



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 7 - Friday 15 March, 2024

PBIS Expectations: Sharing and Responding to Each Other

REMINDER - On the LAST DAY OF TERM 1, SCHOOL FINISHES AT 2.30pm!!

Dear Families,

This Sunday is the 5th Sunday of LENT



As we reach the **5th Sunday of Lent**, we are reminded of the nearing of Holy Week and the ultimate sacrifice that Jesus made for us on the cross.

This is a time for deep reflection on our own lives, our own sacrifices, and our own relationship with God.

It is a time to let go of any burdens or sins that weigh us down, and to open our hearts to receive the forgiveness that God offers us.

Let us use this time to grow closer to God, to seek his guidance, and to prepare ourselves for the joy of Easter.

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 WOMEN LIKE MEMORY TO ACCESS VOCATIONAL TRAINING SKILLS.



HELP FAMILIES IN RURAL MALAWI TO IMPROVE THEIR INCOME.



SUPPORT BETTER HEALTH AND HYGIENE FOR FAMILIES IN MALAWI.

Mass Times:

Chiltern - Saturdays 6.00 pm

Rutherglen - Sundays 9.00 am

Wahgunyah—Sundays 10.30am

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Attendance is Critical:



Attending the Early Years = Greater chance of success

- establishes positive habits
- builds positive relationships
- maximises opportunities to learn
- supports problem solving skills

Classroom Refurbishments

The senior school refurbishments are in full swing at the moment and progressing very quickly. We are still on schedule to be in the new spaces on day one of Term 2 - **HOORAY!!** New furniture has been ordered and on the way, along with new TV's and IT equipment. With the end now in sight students and staff are getting a little excited as you could imagine!!!!!!!!!!

School Clothing

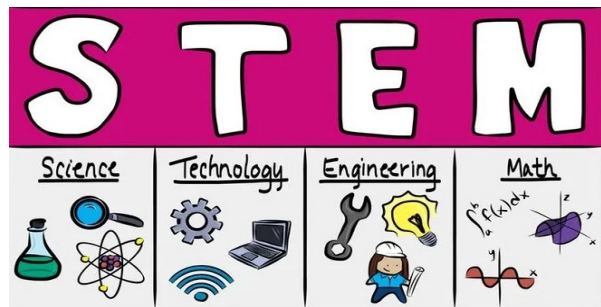
A Very Important Note to all Parents - Please, Please, Please put the children's names on each item of clothing. It is impossible to return them to the child if there is no identification on them. Hats and jackets/windcheaters seem to be the main offenders.

Reminders:

School Closure - Monday 25th March

All staff will be participating in a professional development day around STEM.

This is a **pupil free day**.



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.



Congratulations to This Week's Student Achievement Award Winners!



All of Grade 5!




All of Grade 4!



Matilda; Leah; Iris; Joseph; Wiley; Milla; Charlee; Poppy

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!



Lydia; Harry; Ben; Logan; Sparrow; Edward

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?

So far, there is not a large amount which is a HUGE worry to our little Easter Bunny!

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



Have a Great Weekend.

Matt



Rutherglen High School



Grades 4, 5 & 6
Information Night
Wednesday 27th March

We invite parents and students of
Grades 4, 5 & 6 to an event like no
other!

A chance to visit a school which
offers small classes, great
programs, strong academic
achievements, excellent
opportunities and is your local
community High School.

Two information sessions are available on Wednesday 27th March:
Session 1 commencing at 4.00 pm
Session 2 commencing at 6:30 pm

Come along to see what a small school with fantastic facilities and great
staff and students feels like.

Website - www.rutherglenhs.vic.edu.au

Instagram - @rutherglenhighschool

Facebook - Rutherglen High School

Rutherglen High School: Small School, Big Opportunities



PLAY

FOR
the
KICKS

come
find your
awesome

JOIN YOUR LOCAL AUSKICK
CENTRE TODAY!

Plenty of Fun for Boys and Girls 5-12 years of Age
Meet new friends and get an awesome Auskick Pack!

REGISTER by the 31st March 2024 to be in the draw to WIN a
2023 Carlton Guernsey signed by Brownlow Medalist, Patty Cripps and
Head Coach Michael Voss



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Important Calendar Dates - 2024

Term 1

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 - PUPIL FREE DAY FOR CLASSROOMS SET-UP AFTER RENOVATIONS!
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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