



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 4 - Week 2- Friday October 13 2023

PBIS Expectations: Expectations In The Playground

A Spring Reflection

Dear Lord,

*The sunlight and the rain are reminders that You are
at work renewing the earth.*

*As a God of renewal, You are ever at work in our lives, too.
Open our eyes to the needed changes in our lives this Spring.*

*Awaken us to new life and perspective,
as we pray in Jesus' name.*

Amen



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Canberra Camp - Wednesday November 1 to Friday November 3

Students from our Grades 5 & 6 will soon be undertaking an education tour of the national capital. The students will be given an opportunity to participate in a variety of educational programs with a focus on Australia's history, culture, heritage and democracy.

The Australian Government recognizes the importance of all young Australians being able to visit the national capital as part of their Civics and Citizenship education. To assist families in meeting the cost of the excursion the Australian Government is contributing funding of \$30.00 per student under the Parliament and Civics Education Rebate program towards those costs. The rebate is paid directly to the school upon completion of the excursion.

REMINDERS:-

Important: School Uniform Reminder

There are many students who are coming to school in their sports uniform every day of the week. The sports uniform is to be worn only on **Tuesday and Friday**.

All students are expected to wear their summer uniform on Monday, Wednesday and Thursday. Football shorts are not part of the uniform.

School Hats - TERM 4 - NO HAT NO PLAY!

This 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.

Hats are available in the Front Office to purchase.



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

Frosty Fridays

Every Friday our **Senior Catholic Identity Team** will be selling frozen Zooper Doopers for 50c each. The money raised goes to support CARITAS.



DISTRICT ATHLETICS:

Last Friday Noah, Axel, Zoe, Will, Isabel, Sienna, Seve and Isla represented St. Marys in the Upper Hume Division Athletics. They all had a fantastic day and did St Mary's proud. Well done to Axel who came 1st in 200m and 3rd in 100m. Axel will be going onto Regional Athletics.



VISUAL ARTS:

The students have been busy in Visual Arts getting ready for the upcoming Rutherglen show. This year we were asked to use sheep wool in our artwork



Creative Lands Festival 2023

Our Grades 5 & 6 students have been working with a Circus Artist as part of this Program.



**Come to the
Creative Lands Festival 2023 !!**

**1 High School, 4 Primary Schools, 1
Kindergarten, and over 200 children and young
people are getting together to present the
Creative Lands Festival Show!**

This year's wellbeing theme is PERSISTENCE.

*Have you ever tried something new?
Have you ever got to the point when something is too hard, or too boring?
Have you ever felt unconfident in your skills or knowledge?
BUT you carried on anyway....
Then you PERSISTED!!
And guess what.....??*

This theatre-style show is jam-packed with dance, video, poetry, Aboriginal culture, songs, circus, cartooning, art, and drumming performed or presented by your child or family member who has persisted with learning and creating something new – just for you!

So come, along....and be amazed at everyone's tenacity, grit and determination!!

When: Thursday 26th October 2023

Where: The Henderson Pavilion, Rutherglen Showgrounds

What time: 12pm – 2.30pm (doors open at 12.10pm).

Cost: Free!!

Please note that this event will be filmed.

A bit more info: This program is an initiative of the Royal Children's Hospital and NESAY, who are committed to improving the mental health and wellbeing of children, young people and their communities. Participants have been working with the incredible Creative Lands artists to explore the theme of persistence while learning a new art form. The theme was chosen by the schools because this is a developmental skill young people are still struggling with post-Covid lockdowns and also after the unsettling experience of fires and floods in the district. The program has been generously supported by 'Festival Helpers' from Upper Murray Family Care, Junction, Indigo Shire, Indigo North Health, AWH CASEA, and NESAY. It is kindly funded by VicHealth, NESAY, Bendigo Bank, and Indigo Shire Council, and supported by all the fabulous schools and teachers.

For further information, please contact your child/family member's class teacher or principal. See you at the festival!!





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



Stephanie



Logan


Congratulations to our Class Award Winners:-



Miss T and Mrs Grogan were away last Friday and wanted to give an Award to **ALL the students in Foundation, Grade 1 and Grade 2!** They have been amazing in the way they have all behaved as they transitioned over to their temporary Classrooms for this Term and deserve a big pat on the back - Congratulations!!

Other Class Awards Winners were: **Madelyn, Ben, Ryan, Jack**

PBIS Expectations: Expectations In The Playground

Playground	Respect Ourselves	Respect Others	Respect our Environment
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Use kind words • Be a good self umpire • Keep hands and feet to myself • Respond to the bell immediately (drink, toilet) • Tell, not do • Join in and participate • Be active • Use your voice appropriately 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Share with others • Take turns in games • Good sportsmanship with others • Be inclusive • Be a good role model with others • Be tolerant towards others • Be kind to others • Be patient with others • Use your voice appropriately 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Use equipment appropriately • Pack away sports equipment • Pick up my belongings, eg drink bottle, jumper • Put our rubbish in the bins

Congratulations to our PBIS Award Winners:-



Zoe, Ivy, Raegan, Angelina, Charlee, Ottis

Have a great weekend!

Matt



Important Calendar Dates - 2023

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
Friday 15 December	Last Day of Term

Important Calendar Dates - 2024

Term 1

Tuesday 30 January	First Day - Term 1
Monday 19 February	School Photography Day
Thursday 21 March	Harmony Day
Thursday 28 March	Last Day of Term
Friday 29th March	Good Friday
Sunday 31 March	Easter Sunday

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