

Melbourne Cup

Public Holiday

PBIS Focus of the Week - Expectations in the classrooms

Dear Parents/Carers,

It was fantastic to welcome our entire student and staff population back to school this week. As we all know it has been a very "tough" school year particularly for the students and to see everybody back together as a school community has been wonderful.

Again I would like to thank all families for your tremendous support with remote learning and also give a big "shout out'' to the teaching staff and teacher aides for the magnificent and professional manner they adopted in supporting every student during another very difficult time of the school year.

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Weekend Mass Times

Saturday 6pm Chiltern

Sunday 9am Rutherglen

Sunday 10.30am Wahgunyah

All suspended for now

Student Wellbeing Focus

Conscious that the year so far has been traumatic for many our students will see be a major focus around Student Wellbeing this term. We aim to structure up many activities and opportunities to boost student wellbeing as we move through the term.

Book Week Parade:

It was great seeing the Book Week Parade costumes today. The students did a wonderful job with their costumes. Unfortunately parents were not able to attend, due to COVID restrictions, but there are plenty of photos up on our FB page and in today's newsletter to have a look at.

Term 4 Events:

As I have previously outlined to you, some school events this term may look somewhat different and be conducted in unusual and imaginative ways as we work with and alongside COVID restrictions at the time.

Late Signing in:

As all students are back at school now if a child is late to school they must report to the office to be signed in before going to their classroom.

Carpark:

Just a reminder to be vigilant in the carpark with toddlers when waiting for students at pick-up time. I've had a few calls from concerned parents that some toddlers are walking around cars unsupervised.

HATS: No Hat No Play:

All students need a school hat during term 4 when playing outside.
The NO Hat NO Play is strictly enforced during term 4.
School hats are available for sale from the office or from Brunella School supplies in Corowa.

IMPORTANT

All principals have been asked by the Director of Education to **REMIND PARENTS OF CHANGED PROTOCOLS** outlined below via upcoming Newsletters.

Thank-you:

Over the last few weeks you have been made very aware of the changes at St. Mary's and thank you for adapting to and following the new protocols faultlessly. It is appreciated by all staff.

***PICK-UP / DROP OFF**: All pickups and drop off are done in the rear car park.

***IF CHILDREN ARE UNWELL** - Parents must be advised that any child who comes to school feeling unwell or becomes unwell during the school day, they (or the emergency contact person) will be called to collect that child.

***WATER BOTTLES** – drinking fountains are not to be used by students. Each should bring water from home.

****RESTRICTED ACCESS TO SCHOOL BY ADULTS** – The Department of Health insists that no adult- parents, non-enrolled youths, visitors are to enter the school unless necessary or in an emergency. Adults should not be permitted to go beyond the Reception area.

Some of our Foundation students shown here having fun making groups in Maths.

A nice gesture and story from Raylene Finnemore:-

I wanted to share with you something wonderful Antman has done.
We are so so proud of Antman. It was such a huge deal for him to cut his hair but that all went away when he found out he could donate it to @varietyaustralia for their hair with heart campaign.
When they receive donations of hair, they send it to specialised wig makers who make wigs for those who have lost their hair due to a medical condition. They're given money for the hair which goes directly back into Variety's programs, helping Aussie kids who are sick, disadvantaged or have special needs.
So more than one person will benefit from your hair donation!

Antonio before cutting off his hair, and after

Book Week Parade 2020

Grade 6

Grade 5

Grade 4

Grade 3

Grade 2

Grade 1

Foundation

Frosty Friday is Back:

Frosty Friday Zooper Doopers are back this week. A Zooper Dooper will cost 50c and all money raised will go to the missions.

A special belated 'happy birthday' to our all of our students who celebrated their birthdays in August:-

Madilyn Hill 12/08

Emmerson Potter 20/08

Freya Kay 23/08

...and a special belated 'happy birthday' to our all of our students who celebrated their birthdays in September:-

Annabelle Finnemore 10/09

Darcy Harris-Harwood 12/09

Henry Ross 19/090

Acacia Rhodes 30/09

...and we send our best wishes to:-

Olivia McKenzie 4/10

Lukas Moore 5/10

Stephanie Cooke 8/10

who have celebrated their birthdays this week.

PBIS Focus this week - Expectations in the Classrooms

Classrooms and learning spaces	Respect Ourselves	Respect Others	Respect our Environment
	Listen to the person speaking Do your best work Have a go at new things Listen and follow instructions Be organized Join in and participate Be in correct uniform Enter and exit rooms calmly and correctly Exiting people go first	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'	Clean up your workspace when you've finished Use resources Correctly Put rubbish into the correct bins Use equipment for the correct purpose

Well done to this week's PBIS winners!!!

Elsie Harders (F/1 HK), Callan Tracy (F/1 H/K),
Stephanie Cooke (F/1 HK) & Natasha Doolan (F/1 H/K)

Have a great week,

Matt Attwater

Principal

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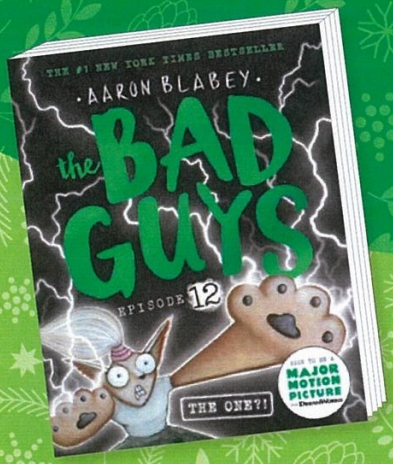
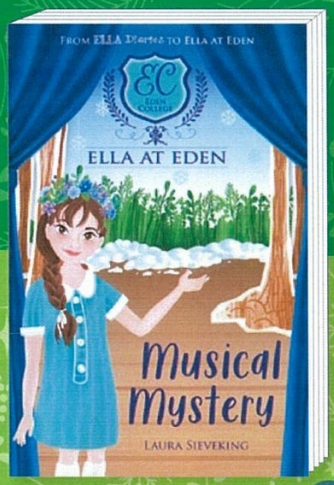
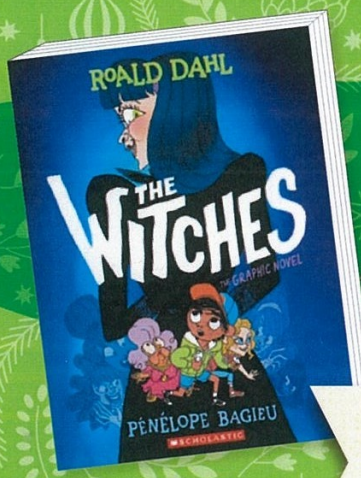
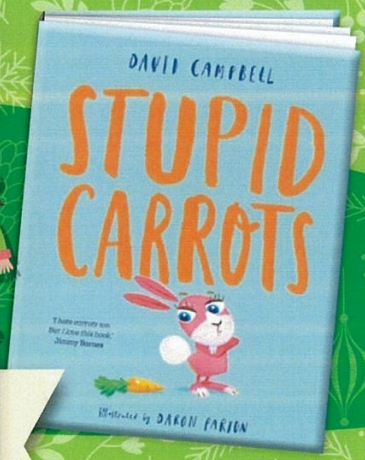
Book Club

PULL OUT POSTER
HANG ME UP IN YOUR CLASSROOM!









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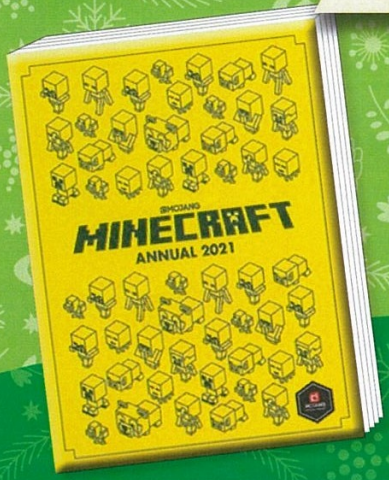

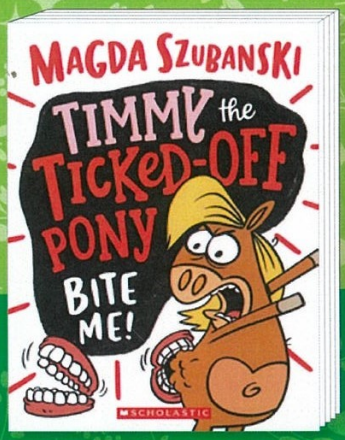

SCHOLASTIC

Rutherglen Little Athletics

TUESDAYS 4.30pm – 6pm

Season starts Tuesday 6th October!

New Families are welcome to come and try two sessions for free.

Trial registrations can now be completed online:
https://lavic.com.au/membership/new-member/
(Children must have turned 5 years of age to register).

Rutherglen Show Grounds, High Street, Rutherglen.
Registration is $100 per child.

Follow us on Facebook.

Please contact Marika on 0427 408 591 if you have any questions.

Important Calendar Dates - 2020

Term 4

Friday 23 October	**AFL Grand Final - Public Holiday**
Monday 2 November	**Report Writing Day - Student Free Day**
Tuesday 3 November	**Melbourne Cup - Public Holiday**
Wednesday 4 November	**Bluearth Sport with Ross Hill**
Wednesday 18 November	**Bluearth Sport with Ross Hill**
Wednesday 11 November	**Remembrance Day**
Wednesday 2 December	**Bluearth Sport with Ross Hill**
Wednesday 9 December	**Nativity Play (TBC)**
Friday 11 December	**End of Year Mass 9.30-10.30am (TBC)**
Monday 14 December	**Graduation Dinner (TBC)**
Wednesday 16 December	**Last Day Term 4 (Casual Clothes Day - gold coin donation) 2.30pm finish**

Important Calendar Dates - 2021

Term 1

Wednesday 27 January	**Teachers Commence**
Thursday 28 January	**Students return to school**
Friday 19 February	**School Photo Day**
Monday 8 March	**Labour Day Public Holiday**
Thursday 1 April	**Last Day Term 1 (Casual Clothes Day - gold coin donation) 2.30pm finish**
Friday 2 April	**Good Friday**

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