



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 3 - Thursday 22 October, 2020

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

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Bluearth Sport

Thursday 5 November

Athletics Day

Rutherglen Showgrounds

Wednesday 11 November

Remembrance Day

Wednesday 18 November

Bluearth Sport

PBIS Focus of the Week - Expectations in the Toilets



OCTOBER is World Mission Month

Dear Parents/Carers,

This Sunday's gospel message, Matt: 22: 34-40 is very apt in these current times

Gospel Summary: Trying to trick Jesus into saying something contrary to Moses, the Pharisees asked Jesus which was the greatest commandment. Jesus responded by saying that we are to love God with all our heart, our soul, and mind. Secondly, we are to love our neighbor as our self.

Reflection for Families: Our children see us live out this gospel message in the every-day things we do for other people. How often do they quietly notice us help an elderly relative, take food to a sick neighbor, or visit someone in a nursing home. We don't really have to preach this gospel message to our children, but sometimes just inviting them along is witness enough to shape their lives.



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Weekend Mass Times

Saturday 6pm Chiltern

Sunday 9am Rutherglen

Sunday 10.30am Wahgunyah

All suspended for now

Restrictions:

Hopefully Daniel Andrews is able to further lift some more restrictions for regional Victoria this Sunday, however the message will still be to be vigilant around hygiene and monitoring symptoms if even feeling slightly unwell. Thank you to all families who are keeping students home if they are feeling unwell and responding very quickly to picking up students who begin to feel unwell at school.

RADIO 3SM



"Where our MUSIC puts the OO into SmOOth!"



Radio Station 3SM:

Every Friday during our first break the Year 6 students will be entertaining the school with their own little radio show in the under cover area. There will be some groovy music played, a class song of the week, joke of the day and a special guest interview each week. We had another great show today great show today!!

Athletics Sports Thursday November 5th:

Every year we travel into Alexandra Park Albury to give the students the experience of participating in our school Athletic Sports on a professional Athletic track. Unfortunately, due to COVID restrictions, this is not possible this year.

So instead, this year we will be having our Athletics Sports at the **Rutherglen Showgrounds on Thursday 5th of November**. A big thanks to the Rutherglen Little Athletics Club who are kindly letting us use their track and facilities for the day.

As COVID restrictions stand for regional schools at the moment
"spectators are to be discouraged or be within public gathering limits"

However and hopefully this could possibly change for regional Victoria after this Sunday's announcements from Daniel Andrews about the further easing of restrictions. I will provide updated spectator information closer to the day.



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.



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.

School Closure Day: Monday 2nd November

Monday, 2nd November is a school closure day for Report Writing Monday.

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.

IMPORTANT

All principals have been asked by the Director of Education to **REMINDE 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.

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.



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.



AFL Parade Public Holiday: Friday 23rd October

A reminder that tomorrow, is a Victorian Public Holiday for the AFL Grand Final Parade. This day usually falls in the school holidays but due to COVID19 changing the footy season fixture the day has now fallen in October as a one off.



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Achievement Awards:

Well done to our Achievement Award winners this week for their outstanding efforts in their classroom.



From Left to right:

Melody Flannery F/1HK, Gemma Delost 5/6JM, Ivy Massari (1/2LD), Lachlan Wilson (F/1HK), Cody O'Donoghue (1/2LD), Murray Enever-Cooper (4/5ST), Travis Gunning (3/4BC), George Morris (2/3BC) & Paddy Walsh (5/6JM)

Junior Councillor Walkathon & Sausage Sizzle Fundraiser Friday 30th October

- Walkathon 9.30 - 11am
- Sausage Sizzle - 11am
- Lucky Dip 50 cents (separate charge to donation)



This term some Yr. 5 students are part of the Indigo Shire Junior Councillor program. This year, due to COVID 19 restrictions, the program is being delivered via Zoom meetings to each primary school in the Shire during Term 4.

One of the requirements is that we organise a fundraiser of our choice to support a community organisation. This year we have decided to raise money for [Beyond Blue](#), as we think this is a very important organisation for people to access in these current COVID19 times.

Our idea is to make up a fun walking obstacle course track around the school that the students & teachers will walk around on **Fun Friday 30th of October**. This is also a good time for walking as it is **Walk to School** month.

We would like the students to come dressed up in fancy dress to make it a really fun event.

We will have groovy music to walk to and we will have a prize for the best fancy dressed student in each grade.

Important: As it is a fundraiser we are asking that each family make a small donation for Beyond Blue. The donation will also cover the cost of a sausage for each student at the Sausage Sizzle that Mr. A will cook. It will be great if each family's donation can be sent to school before the event.

A special message from our Youth Ambassador Team

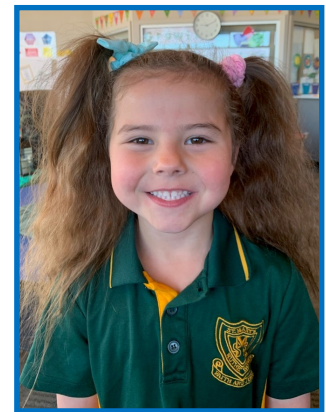
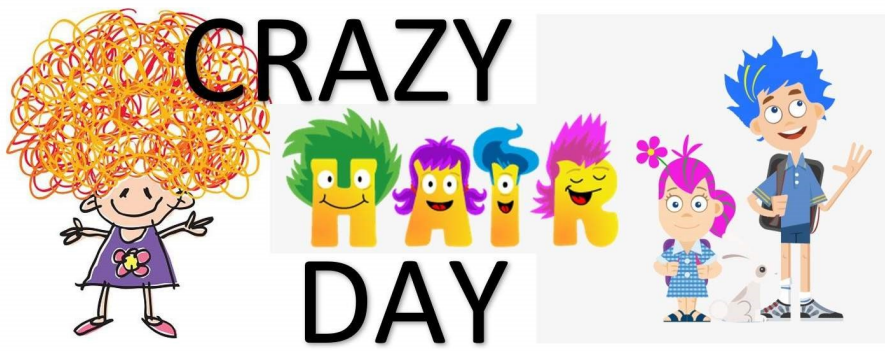
on Friday the 30 of October our school is doing a WALK-A-THON and fun sporty games all day it will be a day of fun we will also have a sausage sizzle, a guess the amount of jelly beans in the jar and who can dress the craziest to win a prize. we are doing this to fund raise for Beyond Blue which is a group of people who are raising money for mental health and suicide prevention. It would be an great if every family could donate some money for people in need.




*Thank you,
Arthur, Ryan, Matilda, Hannah, Milligan, Adelyn, Faith and Maiya*



CRAZY HAIR DAY



PBIS Focus this week - Expectations in the Toilets

Toilets	Respect Ourselves	Respect Others	Respect our Environment
	<p>Wash hands after using the toilet</p> <p>Keep food and drink out of toilets</p> <p>Enter cubicle only through the door</p> <p>Exiting people go first</p>	<p>Walk to toilets without noise</p> <p>Flush toilet after use</p> <p>Boys wait your turn at urinals</p> <p>1 child in cubicle at all times</p> <p>Wait your turn outside if the cubicles are full</p> <p>Walk to toilets without noise</p>	<p>Paper towels in correct bins</p> <p>Flush toilet after use</p> <p>Turn taps off after use</p> <p>Report any blockages/issues to teachers</p> <p>Use toilet paper sparingly</p>

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

**Milligan Morris 4/5ST, Will Giason 1/2LD, Sam Morris 4/5ST,
Callum Potter 4/5ST and Jaylen Cracknell 4/5ST**



Have a great week,
Matt Attwater
Principal





We send our best wishes to Kasey Rhodes 3/4BC who celebrated his birthday this week.



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Applications Open for Rutherglen Kinder 2021 Limited places still available

Rutherglen Kinder will be running both a 3 year old & a 4 year old funded Kinder program for 15 hours a week in 2021.

Register your interest in your child attending Kindergarten in 2021 by contacting us to request an application form.

If you would like to book a tour of the facility, request an application form or have any questions please contact one of our friendly staff.

Contact details:

Ph: (02) 6032 9456

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The Rutherglen Kindergarten is supported by the Victorian Government

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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)

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