



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 6 - Friday 8 March, 2024

PBIS Expectations: Sharing and Responding to Each Other

Dear Families,

This Sunday is the 4th Sunday of LENT



We are now just over halfway through the Lent period, a time of reflection, prayer, fasting, and penance leading up to Easter.

As we continue on this spiritual journey, let us reevaluate our relationship with God and with others, seeking forgiveness and renewal.

It is a time to focus on our spiritual growth, to quiet our hearts and minds, and to deepen our faith. Let us remember the sacrifices of Jesus Christ and strive to be more like him in our thoughts, words, and actions.

May this Lenten season bring us closer to God and to our fellow brothers and sisters in Christ.

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.

Through Project Compassion, Caritas Australia has been able to support the Faithful Companions of Jesus (FCJ) to run the Alternative Learning System program. This program has meant that Ronita has been able to continue her education. The FCJ sisters provide a safe space for many young people such as Ronita to finish school and find better jobs. Ronita has had the opportunity to change her life.



Ronita (22) smiles as she holds her sons, Egzy Grey (3) and Clark (5), in their small home in Quezon City, Philippines.

Mass Times:

Chiltern - Saturdays 6.00 pm

Rutherglen - Sundays 9.00 am

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Book Club:

The Second Edition of the Book Club Catalogue was put in the tubs to go home. The closing date for all orders is 14.3.24. If you are wanting our office administration to put in orders for you, the closing date is 12.3.24, but the earlier the better. Administration will close all orders on 14.3.24.

Swimming Program & Carnival:

Well done to Donaghy House who won the Swimming Carnival last Friday and a big congratulations to Seve who was the 2024 May Baring trophy winner! The Winning House was Donaghy. Enjoy the four whole pages of photos from the Swimming Program on Monday to Thursday, and the Carnival on Friday.

Attendance is Critical:



Attendance in Early Years Matters!

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

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:

Seeking Donations!

Could all families please send 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 were sent home in the tubs, with more available on request.



Swimming Program 26-29 February & Swimming Carnival 1 March,



**Winner of the May Baring Swimming Trophy Trophy,
Seve Cottam - Trophy Presented by Frank Baring**



Swimming Program & Swimming Carnival - 2.



Swimming Program & Swimming Carnival - 3.



Swimming Program & Swimming Carnival - 4.




Clean Up Australia Activity - Thursday 7 March, 2024 - 1.



Clean Up Australia Activity - Thursday 7 March, 2024 - 2.



PBIS Expectations: Sharing and Responding to Each Other

Expectations in Our Learning Spaces	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 • Use positive body language 	<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 • Use positive body language 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Respect the work of others in the classroom • Respect our ICT resources when sharing presentations

Congratulations to This Week's PBIS Award Winners!



Heidi; Ava; Hugo; Harry; Cruz; Sydney



**Sadly - -
No Student Birthdays
This Week!!**



Congratulations to This Week's Student Achievement Award Winners!



**BACK: Seve; Harry; Zac; Oliver; Amelia-Rose; Amelia
FRONT: Aria; Sparrow**

Have a Great Weekend.

Matt



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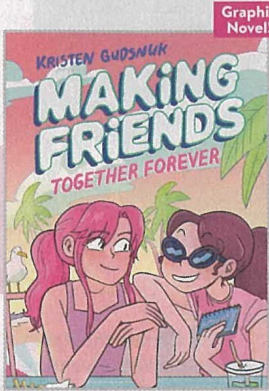
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Book Club

Open a world of possibility with reading

ORDERS
DUE BACK BY:

12.3.2024



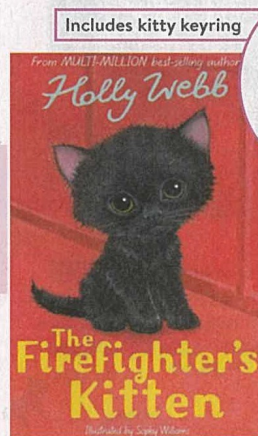
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NEW! Together Forever
Dany's back to being a loner, but her mum is an alien imposter! 208 pp. AGES 10+
~~\$18.99~~ **\$12.00**



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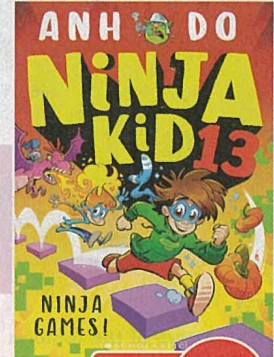
NEW! Pusheen Stationery Set
AGES 6+ ~~\$22.95~~ **\$22.00**



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NEW! The Firefighter's Kitten
Can Lola rescue the stray kitten and help find him a new home? 128 pp.
AGES 6+ ~~\$20.99~~

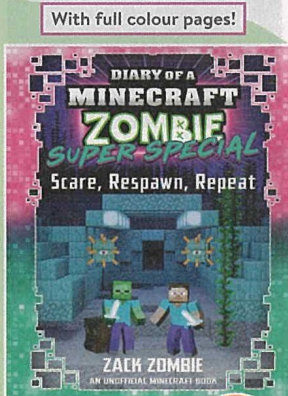
HALF PRICE! \$10



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NEW! Ninja Games!
Nelson and Kenny are inside their favourite video game. 192 pp.
AGES 7+ ~~\$15.99~~

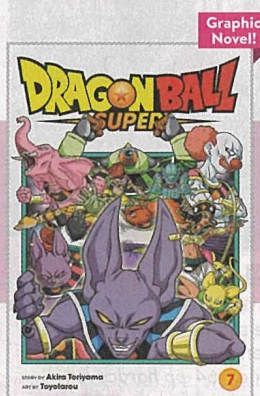
SAVE 44% \$9



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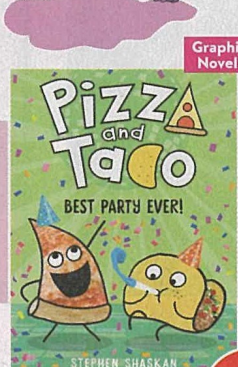
NEW! Scare, Respawn, Repeat
Zombie gets separated from his friends in the Ocean Biome. 192 pp. AGES 8+
~~\$15.99~~

\$10



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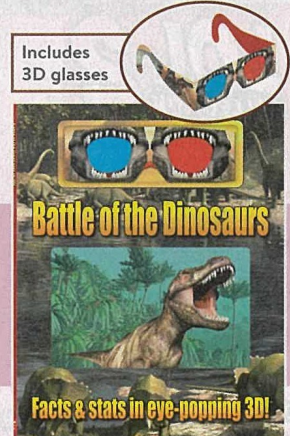
NEW! Dragon Ball Super, Vol 7
Goku and his friends have to defend the planet once again! 192 pp. AGES 10+
~~\$17.99~~ **\$15.00**



007

NEW! Best Party Ever!
Pizza and Taco learn how NOT to throw a party! 72 pp. AGES 6+ ~~\$10.99~~

SAVE 45% \$6



008

NEW! 3D Battle of the Dinosaurs
Awesome facts, stats and pics in eye-popping 3D! 48 pp.
AGES 6+ ~~\$15.99~~ **\$12.00**



009

NEW! Harry Potter: Clay Charms
Craft clay into your favourite characters from Harry Potter. 48-pp book, 7 colour clays, charm bracelet, clay shaping tool, display stand, glaze. AGES 8+
~~\$34.99~~ **\$22.00**

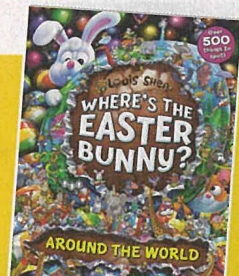
SAVE \$12.99



010

NEW! How the Crayons Saved the School
On a boring grey afternoon, seven special crayons surprise the school! 32-pp hardcover. AGES 3+ ~~\$19.99~~

HALF PRICE! \$9



011

Where's the Easter Bunny? Around the World
Travel all around the world with the Easter Bunny and friends. 24 pp. AGES 4+
~~\$16.99~~

SAVE 82%

EVERY CHILD DESERVES A BOOK

\$3

Important Calendar Dates - 2024

Term 1

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

Term 3

Monday 15th July	First Day of Term
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