



St. Mary's School Newsletter

Term 3 - Week 9 - Friday September 13, 2024

*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



Season of Creation



Eyes to see, ears to listen, voices to speak, hands to care and feet to act!

Dear Families,

Production Night

This week is our Spooktacular Dance Performance so we will be walking down to the hall each day until Wednesday to practice. Wednesday for production the children need to be at the Rutherglen Memorial hall by 5:50pm to get ready for the performance. They have had lots of fun getting ready for this. If you have any questions please contact your child's teacher.

Footy/Sport Colours Day

Last day of term next week is Footy/Sport Colours Day - Gold Coin Donation for Charity. Also, Hot dogs will be available for a gold coin donation to go towards our new buddy seat and of course - **don't forget it is an early finish at 2:30pm.**

Thank you

We would also like to thank Sienna, a High School student, who has been completing her Work Experience this week. She has been a great help supporting students. Thank you Sienna!

Engagement Survey

Two weeks ago you would have received a letter inviting you to participate in a school engagement survey called Orima. I would really appreciate you taking the time to complete the survey as the feedback is a great way to plan improvements in our school in all areas for the future.

School Improvement Review

Thank you to everyone for your cooperation during the Review this week. There were lots of positive conversations and there will be some very important recommendations for us to work on over the next 3 years.

Important Calendar Dates

Term 3

Wednesday 18 September *Spooktacula Performance, Rutherglen Memorial Hall*
Friday 20 September *Last Day of Term 3*
- SPORTS TEAM COLOURS DAY - Gold Coin Donation
- Also, Hot Dogs Available for a Gold Coin Donation - Proceeds to go towards a new "Buddy" seat
- 2.30PM FINISH

Term 4

Monday 7 October
Thursday 24 October
Monday 4 November
Tuesday 5 November
Tuesday 19 November
Tuesday 26 November
Tuesday 3 December
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Tuesday 10 December
Wednesday 18 December

First Day of Term 4
St Mary's Public Speaking Competition
Student Free Day - Report Writing Day
Melbourne Cup Public Holiday
1st Day of Foundation Transition - 9.00-11.00am
2nd Day of Foundation Transition - 9.00am-11.00am
3rd Day of Foundation Transition - 9.00am-12.45pm
Third Day of Foundation Transition - 9.00am-12.45pm
Fourth Day of Foundation Transition - 9.00am-3.30pm
Last Day of Term 4
(Casual Clothes - Gold Coin Donation) 2.30pm Finish

Term 1 - 2025

Thursday 30 January
Friday 31 January
Friday 21 February
Monday 10 March
Friday 21 March

Years 1-6 First Day of Term 1
Foundation Students commence
School Photos Day
Labour Day Public Holiday
Harmony Day

Mass Times:

Chiltern - Saturdays 5.00 pm
Rutherglen - Sundays 9.00 am
Wahgunyah - Sundays 10.30am

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Landscaping

Landscaping is just about finished out the front of the school and some new furniture ordered. How good does this look??



Student Voice

Mrs O'Mahony has been discussing with the students in Wellbeing about having a more formal student voice around the school. You may have seen these posters!

The children then write on sticky notes suggestions and thoughts they might have, or would like to happen at school. One of the first things was the smell of the toilets, so we have had slow release air fresheners installed in the toilets. A swimming pool was another suggestion. I didn't say they all could be achieved!!!!!!!

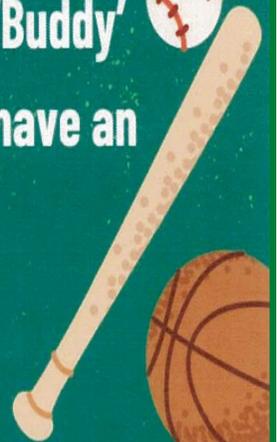


The last day of term will be SPORTS COLOURS DAY

FRIDAY SEPTEMBER 20TH

All students are encouraged to come dressed in the colors of their favorite sports team. Hot dogs will be available for a gold coin donation, and all money raised will go towards our new 'Buddy' seat. Please remember that we have an

early finish at 2:30 PM



NOTICEBOARD

ST MARY'S SCHOOL PRESENTS

SPOOKTACULAR Dance Concert

WEDNESDAY 18TH SEPTEMBER
STARTING AT 6:30PM
RUTHERGLEN MEMORIAL HALL

FAMILY NAME: _____

SEAT ALLOCATION: _____

ST MARY'S SCHOOL PUBLIC SPEAKING COMPETITION

In collaboration with Rutherglen Primary School, St Joseph's Chiltern, Chiltern Primary School and Wahgunyah Primary School.

Students can participate in the following categories-

- Grades 3/4
- Grades 5/6

Starting from 11:45am
24th October 2024
St Mary's Parish Hall

FREE ENTRY

Contact Libby Dickinson 02 60329 284
Email principal@smrutherglen.catholic.edu.au

Congratulations to our Student Achievement Award Winners!!



BACK: Ava; Indi; Sienna; Emma; Noah; Archie; Zac
FRONT: Aria; Edward; Hunter; Annika; Raegan

Little Athletics Victoria 157 SEASON 2024-25

DISCOVER THE FUN OF ATHLETICS

Ever thought about trying athletics? Now's your chance! Meet new friends, bond with family, and enjoy achieving your personal best.

Rutherglen Showgrounds Tuesday 17th September 4:15pm

or join us for our season opener on October 8th
*First 2 sessions are free for new athletes

Join us for a thrilling come-and-try session

Register today at lavic.com.au

For more details contact Erin on 0432 093 635

LEARN TO SWIM PROGRAM

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Teaching your child or yourself to swim is one of the most important decisions you will make in life.

We want to promote fun and enjoyment of the water for swimmers of all abilities.

We provide our instructors and coaches with in-depth training to ensure we deliver the highest quality aquatic education to the wider Federation region community. We work with our instructors, coaches and the community to review, develop and distribute aquatic resources and programs.

Find the timetable, information about levels and programs and the enrolment form on the Corowa Aquatic Centre website or scan the QR code below.

10 different programs & levels!

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Congratulations to our PBIS Award Winners!!



Lachlan; Leah; Mac; Oscar

PBIS Expectations: Etiquette When Using Toilets

Toilets	Respect Ourselves	Respect Others	Respect our Environment
	<p>Wash hands after using the toilet</p> <p>Keep food and drink out of toilets</p> <p>Enter cubicle only through the door</p> <p>Exiting people go first</p>	<p>Walk to toilets without noise</p> <p>Flush toilet after use</p> <p>Boys wait your turn at urinals</p> <p>1 child in cubicle at all times</p> <p>Wait your turn outside if the cubicles are full</p>	<p>Paper towels in correct bins</p> <p>Flush toilet after use</p> <p>Turn taps off after use</p> <p>Report any blockages/issues to teachers</p> <p>Use toilet paper sparingly</p>

Congratulations to all who have had their Birthdays this week!



Annabelle



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The title of the mural is: *Unity in Faith and Culture.*

The mural pays homage to the story of Nano Nagle's vision, the First Nations people connection to the land and the FIRE Carriers story



Artist D' Treanna Hamm

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We acknowledge the Traditional Custodians of the land on which we learn, work and pray, the Yorta Yorta Nation, including the eight clan groups. We especially acknowledge the Kwat Kwat people who have walked here in Rutherglen. We pay our respect to Elders past present and future. At St Mary's Primary School we care for our environment and our community and recognise the continuing connection First Nations people have to land. We commit to walking in the way of reconciliation, as represented by our FIRE carrier Covenant, as we respect their cultural, spiritual, physical and emotional connection to their land, waters and community.



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