



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 9 - Friday 4th December, 2020

IMPORTANT DATES

Tuesday 8 December

State Transition Day

Wednesday 9 December

**Last Bluearth Sports
for 2020**

Friday 11 December

**Graduation Mass
9.30am**

**2020 Student
Achievement Awards**

Monday 14 December

**Fun Pool Day @
Rutherglen Pool**

Students only

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 Church

Dear Parents/Carers,



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We Are Waiting



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Weekend Mass Times

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

IMPORTANT End of Year Events:

Friday 11th December Yr 6 Graduation - 9.30 am

Please note date change of Awards Ceremony

Friday 11th December. Awards Ceremony - 10.15 am

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.

The **Year 6 Graduation** & our **Awards Ceremonies** will both now take place as separate events during the day at school with all teachers & students present. Both events will be able to be viewed by parents & 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.

IMPORTANT: Family Verification forms.

A reminder from Amanda, could all families promptly return the Family Verification forms that were sent home this week, especially if addresses, emails and phone numbers have changed during the year.

After School Fun Party for Juniors

The Junior School certainly had a great time at their after school party yesterday!!



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.



School Bubblers Are Back:

Another easing to school COVID restrictions is that school bubblers are once again operational but each student still needs a drink bottle during the day.



Still time to send 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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Tennis:

All the students really enjoyed tennis this term as part of our Sporting Schools Program. All students received a certificate recognising their achievement during the term.



“Hi Matt

Mandy and Maureen are retiring this year after over 20yrs of being at the Kinder and unfortunately due to COVID it has made celebrations hard, I was wondering if you would be able to send an email to families or put it in your newsletter (I know it is late notice) to let families know if they have any well wishes for Maureen and/or Mandy, cards, photos or stories please email them to me at kinder@inh.org.au or drop them into Rutherglen Kindergarten at 169 High Street (Postal: 168 High Street).

Thanks,

*Jo Lucas
Rutherglen Kindergarten”
Hi Everyone,*



Congratulations to this week’s Classroom award winners

Henry Ross 5/6JM, Bailey Delost 3/4BC, Hamish Neil 4/5ST, Matilda Colwell 4/5ST, Jack Welsh F/1HK, Seve Cottam 1/2LD, Will Giason 1/2LD, Natasha Doolan F/1HK & Jackson Cooke 3/4BC



It was wonderful to see our Junior students singing Christmas carols and brightening up the day for the Glenview residents this morning. They also made a Christmas card for every resident.





PBIS Focus this week - Expectations in the Church

Church	Respect Ourselves	Respect Others	Respect our Environment
	<p>Participate</p> <p>Follow routines</p> <p>Sit, stand and kneel appropriately</p> <p>Bless yourself when entering and leaving the church</p> <p>Enter and exit calmly and correctly.</p> <p>Exiting people go first - wait for them to leave</p>	<p>Keep your hands to yourself (personal space)</p> <p>Listen to the person speaking</p> <p>Be quiet</p> <p>Participate</p> <p>Offer peace quietly and calmly to others</p> <p>Listen to the person speaking</p> <p>Enter and exit the pews correctly during communion and blessings.</p>	<p>Respect the sacred space</p> <p>Be quiet</p> <p>Use Mass book correctly</p> <p>Enter and exit correctly</p> <p>Keep your feet on the floor</p>

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

Elijah McFarlane 4/5ST, Clementine Colwell 1/2LD, Lilly Johnson-Wood 1/2LD, Freya Kay 1/2LD, Elsie Harders F/1HK and Connie Morris F/1HK



Have a great week,
Matt Attwater
Principal



Important Calendar Dates - 2020

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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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