



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 8 - Friday 22 March, 2024

PBIS Expectations: Etiquette When Eating

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

Dear Families,

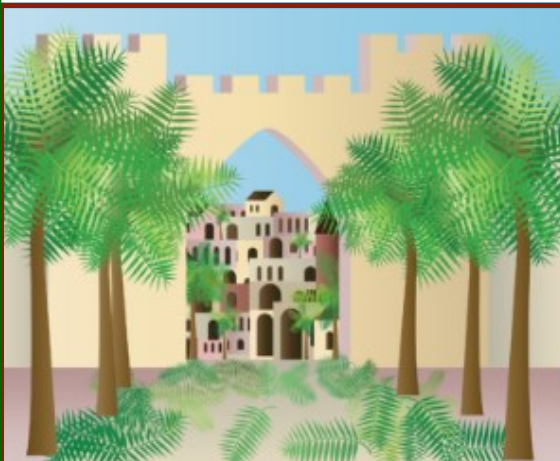
This Sunday is PALM SUNDAY

Palm Sunday is a significant day in the Christian calendar that commemorates Jesus' triumphant entry into Jerusalem. It marks the beginning of **Holy Week**, leading up to Easter Sunday. On this day, believers wave palm branches to symbolise Jesus' arrival as a King of peace.

As we reflect on this event, we remember Jesus' sacrifice and the ultimate victory over sin and death.

It serves as a powerful reminder of the love and mercy that God has for all of us.

Let us use this time to prepare our hearts and minds for the joyous celebration of Easter and renew our faith in the Lord.



Mass Times:

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

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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.



**IMPROVE FOOD AND WATER
SECURITY**



**HELP CHILDREN TO GO TO
SCHOOL**



**PROVIDE PSYCHOSOCIAL
SUPPORTS TO VULNERABLE
YOUTH**

Classroom Refurbishments

Great news!!! The Senior School refurbishments will be completed during the school holidays. Our new furniture arrives at this time as well.

Each year primary schools are allotted 9 Pupil Free days that are used mainly for professional development, parent teacher interviews, report writing etc. So to ensure that all students will come back to a smooth Term 2 start I have decided to use one of our pupil free days on the **15th April (First day of Term 2)** as a day that all staff will use to set up the new classrooms.

On that day the junior school resources and equipment will be moved back from the hall into their rooms off the undercover area and the senior classes resources and equipment moved into their brand new spaces.

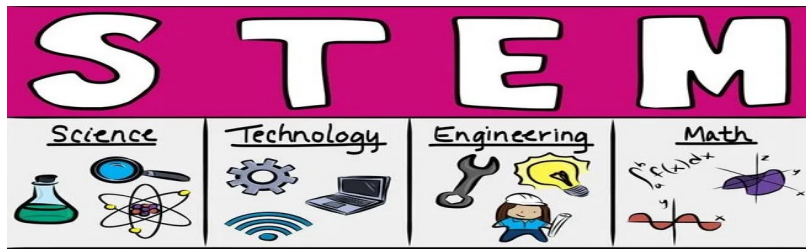
This will be a big job!!



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 Clothing

Very Important - 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.

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 of the **First** and Fourth Term our **Senior Catholic Identity Team** sell frozen Zooper Doopers for 50c. The money raised goes to support CARITAS. **Today was the last day for this Term.**



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



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



Melody



Annika

Colouring In Competition

This week we had a Caritas Colouring In Competition. There were so many good entries - it was a tough job picking the winners! In the end there were two winners chosen from each Class.

Sadly some students were not present today. Pictured below are: Emma; Luca; Oliver; Seth; Ottis; Logan; Heidi; and Ava. Well done all!



Harmony Day

During Harmony Day this week the Grades 3 and 4 students listened to some traditional yarns and finished off by making yarning sticks. Yarning sticks are an indigenous communication tool to support, respect and empower each individual while speaking and sharing.



Reconciliation:

Congratulations to our Reconciliation candidates today - Liara, Harry, Oscar, Tanisha, Charlee and Noah.

We had a lovely service led by Father Peter. All of the children should be very proud of themselves for taking the next step in their spiritual journey.



Reconciliation Cont.:



Congratulations to This Week's Student Achievement Award Winners!



BACK: Annika (Absent); Mason; Colton; Elsie; Will; Lachlan; Charlotte;
FRONT: Lincoln; Logan; Ivy

Congratulations to This Week's PBIS Award Winners!



Hugo; Nash; Leah

PBIS Expectations: Etiquette When Eating

Expectations in Our Learning Spaces	Respect Ourselves	Respect Others	Respect our Environment
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Clean up after ourselves • Stay seated for eating time • Make good food choices • Sanitise before and after eating 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Talk quietly to the people around you • Eat with your mouth closed • Keep your lunchboxes and drink bottle in your own space • Only eat your own food 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Put lunch boxes in bags when finished • Put rubbish in the correct bins - but even better, take your lunch box rubbish home • Leave a clean space

EASTER RAFFLE:

Thank you to all who have donated to our Easter Raffle!!

The hampers are being assembled on the afternoon of Tuesday 26th March, and drawn on Wednesday 27th March.



Have a Great Weekend.

Matt



SANDHURST SWITCHES



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FRIDAY 22 MARCH 2024

Join schools around the diocese in turning off lights for one hour!

In Sandhurst, we invite you to participate in **Sandhurst Switches Off**.

All Catholic schools and Catholic Education Offices will be encouraged to turn off their lights and any other electronic devices for part of the day or a whole day.

This action is symbolic of our commitment to the preservation of God's fragile creation. It is also symbolic of our solidarity with those who are suffering due to climate change.

Let us reimagine our partnership with all of creation.

'If we approach nature and the environment without this openness to awe and wonder, if we no longer speak the language of fraternity and beauty in our relationship with the world, our attitude will be that of masters, consumers, ruthless exploiters, unable to set limits on their immediate needs.'

Laudate Si, Pope Francis, p. 17



Artwork: 2023 MacKillop Art Exhibition Entry, *Climate Change*, Ruby Dankers, Yr 6, Our Lady of the Sacred Heart PS, Elmore - 2023 Winner Spiritual Art Award (Yrs 5-6)



HOLY THURSDAY - 27th March

EVENING MASS : 7pm at RUTHERGLEN

(Evening concludes with the watch before the Eucharist at 9pm)

GOOD FRIDAY - 29th March

STATIONS OF THE CROSS : 10.30am at CHILTERN

PASSIONS OF THE LORD : 3pm at RUTHERGLEN

HOLY SATURDAY - 30th March

EASTER VIGIL : 6pm at CHILTERN

EASTER SUNDAY - 31st March

9am at RUTHERGLEN

10.30am at WAHGUNYAH

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

School holiday activities @ Indigo Shire libraries

Bee-Bots at Beechworth.

Bee-Bots are programmable floor robots designed for children to use. They turn on the spot and move forwards and backwards. Why not have a go at programming one?

Ages: 5 – 8.

Bookings: Required, as places are limited.

Where: Beechworth Library.

When: Thursday 4 April.

Time: 10.00 – 11.00 am.

Sand Play Fun.

Come along for some imaginative play and create your sand picture using found objects from the beach. Materials will be provided and you can bring your own beach found objects to show others.

Ages: 5 – 85! Bring a special older or younger person with you to enjoy the fun!

Bookings: Not required. This is a drop-in session: call in whenever it suits you.

Where: Chiltern Library.

When: Monday 8 April.

Time: 2.00 – 4.00 pm.

All things Harry Potter

Join us for an afternoon of activities, creativity and craft. We'll make a quill pen, your own house bunting, a corner bookmark and go searching for some Harry Potter treasure. You might even dress up as your favourite Harry Potter character!

Ages: 7 – 12.

Bookings: Required, as spaces are limited.

Where: St. Mark's Church Hall, Tangambalanga.

When: Tuesday 9 April.

Time: 2.00 – 3.00 pm.

Games Galore.

Would you like to play a game of *4 in a row*, *tangram*, *tumble tower* or have a try at the *marble maze*? We'll have these giant games, and others, set up for you to try! Please bring your hat, drink bottle and lots of energy. (If the weather is inclement, we will move indoors.)

Ages: 5 – 12.

Bookings: Required, as spaces are limited.

Where: Rutherglen Library

When: Thursday 11 April.

Time: 10.00 – 11.30 am.

Where: Yackandandah Library.

When: Thursday 11 April.

Time: 2.00 – 3.30 pm.

For more information, please contact one of our libraries

Beechworth Library 03 5728 8043

Chiltern Library 02 6028 1143

Rutherglen Library 02 6033 6801

Yackandandah Library 02 6028 1180

Or visit indigoshire.vic.gov.au/libraries



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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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