



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 10 Monday 4 December, 2023

PBIS Expectations: Expectations in the Church

Yesterday was the First Sunday of ADVENT



Advent is the Catholic liturgical season of preparation leading up to Christmas Day. The word *advent* is derived from the Latin word *adventus*, which means *coming*. During Advent we anticipate the coming of Jesus as a baby. It's a time full of reflection, excitement, and hope as we prepare to celebrate his birth. While we typically regard Advent as a joyous season, it is also intended to be a period of preparation, much like Lent. Prayer, penance and fasting are appropriate during this season.

Advent officially begins four Sundays before Christmas and ends on December 24. It marks the beginning of the Catholic Church's liturgical calendar year. This year Advent begins this Sunday, December, 3. Christmas Eve is the Fourth Sunday of Advent, with Christmas falling on a Monday. Four weeks isn't long, but that still leaves plenty of time to spend some quiet time preparing for Jesus' coming.

Having an **Advent Wreath** in your home is a great way of tracking yourselves meaningfully through Advent. Don't let the Advent wreath become just another tradition without any meaning behind it! Make lighting the Advent Wreath a time for meaningful connections and discussions with your loved ones.



Week 1: Advent Wreath Prayer:

Dear Jesus, you are the hope in our messy world. As we light the first candle this Advent, help us slow down, listen to your voice, and focus on what's really important. We place our hope in you as we prepare our hearts to celebrate your birth on Christmas. Amen.

Mass Times:

Chiltern - Saturdays 6.00 pm
Rutherglen - Sundays 9.00 am
Wahgunyah—Sundays 10.30am

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Nativity Play and Awards Night:

The end of year Nativity Play and Awards night is this Wednesday, starting at 6pm sharp in the church. All junior students need to be in their classroom by 5.45 pm to get into their costumes. All senior students are encouraged to dress in something Christmassy.



School Fence:

As some might have noticed we are in the process of putting up a school fence. A back colorbond fence was erected last weekend and over the next few weekends (weather permitting) a front fence will be erected.

Weeding Volunteers!!

Wow! Out of nowhere a group of lively lads asked me whether they could do some voluntary weeding in between the hall and the tennis courts!! **THANKS boys and well done!!**



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.

Christmas Hamper Raffles

The Raffle Draw is scheduled for this Friday.

A BIG Thank You to everyone who have been rallying around and donating gifts.

Donations close tomorrow morning -
December 5, 2023 to allow them all to be
Wrapped in time for the draw.



School Colour Run—Friday 1st December

Our Colour Run
was an Amazing Success -
We all had an absolute ball!!!

The day started with egg and spoon races and
sack races and afterwards was our Colour Run -
A day full of Fun and Inclusiveness.

Our beautiful St Mary's community raised just over
\$9,300!
We can't thank you all enough.







We send our best wishes to all who have celebrated their Birthdays last Week - and who will be up to the end of the Term!



Stevie



Madelyn



Tanisha




Archie

Congratulations to the Class Award Winners Last Week:



Raegan; Stephanie; Noah; Lilly; Melody; Matilda; Ivy; Emmerson; Sienna; Hunter

PBIS Expectations: Expectations in the Church

Church	Respect Ourselves	Respect Others	Respect our Environment
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Participate in prayer and singing • Follow routines and instructions • Sit, stand and kneel appropriately • Bless yourself when entering and leaving the Church • Enter and exit calmly and correctly • Exiting people go first - wait for them to leave 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Keep your hands to yourself • Listen to the person speaking • Be quiet • Participate • Offer peace quietly and calmly to others • Listen to the person speaking • Enter and exit the pews correctly during communion and blessings 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Respect the sacred space • Sit quietly • Enter and exit correctly • Keep your feet on the floor

Have a great weekend!

Matt





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RUTHERGLEN COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS LUNCH



YOU DON'T NEED TO BE ALONE THIS CHRISTMAS

**Join in the Community Christmas Lunch at 12 noon on
Christmas Day 2023**



If you are on your own for Christmas Day and you would enjoy company, you are invited to register to join with other community members for a 2 course Christmas Lunch with drinks at the Supper Rooms, Rutherglen Memorial Hall on Christmas Day, Monday 25 December 2023 at 12 noon.

Bookings are essential. Contact Leonie Featonby on 0400 429 738 or Krissy Gibbs on 0407 900 756 by no later than Tuesday 12 December 2023. No BYO drinks please.

If you require transport to the Hall, please advise Leonie or Krissy when you make your booking.

There is no charge for the meal to those attending, although donations are very welcome and appreciated.

Any other financial support from individuals, business or organisations would help us to meet the costs involved.

Indigo Shire Libraries School Holiday activities

Bee-Bot robots

Bee-Bots are programmable floor robots designed for children to use. They turn on the spot and move forwards and backwards.

Ages: 5 – 8. **Bookings:** Required, as places are limited.

Monday 22 January, St Mark's Church Hall, Tangambalanga 2.30pm-3.30pm

Easy Origami

Come and learn some origami techniques with Asako from Japan. Asako will share some of her amazing paper folding skills with you. We will work on easy origami to start with and then progress. There will be extra helpers to assist.

Ages: 8 and over. **Bookings:** Required, as places are limited.

Beechworth Library. Wednesday 17 January. 10.00am – 11.00am.

Yackandandah Library. Wednesday 17 January. 2.00pm – 3.00pm.

Chiltern Library. Thursday 18 January. 10.00am – 11.00am.

Rutherglen Library. Thursday 18 January. 2.00pm – 3.00pm.

Bookings for Bee-bots and Origami will open on Tuesday 4 January 2024

Lego Legends

What amazing Lego creations can you build? A castle, a farm machine, a rocket... Come with an idea and make something spectacular.

Ages: 5-12

Rutherglen Library. Thursday, 11 January 10:00am– 11:00am

Yackandandah Library Tuesday, 23 January 10:00am – 11:00am

National Gallery of Victoria Kids on Tour

The National Gallery of Victoria has collaborated with artists and designers to create a series of workshops for children and families. You do not need to register to attend. The craft activities are self-guided so some children will need help:

Remaking Home (Collage)

You can create a collage while learning about the critically important grey-headed flying fox and its habitat.

Ages: 4 and over. (Young children may need the help of an adult.)

Chiltern Library. Friday, 12 January. 10.00am – 11:30am

Inspiration Train (Drawing)

In this drawing activity you can design an object inspired by your favourite food.

Ages: 4 and over. (Young children may need the help of an adult.)

Chiltern Library. Friday 12 January. 1.00pm – 2:30pm

Underwater Drawing Club

In this drawing activity, you can create your own drawing of a favourite sea creature in the style of Jean Jullien the Paris based artist.

Ages: 4 and over. (Young children may need the help of an adult.)

Beechworth Library. Wednesday 24 January. 10.00am – 11:30am

To Become Light (Drawing and construction)

Discover the special symbols artist Jenna Lee has painted on her lanterns and then complete your own lantern and dilly bag drawing with symbols of your identity.

Ages: 4 and over. (Young children may need adult help to assemble.)

Beechworth Library. Wednesday, 24 January. 1.00pm – 2:30pm

Bracelet Beading (Jewellery making)

Be part of a meditative and engaging workshop where teens can come together to create a colourful beaded bracelet which they can keep or gift to a loved one.

Ages: 12 and over.

Beechworth Library. Wednesday, 24 January. 3.00 pm – 4:30pm.

Summer Holiday Programs!!

The Albury LibraryMuseum has many wonderful programs throughout the summer to keep learning happening over the break! Eleven out of the twelve programs are completely free and offer a range of options for all families:

Summer Holiday Booked Programs

MAGIC CONCOCTIONS WORKSHOP

LibraryMuseum &
Monday 8 January
2.00 – 3.00pm



OPTICAL ILLUSIONS WORKSHOP

LibraryMuseum
Wednesday 10 January
10.30 – 11.30am



LEGO MINI FIGURES PAINTING

Lavington Library
Tuesday 16 January
10.30 – 11.30am



GOODNIGHT STORYTIME

LibraryMuseum
Wednesday 17 January
6.00 – 6.30pm



MAGIC WORKSHOP

LibraryMuseum
Monday 22 January
10.00am – 11.30am



PAINT YOUR OWN LIBRARY BAG

LibraryMuseum
Thursday 25 January
10.30am – 11.30am &
2.00 – 3.00pm



Bookings essential. For more information or to book please visit
alburycity.nsw.gov.au/whats-on or scan the QR code



Summer Holiday Program.

SUMMER READING CLUB

LibraryMuseum &
Lavington Library
Friday 1 December –
Wednesday 31 January



ALICE'S WONDERLAND TREASURE HUNT

LibraryMuseum
Saturday 16 December
– Sunday 4 February



MOUSE HUNT

Lavington Library
Saturday 16 December
– Sunday 4 February



ALICE'S WONDERLAND SELF GUIDED TOUR KIT

LibraryMuseum
Saturday 16 December
– Sunday 18 February



MAKE YOUR OWN PUZZLE

LibraryMuseum
Tuesday 2 January
10.30am – 12.30pm

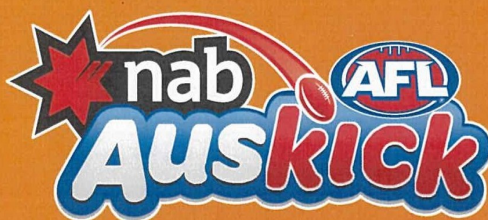


SCRATCH ART

LibraryMuseum
Tuesday 4 January
10.30am – 12.30pm



Drop-in programs, no bookings required. For more information please visit
alburycity.nsw.gov.au/whats-on



REMINDER: HAVE YOU REGISTERED?

NAB AFL Auskick is a community run program that relies on the honesty, involvement and support of all people involved. A key part of your participation at Auskick is to ensure you are registered on our registration platform.

It is important you are registered for the following reasons:

- 1** This ensures your Auskick Coordinator knows who you are and knows how many kids to plan for and equipment to provide at each session
- 2** Registrations have the following key benefits
 - a. Insurance for any injuries sustained during play
 - b. Awesome goodies in your AFL Club colours as well as the essentials such as a footy, pump and footy cards
 - c. The option to become a Junior Member at your favourite AFL Club completely free of charge and attend selected Toyota AFL Premiership Series AFL Games and NAB AFLW Games
 - d. Exclusive offers from AFL partners
- 3** Lastly your Auskick Centre receives equipment funding and other support based on each individual registration

Register via the QR code below
or visit play.afl/auskick



Important Calendar Dates - 2023

Term 4

Tuesday 5 December	Third Day of Foundation Transition 9.00am - 12.45pm
Wednesday 6 December	Grade 4 Transition Day - Rutherglen High School - All Day
Friday 8 December	Nativity Play - 6pm Sharp - at Church; followed by Awards
Monday 11 December	Christmas Hamper Raffle draw
Tuesday 12 December	Grade 6 Graduation Dinner
Friday 15 December	Fourth Day of Foundation Transition 9.00am - 3.30pm
	Last Day of Term - Movie Activity

Important Calendar Dates - 2024

Term 1

Tuesday 30 January	First Day - Term 1
Wednesday 31 January	Foundation Rest Day
Wednesday 7 February	Foundation Rest Day
Wednesday 14 February	Foundation Rest Day
Monday 19 February	School Photography Day
Wednesday 21 February	Foundation Rest 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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