



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.

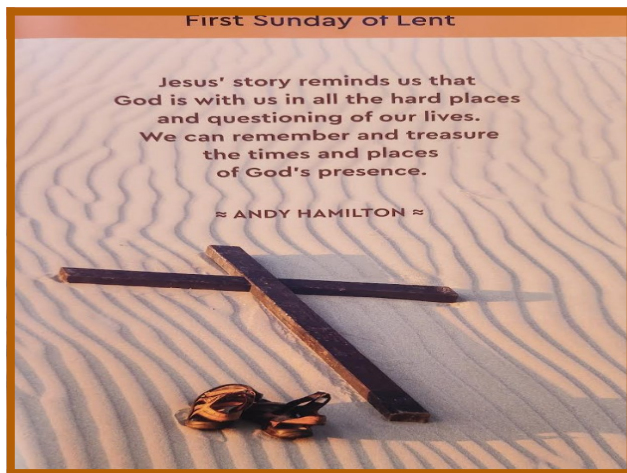
Respect Ourselves - Respect Others - Respect our Environment

Term 1 - Week 3 - Friday 16 February, 2024

PBIS Expectations: Expectations in the Playground

Dear Families,

This Sunday is the First Sunday of LENT



Lent is a period of 40 days of reflection and preparation leading up to Easter Sunday. It is a time to reflect, pray and practice self-discipline. During **Lent** we often give up certain luxuries or engage in acts of charity as a way to remember Jesus' sacrifice and build a closer relationship with God. Lent is seen as a time of renewal and spiritual growth.

Lent begins on **Ash Wednesday**, with the marking of ashes on the forehead, and ends on Holy Saturday. It is a time for us to remember Jesus' journey in the desert and ultimately his death and resurrection.

Project Compassion:

During **Lent** our students & school focus on **Project Compassion** through Caritas Australia. We share the "real" stories of families and communities with the students to make them aware of the positive outcomes their fundraising efforts have on these communities and families.



LEAIA



Not having access to a reliable source of clean water was very difficult for Leaia and her family. But with the support of Caritas Australia, a water tank was installed at their home, improving their health and living conditions.



MEMORY



As the eldest child in a low-income farming family, Memory faced many barriers to her education. But with the support of Caritas Australia she enrolled in a technical school and became the first female carpenter in her village.

Mass Times:

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

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Pancake Tuesday

All the students enjoyed some yummy pancakes on Tuesday for a gold coin donation. It was great to have Fr Peter join us to help with the pancake cooking! All money raised will go towards Caritas.



School is better when your child is here

Going to school every day is the most important part of your child's education. There are no safe number of days for missing school – each day a student misses puts them behind and can affect their educational outcomes and their social connectedness. The best thing you can do is support your child to get to school every day.

A positive attitude towards school, healthy habits and routines, and parental involvement can support your child's regular school attendance and prevent chronic absence patterns.

When your child misses just... they miss

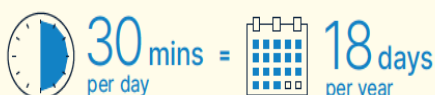


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Chickenpox Case:

We have had a case of chickenpox reported to the school. Hopefully it will be just an isolated case.

Reminders:-

School Mobile Phones:

Just a reminder that all student mobile phones must be handed into the office each morning where they will be housed during the school day. This is a requirement for all Victorian schools. Phones will be collected by students at the end of the day.



Frosty Friday

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



District Swimming

Last Friday Natasha, Heidi, Zoe, Matilda, Isabel, Clementine, Freya, Sienna, Patrick, Cody and Zac represented St Mary's at the District Swimming in Beechworth. They should all be extremely proud of themselves for not only their amazing participation but for being so supportive and encouraging each other. They certainly did themselves and St. Mary's proud. A Big Thanks to the parents and grandparents who took up their children, some also took extra children, and they also were an amazing support on the day!

A Big Well Done to Isabel, Natasha, Matilda, Clementine, Zoe and Zac who made it to Division Swimming which is being held today in Wodonga.



Fun at Playtime!

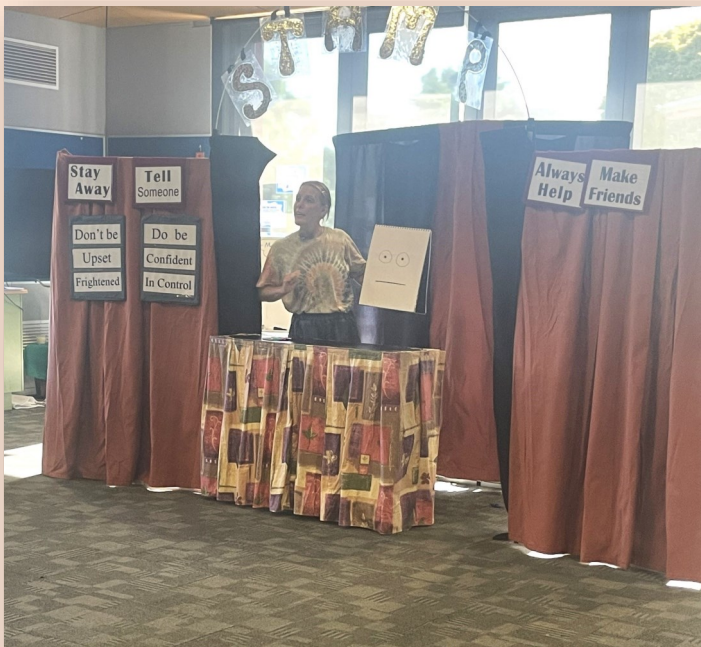


STAMP out Bullying

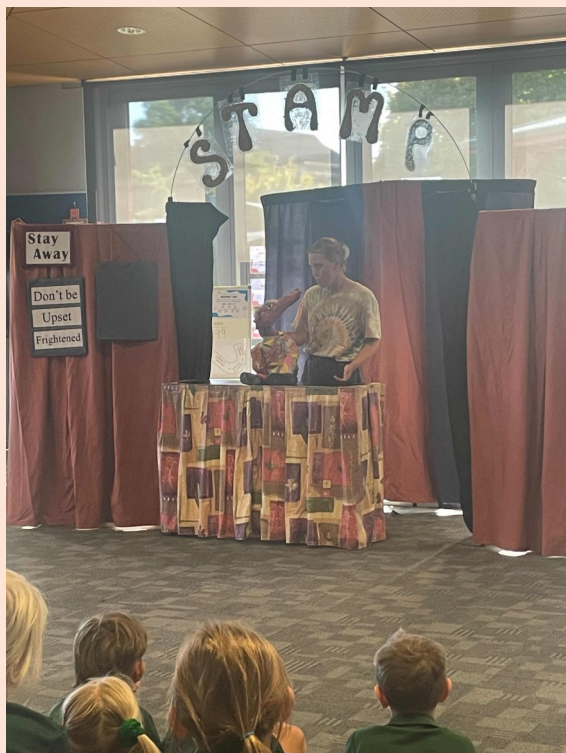
The children participated in a fantastic puppet performance called STAMP out Bullying on Wednesday. The performance was very interactive and fun with a very important message about bullying.

The acronym stands for:


- S** stay away
- T** tell someone that can help
- A** always help someone
- M** make friends
- P** play nicely



STAMP out Bullying (2)



PBIS Expectations: Expectations in The Playground

Expectations in Our Learning Spaces	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 be bell immediately (drink, toilet) • Tell, not dob • Be active • Wear a hat and sunscreen during Terms 1 and 4 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Respond to the bell immediately • Share with others • Take turns in games • Show good Sportsmanship with others • Be inclusive • Be a good role model with others • Be tolerant towards others 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Use equipment appropriately • Return sports equipment • Pick up my belongings, e.g. drink bottle, hat and jumper • Put our rubbish in the bin

Congratulations to This Week's PBIS Award Winners!



Logan; Leah; Edward; Hugo; Jake

Congratulations to This Week's Student Achievement Award Winners!



BACK: Eden; Jack; Harper; Oscar; Matilda; Cruz; Elsie; Heidi
FRONT: Raegan; Banjo; Tahlia



**We send our Best Wishes to all
who have celebrated their
Birthdays This Week!**



Axel



Cody



Natasha



Hunter

Have a Great Weekend.

Matt



The School
Photographer

PHOTO DAY

COMING SOON!

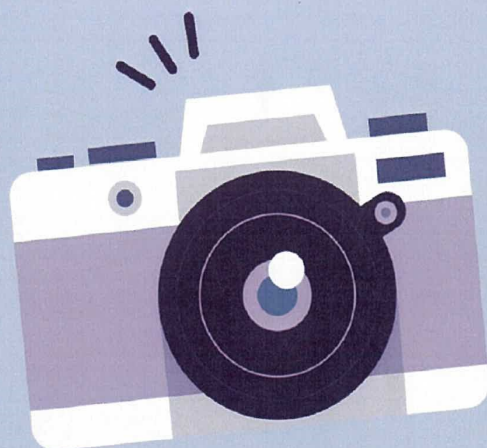
Monday 19th February 2024

Head to our website to view the available
packages and to place your order

Online orders cannot be placed until
AFTER Jan 1st 2024

VISIT OUR WEBSITE & ENTER THIS CODE:

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Thursday LEGO Club

Join us Thursdays during school term, 3:30pm-4:30pm for the After School LEGO Club. Create, build and unleash your inner LEGO master. Suitable for Primary School ages. LEGO Club operates on a 'drop in' basis, so no bookings required.

**School Term Thursdays
3:30pm-4:30pm
Rutherglen Library**

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Important Calendar Dates - 2024

Term 1

Monday 19 February	School Photography Day from 9am to Lunch Time
Wednesday 21 February	Foundation Rest Day
Mon-Thur 26 to 29 February	Swimming Program, Rutherglen Pool
Friday 1 March	Swim Carnival, Rutherglen Pool
Thursday 7th March	Clean Up Australia Day
Monday 11th March	Labour Day Public Holiday
Thursday 21 March	Harmony Day
Monday 25th March	Student Free Day - Staff STEM Day
Wednesday 27th March	Easter Hamper Raffle Draw
Thursday 28 March	Last Day of Term
Friday 29th March	Good Friday
Sunday 31 March	Easter Sunday

Term 2

Monday 15th April	First Day of Term
Friday 26th April	Student Free Day - Staff PD
Thursday 9th May	Mother's Day Stall
Friday 24th May	Student Free Day—Staff PD
Sunday 2nd June	First Communion
Monday 10th June	King's Birthday Public Holiday
Friday 28th June	Last Day of Term

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