



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 1 - Week 4 - Friday 18 February, 2022

IMPORTANT DATES

Monday 21 February
Swimming Program

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Foundation Rest Day

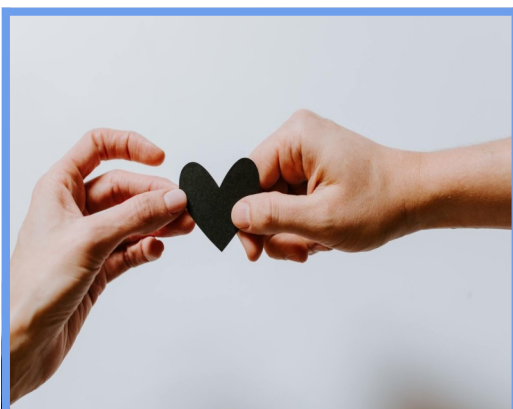
Thursday 24 February
Swimming Program

Friday 25 February
Swim Carnival

PBIS Expectations: On the Playground

Dear Parents/ Carers,

Gospel Summary:



In this coming Sunday Gospel reading, Jesus spells out what it means to honor the Commandment of love. It means loving your enemies, doing good to those who may dislike you, and praying for those who mistreat you. It means giving to everyone who asks of you and doing to others as you would have them do to you.

The ending of this passage includes four additional directions concerning the way of love—stop judging, stop condemning, forgive, and give.

Reflection for Parents

After reading this gospel it is a good opportunity to take a love inventory. Jot down the eight practical directions given in the Gospel Summary regarding honoring the Commandment of love: love your enemies; do good to those who dislike you; bless those who curse you; pray for those who mistreat you; stop judging; stop condemning; forgive; and give. On a scale of 1-5, with 5 being "living in love," rate yourself as a parent, as a spouse, and as a follower of Jesus Christ. Where are you living in love? Where is there room for growth and change?

School Assembly:

Under the current COVID climate, school assemblies will be for students and staff only at this stage.

These will be held outdoors.

Hopefully parents/carers will be able to attend later in the term.



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Office Hours - 8.00am - 4.00pm

Weekend Mass Times

Saturday 6pm

Chiltern

Sunday 9am

Rutherglen

Sunday 10.30am Wahgunyah

Gymnastics:

We started Gymnastic this week.

All the students had a great and very FLEXIBLE time.



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Just Hanging Out in the Sandpit:



Frosty Friday

The Yr 6 Catholic Identity Team will be selling Zooper Doopers on Frosty Friday for the rest of the Term One.

Zooper Doopers are 50c.

All money raised will go to the Missions.



BELA LAGUNA MUSIC SCHOOL

Instrumental Music Lessons:

Guitar

Saxophone

Clarinet

Flute

Piano

Drums

Located in Wahgunyah

Dr. Belinda Woods (Melb. Uni/V.C.A.)

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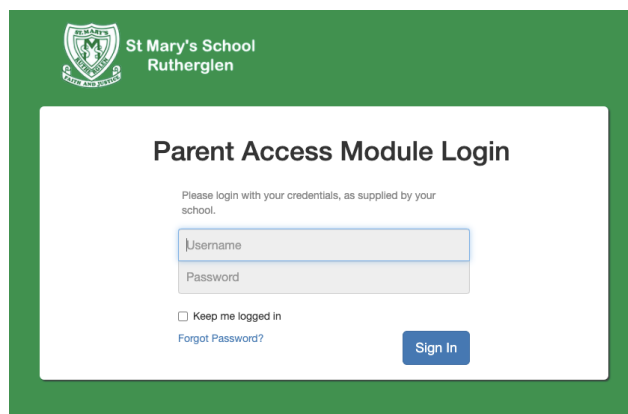
COVID Management: Important

If your child returns a positive result, your child has COVID-19, you must:

Quarantine	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Quarantine your child for seven days Everyone in your household is a close contact and must isolate for 7 days. Your child must stay home until their symptoms have resolved and they are well A negative test is not required to return to school following completion of 7 days of isolation Students who have recovered from COVID-19 do not need to participate in surveillance testing for 30 days after their isolation period has ended.
Notification	<p>Contact the school office on 0260329284 or email Matt Attwater (principal@smrutherglen.catholic.edu.au) on the same day of the positive test.</p> <p>You must also report your child's positive test to the Department of Health via the COVID-19 Positive Rapid Antigen Test Self-Reporting Form or call the hotline on 1800 675 398.</p>

Reminder: Use PAM for Daily Absences

Just a reminder if your child is going to be absent on any school day please use **PAM (Parent Access Module)** to notify the school as the notification will go directly into the class teacher's morning roll. There is a **PAM TAB** on the school Website. If you are unsure on how to use **PAM** please contact myself or Amanda.



MOZZIES! MOZZIES!MOZZIES!MOZZIES!



As we all know the mozzies are out of control at the moment in Rutherglen (All that rain!) Unfortunately we can't do much at school to ease the problem and it is difficult for the children not to scratch away. Our band aid supply is getting a workout at the moment! Families are able to send their child to school with some mozzie repellent if they feel this will help.

Lunch Orders;

Lunch orders are to be placed by Wednesday.

The process is outlined in the School Information Book.



LEGO LEGO LEGO

If any family has any lego that is just gathering dust we would love to use it at school!!



Congratulations to this week's class room award winners

Back row: Sam, Zoe, Lexie and George

Middle row: Poppy, Lachlan and Emmerson

Front row: Ella, Skye and Amelia



Year 6 Leadership Badges:

Antonio, Jessica and Sam (pictured right) were away when Fr. Carey presented the Yr 6 Leadership badges last week.

They too have all made a great start on their Year 6 journey and now will wear their badges proudly for their final year of primary school.



ART

This week Foundation/1/2 experimented with sculpture using an array of materials. The students created bugs and insects as a part of their inquiry unit. How amazing are these creations!



More from Mrs van Zanten's Art class



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Dear Parents & Carers,

Swimming Program 2022
Monday 21 February – Friday 25 February

All grades will be participating in our swimming program which will run on the following dates:-

Date	Time	Grade
Monday 21 February 2021	1.15pm – 2.00pm	Foundation, 1 & 2
	2.15pm – 3.00pm	3, 4, 5 & 6
Tuesday 22 February 2021	1.15pm – 2.00pm	Foundation, 1 & 2
	2.15pm – 3.00pm	3, 4, 5 & 6
Wednesday 23 February 2021	1.15pm – 2.00pm	Foundation, 1 & 2
	2.15pm – 3.00pm	3, 4, 5 & 6
Thursday 24 February 2021	1.15pm – 2.00pm	Foundation, 1 & 2
	2.15pm – 3.00pm	3, 4, 5 & 6
Friday 25 February 2021	9.00am – 1.00pm Carnival Day	Whole school

All children will be driven to and from the pool by bus, except for those in grade's 3, 4 5 & 6 who will be dismissed from the pool on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday. Bus children will be walked to the Primary School to catch their particular bus from there.

Canteen: The canteen will be **not** be available to students on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday.

Clothing: Rashies are a must and all school clothes and swim clothes should be clearly named, goggles if needed and thongs.

Cost: The cost of the program is included in your school fee levy.

Carnival Day – Friday 25th February, 2022

Children should be dropped at the pool by 9.00am (**not at school**). Bus children will also dropped at the pool. St Mary's staff will be there from 8.30am. Please have your child bring a drink bottle, lunch and snacks. The canteen will also be open for purchases of ice-creams and drinks. All children will be brought back to school at the end of the program by bus ready for the normal school end of the day pick-ups.


Due to the current restrictions, spectators will be **unable** to attend.

Please grant permission via PAM by Thursday 17 February, 2022.

Yours sincerely,

Matt Attwater
Principal

PBIS Focus of the Week - Expectations in the Playground

Playground	Respect Ourselves	Respect Others	Respect our Environment
	<p>Use kind words</p> <p>Be a good self Umpire</p> <p>Keep hands and feet to myself</p> <p>Respond to the bell immediately (drink, toilet)</p> <p>Tell, not dob</p> <p>Be active</p>	<p>Share with others</p> <p>Take turns in games</p> <p>Good Sportsman-ship with others</p> <p>Be inclusive</p> <p>Be a good role model with others</p> <p>Be tolerant towards others</p>	<p>Use equipment appropriately</p> <p>Pack away sports Equipment</p> <p>Pick up my belongings, eg. drink bottle, jumper.</p> <p>Put our rubbish in the bin</p>

Congratulations to this week's PBIS Winners
Isabel, Henry, Declan, Ottis, Lachlan & Nora

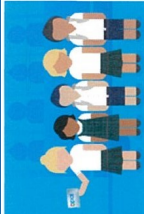


Have a great weekend!

Matt



School Student Travel Term 1 2022



School student travel information for parents and students

School Travel Passes

Students who need a School Opal card or travel pass but have not yet applied need to apply or update their details as soon as possible.

In the Opal network, students should travel with a Child/Youth Opal card until they receive their valid School Opal card. If outside Greater Sydney, parents should contact their local bus operator to discuss their travel needs.

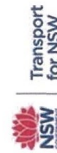
New Student Opal cards (including new Term Bus Passes) will be sent to the student's nominated postal address within two weeks of their application being approved.

Students living in rural and regional (R&R) areas will receive their travel pass from their nominated transport operator. It may be issued via their school or be sent directly to them at home. **Note:** some R&R operators do not issue travel passes. Students/parents should confirm with their nominated operator if they do not receive a pass.

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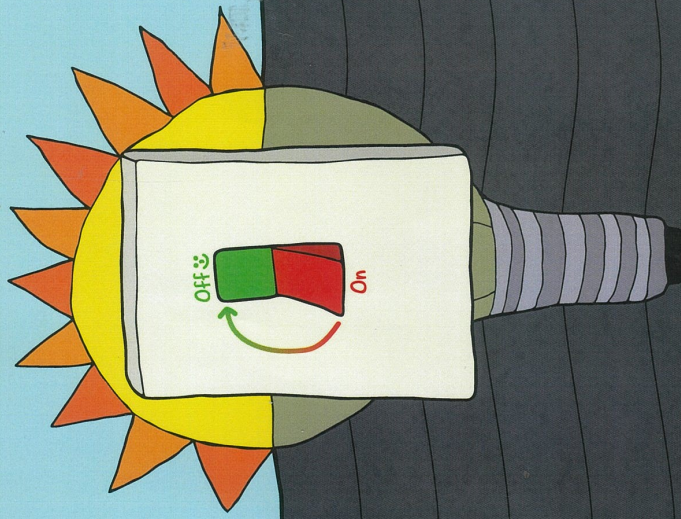
Students using Opal cards must tap on and tap off in line with the Opal terms of use.

All students are required to comply with the Student code of conduct. The code of conduct aims to ensure the safety and well-being of school children and other passengers. It is important that parents ensure their child is aware of this, as failure to comply with the code of conduct can result in a suspension from travel.



Further information can be found at transportnsw.info/school-travel
Enquiries can be submitted at transportnsw.info/passes-concessions-feedback

OFFICIAL



Friday 25 March 2022

Join schools around the diocese in turning off lights for one hour!

In Sandhurst, we invite you to participate in **Sandhurst Switches Off**. All Catholic schools and Catholic Education Offices will be encouraged to turn off their lights and any other electronic devices for part of the day or a whole day. This action is symbolic of our commitment to the preservation of God's fragile creation. It is also symbolic of our solidarity with those who are suffering due to climate change. Let us reimagine our partnership with all of creation.

'If we approach nature and the environment without this openness to awe and wonder, if we no longer speak the language of fraternity and beauty in our relationship with the world, our attitude will be that of masters, consumers, ruthless exploiters, unable to set limits on their immediate needs.'

Laudate SJ, Pope Francis, p. 17



Important Calendar Dates - 2022

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Friday 25 February	Swim Carnival
Tuesday 1 March	Shrove Tuesday
Wednesday 2 March	Ash Wednesday
	Sporting Schools - Gymnastics
Wednesday 9 March	Blueearth Sports
Monday 14 March	Labour Day Public Holiday - No School
Wednesday 16 March	Sporting Schools - Gymnastics
Wednesday 23 March	Blueearth Sports
Friday 8 April	Last Day Term 1 for Students
	(Casual Clothes Day - gold coin donation) 2.30pm finish
Friday 15 April	Good Friday

Term 2

Tuesday 26 April	1st day Term 2
Friday 20 May	School Closure Day (Staff Professional Development)
Monday 13 June	Queen's Birthday Holiday
Friday 24 June	Last Day Term 2 for Students
	(Casual Clothes Day - gold coin donation) 2.30pm finish

Staff email addresses

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