



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 2 - Friday 30 April, 2021

IMPORTANT DATES

Monday 3 May

**School Closure Day
(Staff PD)**

**Kirra Prendergast
(for parents/
guardians)**

**Safe on Social
7-8pm**

Thursday 6 May

**Mother's Day
Celebration & Stall**

**Catholic Education
Week Mass 12noon**

**Friday 7 May
School Cross Country
- Chiltern**

Weekend Mass Times

Saturday 6pm
Chiltern

Sunday 9am
Rutherglen

Sunday 10.30am
Wahgunyah

PBIS Focus of the Week - Expectations in the Church

Dear Parents/ Carers,

CATHOLIC EDUCATION WEEK



Catholic Education Week 2021 - Sunday 2nd to Saturday 8th of May.

Catholic Education week is an opportunity to celebrate all that is good in Catholic Education to highlight our theme "Faith in our future" and to share the distinctive mission of Catholic education and what we have to offer with the wider community.

As a school we will be participating in some activities with the students to focus on Catholic Education next Wednesday.

All families are invited to join us in the church next Thursday, 6th May at 12pm to celebrate our Catholic Education Week liturgy with Fr. Carey.

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.

Pupil Free Day

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Office Hours - 8.00am—4.00pm

Rutherglen High School

Tastes of Electives Grade 5 transition day

On Thursday the 29th of April the Grade 5 students went to Rutherglen High School for a special transition day.

They had a great day making a pencil holder in the woodwork room, doing art with some senior students and sewing.

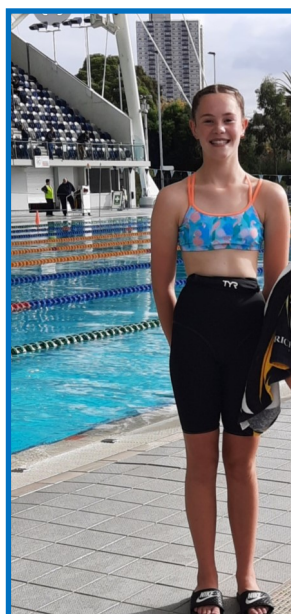


Well done to Faith

Well done to Faith who represented our school in the Swimming State Finals last Monday 26th April at the Melbourne Sports & Aquatic Centre.

Faith said it was a great experience and I mentioned in our last newsletter that it was certainly a fantastic achievement.

Again, well done Faith!!



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.

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



It was great to have parents/grandparents back at assembly today.

During assembly they were treated to a special song performed by Mrs. Kelly's Foundation students and were present to hear the announcement of our cow's name.

Welcome to 'Buttercup'



Congratulations to this week's classroom award winners

Charlee, Jackson, Gemma, Harry, Callan, Tanisha and Elsie



Mother's Day

I hope to see lots of mothers and grandmothers in the undercover area next Thursday at 9.15 am to be a part of our Mother's day celebration.

Immediately after the Mother's Day celebration the children will be able to select their Mother's Day gifts at our stall.

A big thank you to Briony Taylor and Josie Taylor for co-ordinating this year's stall. **If you are able to spare an hour or so from 10.00am to help at the stall in the Parish Hall we would love to see you.**

Happy Birthday

We send our best wishes to Amelia-Rose who is celebrating her birthday this week.





ANZAC Day:

What a wonderful school turn out at the ANZAC Day March.

We had over 40 students attend to respectfully pay tribute to all those, past and present, who have served our country.



Cyber Safety Evening:

I strongly encourage all parents/carers to register for the online CYBER Safety PD session on Monday evening.

The session will give all parents valuable advice and practical strategies to ensure that we can keep all our children safe online.

The session is free. You will receive a link for the session via email on Monday.



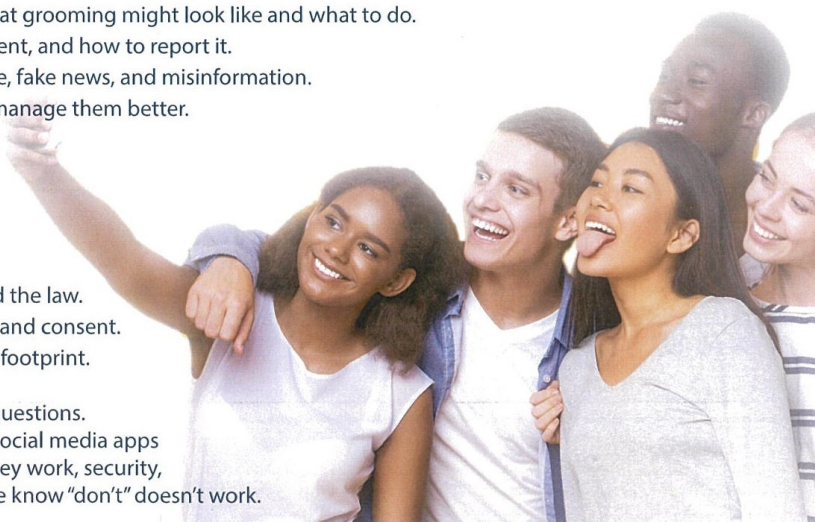
Concerned about your children's safety on social media? Looking for the answers but not sure where to turn? The Safe on Social Media presentation and Q&A session delivers real life case studies and strategies to help parents support their children.

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: 6pm to 7pm

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.

JOIN US IN A

MOTHER'S DAY CELEBRATION

THURSDAY, MAY 6

ST MARY'S SCHOOL
RUTHERGLEN

9:15AM





Open Day 2021

WE WELCOME ALL
FAMILIES WITH
CHILDREN
STARTING SCHOOL
IN 2022 TO VISIT US ON
OPEN DAY

AT RPS, TOURS LEAVE AT THE BEGINNING
OF EACH HOUR STARTING FROM 9AM.
COFFEE & CHAT AT 11AM

AT ST.MARY'S, A PRESENTATION WILL BE
HELD AT 10AM, FOLLOWED BY TOURS
THROUGHOUT THE DAY

PLEASE CONTACT OUR SCHOOLS TO SCHEDULE A TOUR IF
YOU ARE UNABLE ATTEND ON OPEN DAY

WEDNESDAY
16TH
JUNE
9AM - 5PM

**MATT ATTWATER
PRINCIPAL**

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**KARRYN WILLIAMS
PRINCIPAL**

**RUTHERGLEN
PRIMARY
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Annual St Joseph's/ St Mary's Cross Country Event

2021 - Friday 7th May

Dear Families,

Thank you for reading this information letter for the St Joseph's and St Mary's Cross Country event at Chiltern Football Oval, Friday 7th May 2021. This event will be commencing at 10am with a walk around the track. This event is taking place at a new location for 2021, the Chiltern Football Ground which is located at 99 Conness St, Chiltern VIC 3683. Below are some of the details to make this a fun, safe and exciting event for all.

PLEASE NOTE THAT ENTRY TO THE GROUND FOR CARS WILL BE BLOCKED OFF AT 10am DUE TO THE TRACK BEING USED FOR EVENTS.

IF YOU ARRIVE AFTER THIS TIME, YOU ARE ABLE TO PARK AT THE SKATE PARK OR TENNIS COURT.

PLEASE BE MINDFUL AS YOU MOVE TO THE PARENT VIEWING AREA AS THERE WILL BE RUNNERS ON THE TRACK. YOU WILL ALSO NOT BE ABLE TO LEAVE WITH YOUR CAR UNTIL ALL RACES HAVE BEEN COMPLETED.

We aim to start the day at 10am with a walk around the track followed by the first race at 10.15am.

The APPROXIMATE TIMES are:

Year 1 (1km): 10:15am

Year F (1km): 10:25am

Year 2 (2km): 10:35am

Year 3 (2km): 10:50am

Year 4 (2km): 11:05am

Year 5 (3km): 11:25am

Year 6 (3km): 11:45am

Finish and Pack Up 12:05pm

Presentation 12:15pm

Finish 12:30pm

As we aim to keep this a COVID-Safe event please maintain social distancing and if you are unable to do so please wear a mask. If you do not wish to stay for all the events and would prefer to leave after your child has competed, please park outside the ground.

If your child/ren will not be returning to school and going home with you either at the completion of the event or earlier, please advise your child/ren's teacher so they can be marked off the roll.

Finally, this is a Child Safe event and as there is only one set of bathrooms so please be respectful of children.

Thanks for your help in making this a successful event.

Luke Ellis and Shannon Terlich on behalf of our schools

PBIS Focus this week - Expectations in the Church

Church	Respect Ourselves	Respect Others	Respect our Environment
	<p>Participate in prayer and singing.</p> <p>Follow routines and instructions.</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.</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>Sit quietly.</p> <p>Enter and exit correctly.</p> <p>Keep your feet on the floor.</p>

Well done to this week's PBIS winners:

Nelson, Ollie, Annabelle, Freya and Stephanie



Have a great weekend,

Matt



Important Calendar Dates - 2021

Term 2

Friday 30 April	Assembly 9.00am District Cross Country Book Club Orders due
Monday 3 May	School Closure Day (Staff PD) Kirra Prendergast (for parents/guardians) - Safe on Social 6-7pm
Thursday 6 May	Mother's Day Celebration 9.15am followed by Mother's Day Stall Catholic Education Week Mass 12noon in the Church
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
Wednesday 16 June	School Open Day 9am-5pm
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)
Monday 1 November	Report Writing Day - Student Free day
Tuesday 2 November	Melbourne Cup Day Holiday
Wednesday 8 December	Nativity Play & Awards
Friday 10 December	End of Year School Mass
Monday 13 December	Year 6 Graduation

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