



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 1 - Week 6 - Friday 10 March, 2023

PBIS Expectations: Expectations During Sport



This Sunday is the 3rd Sunday of Lent



Caritas
AUSTRALIA



During Lent I will share with you some stories of people and villages being transformed thanks to the support of **CARITAS** and **Project Compassion**.

Priscilla's story:



Priscilla lives in the Hwange district in Zimbabwe where the impacts of climate change are exacerbating food insecurity in vulnerable communities. This can be seen in the erratic rainfall patterns, prolonged dry spells, poor agricultural soils and high temperatures in the region.

Priscilla joined the Zimbabwe Integrated Community Development Program, implemented by our partner Caritas Hwange and funded by Caritas Australia. Through the program, Priscilla and her community learnt conservation farming techniques to grow drought-resistant crops to help mitigate the effects of climate change. Priscilla was able to produce a bumper harvest in her first year of practicing in conservation farming.

Thu's story:

Thu lost his leg after stepping on a landmine in Vietnam. In addition to being the breadwinner for his family, Thu had to take on the role of caring for his wife, Linh, after she suffered a stroke.

Determined to turn their lives around, Thu and Linh joined the Empowerment of People with Disabilities program run by Caritas Australia's local partner in Vietnam, the Centre for Sustainable Rural Development (SRD).

The Empowerment of People with Disabilities program supports people living with disabilities to establish Village Saving and Loans Associations (VSLA) so that they can access affordable loans. Through the VSLA he was able to obtain a low-interest loan, which he used to open his own barber shop on a new road that was constructed near his home.



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IMPORTANT REMINDERS

Absenteeism - Our Legal Requirement

It is a **legal requirement** that **all schools** must follow up any daily **unexplained absences** by **9.30 am**.

If your child is going to be away from school or arriving late for any reason the school **must be notified**. The simplest way to do this is through **PAM**.

If your child is an **unexplained absence** you will receive an **SMS** asking you to contact the school and a phone call if necessary. If there is no answer then the **emergency contacts** for your family will be contacted and then if there is still no answer the police are contacted. These steps are followed to ensure that we know that your child is **safe**.



Prioritise Learning Time - Appointments are not an excuse

- non-urgent appointments made before/after school or during holidays
- disrupted learning time disrupts learning

PROTECT

Everyone has the right to be safe and be protected from abuse.

No one should behave in a way that makes you feel unsafe or afraid, including anyone in your family, anyone at school or anywhere else in the community.

Tell a teacher or any adult at your school if you feel unsafe.



It's everyone's responsibility.

Adults at school must listen and respond to concerns about child abuse.

If you suspect abuse of any child or young person, you have a responsibility to report it, even if you are not sure.

Further information & resources
www.education.vic.gov.au/protect

Child Safety

At St. Mary's we are A **Child Safe School** that implements strategies and programs to ensure all our students feel safe and included at all times in their school.

Ministerial Order 1359 provides the framework for child safety in schools. It requires all schools to have a child safety code of conduct that:

- promotes child safety and wellbeing in the school
- provides guidance for staff and volunteers on expected standards of behaviour
- considers the needs of all children and students
- is consistent with other codes of conduct and child safety and wellbeing strategies, policies and procedures.

2023 School Closure Days:

1. Friday 31st March Staff attending Maths Conference
(Melbourne)
2. Friday 26th May STEM Focus
3. Monday 6th Nov Report Writing Day

Please be sure to circle these dates on your calendar

Well done to this week's Class Award Winners:



BACK ROW - Izaiah, Skye, Natasha, Sienna, Ivy, Jack, Matilda FRONT ROW: Archie, Norah, Annika



Frosty Friday Term 1 & 4:

Every Friday our **Senior Catholic Identity Team** will be selling frozen Zoooper Doopers for 50c. The money raised goes to support our sponsor child in the Philippines and to CARITAS.

CARITAS FUNDRAISING EVENTS:-

This week's fundraising event was held by Grades 5 & 6 with a cupcakes, slices and lemonade stall. Well Done to all for raising a mighty \$122.00!



The Kindness Club of St Mary's Rutherglen

- We are a group of Grade 5 and 6 Students who want our world to be a kind and happy place.
- We are going to lead by showing how to be kind in our actions and with our words.
- We are going to notice other people's kindness and thank them.

Let's Grow Kindness at St Mary's Who knows how big it will get?

KINDNESS CLUB
AU ♥ ♥ ♥ ♥ ♥ AU
Be proud to be yourself



Angus, Harper, Will, Zoe, Sienna, Jackson, Bailey, Harper, Lilly

EASTER RAFFLE:

It's that time of year again - Seeking Donations!

EASTER

Could all families please start sending in some Easter eggs and Easter themed gifts for our Easter Raffle to be drawn on 5th April, 2023. The more donations we receive the more Easter hampers we can make up as prizes. Easter raffle tickets will be sent home on March 20, with more available on request.



Well done to this week's Principal's Award Winners:



Angus & Charlee

CLEAN UP AUSTRALIA DAY


Well done to all Students for their efforts for Clean Up Australia Day! They did a great job cleaning up around the School and local areas.



CLEAN UP AUSTRALIA DAY



PBIS: Expectations During Sport

Sport	Respect Ourselves	Respect Others	Respect our Environment
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Wear school sports uniform Bring water bottle Try your best Give it a go/be prepared to try new things Be a good sport Collect personal belongings 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Listen to instructions Be a team player Respect umpire/ referee's decisions Respect rules and decisions Encourage others Acknowledge and praise others Help others succeed 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ensure sports equipment is put away Correct use and storage of sports equipment

Well done to this week's PBIS winners:



Amelia, Ella, Matilda, Luca & Connie

Have a great weekend

Matt



RUTHERGLEN GEOCACHING MEGA EVENT

EXPLORE | MEET NEW FRIENDS | DISCOVER

**Rutherglen Showgrounds
171 High Street - Rutherglen**



Saturday April 8th, 7am-5pm



<https://geocachingvictoria.com.au/rutherglen-easter-2023/>



<https://www.facebook.com/groups/rutherglen2023>

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Special Class



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LEARN ALL ABOUT GEOCACHING

Time:

March 19, 2023

Rutherglen Library

1 pm - 3 pm

Presented by

**Geocaching Victoria and
Destination Rutherglen**

Lecturer:

Peter McClive

Day Gowland



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Sacred Heart College

OPEN DAY

Thursday 23rd March

11.30am-1.30pm



Come and see the College in action.

Click here to register: <https://forms.gle/kQgj9EDuepZrTXmb8>

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ENROLLING AT CATHOLIC COLLEGE WODONGA FOR 2024

If you, or someone you know, is thinking about enrolling a child for Year 7 2024, there are some things to be aware of.

- Enrolment period opens Wednesday 1 March.
- There are two digital forms to submit. The first is due by Wednesday 29 March. **Be prepared to upload a birth/baptism certificate (PDF only) and have a credit/debit card handy.**
- The second form will require support documentation to be uploaded.
- To be eligible for a first-round interview in May/June apply by the due date. Forms received after then may result in your family being placed in a later interview round – in September - when less places are available.

WAYS TO ACCESS AN APPLICATION PACK

- Sandhurst (and some Wagga Diocese) primaries have been issued copies. Check with your school Reception.
- CCW Reception.
- CCW website: <https://ccw.vic.edu.au/enrol>

Apply between 1 - 29 March for all year levels, not just Year 7.

OPEN DAY MONDAY 27 MARCH:

Save the date. Take a tour of the College between 4.00 – 6.30pm.

Questions? Contact Jodie or Nicole on 6043 5500
or enrolment@ccw.vic.edu.au.

Indigo North Health Inc Rutherglen OSHC

PH: 0419439286

BOOKINGS MUST BE MADE BY WEDNESDAY 5TH APRIL 2023

Vacation Care –2023

MONDAY 10TH APRIL – FRIDAY 21ST APRIL

\$70 per day+ EXCURSION/INCURSION COSTS BEFORE REBATES are applied

WEEK 1 Start 10 TH APRIL	WEEK 2 Start 17 th APRIL
NOT OPEN EASTER MONDAY	Fish friends day make an aquarium for your rainbow fish
Lego bingo challenge day	Bring your singing voice to make a Disney movie
Super Mario bros movie day extra \$25	Wonga wetlands extra \$25
Bake off day team competition with judges	Design and decorate a clock to take home extra \$5
Make a koala to take home extra \$25 Obstacle course designed by you	Walk the small rail trail with a treat when we get to the end

Important Calendar Dates - 2023

Term 1

Monday 13 March

Friday 24 March

Friday 31 March

Thursday 6 April

Labour Day Public Holiday

Reconciliation Grade 3

Student Free Day - Staff PD

Last Day Term 1 for Students

(Casual Clothes Day - Gold coin donation) 2.30pm finish

Term 2

Monday 24 April

Friday 26 May

Monday 12 June

Friday 23 June

First Day - Term 2

Student Free Day - Stem Focus

King's Birthday

Last Day Term 2 for Students

(Casual Clothes Day - Gold coin donation) 2.30pm finish

Term 3

Monday 10 July

Tuesday 5 September

Wednesday 6 September

Friday 15 September

First Day - Term 3

Grade 3/4 Borambola Camp

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Last Day Term 3 for Students

(Casual Clothes Day - Gold coin donation) 2.30pm finish

Term 4

Monday 2 October

Wed-Thursday 1-3 November

Monday 6 November

Monday 11 December

First Day - Term 4

Grade 5/6 Canberra Camp

Student Free Day - Report Writing Day

Grade 6 Graduation Dinner

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