



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





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 school**s 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



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 schoo
- 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 Zooper 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?





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

EASTER RAFFLE:

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



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
RESPECT	Wear school sports uniform	Listen to instructions	Ensure sports equipment is put away
	Bring water bottle	Be a team player	Correct use and storage of sports equipment
	Try your best	Respect umpire/ referee's decisions	equipment
	Give it a go/be prepared to try new things	Respect rules and decisions	
	Be a good sport	Encourage	
	Collect personal	others	
	belongings	Acknowedge and praise others	
		Help others succeed	

Well done to this week's PBIS winners:

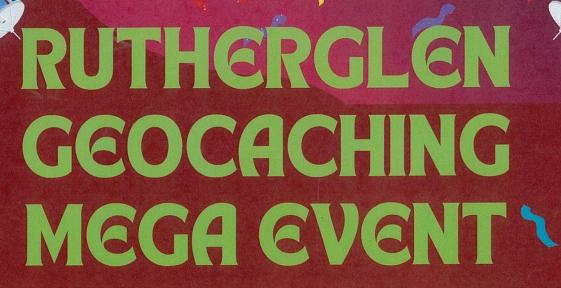


Amelia, Ella, Matilda, Luca & Connie

Have a great weekend

Matt





EXPLORE | MEET NEW FRIENDS | DISCOVER

Rutherglen Showgrounds 171 High Street - Rutherglen



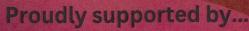
Saturday April 8th, 7am-5pm







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







Special Class



LEARN ALL ABOUT GEOCACHING

Time:

March 19, 2023 **Rutherglen Library** 1 pm - 3 pm

Presented by Geocaching Victoria and Destination Rutherglen

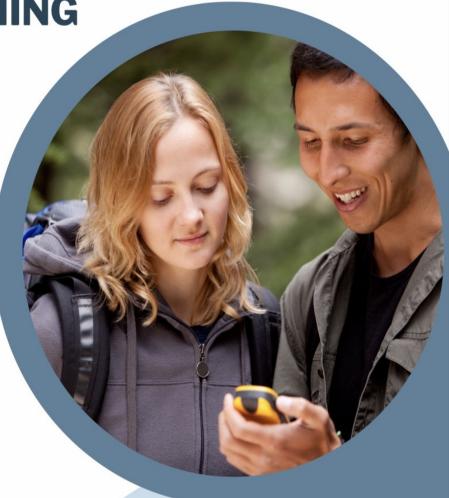
Lecturer:

Peter McClive Day Gowland



Download the app and come along and learn about this great hobby that is suitable for all ages.





You will learn:

- How to use the **Geocaching app**
- How to work out where geocaches are
- How to navigate to geocaches
- What do geocaches look like
- · What to do when you find one
- · What does it all mean?



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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

- 1. Sandhurst (and some Wagga Diocese) primaries have been issued copies. Check with your school Reception.
- 2. CCW Reception.
- 3. 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 5™ APRIL 2023

Vacation Care −2023 MONDAY 10TH APRIL − FRIDAY 21ST APRIL

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

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

Important Calendar Dates - 2023

Term 1

Monday 13 March Labour Day Public Holiday

Friday 24 March Reconciliation Grade 3

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

Term 2

Monday 24 April First Day - Term 2

Friday 26 May Student Free Day - Stem Focus

Monday 12 June King's Birthday

Friday 23 June Last Day Term 2 for Students

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

Term 3

Monday 10 July First Day - Term 3

Tuesday 5 September Grade 3/4 Borambola Camp
Wednesday 6 September Grade 3/4 Borambola Camp

Friday 15 September Last Day Term 3 for Students

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

Term 4

Monday 2 October First Day - Term 4

Wed-Thursday 1-3 November Grade 5/6 Canberra Camp

Monday 6 November Student Free Day - Report Writing Day

Monday 11 December Grade 6 Graduation Dinner

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