



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 8 Friday November 24, 2023

PBIS Expectations: Expectations In Sharing and Responding To Each Other

Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe



This Sunday's Gospel Summary: Mark 11:9-10

On the final Sunday of the Church year, the feast of Christ the King, we learn most definitely how our lives will be measured. They will be measured by the love we show. Whenever we offer a drink of water to the thirsty, food to the hungry, clothing to the poor, or whenever we visit the sick or imprisoned, or take in the stranger, we show our love to God. Through our actions toward the poor, vulnerable, estranged and discouraged we show our love of God. If we ignore these people, we also ignore God.

Reflection for Families

It is easy to see the meaning of this gospel through our actions toward our children. Never in true thirst or hunger would we deny them. If they were sick or cold we would take care of them ourselves or see to it that someone helped us. It's taking this gospel to the next level that will help our children see the meaning of love through our example. Not only will they witness love through our loving actions toward others, but there will be many opportunities along the way to have our children share in these actions of love.

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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.



Christmas Hamper Raffles - Donations Sought!!

So far the response to our Christmas Hamper Raffles has been very scarce - both for the ticket sales AND for the donation of gifts! We barely have enough gifts at the moment for one Hamper!

Any donations towards the Christmas Hamper Raffles would be Very Much 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. Additional books available on request.

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



Festival Of The Sacred - Monday November 20, 2023

Congratulations to Grades 5/6 for their performance at the Festival of the Sacred held in Wangaratta at the Performing Arts & Convention Centre!

They all did an amazing job.





**We send our best wishes to
all who celebrated their
Birthdays
This Week!**



Blair

Congratulations to the Class Award Winner This Week:



BACK ROW: Natasha; Harper; Jackson; Ava

FRONT ROW: Joseph; Oliver; Norah; Zoe; Tenley; Madelyn

Languages Film Festival Screening, Tuesday November 21

Our Students - Harper, Isabel, Angus, Poppy, Sienna, Emmerson and Stevie along with Mrs Gina Nero attended the screening of all the participant films very much enjoyed their day.

Signora Nero received a follow up letter from the Catholic Education Sandhurst organizer of the event, as follows:

"I am writing to congratulate you on your students' submission and result in the Languages & EAL Film Festival 2023.

St Mary's Primary Rutherglen's film submission for the **Category Senior Primary** has won a **Participation Award**. Your school will receive an award of **\$50** shortly.

You are asked to use this prize money to support your language program e.g. purchase of books or online resources and/or organise cultural activities and events. Well done on your efforts!

A big congratulations to all the finalists and all the schools who were able to submit their films this year despite the many challenges. Well done to all the teachers and students on their efforts.

Well done and hope to see your students again at the Languages & EAL Film Festival in 2024."

Below is a photo of the students and Mrs Nero at the Award Presentation:



School Colour Run—Friday 1st December

Fund Raising Update:-

We have raised ALMOST \$7,500 so far for our amazing little school!

Thank you again for your extraordinary commitment and generosity!

The Colour Run is next Friday, December 1st, and is going to be a really fun day.

There will be a short assembly to start the day and then we will have some fun whole school activities in the morning.

We will begin the Colour Run after recess (11.45am).


Please make sure your child has:

- A white or light coloured t-shirt
- Towel
- A change of clothes
- Hat
- Drink Bottle

COLOUR RUN COUNTDOWN - - - 7 DAYS TO GO!!



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!



Ayla; Izaiah; Annika; Raegan; Zoe; Amelia

Have a great weekend!

Matt



Important Calendar Dates - 2023

Term 4

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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