



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 2 - Week 1 - Friday 23 April, 2021

IMPORTANT DATES

Friday 23 April

Liturgy/ANZAC Day
Service (for students,
run by Grade 6)

Sunday 25 April

Anzac Day

Friday 30 April

Assembly 9.00am

District Cross Country

Book Club due

Monday 3 May

School Closure Day
(Staff PD)

Kirra Prendergast
(for parents/
guardians)

Safe on Social

7-8pm

PBIS Focus of the Week - Moving around the school safely

Dear Parents/ Carers,

This Sunday is ANZAC DAY

*They shall grow not old
As we that are left grow old
Age shall not weary them
Not the years condemn
At the going down of the sun,
and in the morning
We will remember them
Lest we forget*



Weekend Mass Times

Saturday 6pm

Chiltern

Sunday 9am

Rutherglen

Sunday 10.30am

Wahgunyah



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ANZAC Biscuits:

Try making some with the kids this weekend.

Anzac biscuits have long been associated with the Australian and New Zealand Army Corps (ANZAC) established in World War I.

It has been claimed that biscuits were sent by wives and women's groups to soldiers abroad because the ingredients do not spoil easily and the biscuits kept well during naval transportation.

Rutherglen ANZAC DAY March Reminder:

All students who are marching with the school need to be in school uniform and meet Mrs Kelly at 8.45am at Jasper's Corner.

Good Luck to Faith



Best of luck to Faith who is competing in the swimming state finals this coming Monday 26th April at the Melbourne Sports & Aquatic Centre.

That in itself is already a great achievement.



ANZAC BISCUITS

a classic recipe

INGREDIENTS

1 cup rolled oats	25g butter
1 cup plain flour	2 tablespoons golden syrup
1 cup brown sugar	1 tablespoon water
½ cup coconut	½ teaspoon bicarb soda

TO MAKE

1. Preheat oven to 180°, fan forced.
2. Combine oats, sifted flour, sugar and coconut in a bowl.
3. Combine butter, golden syrup and water in a small saucepan, stir constantly over medium heat until butter is melted.
4. Stir in soda.
5. Stir mixture into dry ingredients.
6. Place rounded tablespoons of mixture 5cm apart onto baking paper covered oven trays.
7. Bake in oven for 20 mins, cool on trays.

"Recipe from 'The Australian Women's Weekly Basic Cookbook'"

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School Assembly Term Two

The School Assembly will return this term on every 2nd Friday morning at 9 am beginning next week.

Parents are invited to attend and adhere to the current school Covid regulations. Parents must be seated during the assembly on the seating that will be set up with appropriate covid distancing.

Below are the school assembly dates for the rest of the term.

School Assembly 9:00am	Friday 30th April
School Assembly 9:00am	Friday 14th May
School Assembly 9:00am	Friday 28th May
School Assembly 9:00am	Friday 11th June
School Assembly 9:00am	Friday 25th June

ANZAC Day School Ceremony:

Year 6 led the school today in a moving ANZAC day ceremony.



Sacraments

A big thank you to those who attended our Sacramental Information Evening on Tuesday night. If you weren't at the meeting and your child wishes to participate in the program can you please let Mrs Kelly know as soon as possible.

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Happy Birthday

We send our best wishes to our students who celebrated their birthdays over the Term break or are celebrating this week.



Ivy



Will



Harry



Zoe



Oliver

Look, who is moooving in...

We have been successful in receiving a fibreglass life size cow for our school. This is udderly exciting!!! All jokes aside, this will be a fantastic whole school art project that will be completed during this term.

The cow is provided by Dairy Discovery. This is a program designed to help educate students about the dairy industry and the benefits of daily foods as part of a balanced diet.

For more information about this you may like to look at their website www.dairy.edu.au
Stay tuned for more Cow updates.



St. Mary's School Bucket Hats

Charlee and Oscar are modelling a couple of the new Bucket Hats we have in stock at the office.

These hats are selling at \$12.00 each and are a one size fits all.

They have a toggle running through the crown and can be loosened or tightened as needed. We have tried them on the smallest and largest heads in the school (including Mr. A!)

COVID Restrictions: On School Grounds During Drop Off and Pick up:

Just a reminder that if parents/visitors are on school grounds for more than 15 minutes contact details need to be taken by the school. Please stick to the 15 minutes.

Particularly at pick up parents should remain in their cars and not congregate outside the school hall. Hopefully this may change as the year progresses.

Cyber Safety Tips: SNAPCHAT

'How old should my child be before I allow them to use SNAPCHAT?'

This question is answered by 3 experts

- Pete Brown, an experienced IT educator at a leading WA private school
- Dr Kristy Goodwin, an academic and author specialising in children's digital safety
- Kim Maslin, a digital technologies educator

Cyber expert age Snapchat recommendations;

- Pete Brown- 16+
- Dr Kristy - 16+
- Kim Maslin - 16+

Dr Kristy suggests that the minimum age depends on each child's level of maturity 'Adolescents' brains are wired to be impulsive. Their prefrontal cortex which is the part of the brain responsible to managing their impulses isn't fully developed until early 20s for females and late 20s for males' she explains. Pete suggested '16+ due to the security risks, anonymity, Geotagging issues and graphic content. Adult content posted as stories such as relationships etc'. Kim also agrees that 16 is the minimum age for Snapchat.

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MOTHER'S DAY CELEBRATION

THURSDAY, MAY 6

ST MARY'S SCHOOL
RUTHERGLEN

9:15AM
IN THE HALL



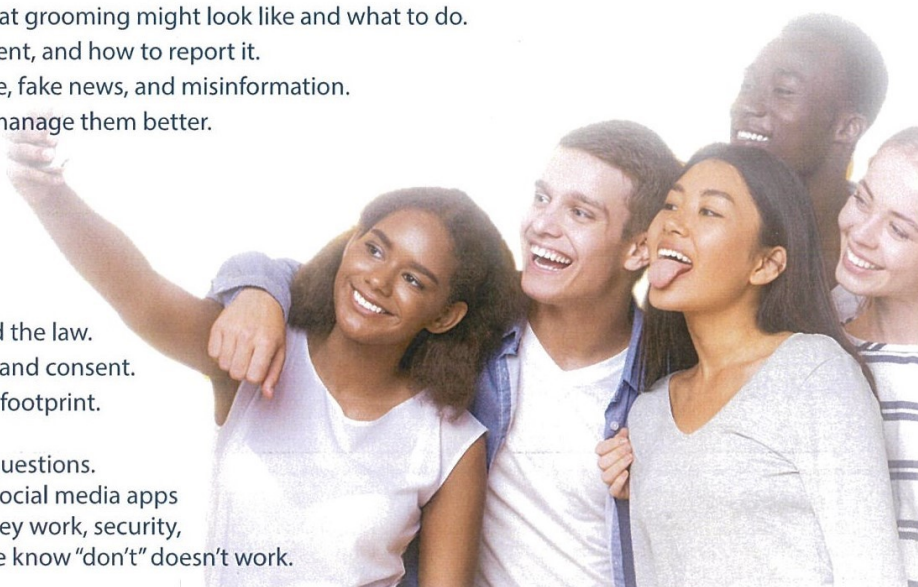


Concerned about your children's safety on social media? Looking for the answers but not sure where to turn? The Safe on Social Media presentation and Q&A session delivers real life case studies and strategies to help parents support their children.

Topics covered but not limited to:

- Online safety and using social media with awareness.
- What you signed up for – we explain terms and conditions of use and what they mean.
- Keeping your personal information private.
- Sexting and image-based abuse and the law. (age-appropriate).
- Online stranger danger and what grooming might look like and what to do.
- Cyber-bullying, online harassment, and how to report it.
- Known scams, hoaxes, deepfake, fake news, and misinformation.
- Group Chats and strategies to manage them better.
- Identity theft.
- Legal responsibilities.
- Privacy settings.
- Online gaming safety.
- Strategies to build resilience
- Posting and sharing photos and the law.
- Respectful online relationships and consent.
- How to create a positive digital footprint.

We also leave plenty of time for questions. We also cover the most popular social media apps and trends what they are, how they work, security, and privacy tips for safe use as we know "don't" doesn't work.



DATE: Monday 3rd May 2021

TIME: 7-8pm (to be confirmed)

Please note this presentation is for ages 18+

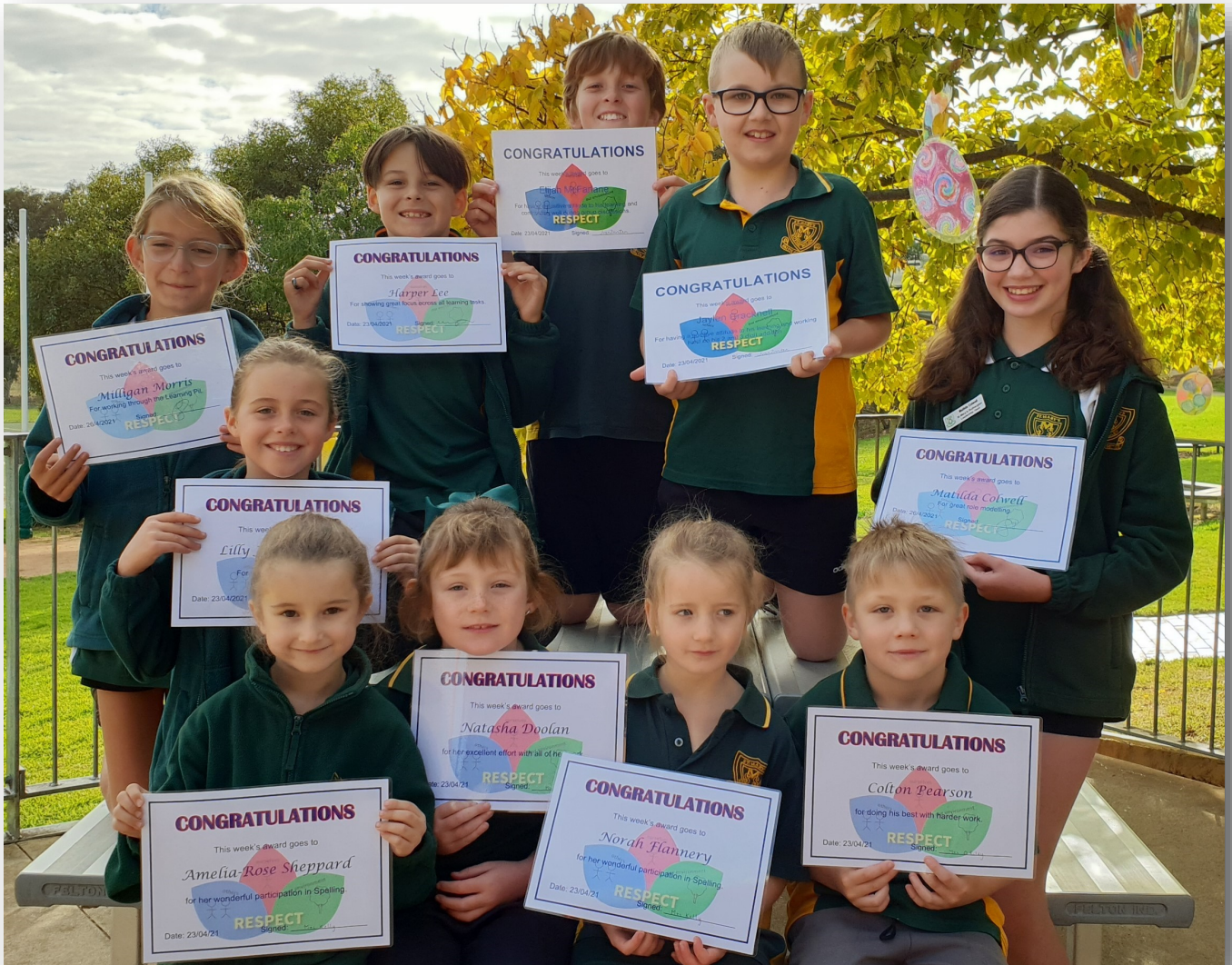


After a 20+ year career in Cyber Security and IT Business Consulting, in 2014 Kirra Pendergast founded Safe on Social Media Pty Ltd after experiencing serious and relentless cyberbullying and trolling herself.

Kirra is a leading expert on the topic of Cyber Safety and speaks about the topic and her own experience with serious cyber bullying, to 1000's of people each week. Kirra presents to students K-12, teachers and parents at schools across Australia and New Zealand. She is also regularly asked to speak at legal seminars, government and business events, conferences and consults too, and advises organisations in Australia, the United Kingdom, Europe and the United States.

Kirra is a regular media commentator on the subject of Cyber Safety.

Congratulations to this week's classroom award winners



Milligan, Harper, Elijah, Jaylen, Lilly, Matilda, Amelia-Rose, Natasha, Norah and Colton

Pupil Free Day

Pupil Free day Monday 3rd May

Monday 3rd of May is a pupil free day.

All staff will be working with David Williams (CES Education Officer: Digital Technologies) in Coding and using ipads to best support student learning in improving learning outcomes.

A reminder:- Are you eligible to receive the \$125.00 Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund (CSEF)?



CSEF ELIGIBILITY

Below is the criteria used to determine a student's eligibility for the Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund (CSEF).

Criteria 1 – Eligibility

To be eligible* for the fund, a parent or legal guardian of a student attending a registered Government or non-government Victorian primary or secondary school must:

- on the first day of Term one, or;
- on the first day of Term two;
- a) Be an eligible beneficiary within the meaning of the *State Concessions Act 2004*, that is, be a holder of Veterans Affairs Gold Card or be an eligible Centrelink Health Care Card (HCC) or Pensioner Concession Card (PCC) holder, OR
- b) Be a temporary foster parent, and;
- c) Submit an application to the school by the due date.

* A special consideration eligibility category also exists. For more information, see: [Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund \(education.vic.gov.au\)](https://www.education.vic.gov.au/csef)

Parents who receive a Carer Allowance on behalf of a child, or any other benefit or allowance not income tested by Centrelink, are not eligible for the CSEF unless they also comply with one of (a) or (b) above.

Criteria 2 - Be of school age and attend school in Victoria

School is compulsory for all Victorian children aged between six and 17 years of age inclusive.

For the purposes of CSEF, students may be eligible for assistance if they attend a Victorian registered primary or secondary school. Typically, these students are aged between five and 18 years inclusive.

CSEF is not payable to students attending pre-school, kindergarten, home schooled, or TAFE.

Eligibility Date

For concession card holders CSEF eligibility will be subject to the parent/legal guardian's concession card being successfully validated with Centrelink on the first day of either term one (27 January 2021) or term two (19 April 2021).

PAYMENT AMOUNTS

CSEF payment amount

The CSEF is an annual payment to the school to be used towards camps, sports and/or excursion expenses for the benefit of the eligible student.

- Primary school student rate: \$125 per year.
- Secondary school student rate: \$225 per year.

The CSEF is paid directly to your child's school and will be allocated by the school towards camps, sports and/or excursion costs for your child.

For ungraded students, the rate payable is determined by the student's date of birth. For more information, see: [Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund \(education.vic.gov.au\)](https://www.education.vic.gov.au/csef)

Year 7 government school students who are CSEF recipients are also eligible for a uniform voucher. Secondary schools are required to make applications on behalf of parents so please register your interest at the school.

HOW TO COMPLETE THE APPLICATION FORM

NOTE: ALL SECTIONS MUST BE COMPLETED BY PARENT/LEGAL GUARDIAN

1. Complete the PARENT/LEGAL GUARDIAN DETAILS section.

Make sure that the Surname, First Name, and Customer Reference Number (CRN) details match those on your concession card. You will also need to provide your concession card to the school.

If you are claiming as a Foster Parent or a Veteran Affairs Pensioner, you will need to provide a copy of documentation confirming your status as a temporary Foster Parent or provide your Veterans Affairs Pensioner Gold card to the school.

2. Complete the STUDENT/S DETAILS section for students at this school.

3. Sign and date the form and return it to the school office as soon as possible. The CSEF program for 2021 closes on 25 June, 2021.

CSEF payments cannot be claimed retrospectively for prior years.

Queries relating to CSEF eligibility and payments should be directed to the school.

Book Club - Issue 3 - Please have your orders in by Friday 30th April, 2021



Rutherglen High School Grade 5 Transition Day



When...

Thursday 29th April

8.50 til 3.20

Why...

For Grade 5 students to get a taste of the RHS Elective stream.

What to expect...


A day of exploration in the world of Art and Technology.

What to bring...

Some lunch and recess, or money for the Cafe. A water bottle, a pencil case and a positive attitude.

Hope to see you there!

PBIS Focus this week - Moving around the school safely

Undercover/ Verandah/ paths/ concrete	Respect Ourselves	Respect Others	Respect our Environment
	<p>Walk on the concrete.</p> <p>Keep hands and feet to yourself.</p> <p>Go to where you need to go- don't dawdle.</p>	<p>Be helpful to those around you.</p> <p>Be aware of other classes working.</p> <p>Move quietly so not to distract others</p> <p>Smile to others when passing them.</p> <p>Be courteous of classes lining up.</p> <p>Speak quietly to other people.</p>	<p>Pick up rubbish if you see it.</p> <p>Walk in appropriate areas.</p>

Well done to this week's PBIS winners:

Elsie, Lachlan and Patty



Have a great weekend,

Matt



Important Calendar Dates - 2021

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Thursday 6 May	Mother's Day Stall
Friday 7 May	School Cross Country - Chiltern
Friday 14 May	Assembly 9.00am
Monday 14 June	Queen's Birthday Holiday
Friday 28 May	Assembly 9.00am
Friday 11 June	Assembly 9.00am
Friday 25 June	Assembly 9.00am Last Day Term 2

Term 3

Monday 12 July	First Day Term 3
Friday 17 September	Last Day Term 3 (Casual Clothes Day - gold coin donation) 2.30pm finish

Term 4

Monday 4 October	First Day Term 4
Thursday 21—Friday 22 October	Borambola Camp (Grades 3/4)
Wednesday 27—Friday 29 October	Canberra Camp (Grades 5 & 6)
Tuesday 2 November	Melbourne Cup Day Holiday
Wednesday 15 December	Nativity Play & Awards Last Day Term 4 for Students (Casual Clothes Day - gold coin donation) 3.30pm finish

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