

# 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 6 - Friday 4 March, 2022

#### **IMPORTANT DATES**

Friday 4 March Clean Up Australia Day activity

Wednesday 9 March Bluearth Sports

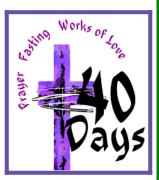
Power Outage 8.30am to 5.00pm (School remains open)

Monday 14 March Labour Day Public Holiday No School



**PBIS Expectations: On the Crossing** 

This Sunday is the First Week of LENT



Dear Parents/ Carers,

Over the next 5 weeks we will follow CARITAS stories during Lent. The theme of Project Compassion 2022 is 'For All Future Generations' and reminds us that the good that we do today will extend and impact the lives of generations to come. A significant thought to hang on to considering what we are currently witnessing in the world around us today!!!!!!

The money our Student Catholic Identity Team raises during the year is forwarded to CARITAS Australia.

# AUSTRALIA (V

First Week of Lent (Week beginning Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> March)

We begin our annual Lenten Project Compassion journey by learning about Anatercia, a 12-year-old girl living in a small village in southern Mozambique. She began to take on more and more adult responsibilities as her mother has chronic health issues. She did most of the household chores and had to travel up to five hours every day to collect clean water. Water scarcity also meant that harvests were poor and there was never enough to eat.

With your support, Caritas Australia's local partner, Caritas Regional Chokwe, was able to help Anatercia's family to irrigate their farm to improve their food security. They also improved water access for households in the village, delivered sustainable farming training, and provided Anatercia with essential school supplies.

Anatercia's health, education and quality of life have improved, along with the outlook of her whole community for all future generations.

Watch a short film about Anatercia's story here.

Please support Project Compassion: lent.caritas.org.au

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Weekend Mass Times Saturday 6pm Chiltern Sunday 9am Rutherglen Sunday 10.30am Wahgunyah

#### Power Outage: Wednesday 9th March

We have been notified by AusNet that there will be no power at school next Wednesday **9th March from 8.30am - 5pm** as they are undertaking essential maintenance in the neighborhood.

The school will try to operate as normal as can be and hopefully the weather is kind to us - not too hot and not too cold!



(I have put in an order for some slate boards and chalk for the day !!!!!)

Note:

Please be aware that the school phones will not be operating on this day and Amanda will be working from home.

#### School Assembly: Welcome Back

Good news! We will welcome parents and visitors back to our school weekly assembly from next Friday at 9.10 am. All assemblies will be held outside in the under cover area.

A reminder that all parents and visitors have to be fully vaccinated to be on school grounds.



#### Shrove Tuesday (Pancake Tuesday):

All of the students had great fun making pancakes this week on Shrove Tuesday. They raised \$55.00 that will go to CARITAS



## Grades 4/5 ART

The 4/5 students have been busy designing and making an animal or plant sculpture to link in with their inquiry unit. The students were given a 600ml bottle as their sculpture base. The students have been moulding their bottles into their chosen designs. These are looking great. We will keep you updated with their progress.



## **COVID Management: Important**

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

Quarantine	Quarantine your child for seven days		
	<ul> <li>Everyone in your household is a close contact and must isolate for 7 days.</li> </ul>		
	<ul> <li>Your child must stay home until their symptoms have resolved and they are well</li> </ul>		
	<ul> <li>A negative test is not required to return to school following comple- tion of 7 days of isolation</li> </ul>		
	<ul> <li>Students who have recovered from COVID-19 do not need to partici- pate in surveillance testing for 30 days after their isolation period has ended.</li> </ul>		
Notification	Contact the school office on 0260329284 or email Matt Attwater ( <u>principal@smrutherglen.catholic.edu.au</u> ) on the same day of the positive test.		
	You must also report your child's positive test to the Department of Health via the <u>COVID-19 Positive Rapid Antigen Test Self-Reporting Form</u> or call the hotline on 1800 675 398.		

#### **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.

PARENTS      CHILD SAFE      DOCUME	INTS PAM	St Mary's School Rutherglen	
	) 6032 9284 ) 6032 8166	Parent Access Module Login Please login with your credentials, as supplied by your school. Jeasword Password Cregot Password? Sign In	
	Lunch Orders; Lunch orders are	e to be placed by Wednesday.	
	The process is outlined in the School Information Book.		

#### LEGO LEGO LEGO

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



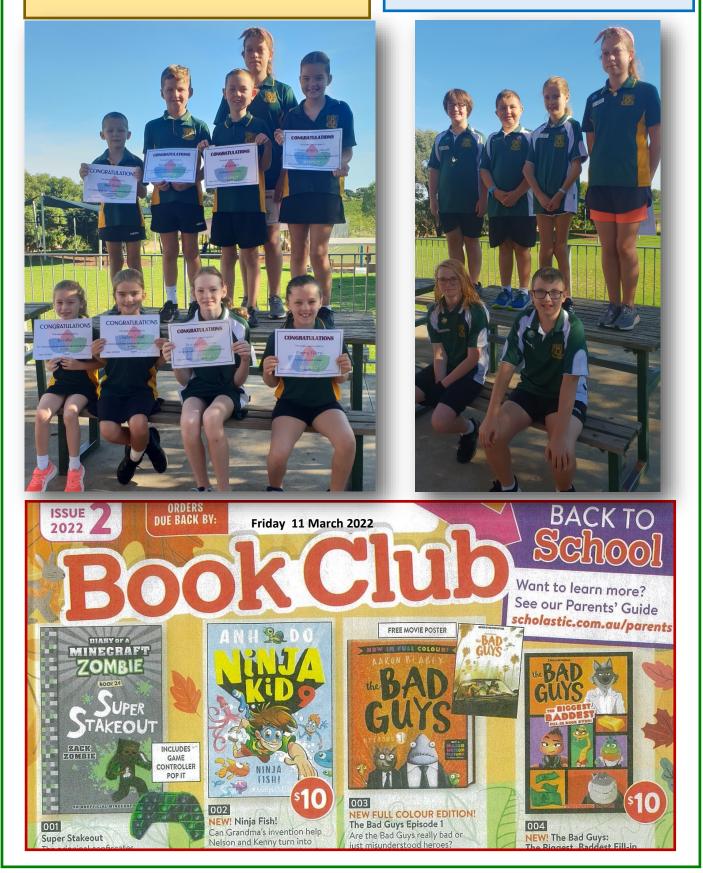
Congratulations to this week's class room award winners

Back row: Penny Middle row: Blair, Noah, Jed and Clementine Front row: Zoe, Charlotte, Jessica and Poppy

### **Principal's Awards:**

Well done to our Catholic Identity Team who are doing a fantastic job so far this year. Also well done to Jaylen for being a fantastic buddy this year.

Below:- Sam, Henry, Lexie, Penny, Isabell and Jaylen



## PBIS Focus of the Week - Expectations at the school crossing

Using the school	Respect Ourselves	Respect Others	Respect our Environment
crossing			
RESPECT	Listen for instructions Walk across the crossing calmly Walk your bike calmly across the crossing	Wait at the bins for the teacher. Remind adults, who are pick- ing you up, that you must use the crossing.	Watch for traffic on the road and wait until it is clear. Walk straight across the crossing and move onto the footpath

# Congratulations to this week's PBIS Winners

- Back row Bailey Jed Poppy
- Front row Isabel Jessica Elsie

Have a great weekend!







Matt



# Important Calendar Dates - 2022

## Term 1

Friday 4 March Wednesday 9 March

Monday 14 March Wednesday 16 March Wednesday 23 March Sunday 3 April Friday 8 April

Friday 15 April

Monday 25 April Tuesday 26 April Friday 20 May Monday 13 June Friday 24 June

Monday 11 July Tuesday 19 July Friday 16 September Clean Up Australia Day activity Bluearth Sports Power Outage 8.30am to 5.00pm Labour Day Public Holiday - No School Sporting Schools - Gymnastics Bluearth Sports End Daylight Savings Last Day Term 1 for Students (Casual Clothes Day - gold coin donation) 2.30pm finish Good Friday

## Term 2

Anzac Day 1st day Term 2 School Closure Day (Staff Professional Development) Queen's Birthday Holiday Last Day Term 2 for Students (Casual Clothes Day - gold coin donation) 2.30pm finish

# Term 3

1st day Term 3 Meerkat Productions (Incursion TBC) Last Day Term 3 for Students (Casual Clothes Day - gold coin donation) 2.30pm finish

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