



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 4 - Week 10 - Friday 9 December, 2022

PBIS Expectations: Whole School

ADVENT

This Sunday is the Third Sunday of Advent.



Nativity Play



Well done

A big well done to the students, particularly our Junior school, who put on a wonderful Nativity Play on Wednesday evening.

It was our second time staging it in the school grounds and was a great success.

End of Year Mass

We had a beautiful end of year mass, led by Fr. Carey, on Wednesday to farewell our 2022 Year 6 group.

The year 6 students processed in with Fr. Carey and their buddies.

The reflection, with their Prep photos, just showed how far they have come in their primary years



Christmas Mass Times

Christmas Eve 24 December

Chiltern 5pm

Rutherglen 7pm

Christmas Day 25 December

Rutherglen 9am

Wahgunyah 10.30am

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Students Awards:

Congratulations to our Student Award winners for 2022 and thank you to our generous sponsors Indigo Shire, Arts Rutherglen, Rutherglen Rotary and our two parish groups Knights of the Southern Cross and Catholic Women's League.

2022 Recipients

Arts Senior - Lexie

Arts Junior - Pyper

Most Improved Senior: Lilly

Most Improved Junior : Madelyn

Sporting Excellence at St. Mary's: Lucas

Commitment & Service to St. Mary's: Lachlan

Academic Junior: Callan

Academic Senior: Carvyn

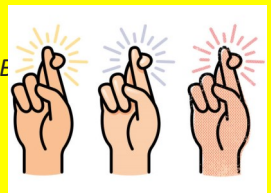
Final Newsletter

This will be our last newsletter of the year. Once again it began with COVID challenges for the entire school community.

Below (highlighted) are a few excerpts from the first newsletter this year to remind us how we started the year off.

Welcome BBQ:

Unfortunately, under the current COVID climate, we will not be able to hold our Welcome Family BBQ week. Hopefully we will be able to gather as a school community later in term one.



School Assembly:

Under the current COVID climate school assemblies will be for students and staff only at this stage. These will be held outdoors. Hopefully parents/carers will be able to attend later in the Term .

COVID Management: Important

1. A Positive COVID test

Any positive student COVID test result **must be reported to the school.**

So a big well done to every one of our students who once again rose above those early covid challenges and had a great year. No doubt one of their big highlights was their movie production. They certainly had a great time putting it together and presenting it on the big screen.

Thank you to my staff for another year of wonderful support for their students.

A few covid interrupted years has presented many challenges for all teachers but again they have jumped every hurdle put in front of them to ensure every child improved during the year. I wish them all a well earned restful holiday break.

A huge thanks to Amanda for the outstanding and professional manner in the way she runs the administration of the school. We are very lucky to have Amanda on staff at St. Mary's.

A special thanks to Fr. Carey for all the support he has again given me behind the scenes throughout the entire year. It is much appreciated.

I hope every family has a very Happy and Holy Christmas together and can find time to spend some "real" family time together.

Good Luck Year 6:

Good luck to everyone of our eighteen leaving Year 6 students as they venture into the world of secondary school in 2023.

They have been a great bunch and I'm sure they will uphold the St. Mary's way of always trying to be your best in their new schools. Their buddies will miss them.



Best of Luck & Farewell:

We wish Taylor Dickinson the best of luck as she leaves us this year for her overseas adventure in 2023.

Thanks Taylor for all your hard work in your time at St. Mary's.



Fr. Brian Carey	Parish Priest
Mr Matt Attwater	Principal
Mrs Libby Dickinson	Deputy Principal
Mrs Nicole O'Mahony	Learning Diversity Leader (Mon - Wed)
TEACHING STAFF SENIOR SCHOOL	
Mrs Libby Dickinson	Year. 5 & 6 (Mon - Thurs)
Mrs Hannah Kelly	Year. 5 & 6 (Fri)
Mr Michael Ratcliffe	Year. 4
Mrs Emily Morris	Year. 3
TEACHING STAFF JUNIOR SCHOOL	
Mr Chris Lamb	Year. 2 (Mon - Thurs)
Mrs Jane van Zanten	Year. 2 (Fri)
Mrs Sarah Grogan	F & 1 (Mon, Tues & Wed)
Mrs Nicole O'Mahony	F & 1 (Thurs & Fri)
Specialist Staff Tuesday	
Gina Nero	L.O.T.E. (Italian)
Jane van Zanten	Visual Arts
Hannah Kelly	Sport / Health
Learning Support Officers	
Mrs Denise Coman	Senior LSO (M, W, T & F)
Mr Wayne Milthorpe	Senior LSO (M, W, T & F)
Mrs Kate Lee	Senior LSO (M, W, T & F)
Mrs Rhi Cracknell	Junior LSO & Library (M, T, W, Th & F)
Ms Jos McNamara	Junior LSO (M, W, T & F)
Mrs Kathi Looker	Junior LSO (M, W, T & F)
Administration	
Ms Amanda Arnot	Business Manager (Mon - Fri : 8.00 - 4pm)
Mrs Judy Fah	Office Duties (Mon Fri - 8.30 : 12.30 pm)

2022 Breakup

Last day for students is next Wednesday, December 15th at 3.25pm.

2023 School Returns

All students return on Monday 30th January 2023

PAM Survey Reminder:

Please login to PAM and complete the survey.

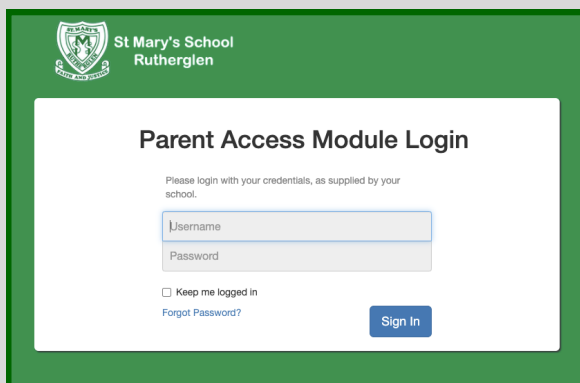
"Over the Christmas holidays your PAM account will be updated to provide better security and allow for further functionality. This change will involve moving to a PAM account per parent rather than an account per family. To help us prepare for this change, please answer the questions below as soon as possible."

1. Please list the full name, relationship and unique email address of all people who will need a PAM account for our child/children.
2. Please indicate if there are any access considerations these school should be aware of?

Please contact the office if you have any questions

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.



Nativity Play





Leaving families





We send our best wishes to all who have celebrated and are celebrating their birthdays during the last couple of weeks and over the Christmas break.



Madelyn



Tanisha



Archie



Milla



Lachlan



Codie



Holly



Oliver



Lilly



Connie



Ayla



George



Ivy



Elijah



Ryan



Matilda



Callan



Elsie



Harper



Liara



Charlotte



Amelia



Jed



**Naughty Elf on the Shelf! Look what he
did to Mrs O'Mahony's desk
overnight!!.....
The kids loved Mrs O'Mahony's
reaction**





Youth Ambassador program



For the past 6 weeks Harper and George have been participating in a Youth Ambassador program going to Chiltern, Beechworth, Rutherglen and Yackandandah, engaging in a range of activities with other schools.

They were asked to plan a fundraiser, George and Harper did an amazing job getting the whole school engaged on Wednesday the 30th of November. Miss T, Harry and Lucas cooked 100 perfect sausages. The whole year 4/5 class helped serve the sausages.

George and Harper also had a Jelly Bean guessing competition with Seve guessing 530 winning the jar. There were 529 in the jar, he had a great guess, lots of other students getting close as well.

There was also a playlist created for the lunch break with all students picking songs to have a boogie too. Overall it was a great day with the sun out and lots of happy faces.

Well done Harper and George raising just over \$500 for The Breast Cancer Foundation.

In inquiry year 4,5 and 6 have been working on building Pinball machines. With the help of our very own technology wizards David, we are working towards completing these by the end of the Term.

Students get to design their own spinners on Tinkercard and build the machines from cardboard, using 3D printers and our technology skills.






YOU DON'T NEED TO BE ALONE THIS CHRISTMAS



RUTHERGLEN COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS LUNCH



Join in the Community Christmas Lunch
12 noon on Christmas Day 2022

If you are on your own for Christmas Day, and would enjoy company, you are invited to register to join with other community members for a 2 course Christmas Dinner with drinks at the Supper Rooms, Rutherglen Memorial Hall on CHRISTMAS DAY, Sunday, 25 December 2022, at 12 noon.

Bookings are essential. Contact Leonie Featonby on 0400 429 738 or Julie Simpson on 0419 426 139 by no later than Monday, **19 DECEMBER 2022**.

If you require transport to the Hall, please advise either Leonie or Julie when making your booking.

There is no charge to those attending for the meal, but their donations are very welcome and appreciated. Any other financial support from individuals, business or organisations would help us to meet the costs involved.



Apply for a school travel pass

Introduction

The School Student Transport Scheme (SSTS) gives eligible school students free or subsidised travel between home and school on NSW public transport, including trains, buses, ferries and light rail.

Depending on where you're travelling, you may receive a free school travel pass, a School Opal card, or both.

Eligible cards are automatically updated for the new school year, so you'll only need to apply if you're:

- applying for a school travel pass for the first time
- changing name, school and/or address, or
- requesting an additional pass as a result of a new shared parental responsibility situation.

Eligibility

You need to live a minimum distance from your school to be eligible for a free school travel pass. The minimum distance varies according to the year/grade you are enrolled in, in that calendar year:

- Years K to 2 (Infants): no minimum distance
- Years 3 to 6 (Primary): 1.6 kilometres straight line distance or 2.3 kilometres walking or further
- Years 7 to 12 (Secondary): 2 kilometres straight line distance or 2.9 kilometres walking or further.

What you need

A valid email address.

Applications must be made by a parent or legal guardian if you're under 16 years of age. If you're 16 years or older you need to complete and sign the application form yourself.

How to apply

1. Select the 'Apply online' button.
2. Complete the online application.
3. Note down your application ID number, starting with the prefix 'N' or 'UN'.
4. You'll then be able to track the status of your application.

For more information on travel concessions available for school students visit [Transport for NSW](#) or search by SSTS Apply.

Note: The drop down lists does not always work while attempting to register on a mobile phone or tablet, therefore a computer is recommended.



Attending School = Brighter Future

- higher paying jobs
- improved overall health
- improved relationships and support networks

Indigo North Health Inc Rutherglen OSHC

PH: 0419439286

BOOKINGS MUST BE MADE BY FRIDAY 16TH DECEMBER 2022

Vacation Care –2022 - 2023

MONDAY 19TH December– FRIDAY 27th January

CLOSED FROM 6PM 22ND DECEMBER until 8am 16TH JANUARY

\$70 per day BEFORE REBATES are applied

WEEK 1 Start 19 th December	WEEK 2 Start 16 th January	Week 3 Start 23 rd January
Christmas art, craft and history	Newtons cradle & other science fun	Pet rock homes Indigenous games Water fun
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Christmas art, craft and history	Slushy science Water fun	Cooking day Australia day activities Water play
Fully booked	Recycle paper and rockets Water fun	NOT OPEN
NOT OPEN	Cooking Shadow clocks Water fun	Water play Aussie animals Kids secret

Farewell to our Grade 6 students



PBIS winners this week - The Whole School



*Have a great Christmas
and Summer holiday
break! Matt*



Important Calendar Dates - 2022

Term 4

Friday 9 December	Semester 2 school reports released on PAM
Monday 12 December	Grade 6 Graduation
Monday 12 December	Grade 6 transition day—Rutherglen High School (3 days)
Tuesday 13 December	Grade 6 transition day—Rutherglen High School
Tuesday 13 December	Grade 6 transition—Galen
Tuesday 13 December	Whole School—Pool Fun Day
Wednesday 14 December	Grade 6 transition day—Rutherglen High School
Wednesday 14 December	Last Day Term 4 for Students (Casual Clothes Day - gold coin donation) 3.30pm finish
Thursday 15 December	Staff Planning Day for 2023

Important Calendar Dates - 2023

Term 1

Friday 27 January	Teachers return
Monday 30 January	1st Day Term 1 for students
Friday 17 February	School Photos
Monday 20 February	Student Free Day—Staff PD
Tuesday 21 February	Swimming Program - Rutherglen Pool
Wednesday 22 February	Swimming Program - Rutherglen Pool
Thursday 23 February	Swimming Program - Rutherglen Pool
Monday 27 February	Swim Carnival - Rutherglen Pool
Friday 31 March	Student Free Day—Staff PD
Thursday 6 April	Last Day Term 1 for Students (Casual Clothes Day - Gold coin donation) 2.30pm finish

Staff email addresses

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