



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 2 - Friday 6 May, 2022

IMPORTANT DATES

Thursday 18 May

**Cross Country Day @
Chiltern**

Friday 19 May

**Jump Rope for Heart
Day**

Wed 25—Fri 27 May

**Grade 3/4/5&6 High
Country Camp**

PBIS Expectations: Expectations in the Classroom

Dear Parents/ Carers,

This Sunday's Gospel Summary:

There are two notions that need to be taken on faith as they are presented in the Gospel passage where Jesus identifies himself as the Good Shepherd. The first mystery is that those who are given the gift of faith to hear the invitation Jesus presents, will follow him. The second mystery involves the unbreakable bond that exists between the Shepherd and the person who hears the invitation. Once a person responds to the invitation, he or she belongs to God forever.

Reflection for Families:

Our culture has changed since the days of our parents and grandparents when just about anyone dropped in at any time. We now call ahead and make arrangements for our children to visit friends. In comparing our own day to 50 years ago, we begin to really appreciate the invitation of Jesus to follow him, just as we are, anytime of the day or night. Where would we be if we had to call ahead to see if Jesus was available?



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Weekend Mass Times

Saturday 6pm

Chiltern

Sunday 9am

Rutherglen

Sunday 10.30am Wahgunyah

Long Service Leave:

I will be on LSL leave for the next 2 weeks. I am looking forward to seeing my QLD grandchildren I haven't seen for almost 2 years due to COVID travel restrictions. Libby will be Acting Principal in my absence.

Footy Shorts:

It's great to see lots of students playing footy this year for local clubs however I have been noticing that quite a few students have been wearing footy shorts to school on their training night days. A reminder that footy shorts **are not** part of the school uniform.



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

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.**



District Cross country

On the Tuesday the 3rd of May, Noah, George, Ryan, Codie, Isabel, Lilly, Travis, Lucas, Sienna, Molly, Ted, Jaylen and Seve went to District Cross Country in Yackandandah at the Sport Club. 9 and 10 year old boys and girls ran 2km. 11 and 12 year old boys and girls ran 3km.

The results for the day:

Isabel Neil- 5th, Sienna- 25th, Lilly- 13th, Noah-8th, Seve- 23rd, George- 15th, Ryan- 10th, Codie- 17th, Molly-12th, Travis- 5th, Lucas- 6th, Jaylen- 17th and Ted-19th.

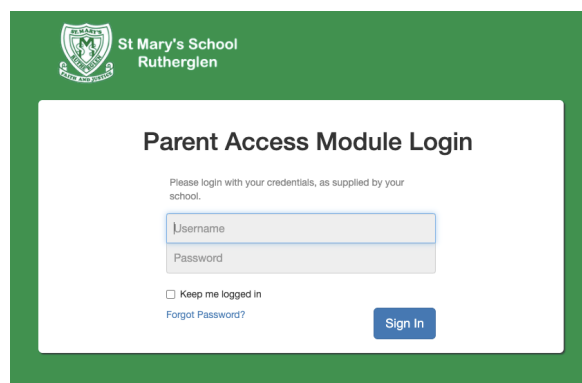
Overall it was a great day with perfect weather for running. Isabel was sharing lollies after the races which was so nice. 5 students will be making it onto the next level. Congratulations to everyone who went, great results overall.

By Isabel Neil



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.



Wood Raffle

Today, Raffle tickets will be given to each child to sell/buy.
This is another Parents and Friends fundraiser for the school.

Tickets are \$2.00 each

The raffle will be drawn at school on Friday 3rd June, 2022





We send our best wishes to
Amelia-Rose who
celebrated her birthday this week.




Congratulations to this week's classroom award winners

Back row: Ryan, Zoe, Molly & Travis

Front row: Liara, Heidi, Matilda, Declan, Emmerson & Isla



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

Ottis, Oliver, Lachlan, Tash & Zoe M



Have a great weekend

Thanks Matt





2023 Enrolments

WE WELCOME ALL
FAMILIES WITH
CHILDREN STARTING
SCHOOL IN 2023
TO VISIT US ON
OPEN DAY

**WEDNESDAY
8TH JUNE**

At Rutherglen PS a welcome to our
school & tour will be held at
9:00am and 12:00pm
&

At St.Mary's PS a presentation will be
held at 10:00am followed by tours
throughout the day

Please contact our schools to schedule a tour if you
are unable to attend on Open Day

**ENROLMENTS CLOSE FRIDAY
16TH SEPTEMBER**



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Important Calendar Dates - 2022

Term 2

Thursday 18 May	Cross Country Day @ Chiltern
Friday 19 May	Jump Rope for Heart Day
Wed 25—Fri 27 May	Grade 3/4/5&6 High Country Camp
Friday 3 June	Wood Raffle drawn
Wednesday 8 June	Open Day
Friday 10 June revised date	School Closure Day (Staff Professional Development)
Monday 13 June	Queen's Birthday Holiday
Friday 17 June	First Reconciliation 10am
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

Term 4

Monday 3 October	1st day Term 4
Monday 24 October	Student Free Day—Staff PD
Monday 31 October	Student Free Day—Report Writing Day
Tuesday 1 November	Melbourne Cup Day
Friday 11 November	Remembrance Day
Thursday 1 December	Student Free Day—Staff PD

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