



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 6 - Friday 20th August, 2021

IMPORTANT DATES

Friday 20 August

**Jump rope for heart
— skip off**

**Monday 23 to Friday
27 August**

Book Week

Thursday 26 August

**Pupil Free Day
(All Staff PD)**

Weekend Mass Times

Saturday 6pm

Chiltern

Sunday 9am

Rutherglen

Sunday 10.30am

Wahgunyah

PBIS Expectations: Expectations in the Undercover & Concrete Areas

Dear Parents/ Carers,



Gospel Summary

In this Sunday's Gospel, Jn 6:60-69, Jesus' followers reach a point on the journey where it is time to make a decision. Do they believe in Jesus and in what he has said? Should they continue to follow him? Or is it time to walk away and to return to their former way of living? Many are unable to accept Jesus' words and choose to no longer accompany him. When Jesus asks the Twelve if they also want to leave, Peter answers, "Master, to whom shall we go?"

Reflection for Parents

Imagine that you are with the Twelve and the other followers of Jesus today. Where do you find yourself on the road? Do you believe in Jesus and in his Word? Do you choose to follow him? Or are there points on the road where you slip into a former way of living—into old habits, behaviours, and attitudes that are not becoming of a disciple of Christ? Take some quiet time to think about your level of discipleship. Is it whole-hearted, half-hearted, or barely evident to your family and to others?

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Pupil Free Day Reminder:

Thursday 26th of August:

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

Book Week Parade: Friday 27th October

This year's Book Week's theme, "*Old Worlds, New Worlds, Other Worlds*", gives plenty of scope for the imagination to run wild for costumes for the parade.



Unfortunately, due to COVID restrictions, parents/carers will not be able to attend the Parade in the undercover area but we are working on something very creative as a viewing opportunity for parents and carers!

Stay tuned!!



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.



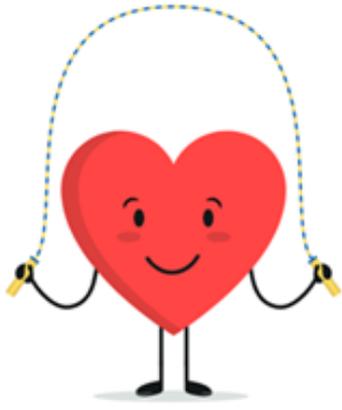
Happy Birthday

We send our best wishes to Emmerson who is celebrating her birthday this week.



**Congratulations to this week's school award winners
Hamish, Matilda, Teddy, Seve, Noah, Loagn, Cody, Jed, Ivy and Matilda**





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ORDERS DUE BACK BY:

FRIDAY 27th August, 2021

WELCOME TO **Book Club**

Want to learn more?
See our Parents' Guide
scholastic.com.au/parents

Book Club

WHAT YOU GET

INCLUDES 32 SEMI PRECIOUS STONES AND A COLOUR-CHANGING DISPLAY LIGHT.

001
Light-Up Rock & Gem Collection
Start your own collection with these semiprecious stones.
32 pp. AGES 8+
\$29.99 **CLUB PRICE \$27.00**

GRAPHIC NOVEL!

002
NEW! Kristy and the Snobs
Kristy moves to a new neighbourhood and the new kids are all snobs.
160 pp. AGES 8+
\$14.99 **CLUB PRICE \$12.00**

INCLUDES HEART POP IT

003
NEW! #The Recipe for Disaster
Lola's parents go away on a cruise, and superfun Aunt Helen comes to babysit.
240 pp. AGES 8+
\$25.98
CLUB PRICE \$14.00

THE GLITTER DRAGONS

004
NEW! Willa the Silver Glitter Dragon
Willa is leading the quest for a special potion to save the forest.
144 pp. AGES 7+
\$12.99 **\$6**

GRAPHIC NOVEL!

005
NEW! Frozen Fish
Finn and his buddies go on a school trip to Antarctica, where mysterious magic is causing problems!
128 pp. AGES 6+
\$15.99 **\$10**

GRAPHIC NOVEL!

006
NEW! Coco and the Bee
Coco doesn't want to play with Max, until she realises boys can be great friends.
48-pp hardcover. AGES 5+
\$19.99 **CLUB PRICE \$12.00**

\$29

007
Self-Esteem & Confidence Collection
Ten lovely picture books to encourage children's confidence and self-esteem.
10 books, each 24 pp. AGES 3+
\$129.99 **SAVE \$100.90**

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008
NEW! The Promise
Aang and friends must join together once again when the four nations' tenuous peace is threatened!
232 pp. AGES 8+
\$39.99 **CLUB PRICE \$30.00**

GRAPHIC NOVEL!

009
NEW! 7 Good Reasons Not to Grow Up
Kirby shares videos of advice and tips online, but will his jealous best friend betray his biggest secret?
176 pp. AGES 10+
\$17.99 **CLUB PRICE \$12.00**

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010
NEW! Spinning Weird!
Weir and his basketball team REALLY want to WIN!
160 pp. AGES 7+
\$15.99 **\$10**

ANH DO PARTY TIME!

011
Party Time!
It's Kev's birthday, so Hotdog and Lizzie are throwing him a surprise party!
128 pp. AGES 6+
\$14.99 **\$3**

EVERY CHILD DESERVES A BOOK



Lions Club Junior Public Speaking

Each year the Lions Club provides students in Grades 3-6 the opportunity to develop their skills in public speaking through participation in the Lions Club Junior Public Speaking Competition. A fantastic opportunity for the students of St. Mary's.

Why encourage public speaking?

- It increases self confidence;
- It increase ability to communicate to a wider audience;
- Encourages students to think more widely on a range of issues; and
- Prepares students for future roles which includes speaking to an audience.

What skills do students develop through this program?

- Students learn to look for information using a number of sources - this may include books, the internet or speaking with family, friends and community members;
- They expand their knowledge and understanding of a particular topic;
- They gain an ability to organise their thoughts and feelings and then confidently express them to others.

The topics for 2021 are:

Year 3-4 (2-3 minutes)

Volunteering in the Community- tell us about a Volunteer organisation in your community. What they do and why you would like to be part of that organisation.

Year 5-6 (3-4 minutes)

The Environment- how is it affecting our Planet, our Native Wildlife, what can we do to improve it.

NOTE: While some of the details may be fiction, speeches must be based on real facts.

Grade 6 Winner: Adelyn

Runner up: Faith

Grade 5 Winner: Travis

Runner up: Lexie

Grade 3/ 4 Winner: Noah

Runner up: Isabel



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:

Lachlan, Patrick, Bailey, Faith, Gemma, Ivy and Jackson



Enjoy the holidays,
Matt



Important Calendar Dates - 2021

Term 3

Friday 20 August	Jump rope for heart —skip off
Mon 23—Fri 27 August	Book Week
Thursday 26 August	Pupil Free Day (All Staff PD)
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
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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