



# 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 3 - Week 7 - Friday August 25, 2023**

## PBIS Expectations: When In The Office Building

Dear Families,



## Confirmation

Last Sunday Zoe, Matilda, Will, Harper, Ben, George and Ivy celebrated the **Sacrament of Confirmation** at the 9am mass.

It was a beautiful mass, celebrated by Monsignor Chris, and all the students participated wonderfully in the service.

A big thank you to Libby Dickinson who prepared the students so well during the term. This did not go unnoticed by Monsignor Chris, Fr. Boniface and - I'm sure - by the parents and sponsors as well.

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## Book Week

Well done to all the teachers and students who presented themselves superbly in their costumes at the Book Week Parade on Monday. Thank you to Taylor Dickinson who did a great job in organising the event. Much appreciated.





## Book Week - Continued



**Costume Winners:**  
Isabel; Violet; Tenley and Zoe

## Costume Winners

**Senior School -**

**Winner - Isabel; Runner-up - Tenley**

**Junior School -**

**Winner - Zoe; Runner-up - Violet**

## Colouring Competition

Below are all of the extremely bright and imaginative efforts by our Students for the Coloring Competition.

The winners of the competition from each Class were:

Isabel, Freya, Tash, Milla and Emma.





## Book Week - Continued - LIBRARY EXCURSION:

On Tuesday the junior students went down to the library to participate in a book week activity.

They walked down at 9am and half went for fruit break and a play in the playground. The other half went into the local Rutherglen library to read some shortlisted book week books. They were then given some gifts (book marks, stickers, pencils and an information sheet) and activities to do back at school.

They all loved the library session.



## GRADE 3 OLD SCHOOL MUSEUM VISIT:

This week the Grade 3s went to visit the Old School Museum as part of their Inquiry into learning about their community.

We learnt about what a school day was like in the late 1800s in Rutherglen. We had lessons, played old fashioned games and pretended to get the cane. We also learnt that the museum is run by volunteers and is an example of the different ways people contribute to their community. It was so much fun.

Please go and visit for yourself!





## School Uniform:

Lately I'm noticing quite a few students are arriving to school out of uniform. I understand this can happen on the odd occasion for various reasons but on the whole we expect all students to be in the correct uniform whilst at school. We have a very well stocked 2nd hand uniform store that all families can access when needed.

## 2024 Community Calendar:

Our 2024 Community Calendar is fully subscribed, except for one SMALL advertisement space. If you, or anyone you know, would like to take it please call the office.

## Reminders:-

### Parent Teacher Interviews - Tuesday 29th August, 2023:

Bookings for the upcoming **Parent/Teacher Interviews** are open on PAM.

### 2024 Foundation Enrolments:

Could all families with existing siblings at school, and wanting to register another child for 2024 Foundation enrolments, please ensure you have your enrolments in as soon as possible. Enrolment packs are available from the office.



### After School/Pick Up: Please Wait Outside

It's great to see parents back on school grounds, now we're over COVID restrictions, at pick up time. As you can appreciate, the last 5-10 minutes of the school day is always a very busy time for teachers ending the day and packing up the students. To enable all teachers to end the day smoothly, parents/carers should be waiting outside in the undercover area or in the school grounds and not in the classrooms or doorways of classrooms at pick up time.

## Classroom Refurbishments:

As many of you would be aware rooms 1-4 (Senior Classes) are being refurbished this year. The tendering process has now started and the building process is expected to start in the coming months.

## 2023 School Closure Days

Monday 6th November - Report Writing



### Father's Day Volunteers Needed

Father's Day is not far away.

We would very much appreciate some more volunteers for the gift wrapping prior to the stall, and to assist with the stall on the Day - Friday, September 1.

Please call Judy in the office if you can help out.



## **Congratulations to our Class Award Winners for last week:**



**Back Row: Ben; Will; Zoe; Harper; Matilda, Ivy  
Front Row: Connie; Colton; Callan; Lachlan; Harry; Joseph**

## **Congratulations to our PBIS Award Winners for last week:**



**Tanisha; Milla; Harper; Connie; Logan; Callan**





We send our best wishes to all who celebrated their Birthdays this week!



Emmerson



Oscar



Freya

## Congratulations to our Class Award Winners:




BACK: Isla; Polly; Joseph; Skye

FRONT: Jackson; Lilly; Norah; Izaiah; Declan



## PBIS Expectations: When in the Office Building

Office Building	Respect Ourselves	Respect Others	Respect our Environment
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Use your inside voice</li> <li>• Be patient and polite eg: Please, Thank you, Excuse me</li> <li>• Respect all staff</li> <li>• Smile to others</li> <li>• Watch where you're walking</li> <li>• Enter and exit rooms calmly and correctly</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Smile at visitors in the school and say hello</li> <li>• Follow adult instructions</li> <li>• Accept differences</li> <li>• Use respectful and inclusive language</li> <li>• Speak kindly to others</li> <li>• Consider how your actions impact others</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Close the doors</li> <li>• Push in chairs when you have used them</li> <li>• Wipe your feet on the mat before coming in</li> <li>• Use furniture correctly</li> </ul>

## Congratulations to our PBIS Award Winners:



Luca; Millie; Polly; Joseph; Izaiah; Raegan

Have a great weekend!

Matt





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**Sacred Heart College, Yarrawonga**

## **St Mary's families**

**Due to increased enrolments the College is adding another class at Year 7 for 2024.**

**The College operates a free daily bus service to Corowa and Rutherglen.**

**If you would like a tour or have any questions please contact the college on 03 5742 1300.**

**Sacred Heart College has recently been announced as the winner of the prestigious Schools that Excel series conducted by The Age newspaper.**



**Winner of Schools  
that Excel 2023**



# Rutherglen Little Athletics Centre FREE Come & Try Days

Tuesday September 5<sup>th</sup> & 12<sup>th</sup>

4:15pm

Rutherglen Showgrounds  
5 – 16 year olds welcome

**WE ARE**  
**COMMUNITY**  
*Come & try athletics!*



Ever wanted to **give athletics a go?** Meet new friends, spend quality time with family, have fun and achieve your personal best?

Participate in a variety of running, throwing and jumping events whilst being surrounded by a supportive community!

What are you waiting for?

REGISTER TODAY AT  
[lavic.com.au](http://lavic.com.au)



**New season starts October 3rd**  
**New members always welcome!**

**Enquiries – Call Erin 0432 093 635**



# SUNSHINE WALK

SUNDAY 12  
NOVEMBER  
2023

SCAN HERE



## 5km, 10km & 20km walks

Or get a team together and take part  
in one of our Challenge Cups.

The Sunshine Walk aims to  
bring people together to raise  
funds and awareness for the  
Albury Wodonga Regional  
Cancer Centre Trust Fund.

## GET INVOLVED

[sunshinewalk.org.au](http://sunshinewalk.org.au)

 [#sunshinewalkforcancer](https://www.instagram.com/sunshinewalkforcancer)

 [f/sunshinewalkforcancer](https://www.facebook.com/sunshinewalkforcancer)

For more information contact us:  
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**Albury Wodonga** Regional Cancer Centre Trust Fund Inc.





# Important Calendar Dates - 2023

## Term 3

Tuesday 29 August	District Athletics
Thursday 31 August	Orientation visit - Rutherglen Kinder to visit 9.30-11.00am
Friday 1 September	Father's Day Stall - in the am, Sausage Sizzle 1-2pm followed by a Soccer Match
Tuesday 5 September	Grade 3/4 Borambola Camp
Wednesday 6 September	Grade 3/4 Borambola Camp
Wednesday 6 September	Country Buddies Orientation Visit
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-Friday 1-3 November	Grade 5/6 Canberra Camp
Monday 6 November	Student Free Day - Report Writing Day
Tuesday 21 November	First Day of Foundation Transition 9.00-11.00am
Tuesday 28 November	Second Day of Foundation Transition 9.00-11.00am
Tuesday 5 December	Third Day of Foundation Transition 9.00am - 12.45pm
Monday 11 December	Grade 6 Graduation Dinner
Tuesday 12 December	Fourth Day of Foundation Transition 9.00am - 3.30pm

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