



# 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 5 - Friday 13th August, 2021**

## IMPORTANT DATES

**Wednesday 18 August**  
**Blueearth Sports**

**Friday 20 August**  
**Jump rope for heart**  
**— skip off**

**Monday 23 to Friday**  
**27 August**  
**Book Week**

## Weekend Mass Times

Saturday 6pm  
Chiltern

Sunday 9am  
Rutherglen

Sunday 10.30am  
Wahgunyah

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**PBIS Expectations: Expectations in the Undercover & Concrete Areas**

## The Assumption



Dear Parents/ Carers,

This Sunday, 15 August, the Church celebrates the Feast Day of the Assumption of Our Lady when according to our faith, Mary having completed her course of her earthly life, was assumed body and soul into heavenly glory.

### Gospel Summary:

This Sunday's Gospel, Lk 1: 39-56, contains the account of the Visitation of Mary to Elizabeth and of Mary's proclamation of the Magnificat. Joy runs through this Gospel reading—the joy as the cousins meet and embrace; the joy as the baby within Elizabeth's womb leaps at the sound of Mary's voice; and the joy expressed in the words of the Magnificat.

### Reflection for Parents:

Family schedules are full. It may some days seem as if life is one endless carpool from one practice to the next or from one job to another. In the middle of the stuff of everyday life, this Sunday's Gospel encourages us to find cause to rejoice. Sit still for a few moments today and consider where you have experienced joy in recent days. Think about how you can bring joy to others in the week to come. Consider if, in all the events on the family calendar, there is a need to make more room for joy.

### Thank You:

Thanks to all families for sending in food items that we can now donate to St. Vinnies. Sister Lucille and Pat Wheeler came down to school this morning to accept our donation on behalf of St. Vinnies.



### Remote Learning:

Thanks again to all families for supporting your children and the staff so well during the last little stint of remote learning. I know it's not easy or welcome but it does appear that these interruptions are going to continue for a little while yet. I'm confident that the staff are by now very well prepared and can respond to the remote learning challenge very quickly and professionally.

### IMPORTANT: COVID Restrictions QR check in:

A reminder for families if you visit a classroom or the office at any time during the day and for any length of time you must QR check in. Every door in the school has a QR code sign.

### Sick Children:

A reminder students, even with the mildest symptoms, of a cold, running nose, cough etc are not to be at school. If a student does present to school with these symptoms we will have to send them home. Thanks to all families who have been vigilant in this area.



## Pupil Free Day Reminder: Thursday 26th of August:

A reminder that the Thursday 25th of August is a pupil free day. All staff will be involved in a Faith Development day.

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**BE MORE**

**Caritas AUSTRALIA** End poverty  
Promote justice  
Uphold dignity

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**St Mary's School  
Rutherglen \$ 236.95**

**THANK YOU.**

Through your generosity and by aspiring to 'Be More', you are assisting some of the world's most vulnerable people build better futures for themselves, their families and their communities.  
Thank you for Being More!

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Diocesan Director

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#projectcompassion

# Happy Birthday



We send our best wishes to those students who are celebrating their birthdays this week.



Norah



Madilyn

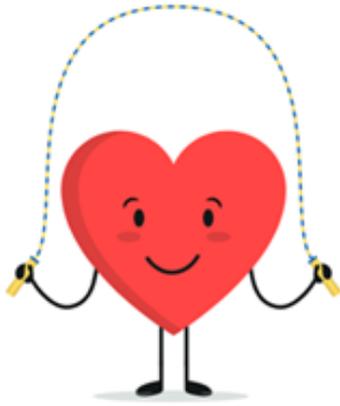
## Congratulations to this week's school award winners Ivy, Zoe, Sam, Brodie, Harry, Annabelle, Declan & Luca



## Jump Rope for Heart Jump Off Day Friday 20 August 2021

We would LOVE to get more than 33 students registered before our Jump off Day on 20 August 2021, such a great community event, even if the students are just registering their skips. The students and families registered should be congratulated for their amazing efforts. *If you haven't registered, join in the fun and sign up via the link - [www.jumprope.org.au/parents](http://www.jumprope.org.au/parents)*

Also, just a reminder that on Friday 20 August 2021 is when your child can have fun, show off their skills they've learnt and be acknowledged for their fundraising efforts. All students are able to wear something red on the day, with a sausage sizzle being run for a Gold coin donation.



Patty (pictured right), received two awards this morning:-

Most money raised so far

and

Best school skipper for logging the most skipping hours



**Indigo North Health Inc Rutherglen OSHC**

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**BOOKINGS MUST BE MADE BY THURSDAY 16<sup>TH</sup> September 2021**

**Vacation Care –2021**

**MONDAY 20/09 – FRIDAY 1/10**

**\$70 per day BEFORE REBATES are applied**

20/09- 24/09	27/09-1/10
Painting, Art & Craft	<b>PUZZLES</b> Search the clues for answers to complete the puzzle.
Instrument making	<b>Aussie challenge Bingo</b> Compete against kids from all over Australia and have a chance to win prizes and \$25 cash Extra Cost for today is \$10
Rutherglen Walkabout Extra Cost \$10	<b>Reptile Kingdom Australia</b> Discover how a snake/ lizard feel Extra COST \$25
<b>JUNIOR COOK</b>	<b>BOX CREATURES</b>
Clock making	Secret kids business



Above are some charcoal drawings of Mary MacKillop done by Grade 5s.

Mary MacKillop was the first Australian to be declared a saint by the Roman Catholic Church. She was known as Mother Mary of the Cross in her lifetime.

MacKillop was born in Melbourne, on January 15, 1842. Her parents were from Scotland, and her father had studied to become a priest. MacKillop was educated at home by her father. However, she had to start working at a young age. She worked in stores and was a nanny. While she was a nanny, she began to teach the poor children in the town where she lived. A priest, Father Julian Tenison Woods, encouraged her.

In 1866 MacKillop and Woods opened up Saint Joseph's School. The school provided a free education to all children. Mary began to open schools, convents, and charities in Australia. Many women joined the order and became nuns as well. MacKillop died in Sydney on August 8, 1909. She was canonized as Saint Mary of the Cross on October 17, 2010.

## The MacKillop Art Exhibition

The annual, Catholic Education Sandhurst Limited, MacKillop Art Exhibition is taking place both online and in physical form in 2021, unless the ability to gather is restricted.

The Exhibition will be open for viewing daily from 8.30 am to 4.30 pm and the public can vote for the people's choice award until Sunday 28 November. Alternatively, you can view the Exhibition online on Monday 15 November 2021 by visiting [www.ceosand.catholic.edu.au](http://www.ceosand.catholic.edu.au).

Some students' artwork will be entered into this competition, however we do require permission for this. A note was sent home on Tuesday regarding this.

This will allow the Catholic Education Sandhurst Limited to use your child's artwork and publish their name and school. Please return it to Mrs van Zanten.

Please note: A signature is required by both parents wherever practicable.

Thanking you,  
Jane van Zanten

# Mini Olympics



## PBIS Focus this week

### Expectations in the Undercover & Concrete Areas

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:

Adelyn, Hannah, Logan, Ivy and Declan



Enjoy the holidays,  
Matt



# Important Calendar Dates - 2021

## Term 3

Wednesday 18 August	Bluearth Sports
Friday 20 August	Jump rope for heart —skip off
Mon 23—Fri 27 August	Book Week
<b>Thursday 26 August</b>	<b>Pupil Free Day (All Staff PD)</b>
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. Joseph'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 - <b>Student Free day</b>
Tuesday 2 November	<b>Melbourne Cup Day Holiday</b>
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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