



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 2 - Week 1 - Friday 29 April, 2022

IMPORTANT DATES

**Monday 2nd
to
Friday 6th May**

**Catholic Education
Week**

Thursday 5 May

Mother's Day Stall

Friday 6 May

**Mother's Day
Morning Tea 9.10am
Beechworth & District
Cross Country**

PBIS Expectations: Expectations in the Classroom

Dear Parents/ Carers,

This Sunday's Gospel Summary:

For the third time since his resurrection, Jesus appeared to the disciples. They were fishing in the Sea of Galilee. Jesus stood on the shore and called out to the men in the boat asking if they had caught anything. The disciples replied that they had caught nothing. Jesus then instructed them to cast their net on the right side of the boat. When they did, they had a huge catch of 153 fish. They knew from this sign that it was Jesus on the shore. When they came ashore, Jesus cooked their breakfast of fish. When they finished eating, Jesus asked Peter three times if Peter loved him. This was a great example of reconciliation because the opportunities for Peter to affirm his love of Jesus matched the same number of times he denied knowing him. It was then that Jesus commissioned Peter to care for the sheep in Jesus' flock.



Reflection for Families

As parents we know a great deal about caring for sheep in the flock. We work long, hard, and diligently to make sure that our children receive the physical, emotional, and spiritual care they require. We are challenged by this Gospel reading to move outside our immediate "flock" and care for all of God's children.

Our own children will learn the essence of this Gospel when they see us reconcile with others and go outside our small worlds to help others.

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Weekend Mass Times

Saturday 6pm

Chiltern

Sunday 9am

Rutherglen

Sunday 10.30am Wahgunyah



Catholic Education Week
1 - 7 May 2022

CATHOLIC EDUCATION WEEK

As Catholic schools, we recognise and proclaim that we are dependent on God and God's gifts to us, and we are challenged to use them to develop each and every one to their full humanity and to contribute to the task of building God's Kingdom on Earth.

Catholic Education Week is an opportunity for all Catholic schools to celebrate our distinctive mission and share things that are special about our schools and ethos with families, parish and the wider community.

It's Catholic Education Week at St. Mary's, Rutherglen Monday 2nd - Friday 6th of May



Come and have a look to see
what the kids are up to in their
classrooms.

**on Wednesday
4th May
between 9 - 11am**

All are welcome!

Mums, dads, grandparents and friends.

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The Easing of COVID Restrictions Means

As outlined in my email sent home last Monday there has been a significant easing of COVID restrictions in schools.

1. Face Masks:

From 11:59 pm Friday 22 April, face masks, while recommended, are not required in any school setting. This means students in grades 3 to 6, staff and visitors in primary schools are no longer required to wear face masks. Any student or staff member who wishes to wear a mask may do so, including those who are medically at-risk.

2. Screening requirements

Students and staff who have tested positive for COVID-19, and have completed their 7-day isolation period, now do not need to undertake rapid antigen test (RAT) screening for 12 weeks after their release from isolation. This was previously 8 weeks.

3: Household contacts

Students and staff who are household contacts of a COVID-19 case are no longer required to quarantine. They can return to school as long as they undertake rapid antigen tests (RAT) 5 times within their 7-day period and wear face masks indoors if they are aged 8 and above unless they have a valid exemption. If any household contact returns a positive RAT result during this period, they must isolate for 7 days and not attend school.

4;Vaccination requirements for visitors to schools:

Parents, carers and other adult visitors (not performing work) are no longer required to show evidence of two doses of COVID-19 vaccine.

5.Community use of school facilities:

Schools will no longer need to request evidence of vaccination of staff or workers from external community groups who use premises outside the school's normal operating hours.

6: RAT screening extension:

The supply of RATs will continue for the first 4 weeks of this term. The screening recommendations remain the same:

- mainstream schools – recommended to test at home twice a week

3 ISSUE 2022 **Book Club** **PULL OUT POSTER HANG ME UP IN YOUR CLASSROOM!**

READ MORE IN MAY!

ORDERS DUE: **Friday 6 May 2022**

NATIONAL FAMILY READING MONTH

READ FOR AT LEAST 10 MINUTES EVERY DAY IN MAY
TAKE THE CHALLENGE!
Find your Sea Creature Reading Log on the back page of Book Club Issue 3
Go to [scholastic.com.au/nfrn](https://www.scholastic.com.au/nfrn)

TEACHERS, REGISTER YOUR CLASS ONLINE AT: [alia.com.org.au/nss](https://www.alia.com.org.au/nss)

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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.



\$12 St. Mary's Bucket hats available from the school office.



Welcome:

This week we welcome Ben Walsh along with his mum and dad Jessica and Simon, into our St. Mary's community.

Thoughts and Prayers

Please keep in your thoughts the Renshaw family on the loss of their precious mother and nan this week.

Rutherglen ANZAC Day

Thank you to all who participated in the ANZAC commemoration march on Monday.

The students did a fantastic job showing their respect. St Mary's was well represented in the laying of a wreath by Elijah and Luca.



Junior artwork

This term the junior art classes will be focusing on different textures.
This week the students completed raised salt paintings using pva glue, salt and water paint.



Below is a letter received from Sr. Frances acknowledging our efforts in raising funds for our Sponsor child.

6/4/2022

To the Staff and Students of St. Mary's School,

Thank you for yet another generous cheque of \$203.28 received 18/3/2022. You must be the most generous school in Victoria.!

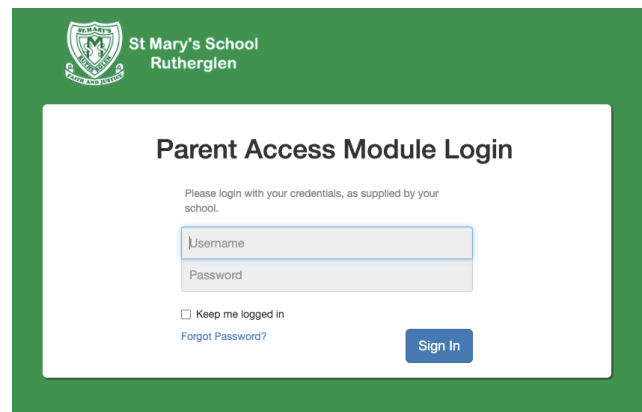
In the month of June I will be sending a cheque of \$10,200 to the Himamaylan Centre for the fees of the 51 students we are Sponsoring.

Blessings for Easter and may you all have a safe holiday,
Yours sincerely,

Sr. Frances Hargreaves
Sr. Frances Hargreaves PBVM

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





We send our best wishes to
Oliver who is
Celebrated his birthday this week.

Mother's Day Celebration and Morning Tea

St Mary's School Friday 6th May



Congratulations to this week's classroom award winners


Back row: Elijah and Lexie

Middle row: Ryan, Freya & Zac

Front row: Lachlan, Polly, Maddie, Connie, Charlee & Ayla



PBIS Focus of the Week - Expectations in the Classroom

Classrooms and learning spaces	Respect Ourselves	Respect Others	Respect our Environment
	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Listen to the person speaking• Do your best work• Have a go at new things• Listen and follow instructions• Be organised• Join in and participate• Be in correct uniform• Be organised• Enter and exit rooms calmly and correctly• Exiting people go first	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Listen to the person speaking• Encourage others• Be inclusive of others• Offer help to others• Take turns• Share equipment• Don't sit in front of them• Be kind to others• Be patient with others• Value differences• Respect people's personal space• Walk• Use your 'inside voice'	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Clean up your work space when you've finished• Use resources correctly• Put rubbish into the correct bins• Use equipment for the correct purpose

Congratulations to this week's PBIS Winners
Elijah, Jessica, Lachlan, Lachlan, Oliver & Pyper



Have a great weekend
Thanks Matt





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The Power of Positive Parenting

For parents/carers of children aged between 2-12 years

This FREE 2-hour session provides information on:

- Building strong relationships with children
- Good communication
- Teaching children new skills
- Predictable routines
- Focusing on the positive's
- Positive environment
- Expectations of children

Wednesday 25th May 2022

Time: 5pm –7pm

**Location: Maternal Child Health Centre
153 High Street
Rutherglen**

Light refreshments provided

**To register your attendance contact
Andrea at Gateway Health on
0457 279 796 or
andrea.slattery@gatewayhealth.org.au**

Bookings are Essential



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Connecting with your kids (*Emotion Coaching*) Information Session

For parents/carers of children aged between 2-10 years

This FREE 2-hour session provides information on:

- Tuning into your children's emotions to help manage behavior
- Learn about 'emotion coaching' – helping children to understand and regulate their emotions
- Help to manage meltdowns
- Looking at children's brain development

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Important Calendar Dates - 2022

Term 2

Monday 2—Friday 6 May

Thursday 5 May

Friday 6 May

Wed 25—Fri 27 May

Friday 10 June revised date

Monday 13 June

Friday 24 June

Catholic Education Week

Mother's Day Stall

Mother's Day morning tea 9.10am (in the hall)

Beechworth & District Cross Country

Grade 3/4/5&6 High Country Camp

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

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

Term 4

Monday 3 October

Monday 24 October

Monday 31 October

Tuesday 1 November

Friday 11 November

Thursday 1 December

1st day Term 4

Student Free Day—Staff PD

Student Free Day—Report Writing Day

Melbourne Cup Day

Remembrance Day

Student Free Day—Staff PD

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