



# 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 10 - Friday 1 April, 2022**

## IMPORTANT DATES

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**Grade 6 excursion to  
Sacred Heart**

## PBIS Expectations: Expectations during sport

### This Sunday is the 5th Sunday 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.



**Caritas**  
AUSTRALIA

#### Fifth Week of Lent

(Week beginning Monday 4th April)

This week through Project Compassion we learn about Shaniella who is attending a vocational school in the Solomon Islands supported by Caritas Australia Solomon Islands (CASI).

Not long after Shaniella started, the school was hit by a landslide, flooding, and a cyclone, all in quick succession.

With your kind support, CASI helped install water tanks, restoring clean water access to nearby schools, health centres and the wider community. Training was held in agricultural skills to help boost the school community's food security, as well as in environmental risk management and emergency responses.

Now, Shaniella can complete her skills training, with enough water and food to eat, and improved sanitation. She is improving her ability to earn an income, learning skills which will expand her job opportunities. Students are also better prepared to respond when disaster strikes.

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



## IMPORTANT: BREAKING NEWS

The Victorian Government has just announced this morning that all school holiday periods will be extended by 4 weeks to 6 week holiday blocks from this coming school holidays starting next week!

**APRIL FOOL!!**

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### Weekend Mass Times

Saturday 6pm

Chiltern

Sunday 9am

Rutherglen

Sunday 10.30am Wahgunyah

### Welcome Whyte Family:

This week we welcome Ayla and her parents Tamara & David into our school community. Ayla starts her time at St. Mary's in Mrs Cheeseman's Foundation class.



### Interviews:

Thanks to all families who were able to get Teacher interviews this week. I have received feedback from the staff.



### Work Experience Students:

A big thanks to Lavinia and Abbie who have joined us this week as part of their Rutherglen High School work experience program.

They have been outstanding during the week and all staff commented that they were amazing helpers in all classes.

Hopefully they will see teaching as a positive future career path. Well done and a great job girls!!



### IMPORTANT WORKING BEE POSTPONED This Sunday

The Working Bee has been postponed for this Sunday. A new date will be arranged soon.

### Easter Raffle:

Could all families please send their raffle books back to school by next Wednesday.

The raffle will be drawn next Thursday afternoon.



### 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.)**



### The last Frosty Friday is next week

Next Friday will be the last time students will be able to purchase their 50c Zooper Doopers.

All money raised will be forwarded to the Missions.



## Congratulations to this week's class room award winners

Ivy, Carvyn, Henry, Matilda, Annabel, Patrick, Cody, Tash, Pyper, Ayla and Norah



We send our best wishes to those students below who have celebrated their birthdays this week.



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Lucas



Sienna



## 5/6 Visual Art Class

This term the Grade 5/6's have been working on their sewing projects.  
These were inspired by the Australia Artist, Pete Cromer.



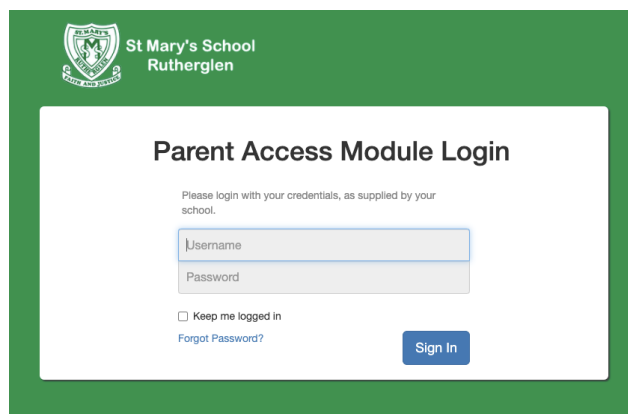
## COVID Management: Important

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.



## Mother's Day stall - Thursday 5 May 2022

*Please return your pink Mother's Day Stall  
order forms as soon as possible.*

*Gifts are \$5.00 each*





# JUMP ROPE FOR HEART

Coming to St Mary's Primary  
School in Term 2!

Keep an eye out for more information to  
come. Dust off your skipping ropes in Term 2.

## How your donations can help

Over the last 40 years, families like yours have helped make innovative  
research and future medical breakthroughs possible.

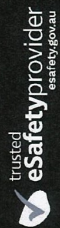
- \$50** could cover the cost of basic tools like syringes and test  
tubes that researchers can use to grow heart cells in the lab.
- \$100** could pay for a DNA test to identify people at high  
genetic risk of heart disease.
- \$500** could cover the cost of research antibodies used to  
detect viral or bacterial infections in the heart.



# JUMP ROPE for HEART



Our grades 5 and 6 students will be attending the Backflips Against Bullying presentation next Friday  
8th April at Sacred Heart College



SACRED HEART COLLEGE PRESENTS

# BACKFLIPS AGAINST BULLYING

Friday April 8th  
11.30am & 12.30 pm  
Multi Purpose Building

Proudly sponsored by

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## PBIS Focus of the Week - Sport Expectations

Sport	Respect Ourselves	Respect Others	Respect our Environment
	<p>Wear correct school sports uniform.</p> <p>Bring water bottle.</p> <p>Try your best.</p> <p>Give it a go/be prepared to try new things.</p> <p>Self umpire.</p> <p>Collect personal belongings.</p>	<p>Listen to and follow instructions.</p> <p>Be a team player.</p> <p>Respect umpire/ referee's decision.</p> <p>Respect rules and decisions.</p> <p>Encourage others.</p> <p>Acknowledge and praise others.</p> <p>Help others succeed.</p>	<p>Ensure sports equipment is put away.</p> <p>Correct use and storage of sports equipment.</p>

**Congratulations  
to this week's  
PBIS Winners**

*Codie  
Pyper  
Zac  
Polly  
Ottis  
&  
Madelyn*

*Have a great weekend!*

*Matt*



# Important Calendar Dates - 2022

## Term 1

Sunday 3 April

Thursday 7 April

Friday 8 April

Friday 15 April

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Easter Hamper Raffle draw

Last Day Term 1 for Students

(Casual Clothes Day - gold coin donation) 2.30pm finish

Buses will also pick up at 2.30pm

Grade 6 excursion to Sacred Heart, Yarrawonga

Good Friday

## Term 2

Monday 25 April

Tuesday 26 April

Monday 2—Friday 6 May

Thursday 5 May

Friday 6 May

Friday 20 May

Wed 25—Fri 27 May

Monday 13 June

Friday 24 June

Anzac Day

1st day Term 2

Catholic Education Week

Mother's Day Stall

Beechworth & District Cross Country

School Closure Day (Staff Professional Development)

Grade 3/4/5&6 High Country Camp

Queen's Birthday Holiday

Last Day Term 2 for Students

(Casual Clothes Day - gold coin donation) 2.30pm finish

## Term 3

Monday 11 July

Tuesday 19 July

Friday 16 September

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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