



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 4 - Week 2 - Friday 15th October, 2021

IMPORTANT DATES

Sunday 31 October
Confirmation

Monday 1 November
Report Writing Day -
Student Free day

Tuesday 2 November
Melbourne Cup Day
Holiday

Thursday 2 December
PD for Staff
(Maths Conference)

Friday 3 December
PD for Staff
(Maths Conference)

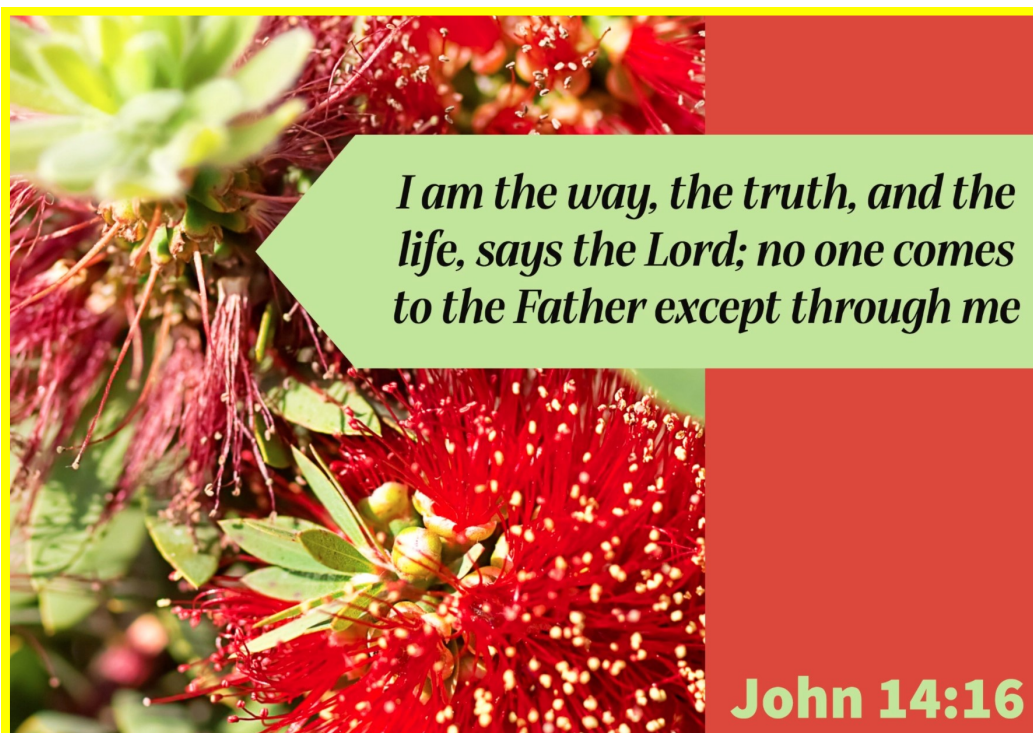
Weekend Mass Times

Saturday 6pm
Chiltern

Sunday 9am
Rutherglen

Sunday 10.30am
Wahgunyah

PBIS Expectations: Sharing and responding to each other



Dear Parents/ Carers,

Even though the start is staggered it has been fantastic to see most children throughout the week at school. One more week and then we will all be back at school together, which we are very much looking forward to. Hang in there!!

The Grade 3 to 6 children have done a great job wearing masks in the classroom throughout the day. It has also been recommended that the Foundation to Grade 2 children also wear masks. This will be a parent or guardian's choice as it is only recommended at this stage but we encourage you to discuss this with your child.

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Pupil Free Days This term

There are a few pupil free days this term in our important dates so please make sure you mark these on your calendar.

Monday 1st November Report Writing Day
Thursday 2nd December & Friday the 3rd December for a virtual Maths Conference.

Please take the time to read the following information carefully.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION:

COVID Restrictions and Updates:

Face masks

Please see coronavirus.vic.gov.au for the latest face mask requirements.

For all school settings, the Victorian Chief Health Officer:

- Directs school staff and secondary school students aged 12 or older must always wear a face mask indoors and outdoors at school, including when attending an Outside School Hours Care (OSHC) program, unless a lawful exception applies.
- Directs school staff and secondary school students aged 12 or older must always wear a face mask when travelling to and from school on public transport, taxis or ride share vehicles.
- Directs school staff must wear face masks while teaching wherever practicable, except where removal of a face mask is necessary for effective communication.
- Directs students in Year 3 to Year 6 to wear face masks when indoors on school premises, unless an exception applies.
- Recommends that all other children wear face masks when at school, attending an OSHC program, or when travelling to and from school on public transport, taxis or rideshare vehicles.

Important for Years 3 – 6 Students:

It was great to see students at school throughout the week, even though it was staggered. The same for this coming week with the Grade 3&4 required to be at school on Tuesday and Wednesday and the Grade 5&6 students on Thursday and Friday. Then set for a full return on Tuesday the 26th of October.

Masks & QR Check In:

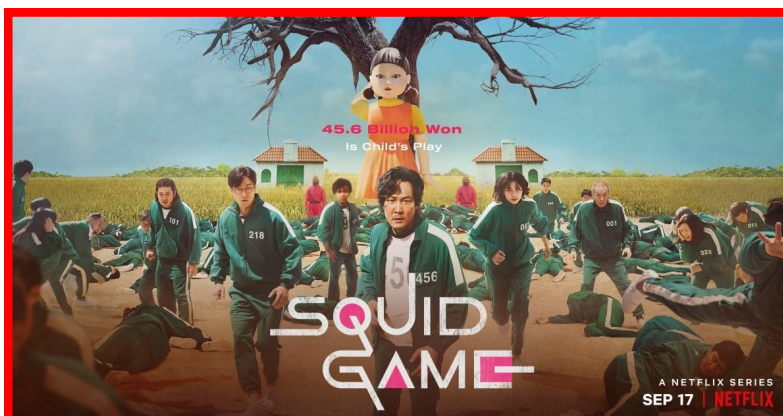
All parents, unless you have a medical exemption, are required to wear a mask on school grounds. You have to QR code check in if you enter any room of the school. Every door has a QR code sign.

Drop Off & Pick:

All parents and carers have been great in this area. Please just drop off and pick up your child from the rear car park. This system is working well. Only enter the school grounds if absolutely necessary.

Squid Game:

As most of you would be aware after our post on our Facebook page during the week parents and guardians need to be diligent with what your children are watching and it is strongly advised that primary school children and early teens do not watch Squid Games on Netflix as it is very violent and inappropriate for their age group.



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.



Confirmation Candidates

It was great to work with our Confirmation Candidates and Fr Carey on Tuesday to continue their preparation for the sacrament on October the 31st (TBC). Hopefully by this date the restrictions will have been lifted enough for this to go ahead as a great celebration. We will keep you posted as the date draws closer.

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Sports this term

This term we will be doing hockey and cricket clinics with visiting coaches which should be great fun for the children.



An Echidna visited our school on Wednesday

echidna, (family Tachyglossidae), also called **spiny anteater**, any of four species of peculiar egg-laying mammals from [Australia](#), Tasmania, and [New Guinea](#) that eat and breathe through a bald tubular beak protruding from a dome-shaped body covered in spines. Echidnas have beady eyes and mere slits for ears, and at the end of their beaks are two small nostrils and a tiny [mouth](#). [Electroreceptors](#) in the skin of the beak may sense electrical signals produced by the muscles of invertebrate prey. Echidnas can be active day or night, probing along the ground slowly and deliberately as they search for prey, but they will shelter themselves from extreme midday heat in burrows or caves. Like their relative the [platypus](#), echidnas have an unusually low but variable body temperature of 29–32 °C (84–90 °F) and cannot tolerate more extreme heat. In spite of echidnas' outward resemblance to [hedgehogs](#), the two animals are not related and belong to separate mammalian orders. Echidna species can be distinguished by their spines, by the number of claws on their feet, and by the shape and length of the beak.

Source: *Britannica*

Happy Birthday

We send our best wishes to Logan who
celebrated his
birthday this week.



Term 4 - No Hat No Play
\$12 St. Mary's Bucket hats
available from the school
office.



Congratulations to this week's class room award winners

Back row: Faith, Jaylen, Lucas and Angus

Front row: Zoe, Norah, Elijah, Will and Ollie





Today at school, grade five and over made some delicious damper to go back to the times of the gold rush, when the miners ate damper. We made it link in with our fun inquiry topic of the Gold Rush. We're glad that our teachers let us make it, it's good to feel like we were in the 1800s. It definitely got some people thinking about what life was like in the Gold Rush.
Written by Carvyn Stubbs.



Today year 5 made damper, played pig, and had fun. Everyone had a blast! Half of the eight groups played pig for the first half and the other made damper. The damper was delicious and we had it with butter and golden syrup- it felt like we were in the 1800s.
Written by Elijah McFarlane.

Our Vege Garden

The students have harvested many of the veggies from our school garden.

What a great crop of delicious, fresh veggies!



PBIS Focus this week

Sharing and responding to each other

As we have been at home learning as a staff we thought this PBIS expectation would be appropriate as the children return to school.

Sharing and responding to each other.	Respect Ourselves	Respect Others	Respect our Environment
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Listen to the person speaking. • Learn from making mistakes. • Persist and keep trying. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Listen to the person speaking. • Encourage others to have a go and persist. • Be inclusive of others. • Take turns. • Give positive feedback. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Respect the work of others in the classroom. • Respect our ICT resources when sharing presentations.

Congratulations to this week's PBIS Winners

Carvyn, Sam, Luca, Isabel, Murray and Jackson



Have a great weekend and please don't hesitate to make contact if you have any questions.



Libby Dickinson



Important Calendar Dates - 2021

Term 4

Sunday 31 October	Confirmation
Kinder Transition days to be confirmed	
Monday 1 November	Report Writing Day - Student Free day
Tuesday 2 November	Melbourne Cup Day Holiday
Thursday 2 December	PD for Staff (Maths Conference)
Friday 3 December	PD for Staff (Maths Conference)
Tuesday 7 December	State Transition Day (TBC)
Wednesday 8 December	Nativity Play & Awards
Friday 10 December	End of Year School Mass/ 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

Important Calendar Dates - 2022

Term 1

Monday 31 January	1st day Term 1 Students Return
Friday 8 April	Last Day Term 1 for Students (Casual Clothes Day - gold coin donation) 3.30pm finish
Friday 15 April	Good Friday

Term 2

Tuesday 26 April	1st day Term 2
Monday 13 June	Queen's Birthday Holiday
Friday 24 June	Last Day Term 2 for Students

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