



# 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 11 - Friday 8 April, 2022**

## IMPORTANT DATES

**Friday 8 April**

**Last Day Term 1 for  
Students**

**(Casual Clothes gold  
coin donation)**

**2.30pm finish**

**All buses will also pick  
up at 2.30pm**

**Grade 6 excursion to  
Sacred Heart**

**Monday 25 April**

**Anzac Day**

**No school**

**Tuesday 26 April**

**1st day Term 2**

**Students & Teachers  
return**

## PBIS Expectations: Expectations during sport

Dear Parents/ Carers,

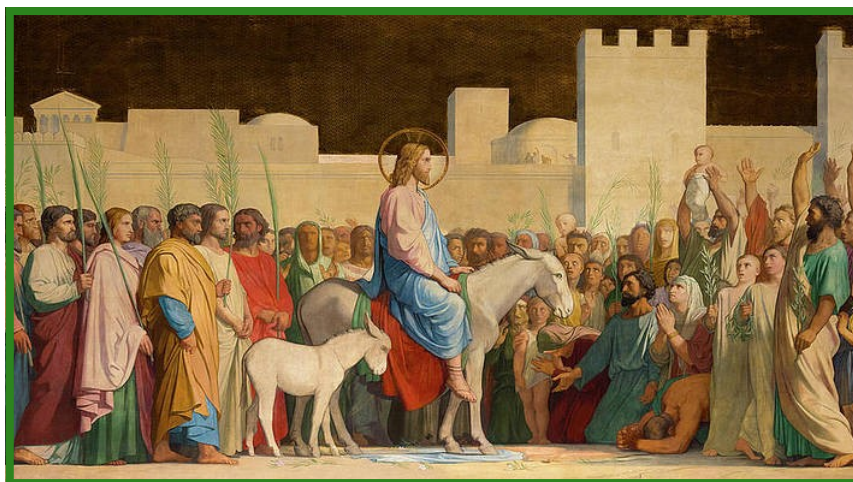
## This Sunday is PALM SUNDAY

**Palm Sunday** is the final **Sunday of Lent**, the beginning of Holy Week, and commemorates the triumphant arrival of Christ in Jerusalem, days before he was crucified.

Palm Sunday is known as such because the faithful will often receive palm fronds which they use to participate in the reenactment of Christ's arrival in Jerusalem. In the Gospels, Jesus entered Jerusalem riding a young donkey, and to the lavish praise of the townspeople who threw clothes, or possibly palms or small branches, in front of him as a sign of homage. This was a customary practice for people of great respect.

Palm branches are widely recognised symbols of peace and victory, hence their preferred use on Palm Sunday.

The use of a donkey instead of a horse is highly symbolic, it represents the humble arrival of someone in peace, as opposed to arriving in war.



## Easter Ceremonies Rutherglen/Chiltern

**Holy Thursday** Chiltern 6.00pm

### Good Friday

Chiltern 11.00am Stations of the Cross  
Rutherglen 3.00pm Celebration of the Pas-  
sion



**Holy Saturday** Chiltern 6.00pm  
Vigil Mass

### Easter Sunday

Rutherglen Mass 9.00am  
Wahgunyah Mass 10.30am

**Phone - 02 6032 9284**

**Web - <http://www.smrutherglen.catholic.edu.au>**

**Email - [principal@smrutherglen.catholic.edu.au](mailto:principal@smrutherglen.catholic.edu.au)**

**75-89 High Street, Rutherglen, Vic, 3685**

**PO Box 146**

**Office Hours - 8.00am - 4.00pm**

## Weekend Mass Times

**Saturday 6pm**

**Chiltern**

**Sunday 9am**

**Rutherglen**

**Sunday 10.30am Wahgunyah**

During this **Lenten** period we have followed inspiring 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.



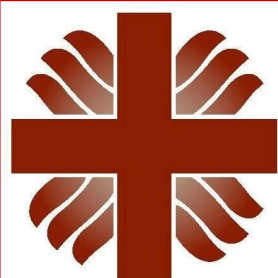
**HOLY WEEK**  
(Week beginning Monday 11<sup>th</sup> April)

As we enter Holy Week, we continue to reflect on the lives of people vulnerable to extreme poverty and injustice and how we can respond through supporting Caritas Australia's Project Compassion appeal.

Your generosity is the pebble that allows Caritas Australia to create the ripples that will improve the livelihoods of vulnerable communities, supporting them to flourish and create opportunities for future generations to live to their full potential and thrive.

Thank you!

Please return all Project Compassion boxes and envelopes to the school office by Friday 27<sup>th</sup> May or donate online via the Caritas website at [lent.caritas.org.au](http://lent.caritas.org.au)



**Caritas**  
AUSTRALIA

St. Mary's raised  
\$268.40  
Thank you for  
your kind  
Donations.



#### ANZAC DAY 25th April

Anzac Day is our national day of remembrance in Australia and New Zealand that commemorates all Australians and New Zealanders "who served and died in all wars, conflicts, and peacekeeping operations" and "the contribution and suffering of all those who have served."

#### REMINDER:

All students who are marching on Monday 25<sup>th</sup> of April are to meet at Jasper's Corner at 8.45 am in full school uniform.

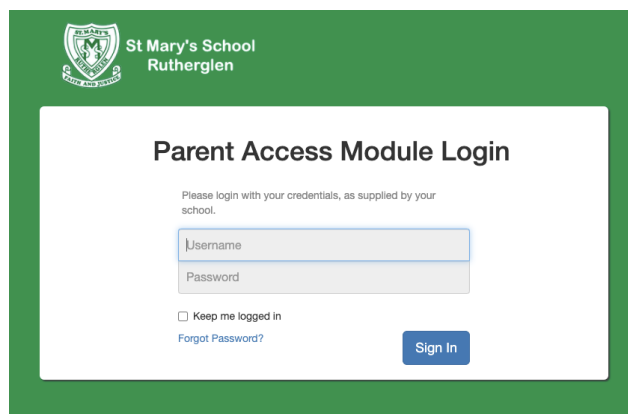
## COVID Management: Important

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*





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

Angus, Penny, Lucas,  
Lachlan, Oliver, Matilda,  
Isabell, Ottis, Indi, Maddie and Liara



## EASTER BREAK

I hope all families have a wonderful Easter together and are able to catch up with extended family and friends.

I can't remember but I'm thinking that last Easter we were all probably in some form of lockdown and had a very quiet Easter with family and friends.

I'm looking forward to spending some time with my daughter, Evi, who has just returned from Berlin for a few months.

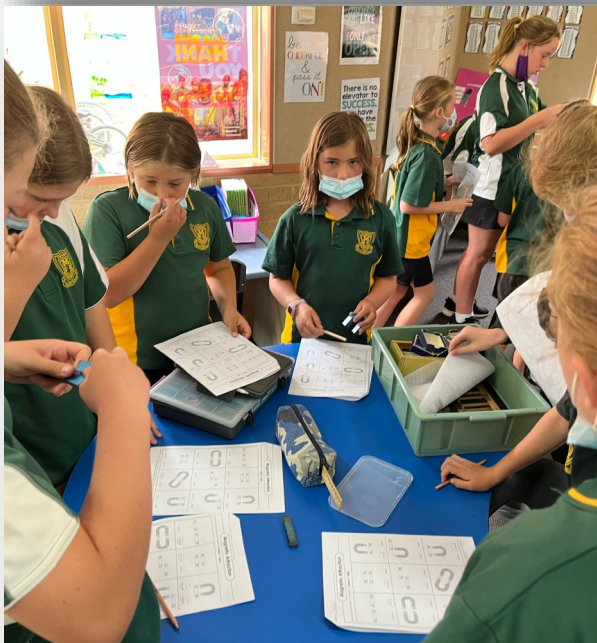
### School Hats

Even though students do not have to wear school hats during Term 2 and 3 we still strongly encourage hats to be worn on sunny days.





## Senior classes - Science



using microscopes and looking at a bee wing, onion skin, bee leg, human blood and nylon was interesting yet fun. using magnets and discovering north and south sides we found out that two south sides don't come together either do north sides.

by Dusty

This term we have been doing science experiments. Today we did lots of experiments with help from two Rutherglen High School teachers. My group started to look at nylon, I know a weird name, but very interesting under a microscope. We also saw a Bee wing, blood cells, bee leg and more. We then changed over to experiment with magnetism. It was so much fun.

by Jaylen





### 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.)**





We send our best wishes to those students below who are celebrating their birthdays this week. We also send best wishes to those who will celebrate their birthdays over the Easter holidays.



Ivy



Heidi



Will



Harry



Zoe



## Stations of the Cross

We had a beautiful stations of the cross ceremony at school yesterday. The ceremony was lead by our grade 6 students.





# Living Things



Over the last couple of weeks everyone in F,1,2 have been busy completing daily observations of our Mealworms.

We have noticed some changes but expect to see even more after the holidays.





## Watch it grow....

First we dampened a paper towel and folded it into a bag.



After that we observed our seeds every day. We have recorded our observations by drawing pictures of the changes we saw.

Then we placed our bean seeds in the bag, sealed them up and stuck them on a sunny window.



Finally, we saw our seeds germinate!



## 5/6 sewing projects





# Important Online Safety Notice

Good afternoon,

Last night we received a message through Facebook alerting us to frightening videos of **Huggy Wuggy**, a seemingly innocent blue teddy bear that turns into a razor-sharp-toothed villain, singing about hugging and killing.

Huggy Wuggy videos are reportedly circulating on platforms like TikTok, Roblox and YouTube, through which children are enticed to watch this cute bear as he frolics around before turning into the scary bear that encourages viewers to 'take their last breath'.

Huggy Wuggy is the main antagonist in the 2021 video game Poppy Playtime and children in the UK have reported feeling traumatised by the videos, which start as a puzzle game and turn into villain Huggy stalking players in a toy factory.

As the game hasn't got an age rating, the content is unfiltered and can freely circulate, often flying under the radar as the names of the videos aren't overtly sinister.

Only one report has been issued to Safe on Social about Huggy Wuggy to date however it is important that parents, carers and educators are aware of its existence in the chance that children see the videos, start a conversation about them or re-enact them in the school playground.

Just like all TV characters and video game villains, videos of a violent and scary nature can be distressing to young people. If you discover a child watching these videos or they talk about them, it is essential that you talk about the fact that Huggy Wuggy is not real, it cannot directly harm them and that they are safe.

If a child doesn't bring it up however, we do not recommend talking to them about it as this often encourages them to go searching for it and discuss it with their friends.

We know that it can be worrisome for parents, carers and educators however the remedy isn't to ban children from their devices but rather encourage ongoing conversations and online safety education. Kids need to know that they can tell a trusted adult if something concerns them or makes them feel uncomfortable without the fear of having their devices taken off them.

Make sure YOU know how to report and block on every app that children use so that you can help them when needed. This should be the absolute minimum that you know about the games and apps your kids or students are using.

*Continued from previous page*

We recommend that devices are not allowed in the bedroom when kids are young and as they get older a curfew is implemented. If you have a great understanding of what they are doing on their devices and when, it will give you the opportunity to discuss certain content that children may have viewed if necessary.

There are parental controls on all devices, make sure you and your parents use them. They are usually in the settings area of the device and are relatively easy to step-through. You can use Google and YouTube to access instructions on how to set parental controls for particular devices.

Trending videos and games are very tempting for young people. Talk to them about how they should not succumb to peer pressure or do anything that makes them feel uncomfortable online and offline. If they are unsure, make sure they know they can talk to you or another trusted adult.

We strongly encourage you to share this information with your community of parents and carers via your newsletter, school app or online platforms so they too can have conversations with their children about online safety and alleviate any potential worry associated with Huggy Wuggy.

If you have any questions or concerns about Huggy Wuggy or any other social media platform, please do reach out.

Kind regards,

Kirra







# AUSTRALIAN NATIONAL BUSKING CHAMPIONSHIPS™

## RUTHERGLEN SATURDAY 14 MAY 2022

### Busking Prize Money Over \$10,000

Category	1st	2nd	3rd
Open Age	\$3000	\$1000	\$500
Secondary Age	\$500	\$250	\$100
Primary	\$300	\$200	\$100
People's Choice	\$1000	\$500	\$250
Best Band			\$2000
Special Judges Awards			\$200x4

### Entry Fees for Buskers:

Solo	\$20
Duos	\$40
Groups (3 or more)	\$50

Buskers will be required to play 2-3 x 30 min sets at various locations along Rutherglen's closed Main St. Judging will be conducted by 3 judges between 10am and 4pm.



Find us at Busking Rutherglen on Facebook and entry forms can be obtained from [buskingheatrutherglen@gmail.com](mailto:buskingheatrutherglen@gmail.com)



# AUSTRALIAN NATIONAL BUSKING CHAMPIONSHIPS™

FIND OUT MORE ...



## RUTHERGLEN 13-15 MAY

### SAT 14 MAY

#### AUSTRALIAN NATIONAL BUSKING CHAMPIONSHIPS RUTHERGLEN HEAT - OVER \$10,000 IN PRIZE MONEY

- Busking Categories - Primary Student, Secondary Student, Open, Best Band, People's Choice and Special Judge's Awards.
- TOTAL PRIZE MONEY OVER \$10,000**
- Rutherglen's heritage Main Street will be closed to traffic. Buskers performing from 10am to 4pm with food and wine for purchase.
- 4pm to 6pm - Live music at The Star Hotel followed by the Rutherglen Busking prize winner's concert with your MC - PETE DEMAHY.
- 7.30pm Free Concert with 5 times Golden Guitar winner Pete Demahy at the Star Hotel including the Busker's Open Mic Jam
- Eastern Palace, Star Hotel - Full menu from 5.30pm with Special Busker's menu. Bookings essential - 02 6032 9522



### FRI 13 MAY

#### THE NORTHERN FOLK - ORIGINATING IN ALBUQUERQUE THIS 10 MEMBER COLLECTIVE BRING FOLK/POP/STOMP/ROCK TO RUTHERGLEN FOR ONE SHOW ONLY.

- Rutherglen Memorial Hall - 150 High Street.
- Doors open at 6.30pm. Well into Winter at 7.30pm The Northern Folk at 8.30pm
- Bring nibbles, snacks and anything you'd like to eat
- Strictly No BYO Alcohol - Wine and beer available for purchase at reasonable prices

Busking Rutherglen

### SUN 15 MAY RUTHERGLEN CONVENT OPEN DAY & MUSICAL PERFORMANCES

- From 11.30am to 4.30pm - 70 High Street
- Guided tours at 12 noon and 1pm.
- Self-guided tours at other times.
- Food, drink and coffee vans from 11.30am - BYO folding chair or picnic rug
- Special featured concert featuring Julian James, Liz Cartledge and others from 2pm to 4.30pm.
- Limited tickets through [trybooking.com](http://trybooking.com)



Proudly presented by  
DESTINATION RUTHERGLEN

# 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.

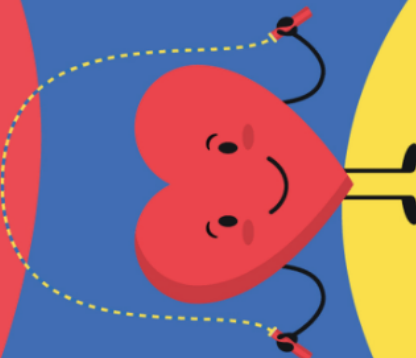
## How your donations can help

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



# SHCY



## Year 7 - 2023 Enrolment Information

**School tour dates**  
**Wednesday 4th & 11th May**

Please phone the College on 5742 1300 to book

## Information Evening

**Wednesday 4th May at 6pm**

New administration building (enter off Witt St)

**Enrolment forms (due 3rd June)**  
**& further information available from**  
**our website**

**[www.shcy.vic.edu.au/enrolment](http://www.shcy.vic.edu.au/enrolment)**





## 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

*Matilda, Indi,  
Noah,  
Melody, Zoe  
and  
Colton*

Have a great Easter  
and holiday break,

Thanks Matt

Matt



# Important Calendar Dates - 2022

## Term 1

Friday 8 April

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

Friday 15 April

Good Friday

## Term 2

Monday 25 April

Anzac Day

Tuesday 26 April

1st day Term 2

Monday 2—Friday 6 May

Catholic Education Week

Thursday 5 May

Mother's Day Stall

Friday 6 May

Beechworth & District Cross Country

Friday 20 May

School Closure Day (Staff Professional Development)

Wed 25—Fri 27 May

Grade 3/4/5&6 High Country Camp

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

### Staff email addresses

Matt Attwater (Principal) - [mattwater@smrutherglen.catholic.edu.au](mailto:mattwater@smrutherglen.catholic.edu.au)  
Libby Dickinson (Senior Classroom teacher) - [edickinson@smrutherglen.catholic.edu.au](mailto:edickinson@smrutherglen.catholic.edu.au)  
Taylor Dickinson (Senior Classroom teacher) - [tdickinson@smrutherglen.catholic.edu.au](mailto:tdickinson@smrutherglen.catholic.edu.au)  
Chris Lamb (Junior Classroom teacher) - [clamb@smrutherglen.catholic.edu.au](mailto:clamb@smrutherglen.catholic.edu.au)  
Emily Morris (Senior Classroom teacher) - [emorris@smrutherglen.catholic.edu.au](mailto:emorris@smrutherglen.catholic.edu.au) (Wednesday)  
Jodie Smith (Senior Classroom teacher) - [jsmith@smrutherglen.catholic.edu.au](mailto:jsmith@smrutherglen.catholic.edu.au)  
Bert Cheeseman (Junior Classroom teacher) - [bcheeseman@smrutherglen.catholic.edu.au](mailto:bcheeseman@smrutherglen.catholic.edu.au)  
Nicole O'Mahony (Learning Diversity Leader) - [nomahony@smrutherglen.catholic.edu.au](mailto:nomahony@smrutherglen.catholic.edu.au)  
Jane van Zanten (Art/Senior Teacher) - [jvanzanten@smrutherglen.catholic.edu.au](mailto:jvanzanten@smrutherglen.catholic.edu.au) (Tuesday/Friday)  
Gina Nero (Italian teacher) - [gnero@smrutherglen.catholic.edu.au](mailto:gnero@smrutherglen.catholic.edu.au) (Tuesday)  
Amanda Arnot (Administration Officer) - [aarnot@smrutherglen.catholic.edu.au](mailto:aarnot@smrutherglen.catholic.edu.au)