



St. Mary's is committed to Child Safety and the inclusion of all children.

Respect Ourselves - Respect Others - Respect our Environment

Term 2 - Week 3 - Thursday 6th May, 2021

IMPORTANT DATES

Thursday 6 May
Mother's Day
Celebration & Stall

Catholic Education
Week Mass 12noon

Friday 7 May
School Cross Country
- Chiltern

Friday 14 May
Assembly 9.00am

PBIS Focus of the Week - Expectations in the Church

Dear Parents/ Carers,

CATHOLIC EDUCATION WEEK



This week students celebrated **Catholic Education Week**. They explored the history of the Catholic Education schooling and how it developed over the years both locally and abroad. Students discovered how the names of their house groups arrived of **Nagle** (*Nano Nagle was the founder of the Presentation Sisters, the order of nuns that founded St. Mary's*), **Donaghy** (*Mother Gertrude Donaghy was the first first superior of the teaching sisters*), and **O'Connor** (*Father Michael O'Connor Parish Priest of Rutherglen between 1995-1905 and was responsible getting teaching nuns to Rutherglen in 1901*).

The Grade 6's also designed a banner with their personal handprints and described in one word what made their Catholic School unique to them. Some of these reflections were heartwarming. Such as supportive; individualised learning; active; accepting; safe; spiritual; opportunities; loved; togetherness; hope; inclusive; peace; wellbeing; catholic identity; community; values; respect; education; technology; caring; sharing; creativity and happiness.



Weekend Mass Times

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

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A Mother's Day Blessing



*Blessed is the Mother,
Who lets the
Lord be her
guiding hand,
Whose faith brings
her family courage,
Whose wisdom
comes from God,
And whose children
still stand and
honor her.*



QR Code School Check-in:

All organisations, including schools, are now to be registered with the Victorian State Government QR check in system. St. Mary's is now registered.

This means that every person that attends our school, whether indoor or outdoor, for longer than 15 minutes must scan the check in QR code. These QR code records will help with any future contact tracing that may be necessary in slowing the spread of coronavirus (COVID-19). Our unique St. Mary's QR code poster will be displayed outside every classroom, the office, both the front and rear entrance to the school, in the undercover area and the school hall.

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 the St. Mary's QR code needs to be scanned. 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.

Unwell Students:

Just a gentle reminder that if students are feeling unwell or have any signs of a cold or a sniffle they must remain at home until fully recovered. Students that present to school feeling unwell will be sent home.



Mother's Day

We had a fantastic Mothers's Day celebration at school yesterday in the under cover area. Great to see so many mums, grandmothers and even a few dads and grandads there too. The students read poems, sang songs and Mrs Cheeseman read a beautiful Mother's Day story book. All our special visitors took home a little morning tea treat as well. See photos included in this newsletter.

I hope all our mums have a great Mother's day this Sunday and all get **"really"** spoilt by their family!!

Congratulations:

Congratulations to Zoe and Oscar Buscall who were baptised by FR. Carey last Sunday.



NAPLAN Testing:

Year 3 & 5 students will be participating in NAPLAN testing next week

School Assembly Term Two

The School Assembly will return this term every 2nd Friday morning at 9am. Parents are invited to attend, adhere to the current school Covid regulations and **scan the St. Mary's QR code when entering the hall**. 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

Buttercup 'the cow'

Our Cow is mooing along nicely.

This week some students started to paint Buttercup.



It is lovely to see some colour on Buttercup.



Mother's Day Celebrations



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Thanks to Josie for co-ordinating the Mother's Day Stall

Mr. A told some 'dad' jokes.....



Congratulations to this week's classroom award winners
Sam, Liara, Harry, Sienna, Harper, Acacia, Logan,
Flynn and Clementine





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**

**ST. MARY'S RUTHERGLEN
60 329 284**

**KARRYN WILLIAMS
PRINCIPAL**

**RUTHERGLEN
PRIMARY
60 329 428**

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:

Isabel, Ivy, Clementine, Stevie, Maddie and Colton



Have a great weekend,
Matt



Important Calendar Dates - 2021

Term 2

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
Tuesday 14 December	Fun Pool Day (TBC)
Wednesday 15 December	Last Day Term 4 for Students (Casual Clothes Day - gold coin donation) 3.30pm finish

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