



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 3 - Week 3 - Friday 30th July, 2021

IMPORTANT DATES

**Wednesday 4 August
Blueearth Sports**

Weekend Mass Times

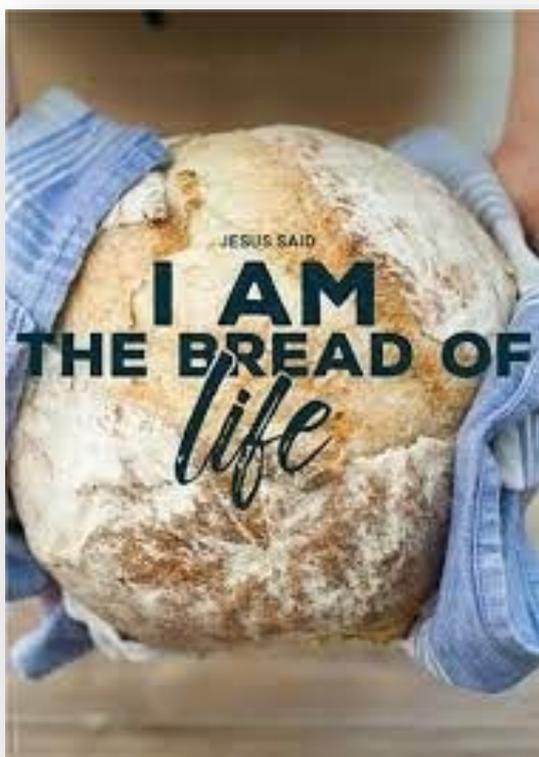
Saturday 6pm
Chiltern
Sunday 9am
Rutherglen
Sunday 10.30am
Wahgunyah

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PBIS Expectations: Expectations in the Classrooms

Dear Parents/ Carers,



This Sunday's Gospel Summary

The crowd in this Sunday's Gospel, Jn 6:24-35, showed faith in Jesus. They got into boats and traveled to find him. They called him *Rabbi*, meaning "Teacher." But at the same time, they had some doubts. They wanted some sign from Jesus that would prove once and for all who he was and what he could do. Jesus tells them again that the sign they seek is in their midst, for he is the bread sent from heaven. He is the bread of life.

Reflection for Parents

How many times has your child said to you, "Prove it to me"? And how many times have you yourself said the same?

This is basically what the crowds are saying to Jesus today—"Prove it to us. Give us a sign that we might believe in you." Every day God gives us signs that he loves us, cares for us, forgives us, and is with us. We see and hear these signs in creation, in the generous actions of a friend, in the kind words of a stranger, and in the community of believers that is the Church. Take time to reflect on the signs of God's love that you have seen or heard in recent days. Think about how you can be that sign in the week to come to others around you.

Welcome Back Again & Again & Again & Again:

Welcome back again after another little COVID hiccup.

Thankyou to all families who again did a wonderful job in supporting their children and the staff again in our latest lockdown.

Who can predict what is going to happen with any further lockdowns so my fingers are crossed permanently now!!!

Important: Please be aware of all the up to date COVID restrictions when entering school grounds and dropping off and picking up students.

Office Hours -
8.00am—4.00pm

Face Masks at Primary School

Just to clear up a little bit of confusion regarding the wearing of face masks at primary schools I have inserted the dots point below out of the latest School Operations Guide.

- Children under 12 years of age and students at primary school are not required to wear face masks when at school, or when attending an OHSC program.



(This means even if a child has turned 12 they are not required to wear a mask if they are in a primary school setting.)

- For communication purposes, teachers and education support staff are not required to wear face masks while teaching, but those who wish to do so, can. It is recommended that face masks be worn while teaching wherever practicable.

Important COVID Reading Below:

Please read the next 3 pieces of COVID information regarding **QR codes, Management of an Unwell Student or Staff Member & Stay Home When Unwell.**

I have cut and pasted straight out of the Schools Operation Guide, Term 3 2021 (from 9 July) that all schools have to follow.

QR Codes Check in

QR code check ins are mandatory & required to be used by:

- all visitors on school site (including contractors, MACS and other external staff and building and maintenance staff)
- all parents who enter school buildings when on school site

QR code check ins are not required to be used by:

- staff
- students
- parents who come onto school grounds for drop off or pick up, but do not enter buildings.

Management of an unwell student or staff member

It is important that any student (or staff member) who becomes unwell with COVID-19 symptoms while at school gets tested and returns home.

The symptoms to watch out for are:

- loss or change in sense of smell or taste
- fever
- chills or sweats
- cough
- sore throat
- shortness of breath
- runny nose



Some people may also experience headache, muscle soreness, stuffy nose, nausea, vomiting and diarrhoea. Staff or students experiencing COVID-19 symptoms should be advised to get tested and stay home until they receive a test result.

Stay home when unwell

The most important action school communities can take to reduce the risk of transmission of COVID-19 is to ensure that any unwell staff and students remain at home and get tested, even with the mildest of symptoms.

Students with underlying conditions (such as hay fever or asthma)

If a student has persistent symptoms due to an underlying condition such as hay fever or asthma, the student should still be tested for COVID-19 if they develop symptoms that are different to or worse than their usual symptoms. Students whose symptoms are clearly typical for their underlying condition can continue to attend school.

Parents/carers should also consider getting a medical certificate from the child's treating GP to confirm that it is safe for them to attend school with persistent symptoms that may overlap with some of the symptoms of COVID-19 such as cough or runny nose.

Young children with persistent mild symptoms

For younger children (in Prep to Year 2) who have had a negative COVID-19 test that was taken after they developed symptoms, the decision about return to school should be made in conjunction with the child's treating GP. If the GP is satisfied the child has recovered from their acute illness, is otherwise well and does not need a repeat COVID-19 test, the child can return even if they are not completely free of symptoms. Any worsening of symptoms will require review and repeat COVID-19 testing, if considered appropriate by the doctor.

Students with a negative COVID-19 test whose symptoms have completely resolved do not need a medical certificate to return to school.

Happy Birthday

We send our best wishes to Dusty who is celebrating his birthday this week.



Congratulations to this week's school award winners

Harper, Penny, Faith, Matilda, Hamish, Dusty, Jaylen, Seve, Patrick, Ella, Sienna & Harry



The Olympic Podium Challenge



Buttercup has been on the move this week, she greeted the bus kids yesterday.

The Olympics:

Lots of Olympic action happening on the Neil farm!!

Good to see Hamish, Isabel and Lachlan beat the dog and the lamb for the GOLD!!!

Rutherglen Kindergarten Inc

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INVITES YOU TO OUR OPEN DAY ON THURSDAY
THE 5th OF AUGUST FROM 9.00AM - 5.30PM



- Meet our educators
- Come and explore the Kinder
- Find out more about our Kinder programs
- Take a tour of the Kinder
- Collect an Expression of interest form for 2022



POSTPONED

IF YOU ARE UNABLE TO MAKE IT AND WOULD LIKE A TOUR AND/OR MORE INFORMATION PLEASE CONTACT US AS WE WOULD BE HAPPY TO ARRANGE ANOTHER TIME

EXPRESSION OF INTEREST FORMS FOR 2022 KINDER PROGRAMS WILL BE AVAILABLE TO COLLECT FROM THE KINDER FROM THE 17TH OF JUNE (TO BE RETURNED BY FRIDAY 27TH AUGUST 2021)

169 High St (Postal address: 168 High St)

Rutherglen VIC 3685

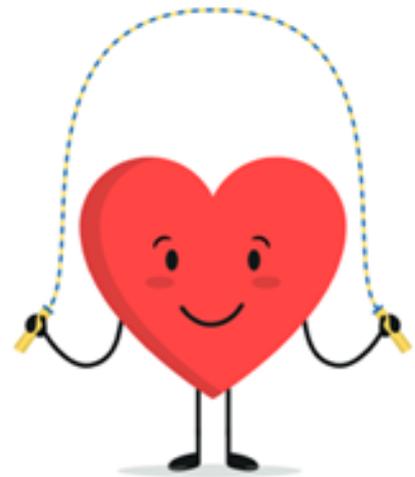
Tel: 02 6032 9456

Email: kinder@inh.org.au

Web: www.rutherglenkindergarten.org

Jump Rope for Heart

Some amazing individual student efforts in fundraising for the Heart Foundation as well as keeping fit. Please follow the link to get your child registered. We WOULD love to have every child at St Mary's registered even if they only raise 5\$ or none at all.



How do I get started?

-  1. Register your child. Visit jumprope.org.au/parents
-  2. Share your child's page with friends and family and ask them to donate
-  3. Log your child's skipping activity so they can earn prizes and virtual badges.

Teachers will organise skipping activities during the school day. If your child is a keen skipper, encourage them to skip at home too to earn more badges, faster.

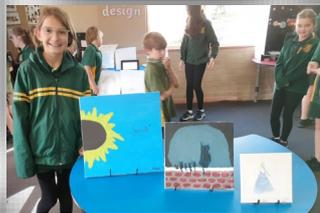
Upper District Cross Country

With the Olympics coming up we have been talking about the characteristics of what makes a champion. Some of those mentioned such as courage and persistence come to mind when we congratulate those that participated in the Upper District Cross Country in what were very difficult and challenging conditions. Well done to all and congratulations to Travis Gunning for making the next level.

Learning Walk Expo

The Grade 6's were excited and proud to showcase their Passion Projects and Earth and Space Projects at the end of Term Two.

They chose a topic of interest that took them on a journey of learning through different curriculum areas, demonstrating their knowledge in different ways. Thank you to all the families and Grades who came to participate in the learning walk.



Deadline for submissions for 2021 has been extended to Friday 13 August, 2021



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 \(education.vic.gov.au\)](http://education.vic.gov.au)

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 \(education.vic.gov.au\)](http://education.vic.gov.au)

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.

PBIS Focus this week - Expectations in the classrooms and learning spaces

Classrooms and learning spaces	Respect Ourselves	Respect Others	Respect our Environment
	<p>Listen to the person speaking.</p> <p>Do your best work.</p> <p>Have a go at new things.</p> <p>Listen and follow instructions.</p> <p>Join in and participate.</p> <p>Be in correct uniform.</p> <p>Be organised.</p> <p>Enter and exit rooms calmly and correctly.</p> <p>Exiting people go first.</p>	<p>Listen to the person speaking.</p> <p>Encourage others.</p> <p>Be inclusive of others.</p> <p>Offer help to others.</p> <p>Take turns.</p> <p>Share equipment.</p> <p>Be kind to others.</p> <p>Be patient with others.</p> <p>Value differences.</p> <p>Respect people's personal space.</p> <p>Walk.</p> <p>Use your 'inside voice'.</p>	<p>Clean up your workspace when you've finished.</p> <p>Use resources correctly.</p> <p>Put rubbish into the correct bins.</p> <p>Use equipment for the correct purpose.</p> <p>Keep your tubs clean and organised.</p>

Well done to this week's PBIS winners:

Alex, Callan, Zoe, Jackson, Skye, Melody & George



Enjoy the holidays,
Matt



Important Calendar Dates - 2021

Term 3

Wednesday 4 August	Bluearth Sports
Monday 9 August	Meerkat Productions incursion
Wednesday 11 August	Country Buddies orientation visit 9.30am—11.00am
Friday 13 August	School Feast Day Mass - 9.30am
Wednesday 18 August	Bluearth Sports
Friday 20 August	Jump rope for heart —skip off
Mon 23—Fri 27 August	Book Week
Thursday 26 August	School Closure - Staff PD - RE Faith Formation
Wednesday 1 September	Bluearth Sports
Thursday 2 September	Rutherglen Kinder orientation visit 9.30am—11.00am
Friday 3 September	Father's Day Stall
Friday 3 September	enrolments for Foundation 2022 due
Thursday 9 September	Athletics - St Mary's/St. Josephs's
Wednesday 15 September	Bluearth Sports
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 (TBC) back up day Thursday 9 December
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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