



# St. Mary's School Newsletter

Term 4 - Week 1 - Wednesday October 9, 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**



Dear Parents & Guardians,

Welcome back to a very busy Term 4!

Please make sure you check the calendar for all the important dates for the term ahead.



**“With God, all things are possible”**  
Matthew 19:26

### No Hat No Play

Term 4 is the start of the warmer months and **No Hat No Play** starts again. Please make sure your child has a labelled school hat. Judy has some available from the office if you would like to purchase a new one for \$12.

### Frosty Fridays

Term 4 sees the start of Frosty Fridays again! Every Friday our **Senior Catholic Identity Team** will be selling frozen Zooper Doopers for 50c. The money raised goes to support CARITAS.



### District Sports

Good luck to the following 7 students who are going on to district sports in Albury this Friday. Good luck to Isabel, Axel, Noah, Will, Isla, Patrick and Seve.

## Important Calendar Dates

### Term 4

Division Athletics - Les O'Brien Oval, Albury - 9 St Mary's Pupils qualified to attend this Event  
Film Festival Screening, Shepparton - 9 pupils attending  
St Mary's Hosting Local Schools Public Speaking Competition 11.45am, St Mary's Parish Hall  
World Teachers Day  
**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  
Grade 6 Graduation Dinner, De Bortoli Wines Rutherglen  
Fourth Day of Foundation Transition - 9.00am-3.30pm  
Nativity Play  
Last Day of Term 4 for Students  
**(Casual Clothes - Gold Coin Donation) 2.30pm Finish**

### Term 1 - 2025

Years 1-6 First Day of Term 1  
Foundation Students commence  
Foundation Rest Day  
Foundation Rest Day  
Foundation Rest Day  
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School Photos Day  
Harmony Day

Friday 11 October

Thursday 17 October  
Thursday 24 October

Friday 25 October  
**Monday 4 November**  
**Tuesday 5 November**  
Tuesday 19 November  
Tuesday 26 November  
Tuesday 3 December  
Monday 9 December  
Tuesday 10 December  
Wednesday 11 December  
Wednesday 18 December

Thursday 30 January  
Friday 31 January  
Wednesday 5 February  
Wednesday 12 February  
Wednesday 19 February  
Wednesday 26 February  
Friday 21 February  
Friday 21 March

### Mass Times:

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

Phone - 02 6032 9284

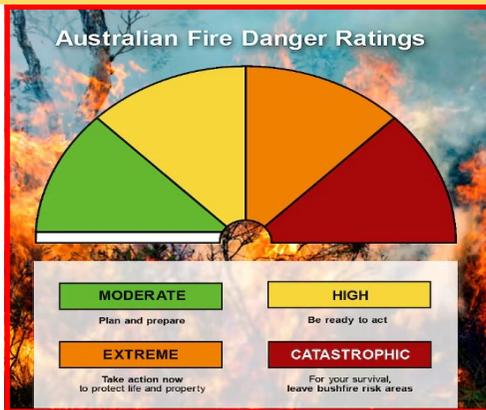
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### CODE RED SCHOOL CLOSURES

*Our school has been identified as a school in a high risk bushfire area and has been placed on the Bushfire At-Risk Register.*

This means that all schools, kindergartens and licensed child care centres that have been identified as being at high fire risk and on the Department’s Victoria-wide Bushfire At-Risk Register will close on days declared Code Red.

Schools and services not on the Bushfire At-Risk Register will remain open, unless directly threatened by fire or another emergency.

Where possible, three (3) days notice of a planned closure will be provided. However, experience indicates that a Code Red fire danger rating day may be forecast at short notice. Parents and guardians should expect that in some instances less than three days notice may be provided. Once the final decision to close is confirmed at 12 noon the day prior, this decision will not change – regardless of any changes in the weather forecast. This will help limit confusion and help families plan for how their children will be cared for when their school is closed. When a school is closed in response to bushfire risk, no one, including staff, contractors and other users, will be permitted on site.

### Congratulation to our Grade 5 FIRE Carriers

Today we welcomed special visitors, Louise and Micheal, to our school to perform our FIRE Carriers Commissioning Ceremony for our Grade 5 students.

Fire is central to Australian Aboriginal culture, and as FIRE Carriers, we continue to lay strong foundations in our school community to build respect, understanding and knowledge of our shared story that started in this rich land 60,000 years ago and continues today. As FIRE Carriers, our students will wear their badges with pride and as an outward sign as a Friend Igniting Reconciliation through Education in our school.





## 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  
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## Acknowledgement of Country

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' Treahna Hamm*

## Acknowledgement of Country

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.



## PBIS Expectations in the Playground

Expectations in the Playground	Respect Ourselves	Respect Others	Respect our Environment
	<p><b>U</b>se kind words</p> <p><b>B</b>e a good self umpire</p> <p><b>K</b>eep hands and feet to myself</p> <p><b>R</b>espond to be bell immediately (drink, toilet)</p> <p><b>T</b>ell, not dob</p> <p><b>B</b>e active</p> <p><b>W</b>ear a hat and sunscreen during Terms 1 and 4</p>	<p><b>R</b>espond to the bell immediately</p> <p><b>S</b>hare with others</p> <p><b>T</b>ake turns in games</p> <p><b>S</b>how good sportsmanship with others</p> <p><b>B</b>e inclusive</p> <p><b>B</b>e a good role model with others</p> <p><b>B</b>e tolerant towards others</p>	<p><b>U</b>se equipment appropriately</p> <p><b>R</b>eturn sports equipment</p> <p><b>P</b>ick up my belongings, e.g. drink bottle, hat and jumper</p> <p><b>P</b>ut our rubbish in the bin</p>

Congratulations to all who are celebrating their Birthday This Week!



Stephanie



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## NOTICEBOARD

**Phoenix Grow**  
In Corowa!

CREATIVE EXPRESSION FOR CHILDREN WITH ANXIETY

A 4-week program for children in grades 3-6, we help children understand challenging feelings and emotions such as anxiety, anger, and sadness, and to learn how to express these emotions in healthy and creative ways, using creative arts therapy.

Developed by Melanie Kilo, registered creative and expressive arts therapist and accredited mental health social worker, and facilitated by Maree McFarlane, this program lets your child grow!

Time: 4pm-5pm  
Dates: 4 Wednesdays - 16th October, 23rd October, 30th October, 7th November  
Location: Interach, 109-111 Sanger St, Corowa  
Fee: \$260, includes all art materials and snacks

Email [admin@phoenixwingwellness.com.au](mailto:admin@phoenixwingwellness.com.au) to book your place, an invoice will be emailed to you.  
Both NDIS and non-NDIS participants welcome. Afterpay available.

**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.

Find the timetabled information about levels and programs and the environment from the Corowa Aquatic Centre website or scan the QR code below.

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.

**10 different programs & levels!**

[www.corowaaquaticcentre.com.au](http://www.corowaaquaticcentre.com.au) COROWA AQUATIC CENTRE

ISSUE 7 2024 SCHOLASTIC **Book Club** ORDERS DUE BACK BY: 24/10/24

INSPIRING HOLIDAY READING!

Includes 96-pp book and spy sleeve with mini telescope, flashlight, compass, digital watch, notepad, pencil

**001 NEW! 7 in 1 Red Super Spy Sleeve**  
Everything you need to become a super-spy!  
AGES 7+ \$42.94 **\$28.00**

**002 NEW! Scary Time!**  
A visit to Banana Waterfalls takes a spooky turn! 128 pp. AGES 6+ \$14.99 **\$9 SAVE 40%**

**003 NEW! The Bad Guys: Episode 20: One Last Thing**  
It's the Final Episode... 192 pp. AGES 7+ \$16.99 **\$9 SAVE 47%**

**004 NEW! Taylor Swift: All Access**  
Everything you ever wanted to know about Taylor Swift! 96 pp. AGES 7+ \$14.99 **\$12.00**

**005 NEW! Adventure Island**  
Ella and her class are going on a school trip to Adventure Island! 144 pp. AGES 7+ \$14.99 **\$9 SAVE 40%**

**006 NEW! Karen's Grandmothers**  
Karen has more grandmas than anyone she knows: five! 144 pp. AGES 7+ \$16.99 **\$10 SAVE 41%**

**007 NEW! Mina the Lightning Dragon**  
Can Mina restore balance to the lightning storms with her roar? 144 pp. AGES 7+ \$22.99 **\$10 HALF PRICE!**

**008 Koala Candy Journal**  
A sweet place to keep all your dreams! 160-pp furry hardcover. AGES 7+ \$19.99 **\$14.00**

**009 NEW! Brunocorn**  
Bruno the Unicorn is clumsy and his magic never works properly! 24-pp hardcover. AGES 3+ \$18.99 **\$10**

**010 NEW! The Speedy Sloth Meets her Match**  
A joyful story about finding friends in unexpected places. 24-pp hardcover. AGES 3+ \$19.99 **\$10 HALF PRICE!**

**011 Excuse Me, Santa!**  
Will Christmas test Martha May's marvellous manners? 32 pp. AGES 3+ \$16.99 **\$3 SAVE 82%**

**EVERY CHILD DESERVES A BOOK \$3**

Includes dragon fidget

Graphic Novel!

Includes dragon fidget

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