



# 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 8 - Friday 27th November, 2020**

## IMPORTANT DATES

**Wednesday 2 December**  
**Blueearth 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,

## The Season of ADVENT

This Sunday is the first Sunday of Advent. Over the next four Sunday's we take time to reflect & pray to prepare 'coming' of Jesus.



A common sight during Advent is an Advent wreath symbolising (coming) of Light into the world. The gradual lighting of the four candles, one on each Sunday of the Advent season helps us prepare for the coming of Jesus.

The wreath itself is also symbolic. The circle of evergreen in which the candles are placed represents everlasting life. The seed pods, nuts and cones used to decorate the wreath are symbolic of resurrection, and fruits represent the nourishing fruitfulness of Christian life. Hopefully each family can have an Advent Wreath prominently displayed in your home.

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## Weekend Mass Times

Saturday 6pm Chiltern  
Sunday 9am Rutherglen  
Sunday 10.30am Wahgunyah



### **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.

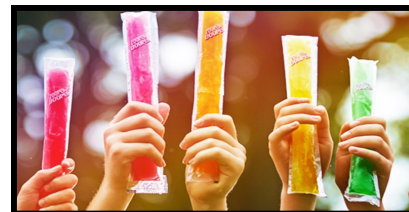
The **Year 6 Graduation** and our **Awards Ceremonies** will both now take place as separate events during the day at school with all teachers and students present. Both events will be able to be viewed by parents and families via a video link that will be made available on the day of the event. Next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

### **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.

### **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.



## 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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## Christmas Tree

Thanks to Sonny, Lucinda and Shaun who did a great job putting up and decorating our Christmas tree in the office foyer.



## Grade 3/4BC - RE class - preparing for Xmas

Students shown below making a peace banner.



## Congratulations to this week's Classroom award winners

*Back:* Faith Barkley 4/5ST, Lillian Baker 5/6JM

*Front:* Callan Tracy F/1HK, Harper Potter 3/4BC, Alex Kidd-Alam F/1HK, Freya Kay 1/2LD, Isabel Neil 1/2LD, Acacia Rhodes 4/5ST & Logan Chappell 5/6JM



## 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:** Molly Colman 3/4BC, Lachlan Wilson F/1HK, Callan Tracy F/1HK

**Middle:** Travis Gunning 3/4BC

**Front:** Ryan Moore 3/4BC & George Morris 3/4BC



Have a great week,  
Matt Attwater  
Principal



## NORTH EAST SCOOTER AND SKATEBOARD WORKSHOPS - Rutherglen.

### Date and time

Tue 8th Dec 2020, 3:30 pm - 4:15 pm

### Location

Rutherglen Apex Playground and Skate Park  
137 Murray St, Rutherglen VIC 3685

Indigo Shire Council in collaborations with AI's Skate Co are bringing to Rutherglen a series of scooter and skateboard workshops.

In line with COVID 19 restrictions workshops are limited to 10 young people per session.

**All participant's must complete the following waiver:** <https://waiver.smartwaiver.com/v/alsskateco/>

Due to COVID 19 we are unable to provide shared protective equipment - participants will be required to:

- BYO Scooter
- BYO Helmet
- BYO Knee, Elbow & Wrist Guards
- Waiver to be completed for each participant (U/18 Parent/Guardian to complete)

Skateboards will be available

### NOTE:

- Helmets must be worn by ALL participants.
- All participants aged 12 and under must wear knee pads and elbow pads.\*\*
- Knee pads, elbow pads and wrist guards are recommended for all participants.
- Closed toe footwear must be worn by all participants.

\*\*We will have a range for helmets and pads available for sale at each event.

Register with this link below:

<https://events.humanitix.com/rutherglen-north-east-scooter-and-skateboard-workshops>

**NORTH EAST SCOOTER & SKATEBOARD WORKSHOPS**

**AI'S SKATE CO**  
HODDER PARK & SKATEBOARD LESSONS

MOUNT BEAUTY  
MYRTLEFORD  
BRIGHT

17 NOVEMBER 2020  
19 NOVEMBER 2020  
24 NOVEMBER 2020

WANGARATTA

26 NOVEMBER 2020

YACKANDANDAH  
O'HILTTERN  
RUTHERGLEN

1 DECEMBER 2020  
3 DECEMBER 2020  
8 DECEMBER 2020

FOR ALL REGISTRATIONS AND FOR FURTHER INFORMATION HEAD TO YOUR LOCAL YOUTH SERVICES INSTAGRAM PAGE AND FOLLOW THE LINK.TREE LISTED IN THEIR BIO.

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• BYO Scooter  
• BYO Helmet  
• BYO Knee, Elbow and Wrist guards  
• Waiver to be completed for each participant  
• Under 18 parent or guardian are to complete  
• Skateboards will be available

Helmets are to be worn by all participants.  
All participants under the age of 12 must wear knee pads and elbow pads.  
Knee pads, elbow pads and wrist pads are recommended for all participants.  
Closed toe footwear must be worn by all participants.  
There will be a range of helmets and pads for sale at each event.

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# Important Calendar Dates - 2020

## Term 4

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
Mon 8—Thur 11 February	Swimming Program (Rutherglen Pool)
Friday 12 February	Swimming Carnival (Rutherglen Pool)
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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