



# 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 8 - Friday 18 March, 2022**



## IMPORTANT DATES

**Friday 18 March**  
Parent/Teacher  
Interview bookings  
for Tuesday 29 March  
open via PAM @ 4pm

**Monday 21 March**  
School Breakfast from  
7.30am

**Wednesday 23 March**  
Blueearth Sports

**Tuesday 29 March**  
Parent/Teacher  
interviews

## PBIS Expectations: Sharing & Responding to Others

### This Sunday is the 3rd week of LENT

Dear Parents/ Carers,

During this **Lenten** period we will follow CARITAS stories.

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



### Third Week of Lent (Week beginning Monday 21st March)

We are now in the third week of Lent with the Project Compassion story of Janice, a Wagilak woman and traditional dancer who tells her family's stories through movements handed down over generations.

Like many remote Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities, Janice's faces a range of challenges – low employment and education, financial hardship, poorer health and lower life expectancy.

With your help, Caritas Australia supports Djilpin Arts Aboriginal Corporation, which operates a centre for traditional and contemporary Aboriginal arts and culture, providing employment and generating income for local communities.

Janice believes that Djilpin Arts' work is essential to create opportunities for young people to stay on-country, to share intergenerational knowledge between elders and the younger generation - to promote healing, and to keep culture alive.

Please support Project Compassion: [lent.caritas.org.au](http://lent.caritas.org.au)



Photo: Richard Wainwright/Caritas Australia



## St. Joseph's Feast Day March 19th

Tomorrow we celebrate the Feast of St. Joseph. He was the husband of Mary and the foster father of Jesus. Joseph was a quiet and humble man.

He was a carpenter and a working man who loved Jesus and Mary.



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## Weekend Mass Times

Saturday 6pm

Chiltern

Sunday 9am

Rutherglen

Sunday 10.30am Wahgunyah



## Great Response: 2022 Fundraising and Social Event Calendar

Thanks to families, we have had a great response to families putting up their hand in helping out throughout the year with various events and activities.

There is still time to put up your hand.

### School Breakfast: Monday 21st March from 7.30 am;

I hope to see lots of families at the school breakfast on Monday 21st of March. This is the first 'real' opportunity we have had to get together as a school community due to COVID restrictions. Breakfast will be available from 7.30am onwards. The school will provide cereal, toast and tea & coffee. *(if you're lucky you might get a taste of my famous bircher muesli!)* High school family members, toddlers & grandparents are all welcome. So don't disappear at school drop off, hang around and have a bite to eat with a cuppa and a chat! For catering purposes could you please fill in and return the form being sent home today, as soon as possible.



### The Easing of COVID Restrictions Means:

#### School Pick -up:

Now that restrictions have been eased you are welcome to sit in the school grounds again around dismissal time and have a chat while waiting for your child to be dismissed. **(Remember you need to be double vaccinated).** Staff will still escort students to the car park as well if you find that more convenient.

#### School Assembly:

Remember parents and visitors are welcome back to our school weekly assembly on Friday's at 9.10 am. All assemblies will be held outside in the under cover area for the remainder of this term. **(A reminder that all parents and visitors have to be double vaccinated to be on school grounds.)**

### Sunday Morning Working Bee & BBQ April 3rd.

There will be a working bee on this day to clean up our veggie garden area that has gotten out of hand over the summer. More details and jobs required to be done in next week's newsletter.



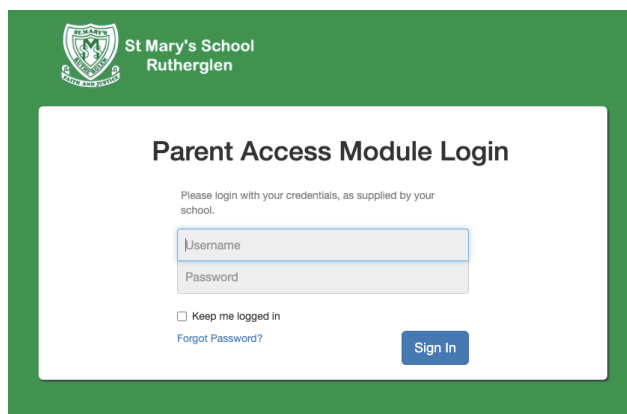
## COVID Management: Important

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

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



### 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: Jack, Harper, Kasey & Lucas

Front row: Stephanie, Norah, Logan & Antonio



### Easter Raffle:

Could all families please start sending in some Easter eggs & Easter themed gifts for our Easter Raffle to be drawn in the last week of this term. The more donations we receive the more Easter hampers we can make up as prizes. Easter raffle tickets have gone home, more available on request.

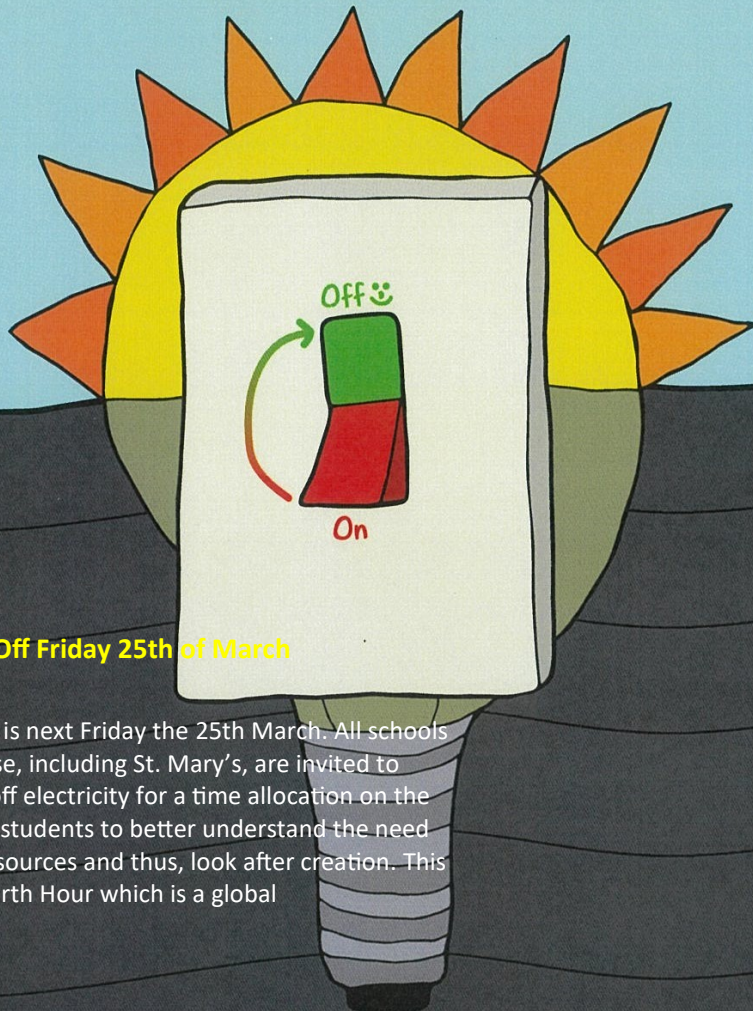


Well done to Lucas who had his head shaved this morning. Below is the link to Lucas's page.

Hopefully you can jump on to support the Foundation. <http://my.leukaemiafoundation.org.au/lucaszani1>







### Sandhurst Switches Off Friday 25th of March

Sandhurst Switches Off is next Friday the 25th March. All schools in the Sandhurst Diocese, including St. Mary's, are invited to participate by turning off electricity for a time allocation on the day. This will assist our students to better understand the need to care for our finite resources and thus, look after creation. This event coincides with Earth Hour which is a global sustainability event.

## 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 Si, Pope Francis, p. 17







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## COVID-19 VACCINATION OUTREACH CLINICS INDIGO SHIRE



Where	Date	Time	Address
Chiltern	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Tuesday 12 April</li></ul>	2pm to 5pm	Martin Park, 31 Main St, Chiltern <i>Walk-in Pfizer for those aged five and up.</i>
Rutherglen	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Thursday 24 March</li><li>Thursday 28 April</li></ul>	2pm to 5pm	Lions Park, Douglas St, Rutherglen <i>Walk-in Pfizer for those aged five and up.</i>
Beechworth (for 5-11 year-olds only)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Saturday 19 March</li><li>Saturday 26 March</li><li>Saturday 2 April</li></ul>	9am to 2pm	Bantik House, 52 Sydney Rd, Beechworth. Pfizer available only.

**COVID-19**  
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## PBIS Focus of the Week - Sharing & Responding to Others

Sharing and responding to each other.	Respect Ourselves	Respect Others	Respect our Environment
	<p>Listen to the person speaking</p> <p>Learn from making mistakes</p> <p>Persist and keep trying</p>	<p>Listen to the person speaking</p> <p>Encourage others to have a go and persist</p> <p>Be inclusive of others</p> <p>Take turns</p> <p>Give positive feedback.</p>	<p>Respect the visual work of others displayed in the classroom.</p> <p>Respect the visual work of others shared in your group.</p> <p>Respect our ICT resources when sharing presentations.</p>



### Congratulations to this week's PBIS Winners

*Back row:*

Elsie, Lachlan & Oscar

*Front row:*

Ottis, Madelyn & Pyper

It was hard to choose which photo to publish today.....



Have a great weekend!

Matt



# Important Calendar Dates - 2022

## Term 1

Monday 21 March	School Breakfast from 7.30am
Wednesday 23 March	Bluearth Sports
Tuesday 29 March	Parent/Teacher interviews
Sunday 3 April	End Daylight Savings
	Parents and Friends Working Bee & BBQ
Thursday 7 April	Easter Hamper Raffle draw
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

Monday 25 April	Anzac Day
Tuesday 26 April	1st day Term 2
Thursday 5 May	Mother's Day Stall
Friday 6 May	Beechworth & District Cross Country
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

## Term 3

Monday 11 July	1st day Term 3
Tuesday 19 July	Meerkat Productions (Incursion TBC)
Friday 16 September	Last Day Term 3 for Students
	(Casual Clothes Day - gold coin donation) 2.30pm finish

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