



# 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 4 - Friday 23 February, 2024**

## PBIS Expectations: Expectations in the Playground

Dear Families,

### This Sunday is the Second Sunday of LENT



During this second week of Lent, let us reflect on the importance of forgiveness.

Jesus teaches us to forgive others as we have been forgiven by God.

Let us use this time to examine our hearts and ask for the grace to forgive those who have wronged us.

By letting go of resentment and seeking reconciliation, we can experience the freedom and peace that comes from true forgiveness.

May we imitate Jesus in his mercy and compassion towards others, and may our hearts be transformed by the power of forgiveness during this Lenten season.

## Project Compassion Does Help:

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.



**SUPPORT YOUNG PEOPLE LIKE RONITA TO GO BACK TO SCHOOL.**



**HELP YOUNG MOTHERS AND THEIR CHILDREN ATTEND HEALTH CLINICS.**



**PROVIDE ASSISTANCE TO FAMILIES LIVING IN URBAN SLUMS**

### Mass Times:

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

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**Remember - - - From Next Week Foundies Go Full Time!!**



### **Swimming Program:**

Next week we begin our swimming program culminating with our swimming carnival on Friday. I wonder who will win this year's May Baring trophy??? Please Note: ALL children must wear a rashy or swim top.



### **Attendance is Critical:**



### **Attendance in Early Years Matters!**

- attendance matters full stop!
- what is your child's attendance at? 95% is the target

### **Head Lice:**

We have had some cases of head lice reported to the school. Please be vigilant and check your child's hair regularly - weekly is recommended. Information regarding treatment has gone out in the tubs.

## 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.



# EASTER RAFFLE:

**It's that time of year again -  
Seeking Donations!**

Could all families please start sending in some Easter eggs and Easter themed gifts for our Easter Raffle to be drawn on Wednesday the 27th March, 2024.

The more donations we receive the more Easter hampers we can make up as prizes.

Easter raffle tickets will be sent home in the tubs later next week, with more available on request.





## Grade 3 and 4 Students Activity:

This week the Grade 3 and 4 students recreated the Dungala Creation Story in the sandpit. Using the Rainbow Serpent as inspiration, they worked together and used sticks, leaves, water and bark to recreate the Murray River.





## Division Swimming


Last Friday Isabel, Clementine, Matilda, Zoe, Zac and Natasha represented St Mary's Division Swimming in Wodonga.

They had an amazing day with all of them making PBs throughout the day. Thanks so much to the parents transporting their children and organising and supporting them on the day.





## PBIS Expectations: Expectations in The Playground

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

## Congratulations to This Week's PBIS Award Winners!



Iris; Pippa; Mason; Lydia; Tahlia; Max

## Congratulations to This Week's Student Achievement Award Winners!



**BACK:** Archie; Ben; Sienna; Natasha; Polly  
**FRONT:** Izaiah; Hugo; Ida; Tanisha



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



**Lilly**

**Have a Great Weekend.**

**Matt**



# Important Calendar Dates - 2024

## Term 1

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 - Classroom Activities
Monday 25th March	Student Free Day - Staff STEM Day
Wednesday 27th March	Easter Hamper Raffle Draw
Thursday 28 March	Last Day of Term 1 (Casual Clothes - Gold Coin Donation) 2.30 pm Finish
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 2 (Casual Clothes - Gold Coin Donation) 2.30 pm Finish

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