

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 Others - Respect Ourselves - Respect Our Environment

Term 3 Week 2: **PBIS: Expectations in the Office.**

Dear Parents/Carers,



Winter Prayer

God of Winter, we pray in thanks for those with hope around us.

In the midst of this lifetime remind us that you still live.

You are present in the grey, bleak skies and your Spirit blows in the freezing wind.

The wonder of your being can be seen in each snowflake and each bare, black branch.

All of these wintry signs are footsteps to new life in the season of spring.

Be with us as we wait in hope.



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Weekend Mass Times

Saturday 5 pm - Chiltern (Winter Time)

Sunday 9am - Rutherglen

Sunday 10.30 am - Wahgunyah

IMPORTANT Correct Uniform Please



Could all families please ensure that all students are in the correct uniform. We seem to have lots of very colourful socks appearing lately and students wearing their



sports uniform & runners everyday. A reminder that sports days are **Wednesday & Friday**.

We have a very well stocked 2nd hand uniform store at school. See Amanda or Matt for help here.

Please note: School beanies are available to purchase at Brunella's uniform shop, Corowa. A very **sensible** winter choice!

Vaccination Requirements

A reminder that changes to vaccination requirements for mainstream schools that came into effect from 11.59pm Friday 24 June, means there are no longer any mandatory vaccination requirements for staff or visitors working or attending mainstream schools.

TRANSPORT OF CHILDREN TO SCHOOL BY POSITIVE CASES

A further change to the pandemic orders is that from 11.59pm on Friday 24 June, parents/carers who are COVID-19 positive can leave self-isolation to transport non-infectious children to or from school or an early childhood service via private vehicle.

The parent/carer must travel directly to and from the school/early childhood service only. They must remain in the vehicle at all times, unless it is reasonably necessary to leave the vehicle to walk the child to and from the entrance of the school/early childhood service safely. They must wear a face mask at all times.

Isolation Requirements for Positive Cases

If a student tests positive:

1. Parents/carers must inform the school immediately.
2. Students who report a positive result must isolate for seven days and not attend school during that period.

3. **NEW: REDUCTION OF TESTING AND ISOLATION REQUIREMENTS**

The period of time when someone is considered a recently confirmed case and therefore exempt from testing and isolation requirements has been reduced from the previous 12 weeks to 4 weeks.

This means that children who are household contacts of people with COVID-19 are not exempt from the testing and isolation requirements after 4 weeks from completing isolation with COVID-19. Previously, this period was 12 weeks.

This means that a student who is a household contact and wishes to attend school must take 5 rapid antigen tests (RATs) over 7 days and receive negative test results and wear a face mask (if over 8 years old) in indoor spaces. This applies from 4 weeks after the end of an isolation period when they were a case.

Families will also have to report being a household contact to their school after this 4-week period.

Rapid Antigen Tests

The Victorian Government is providing up to three further deliveries of Rapid Antigen Tests (RATs) in Term 3 and again in Term 4 to schools. These will be distributed by schools for use by staff and students who are symptomatic or who are household contacts. Schools will receive the first delivery of Term 3 RATs by the end of week 3.

Please contact the school if you require any tests at any time during the term.

Happy Birthday

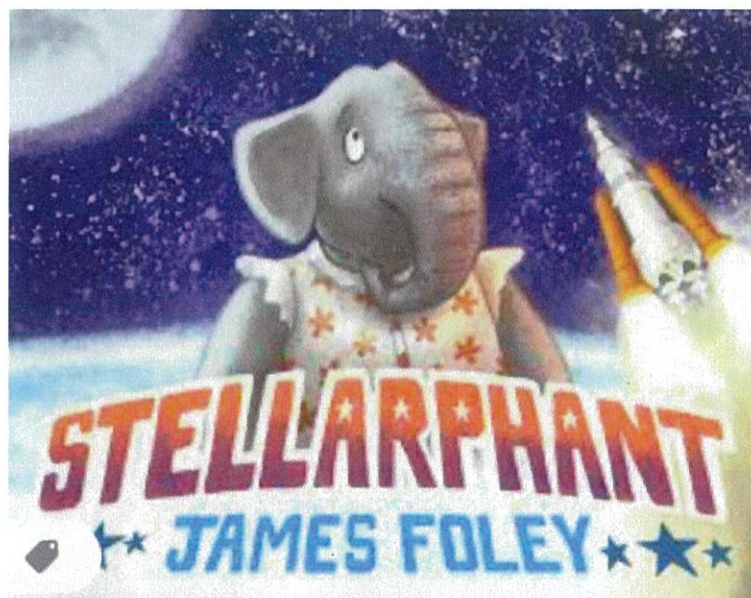
Ottis Harper Bailey Patrick



Stellarphant

Yesterday everyone at St Mary's enjoyed a performance called Stellaphant presented by Meerkat Productions.

The story was based on the award winning book 'Stellarphant' by James Foley.



I thought the play was funny. By Charlie 1/2

The big boss wouldn't let Stellar be an astronaut. But Stellar went to the moon without asking. By Ollie F/1

I think Stellarphant was about Stellar trying to fly to the moon then she realised she had everything she needed and was confident and brave and not nervous. By Annabelle 1/2





I liked how the play was funny. By Logan 1/2

Stellar didn't quit and learnt she had all the stuff she needed to take off on her own spaceship. By Milla F/1



They taught us to never give up. Zoe F/1

They taught us to believe in yourself! Luca 1/2

I loved when they showed me how they made the puppets. By Declan F/1





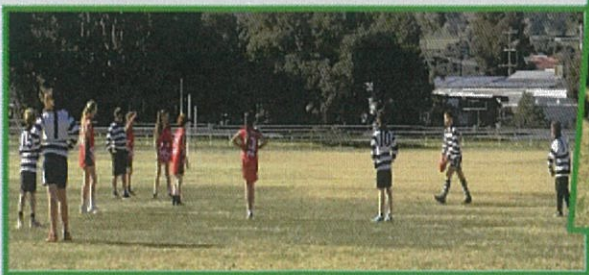
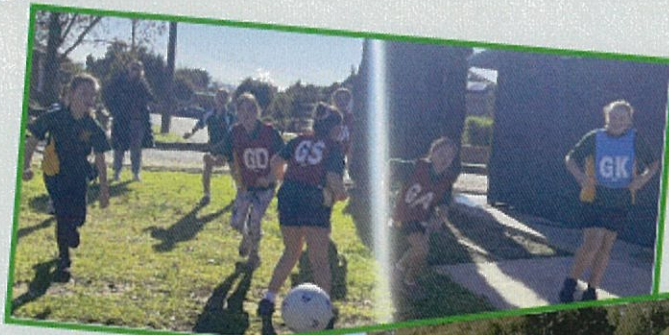
First Transition Day for 2022

Over the last two weeks we have had visits from Country Buddies and Rutherglen Kindergarten. The students got a little taste of school by completing an activity on Elmer the Elephant, playing a math game and listening to some of our favourite sound and number songs.



Winter Sports Carnival

All the Senior students enjoyed their day in Wodonga last Friday at the Winter Sports Carnival.



Congratulations to this Week's Class Award Winners



Henry, Ollie, Sienna, Jackson, Logan, Gus, Steph, Charlee, Zoe & Milla

Congratulations to this week's PBIS Winners



Zoe, Ottis, Kasey, Will, Zoe, Clementine & Zac



School Athletics Day:

The school Athletics sports will be held at Alexandra Park Albury on Thursday 11th August. All parents are welcome to attend and cheer the kids along.

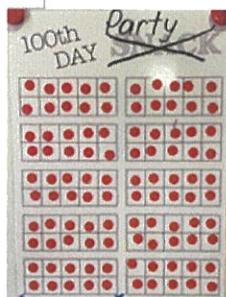


We will also need parents to help out on the day. More information is coming soon.

This Week's PBIS Focus: Expectations in the School Office:

Office Building	Respect Ourselves	Respect Others	Respect our Environment
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Use inside voice • Be patient and polite. Eg. Please, Thank you, Excuse me • Knock before entering and wait • Respect all staff • Smile to others • Watch where you're walking • Enter and exit rooms calmly and correctly 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Smile to visitors in the school and say hello • Follow adult instructions 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Be polite • Accept differences • Use respectful and inclusive language • Speak kindly to others • Consider how your actions impact others

Great to see our F/1 students celebrating today!!



*F/1 celebrate 100
days of school...*



Christmas In July

Various Rutherglen community groups are running a family fun Christmas in July in Day at Apex Park on Sunday July 24th (see attachment.)

As part of the day they would like some students from St. Mary's & Rutherglen Primary to join together to sing a few Christmas Carols prior to lunch being served between: 11:20am – 12:00pm.

Emily Morris will be there to help organise any students who would like to sing. Students are to be collected at 12:00pm.

Have a great weekend,

Matt



IMPORTANT CALENDAR DATES 2022

TERM 3:

Wednesday 10 August	Country Buddies Orientation Visit 9.30am - 11 am
Thursday 11 August	School Athletics Day at Alexandra Park
Thursday 1 Sept	Rutherglen Kinder Orientation Visit 9.30am - 11 am
Friday 16th September	Last Day Term (Casual Clothes)

TERM 4:

Monday 3 October	1st Day of Term 4
Monday 24th October	Student Free Day (Staff PD)
Monday 24th October	Student Free Day - Report Writing
Monday 1 November	Melbourne Cup Day
Thursday 1 December	Student Free day (Staff PD)