



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 9 - Friday September 8, 2023

PBIS Expectations: Expectations When Sharing and Responding to each other

Dear Families,

A Spring Reflection

Spring awakens and enlivens us in a way no other season can. We remember what new life looks like, we remember what possibilities are just around the corner, and we remember that beauty comes in small packages.

It's a great time for meditation as we grow ourselves – and with spring in mind, here are five reflections on how our minds, hearts, and spirits are healed during the flowery months.

1. New life and new beginnings are all around us. Each waking flower is a symbol for something new taking shape within us.
2. Everything blooms in its own time. In our lives, just as in nature, patience forms the most beautiful things we experience.
3. Color and light are vital to life. Spring feels good because it reminds us how deeply we need variety and vividness in our surroundings.
4. Great things are waiting beneath the surface. Only when the flowers bloom do we realize the potential that existed beneath our feet all this time.
5. The important things are the simple things. Grass rainfall, sunlight, a single flower - the smallest things matter still, because no one else can experience them for us.



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Father's Day Soccer Match

Great to see so many dads at the soccer match last Friday. Again well done to the students for a great win on the day to remain undefeated again. A **big thank you** to all who turned up during the week and wrapped the gifts - a great job once again!



Special Persons Day 1.

The Junior School celebrated Special Persons Day on Wednesday. Below are some pictures of them preparing yummy treats for their Special Guests!!



Special Persons Day 2.

Look how many Special Guests there were! You can tell they had a really really good time!! Well done everybody.



Borambola Camp - 5 & 6 September, 2023 (One night overnight):

This week the Grade 3/4s went to Borambola for camp. Everyone had such a great time. We participated in a mud run, circus skills, fencing and archery. We also had a mini olympics at night which was so much fun. All the students had such a great time, got out of their comfort zones and persisted in challenging activities.



Classroom Refurbishments Update:



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28/09/2023

Dear Families,

Our **one-million-dollar** refurbishment of Rooms 1-4 will begin in Term 4 and will be completed during Term 1, 2024. This is the current senior area of the school (Years 3 to 6).

This project will see this part of the school transformed into a much needed up to date learning space that has been purpose designed to reflect 21st century learning and teaching.

However, for this to occur, the space must be vacated and fenced off for the entirety of the refurbishment project. This will mean a major disruption to where each class will be located during the construction time.

After much consideration and consultation with the staff that took into account class sizes, junior and senior body sizes and toilet & play access, it has been decided that the **Senior School** will relocate into the **Junior School** space and the **Junior School (F,1 & 2)** will be relocated to the **School Hall** during the project.

To enable a smooth transition for the **juniors** the school hall will have an internal wall installed that will convert the space into a two-classroom space. Class TV's will be mounted and the area will have internet access.

The hall also has internal toilet access, a kitchen area and a grassed playground space at the back of the hall. The staff saw this as **real advantage** for the juniors in this space.

I understand the class relocations are not ideal and some students might feel anxious about relocating, however the interruption has to occur during the time of the refurbishment.

The staff will be keeping a very upbeat attitude with the students about the exciting time and outcome ahead and making the new temporary learning spaces vibrant and positive working areas for both students and staff.

What you can do now is speak with your child/ren about the exciting building project that is about to commence for our school and the fun time that they will have in their new learning space while the project is on.

Regards,



Matt Attwater
(Principal)

LOST School Uniform: PLEASE CHECK!!

I have had a few families asking about lost jackets and jumpers that have names on them. Could families please check to make sure their child is not wearing the wrong jacket or jumper.

School Hats - TERM 4 - NO HAT NO PLAY!

Next term is Term 4 meaning the NO HAT NO PLAY Policy is Strictly enforced. All students will need a school hat every Day in Term 4. You might need to hunt out the school hat During the holidays!!



Wanted - 2 Litre Coca Cola Bottles

We are collecting 2 Litre Coca Cola Bottles for a STEM Project. Your help with this would be very much appreciated.

REMINDERS:-

Last Day of Term 3

On the last day of Term 3 - Friday September 15 - **we finish school at 2.30pm**. All buses will be picking the children up at 2.30pm.

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.

2023 School Closure Days

Monday 6th November - Report Writing

Farewell Hannah!



The staff had a morning tea for Hannah Kelly to wish her well as she leaves us to prepare for the birth of her second child.

The students made many beautiful cards for her to wish her well, so no doubt there will be lots of enjoyable reading - and some tears no doubt.



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



Colton

Congratulations to our Class Award Winners:



BACK ROW: Jackson; Indi; Declan; Logan; Colton

FRONT ROW: Lottie; Annika; Matilda; Zoe; Madelyn

PBIS Expectations: Expectations When Sharing and Responding to each other

Sharing and Responding to each other	Respect Ourselves	Respect Others	Respect our Environment
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Listen to the person speaking • Learn from making mistakes • Persist and keep trying 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Listen to the person speaking • Encourage others to have a go and persist • Be inclusive of others • Take turns • Give positive feedback 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Respect the work of others in the classroom • Respect our ICT resources when sharing presentations

Congratulations to our PBIS Award Winners:



Back: Isabel; Charlee; Lachlan; Oscar; Zoe; Jackson; Jack

Front: Tenley, Ella, Amelia-Rose; Raegan; Polly

Have a great weekend!

Matt



JUNIOR GOLF

THE RUTHERGLEN GOLF CLUB WILL BE RUNNING “LEARN TO PLAY GOLF” CLASSES FOR 5-15 YEAR OLDS...

COME ALONG AND ENJOY A GREAT SPORT. NO EXPERIENCE NEEDED. CLUBS WILL BE SUPPLIED.

JUST BRING YOUR ENTHUSIASM WITH YOU.

**WHERE: RUTHERGLEN GOLF CLUB
MURRAY STREET
RUTHERGLEN**

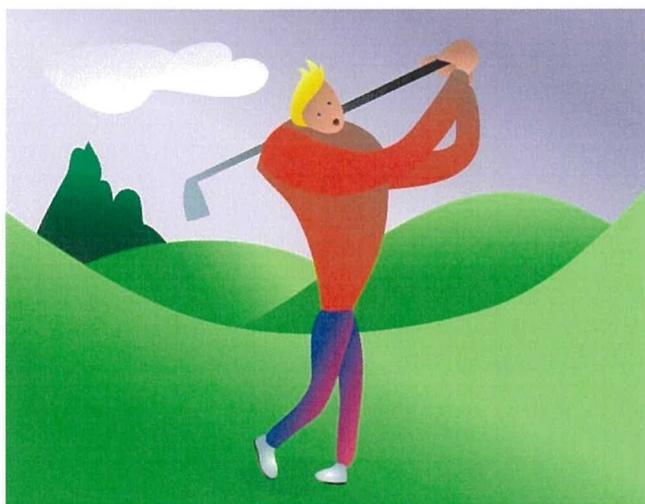
WHEN: SATURDAY 7TH OCTOBER

TIME: 9AM

IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS PLEASE CONTACT

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Amaranth
FOUNDATION
presents

25-26
SEPTEMBER

Calm the Farm

HOLIDAY PROGRAM

with Mindfulness Coach, Chris

Come along for 2 great sessions of fun. Chris is a teacher, actor, singer, juggler, Relax kids mindfulness coach. Join Chris for music, juggling, stretching and mindfulness to support your child's mental and emotional health and wellbeing by calming the body and mind and building confidence and self-esteem.



\$50
FOR BOTH
SESSIONS

7-10 year olds 9am-10:30am
11-16 year olds 11-12:30pm

Included in the cost is a set of scarves & morning tea.

Venue: Amaranth Foundation,
57-65 Redlands Road Corowa

Secure your spot as places are limited.

Phone Amaranth on
(02) 60331738



Calm the Farm

with Mindfulness Coach, Chris

FOR 11-16 YEAR OLDS

Emotional regulation through...

Self massage
Stretching & movement
Circus
Music & Mindfulness



Beginning
Tuesday 10th
October for 8
weeks
4-4:45pm
Cost \$125

Venue: Amaranth Foundation
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To book phone (02)60331738

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Self-massage & Stretching

Movement & Music

Mindfulness

Saturday 14th
October for 8 weeks

9:30-10:15am
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Secure your spot
0260331738

Join Chris at
Amaranth Foundation
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Corowa



Important Calendar Dates - 2023

Term 3

Wednesday 13 September

Grade 5 Transition Day - Rutherglen High School

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

Monday 16 October

Italian Performance - St. Joseph's, Chiltern

Wed-Friday 1-3 November

Grade 5/6 Canberra Camp

Monday 6 November

Student Free Day - Report Writing Day.

Tuesday 7 November

Student Free Day - Melbourne Cup 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

Friday 8 December

Christmas Hamper Raffle draw

Monday 11 December

Grade 6 Graduation Dinner

Tuesday 12 December

Fourth Day of Foundation Transition 9.00am - 3.30pm

Last day Term 4 (TBC)

Important Calendar Dates - 2024

Term 1

Tuesday 30 January

First Day - Term 1

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