



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 9 - Friday 31 March, 2023

PBIS Expectations: Expectations in the Church

This Sunday is Palm Sunday



Palm Sunday is the first Day of **Holy Week**. It is when we remember how Jesus entered Jerusalem riding on a donkey. It is called **Palm Sunday** because the people were so happy to see Jesus and knew that he was very important, so they took branches from the Palm and Olive Trees that lined the road. They waved them in the air shouting 'Hosanna' (which means '**God Saves**' in Hebrew) and put some of them on the road to make it easier for the donkey to walk on the rocky road.

This Sunday (**Palm Sunday**) we begin **Holy Week**. **Holy Week** is the week before **Easter Sunday**. It begins with **Palm Sunday**, then **Holy Thursday**, **Good Friday** and ends with **Holy Saturday**. Easter Sunday is not part of Holy Week, but rather marks the beginning of the Easter season of the Liturgical year.



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REMINDER:

END of TERM ONE

Next Thursday, April 6th, is the last day of term one and school will finish at **2.30 pm** for all students. All buses will pick up bus students at **2.30 pm**.

BEGINNING of TERM TWO

Term Two begins on **Monday 24th April**

Code Red School Closures



Our school has been identified as a school in a high risk bushfire area and has now been placed on the Bushfire At-Risk Register.

This means that all schools, kindergartens and licensed child care centres that have been identified as being at high fire risk and on the Department's Victoria-wide Bushfire At-Risk Register will close on days declared Code Red.

Schools and services not on the Bushfire At-Risk Register will remain open, unless directly threatened by fire or another emergency.

Where possible, three (3) days notice of a planned closure will be provided. However, experience indicates that a Code Red fire danger rating day may be forecast at short notice. Parents and guardians should expect that in some instances less than three days notice may be provided. Once the final decision to close is confirmed at 12 noon the day prior, this decision will not change – regardless of any changes in the weather forecast. This will help limit confusion and help families plan for how their children will be cared for when their school is closed. When a school is closed in response to bushfire risk, no one, including staff, contractors and other users, will be permitted on site.

Don't Miss Out!!

The Power Saving Bonus is a \$250 Payment

On 24 March 2023, a new round of the Power Saving Bonus program commenced.

Victorian households are now able to receive a new \$250 payment, including any households that received a payment through previous rounds of the program.

Below is the link to apply for your \$250 bonus payment. It is a very straightforward process.

<https://compare.energy.vic.gov.au/>

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**.

NO Assembly Next Week.

2023 School Closure Days:

- | | |
|---------------------------|--------------------|
| 2. Friday 26th May | STEM Focus |
| 3. Monday 6th Nov | Report Writing Day |
- Please be sure to circle these dates on your calendar

I Am LOST!!!!

We are starting to accumulate a large stash of lost property - even one shoe! Most are jumpers and jackets. If you are missing one there is a fair chance it's in this pile.



Zooper Dooper sales on Friday are finished.
To recommence in the 4th Term.





We send our best wishes to all who have done, or are about to, celebrate their Birthdays this week!



Sienna



Seth

EASTER RAFFLE:

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

Thank you to those who have already sent in Easter eggs and Easter themed gifts for our Easter Raffle to be drawn on 5th April, 2023. The collection is looking so much better! The more donations we receive the more Easter hampers we can make up as prizes. Additional Easter raffle tickets available on request.



Congratulations to the Class Awards Winners:




BACK: Patrick, Callan, Colton, Jake, Angus,
FRONT: Liara, Blair, Lachlan, Emma, Isabel

Drum Beats!

The students had a fantastic time picking up some drumming skills at a '*masterclass*' provided by Abli African Groove Drumming Workshop this week.



This week's PBIS focus: Expectations in the CHURCH

Church	Respect Ourselves	Respect Others	Respect our Environ- ment
	Participate Follow routines Sit, stand and kneel Appropriately Bless yourself when entering and leaving the church Enter and exit calmly and correctly Exiting people go first wait for them to leave	Keep your hands to yourself (personal space) Listen to the person speaking Be quiet Participate Offer peace quietly and calmly to others Listen to the person Speaking Enter and exit the pews correctly during communion and blessings.	Respect the sacred Space Be quiet Use Mass book Correctly Enter and exit correctly Keep your feet on the floor

Congratulations to the PBIS Award Winners!



Natasha, Heidi, Melody, Polly, Elsie, Madelyn

Have a great weekend

Matt



School Community Social & Fundraising Calendar 2023

Dear Families,

This is an outline of the Social & Fundraising events for the remainder of the year. Could you please have a look and volunteer your name if you can help out with any of the events and return your form to school by the end of term. Remember many hands make light work.

	Date	Activity	Contact Person	I Am Willing to Help Coordinate	I Am Willing to Help
F	Term 1 Wed 5 April	Easter Raffle Drawn 7 April	Judy	Name:	Name:
S	Term 1 Sun 23 April	Working Bee & BBQ	Matt A	Name:	Name:
S	Term 2 Wed 3 May	School Breakfast During Catholic Education Week	Matt A	Name:	Name:
F	Term 2 Thur 11 May	Mother's Day Stall & Morning tea	Judy	Name:	Name:
F	Term 2 Fri 2 June	Wood Raffle Drawn Fri 2 June	Matt A	Name:	Name:
F	Term 2 Sat/Sun 10/11 June	Rutherglen Country Fair Stall (If we are successful in having a stall)	Matt A	Name:	Name:
S	Term 3 Date TBC	Trivia Night	Matt A	Name:	Name:
F	Term 3 Fri 1 Sept	Father's Day Stall & Soccer match	Judy	Name:	Name:
F	Term 4 Fri 8 Dec	Christmas Raffle Drawn 8 Dec	Judy	Name:	Name:
F	Term 4 date TBC	Community Calendar Rolling	Judy	Name:	Name:

F- Fundraiser S - Social Event

Important Calendar Dates - 2023

Term 1

Wednesday 5 April

Thursday 6 April

Friday 7 April

Easter Hamper Raffle Draw

Last Day Term 1 for Students

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

Good Friday - Public Holiday

Term 2

Sunday 23 April

Monday 24 April

Tuesday 25 April

Working Bee & BBQ

First Day - Term 2

Anzac Day - Public Holiday

Wednesday 3 May

Thursday 11 May

Friday 26 May

Sat/Sun 10-11 June

Monday 12 June

Friday 23 June

School Breakfast (During Catholic Education Week)

Mother's Day Stall & Morning Tea

Student Free Day - Stem Focus

Rutherglen Country Fair Stall (TBC)

King's Birthday - Public Holiday

Last Day Term 2 for Students

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

Term 3

Monday 10 July

Friday 1 September

Tuesday 5 September

Wednesday 6 September

Friday 15 September

First Day - Term 3

Father's Day Stall & Soccer Match

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

First Day - Term 4

Grade 5/6 Canberra Camp

Student Free Day - Report Writing Day

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