



# 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 4 - Friday 20 May, 2022**



## IMPORTANT DATES

**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**  
**School Closure Day**  
**(Staff Professional**  
**Development)**

**Monday 13 June**  
**Queen's Birthday**  
**Holiday**

## PBIS Expectations: Expectations in the Classroom

Dear Parents/ Carers,

It has been an interesting week and we have survived. Hope you have a great weekend and enjoy the beautiful sunny days.



## Gospel Reflection

*God's home is where  
the heart is*

Some people have the idea that God is awfully remote, dwelling beyond the edge of the cosmos. We make contact by sending a prayer like a long range rocket, hoping it will find its target.

This is far distant from Our Lord's teaching in today's Gospel.

'If anyone loves me and keeps my word, my Father and I *will make our home* with that person.' It is not in *outer* space, but in *inner* space that Divine Love will make a home. What turns a house into a home? It is in sitting around a table sharing a meal. So, Jesus created a sacred meal for us and invites us to share in the Heavenly Bread and Spiritual Drink. When we do so, we find, in the words of St John Paul II, that we 'digest, as it were, the secret of the Resurrection'. We take into ourselves the Real Presence of the Risen Lord who makes his home with us.

Coming to Communion, even after a long time away, satisfies the yearning of the human heart because it is made to be the habitation of Divine Love. We could pause for a moment to reflect on the gracious fact that God chooses to dwell in our hearts. Let us respond wholeheartedly.

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## Long Service Leave:

Matt will return from Long Service Leave on Monday. We hope he got some sunshine in Queensland before returning to the cold weather.

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## Weekend Mass Times

Saturday 6pm

Chiltern

Sunday 9am

Rutherglen

Sunday 10.30am Wahgunyah



Principal's award this week went to the grade 6's for their leadership this week, especially at Cross Country yesterday.

Well done:

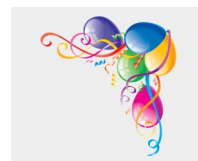
Penny, Molly, Acacia, Elijah, Travis, Lexie and Antonio

### Uniform:

Please make sure that your children's jumpers and jackets are clearly marked with their names please. We have a few floating around with no names.



We send our best wishes to  
all who are  
Celebrating their birthdays this week.



Isabell



Jack



Sam



Noah



### Camp for Grade 3-6:

We leave for camp on Wednesday morning at **9am sharp**. Please ensure that you have completed all the paperwork sent home this week so that we are all ready to go. We will return on **Friday by 3pm**.

### Cross Country:

What a beautiful sunny day in Chiltern yesterday for Cross Country. Thanks very much to our wonderful hosts of St Joseph's for making it a very successful day. All those present ran very well and congratulations to Donaghy for being the successful team. It was very close all day until the last Grade 6 race. Well done everyone and thanks to Miss T for all her hard work.



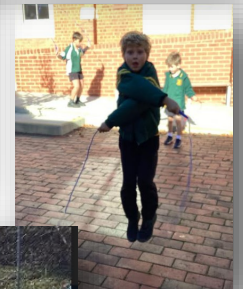






## Jump Rope For Heart:

Today was another glorious day to be outside doing jump Rope For Heart Day. Thanks to Miss T and the Grade 4/5/6 group this morning was great fun and the children have raised an amazing \$2048!!!! Absolutely fantastic efforts from Isla, Liara and Pyper with some big totals. Well done everyone!!!



## 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:

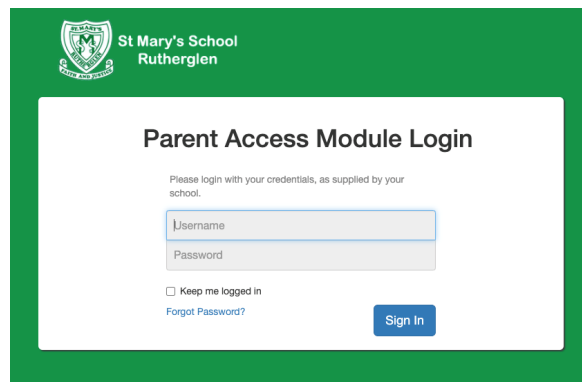
The supply of RATs will continue for the first 4 weeks of this term. The screening recommendations remain the same:

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



## 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

Raffle tickets have been sent home with 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

## Congratulations to this week's classroom award winners

*Back row:* Jackson, Zac and Cody

*Front row:* Callan, Emmerson, Annabelle, Amelia and Blair





## PBIS Focus of the Week - Expectations in the Playground

Playground	Respect Ourselves	Respect Others	Respect our Environment
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Use kind words.</li> <li>• Be a good self umpire.</li> <li>• <u>Keep hands and feet to myself.</u></li> <li>• Respond to the bell immediately (drink, toilet).</li> <li>• Tell, not do.</li> <li>• Be active.</li> <li>• Wear a hat and sunscreen during</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Respond to the bell immediately.</li> <li>• Share with others.</li> <li>• Take turns in games.</li> <li>• Show good Sportsmanship with others.</li> <li>• Be inclusive.</li> <li>• Be a good role model with others.</li> <li>• Be tolerant towards</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Use equipment appropriately.</li> <li>• Return sports equipment.</li> <li>• Pick up my belongings, eg. drink bottle, hat and jumper.</li> <li>• Put our rubbish in the bin.</li> </ul>

### Congratulations to this week's PBIS Winners

Kasey, Matilda, Sienna, Charlee, Declan, Liara, Blair and Oliver



*Have a great weekend*

*Thanks Libby*





# Important Calendar Dates - 2022

## Term 2

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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