



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 7 Friday November 17, 2023

PBIS Expectations: Expectations In Sharing and Responding To Each Other

Prayer for:

Peace in the Middle East



Icon of Our Lady of Salvation, Syriac Catholic Monastery, Lebanon

PRAYER FOR Peace in the Middle East

Lord Jesus Christ,

The Holy Land is once again struck by violence, hatred, and death. Lord, look with mercy upon the land that was your earthly home.

Receive the deceased into your presence. Comfort those who mourn, are wounded, or forced to flee. Be close to all who are full of fear and despair.

You are our peace and the light of the nations, put an end to the spiral of terror and suffering in the Holy Land and in the whole Middle East.

Let peace and justice flourish at the holy sites. You are our refuge. Let the people be safe in your Love.

Have mercy on us and on our time. **Amen.**

Aid to the Church in Need is the only international Catholic foundation dedicated to the spiritual and pastoral support of suffering and persecuted Christians.



www.aidtochurch.org

Welcome to Fr Peter Taylor

Last week we welcomed Fr Peter Taylor as our new Parish Priest in Rutherglen. Fr Peter has already visited our school and children a number of times, and we look forward to working with Fr Peter into the future.

You will have the opportunity to meet Fr Peter during a number of End of Year Celebrations at School.



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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 to purchase from the Front Office.**

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.

Frosty Fridays

Every Friday our **Senior Catholic Identity Team** sell frozen Zooper Doopers for 50c each. The money raised goes to support CARITAS. The team of Angus & Isabel raised a total of \$34.10 Today. Well done!



Book Club

Please be sure to get your Orders in for the final issue of the year by November 23, 2023.

2024 Calendar Rolling!

The Calendar Rolling has gone ahead in leaps and bounds during this week and it looks like we will have them all finished by the end of today!

Many thanks to our wonderful volunteers who turned up, rolled up their sleeves, and just got it done!! You are very much appreciated!

It will be great to have the Calendars out to the public in plenty of time for Christmas and the New Year.

Christmas Hamper Raffles - Donations Sought!!

It's that time of year again!

Any donations towards the Christmas Hamper Raffles would be Greatly Appreciated.

Remember the more donations the more raffle prizes we can give out.

One book of 15 tickets was issued to the oldest, or only, child of each family on Wednesday November 8th week. Additional books available on request.

The Raffle Draw is scheduled for **Friday 8th December**.



Congratulations to Lilly and Emma!

Lilly was awarded the WINNER of the Grade 2 - Grade 4 Spiritual Artwork Award at this years Mackillop Art Exhibition in Bendigo for her Spiritual Artwork called a 'World of Hearts'.



Lilly's statement about her artwork:

"People need to be kind all over the world.

Be friends, love each other and speak nicely to each other."

Emma was awarded the HIGHLY COMMENDED Award of the Prep to Grade 1 Spiritual Artwork at this years Mackillop Art Exhibition in Bendigo for her Spiritual Artwork called The Wedding Feast.



Emma's statement about her artwork:

"My artwork is a picture of a wedding.

The bride and groom speak nicely to each other, they speak full of grace.

This picture makes me happy."

Congratulations to our Class Award Winners for Last Week!



Melody; Polly; Ella; Emma; Patrick; Jed; Luca; Lottie; Axel

Congratulations to our Class Award Winners for This Week!



BACK ROW: Matilda; Isabel; James; Oliver; Angelina; Oscar

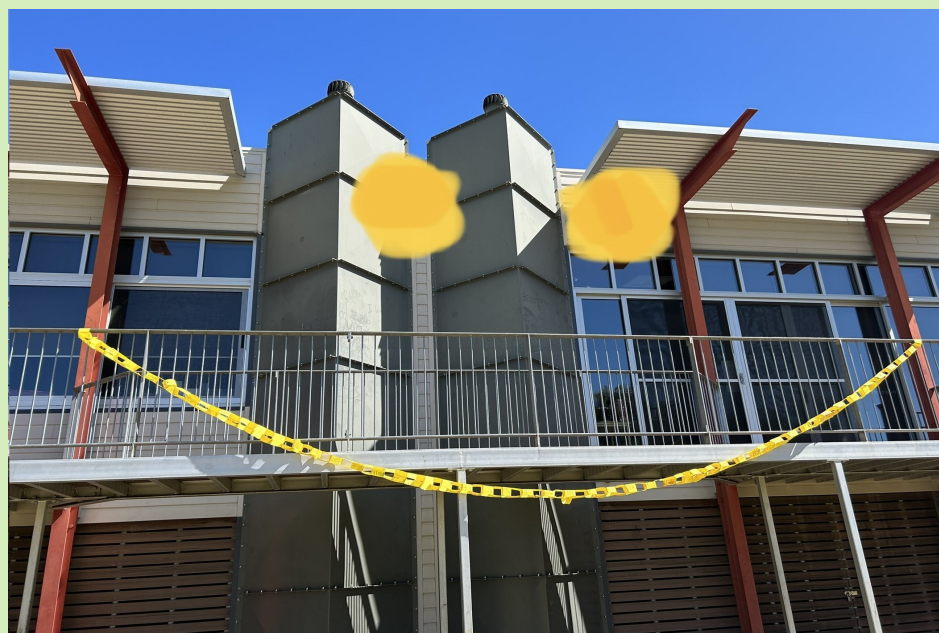
FRONT ROW: Heidi; Charlotte; Matilda; Mav



We send our best wishes to all
who celebrated their Birthdays
in the past fortnight!



Clementine



**Kindness Day -
Monday
November 13,
2024**

The children had a wonderful day with many activities including: role play; craft, sports, and a sausage sizzle.

CANBERRA CAMP - GRADES 5 & 6 - NOVEMBER 1 TO 3



CANBERRA CAMP - GRADES 5 & 6 - NOVEMBER 1 TO 3 Cont'd



There is no doubt that this trip was an eye-opening, educational and resiliency-building experience for all the students. So much to see, learn about and do. More pictures are available on Facebook. The group behaved very well and was a credit to St Mary's School!

School Colour Run—Friday 1st December

Fund Raising Update:-

We have raised just OVER \$6000 so far for our wonderful little school! WOW!

Thank you so much for signing up and all your kind donations and generosity.
We are just so amazed and warmed by your incredible support!

There is still time to sign up to donate.

Just go to schoolfunrun.com.au or
snap the QR code that was sent home with all the notes.


Only 2 weeks to go until our Colour Run and we are very excited!!

COLOUR RUN COUNTDOWN - - - 14 DAYS TO GO!!



Year 2 very much enjoying their reward for TOTAL CLASS ENROLMENT in the fun run!!

PBIS Expectations: 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 This Week!



Oliver; Annika; Nash; Ayla; Ottis; Ivy; Zoe

Have a great weekend!

Matt





Monday 20 November 2023, 1pm

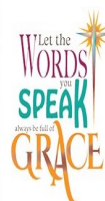
Wangaratta Performing Arts and Conference Centre

Featuring Grade 5 and 6 students from

Our Lady's PS Wangaratta • St Patrick's PS Wangaratta
St Joseph's PS Benalla • St Mary's PS Rutherglen

This is a **FREE** event for all families and friends
of our school communities.

Bookings essential: forms.office.com/r/tPrxiCgxtv (or scan QR code).
Please allow time to locate parking.



MACHILLOP
ART EXHIBITION

10-26 NOVEMBER 2023



Edwina The Emu, 2022, Jaida Dehne, Yr 2, St Mary's PS, Cohuna – People's Choice Awards Finalist, Primary

OPEN FOR VIEWING

10-26 November 2023

Sacred Heart Cathedral, Bendigo

Open Wed-Sat | 10am-4pm

ONLINE

From Monday 13 November 2023

ceosand.catholic.edu.au/mae

VOTE FOR PEOPLE'S CHOICE AWARDS

until Sunday 26 November 2023

ceosand.catholic.edu.au/mae/peoples-choice

OPENING AND AWARDS CEREMONY

Friday 10 November 2023 | 6pm-8pm

Sacred Heart Cathedral, Bendigo

Booking:

trybooking.com/CFRCI (or scan QR code)

Livestream:

links.powerav.com.au/mbq



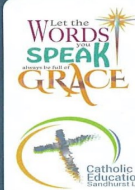
ENQUIRIES

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A photograph of two children swimming underwater in a pool. The child on the left is wearing yellow goggles and a patterned swimsuit. The child on the right is wearing red goggles and a blue swimsuit, and is smiling. The water is clear blue with light rays filtering through.

RUTHERGLEN SWIMMING CLUB

COME & TRY

JOIN US AT THE POOL!

Tuesday 21st November
at 4.00 pm

FOR MORE INFORMATION OR TO REGISTER YOUR INTEREST CONTACT

rutherglenswim@gmail.com

Important Calendar Dates - 2023

Term 4

Monday 20 November	Festival of the Sacred, Wangaratta - Grades 5/6 attending
Tuesday 21 November	Languages Film Festival Screening, Shepparton - 7 Students from Years 4/5/6 attending
Tuesday 21 November	First Day of Foundation Transition 9.00-11.00am
Tuesday 28 November	Second Day of Foundation Transition 9.00-11.00am
Friday 1 December	School Colour Fun Run
Tuesday 5 December	Third Day of Foundation Transition 9.00am - 12.45pm
Wednesday 6 December	Nativity Play and Awards
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 - Movie Activity

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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