



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 7 - Friday 20th November, 2020

IMPORTANT DATES

Wednesday 18 November

Bluearth Sport

Tuesday 24 November

**2020 AGM 6pm via
GOOGLE MEET**

Wednesday 2 December

Bluearth Sport

Thursday 10 December

**2020 Student
Achievement Awards**

Friday 11 December

**Graduation Mass
9.30am**

Tuesday 15 December

**Last Day Term 4
Casual Clothes Day
gold coin donation
3.30pm finish**

**(please note revised
date)**

PBIS Focus of the Week - Expectations in the Playground

Dear Parents/Carers,



IMPORTANT End of Year Events:

Thursday 10th December - Awards Ceremony

Friday 11th December - Year 6 Graduation

As I have previously outlined 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.

That now disappointingly means that due to COVID restrictions our end of year events will have to take place **without parents** being able to attend.

The **Year 6 Graduation** and our **Awards Ceremonies** will both now take place as separate events during the day at school with all teachers and students present. Both events will be able to be viewed by parents and families via a video link that will be made available on the day of the event. Next week I will send home exact details to all families about both of these events.

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Weekend Mass Times

Saturday 6pm Chiltern

Sunday 9am Rutherglen

Sunday 10.30am Wahgunyah



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.



2021 School Board Interest and AGM 24th November:

The School Board works closely with Fr. Carey and myself both in the short and long term strategic planning for our school. We are always looking for new members who have an interest in this area of school life.

Being a Board member is not an onerous task but a rewarding one.

The school Board meets in Week 2 & 8 of each term.

This year's Board members are Fr. Carey, Rachelle Enever-Copper (Board Chair), Matt Attwater, Libby Dickinson (Staff Rep), Emily Morris, Sally Colwell, Kellie DeLacy and Jim O'Toole (Parish Rep). If you are interested in finding out more information please talk to me or another Board member.

The 2021 Board nomination forms can be obtained from the school office so put up your hand!

The 2020 AGM is on Tues the 24th of November at 6pm. This year the AGM will be conducted via a GOOGLE MEET Meeting.

Frosty Friday is Back:

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



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.

Congratulations to this week's classroom award winners

Back: Maiya Lea 4/5ST, Sienna Park-Osborne 5/6JM, Alex O'Meara 5/6JM and Lucas Zani 3/4BC

Middle: Callum Potter 4/5ST, Henry Lister 3/4BC and Zoe Buscall 1/2LD

Front: Charlotte Colwell F/1HK, Natasha Doolan F/1HK and Isla Verhulst 1/2LD



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.



Remember to a Bring Drink Bottle Everyday:

Could you please ensure every student brings their drink bottle each day. Lately we have had quite a few students forgetting and we have to give them plastic cups as the bubblers are not operational under current COVID restrictions.



Christmas Hamper Donations:

In this COVID year, instead of our normal Christmas raffle we have decided to have some Christmas hampers made up that will be drawn and won just from the families of our school.

It would be appreciated if all families could donate a small gift/item for the Christmas hampers. The more donations we have the more hampers we can make up.

All school families will be automatically in the hamper draws at NO COST.



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Footpath Artwork:

More photos of our senior students who wrote and drew some nice wellbeing messages on the surrounding footpaths to cheer up our locals out and about on their daily walks last Friday.



Congratulations to Libby & Chris Dickinson on the arrival of their granddaughter, Reeve



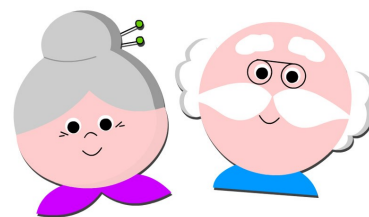
Proud Gandparents, Chris and Libby with Reeve Jane Dickinson born 11/11/2020

Trivia Question

Who are the grandparents on staff and what names do they go by?

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MANNA



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POP

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See page 7 for answers.

PBIS Focus this week - Expectations in the Playground

Playground	Respect Ourselves	Respect Others	Respect our Environment
	<p>Use kind words</p> <p>Be a good self umpire</p> <p>Keep hands and feet to myself</p> <p>Respond to the bell immediately (drink, toilet)</p> <p>Tell, not do</p> <p>Be active</p>	<p>Share with others</p> <p>Take turns in games</p> <p>Good Sportsmanship with others</p> <p>Be inclusive</p> <p>Be a good role model with others</p> <p>Be tolerant towards others</p>	<p>Use equipment appropriately</p> <p>Pack away sports equipment</p> <p>Pick up my belongings, eg. drink bottle, jumper.</p> <p>Put our rubbish in the bin</p>

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

Back: Ryan Moore 3/4BC, George Morris 3/4BC and Seve Cottam 1/2LD

Front: Milligan Morris 4/5ST, Faith Barkley 4/5ST and Lilly Johnson-Wood 1/2LD



Have a great week,
Matt Attwater
Principal



Should schools have pools

How do you feel about schools having pools? I am all for schools having pools because it will dramatically improve water safety and fitness.

I know that it is necessary for schools to have pools as it will improve kids' water safety skills. For example, there is evidence that thousands of kids drown every year in a pool and we need to change that. Therefore, this is one of the reasons why schools need pools.

Secondly schools should have pools because it will help kids get fit. For example, if we had a pool in our school we could use it for sport which will eventually help kids get fit. You would be crazy to think that schools did not need pools to keep the kids fit.

In conclusion it is absolutely essential that schools have pools so kids can keep safe in the water and keep fit.

Written by Adelyn



Trivia answers

Denise (Nanna) has 8 grandchildren

Wayne (Pop) has 7 grandchildren

Amanda (Manna) has 6 grandchildren with one due in January

Matt (JimPop) has 6 grandchildren

Libby (Granny) has 2 grandchildren

Important Calendar Dates - 2020

Term 4

Tuesday 24 November	2020 Annual General Meeting 6pm Google Meet
Wednesday 2 December	Bluearth Sport with Ross Hill
Thursday 10 December	2020 Student Achievement Awards
Friday 11 December	Graduation Mass 9.30am
Tuesday 15 December (date changed)	Last Day Term 4 (Casual Clothes Day - gold coin donation) 3.30pm 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

Term 4

Thursday 21—Friday 22 October	Borambola Camp (Grades 3/4)
Wednesday 27—Friday 29 October	Canberra Camp (Grades 5 & 6)

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