



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 4 - Week 8 - Friday 26th November, 2021

IMPORTANT DATES

Tuesday 30 November
Third Day of Kinder to
Foundation Transition

Wednesday 1
December
Wacky Wednesday -
Christmas Dress Up
day

Thursday 2 December
PD for Staff (Maths
Conference)

Friday 3 December
PD for Staff (Maths
Conference)

Weekend Mass Times

Saturday 6pm
Chiltern

Sunday 9am
Rutherglen

Sunday 10.30am
Wahgunyah

PBIS Expectations: Expectations in the classrooms & Learning spaces

Dear Parents/ Carers,

ADVENT

This Sunday is the First Sunday of Advent.

Advent is the period leading up to Christmas.

It starts on the Sunday nearest to 30th November and ends on the fourth Sunday before 25th December. The word '**advent**' means '**coming**'. It is a time of preparation for the celebration of the birth of Jesus. Many churches and homes have an **Advent wreath** with five candles, one for each of the four Sundays leading up to **Christmas Day** and one for Christmas Day itself.



Nativity, Awards & Family Picnic Wednesday December 8th at 6pm sharp.

Now that Covid restrictions have eased we will be able to celebrate our school year with a junior nativity play, some students awards and a family BYO picnic outside in the school grounds.

The evening will begin at **6pm sharp** with the junior school leading off with our Nativity play. The official duties will go no more than an hour and families are then encouraged to stay on and enjoy a **BYO picnic**. Let's pray for nice evening picnic weather !!!!

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Absenteeism and Late to School: PLEASE USE PAM

An important Reminder: A reminder that if your child is going to be late for school or absent from school could you please notify the school through **PAM** (Parent Access Module) always as your first port of call.

This means that your notification will go straight into the teacher's morning roll and will also mean that Amanda does not need to send out an unnecessary text reminder of where your child is.

All late students must report to the office on arrival so Amanda can sign them in in every circumstance.

First Aid:

On Tuesday all staff updated their first aid, CPR and Anaphylaxis requirements.



Happy Birthday

We send our best wishes to
Stevie who is celebrating her
birthday this week.

Congratulations to this week's class room award winners

Back row: Ryan, Elijah, Jessica, Jackson and Brodie

Middle row: Liara, Luca and Skye

Front row: Nelson and Harper



Grade 5/6 Camp

The Old Priory, Beechworth

On Monday the 8th to Wednesday the 10th St Mary's school 5,6 went to Beechworth for camp. We stayed at the old priory which was an old house for nuns. We went to Eldorado dredge, Eldorado museum, the park, campfire, lazy Harry bush dance, telegraph station, lollie shop and the ice cream place!

On the first day we got to school and waited till 9:00am to get on the bus. First, we went to Eldorado Dredge, that's where people gold mined. Next we got back on the bus to go to the park! Once we had a snack we went to the Eldorado museum. After the museum we all got on the bus and went to town hall gardens for lunch, then we finished and had a little hang around. We then started walking to the old priory. We got there and we went to the rec room and relaxed. Then we were told what number our rooms were! We then had an hour to settle in and unpack. The teachers said we are going to the lake to feed the ducks, it ended up us kids being the ducks and swimming around in the lake! We walked home in wet clothes. We got to the old priory and ran to the showers, then we got changed because we were wet and had to go to the fire. They told us about the history of the gold rush! For dinner we had chicken and veggies.

On the second day, we woke up and had scramble eggs with toast, we finished and had to brush our teeth of course, then we got our carry bags and off we went, first we went gold panning. A lot of people found little specks of gold, I found some. We put the little flecks of gold in masking tape and when we got home we had to put it in a glass of water so it could dissolve.

Then we walked back to the bus and met the other kids at woolshed falls. We had muffins and apples for morning tea, then we finished and we switched activities and the year fives went on a hike at woolshed falls. We finished and went to the town hall gardens again and had lunch there. We then went back to Beechworth and walked to Burke museum and looked at the stuffed birds. The tour guide, Ashleigh, showed us a mini fake town, it was what it looked like in the gold rush! After we then went to the courthouse reenactment of when Ned Kelly was at court. First round I didn't have a role in the mini play, then in the second round I was the narrator. After such a big day, the teachers decided to make it bigger for us, we had to follow a map to get around the whole town! We then finally got to the old priory just in time for dinner, for sweets we had moose. It was so good but I couldn't eat it all. After dinner we met in the rec room for a lazy Harry bush dance. After the dance we got upstairs and got in a pjs and went to bed.

It was now day 3 and we woke up and packed up all our stuff, once we packed all of us got dressed and headed down stairs to have breakfast, we had toast and spaghetti, we then got a day bag and headed outside and waited for our class. We started walking to the telegraph station. We got to use old phones and three of the phones played stories of people back in the olden days. We then walked to the lollie shop and brought anything we wanted. Then we went next door to the ice cream shop and bought ice creams of our choice! We had a taste of our food and walked to the town hall gardens and waited for our tour guide for the Ned Kelly walk. We looked at old cells and went down to the Chinese gardens.

The most challenging part of camp was running up 53 stairs. What was the least enjoyable part? Definitely the stairs! If I could make camp even better, I would change and add, 1. Pick our own rooms 2. TV in our cabins and 3. Bathroom in all the cabins. How do I feel about camps now that I have been? I feel a bit more confident, and yes I would go on a camp!

What was the easiest part of camp? I thought everything was pretty easy, what was the most enjoyable part? Definitely, finding gold. I'M RICH!

What have I learnt on going to camp? I have learnt that you can't stay home and be isolated from the world, you need to make memories!

I would definitely recommend going to the old priory, it's old but really good!

By Holly



Grade 5/6 Camp

The Old Priory, Beechworth

St Mary's School Rutherglen grade 5,6 went to camp in Beechworth and learnt lots of things about the 1850s. It began on the 8th of November and ended on the 10th, they slept in the old priory. Continue reading to find out more about the year 5,6 camp.

It all began on the Monday 8th of November when grade 5,6 waited with their suitcases for the bus. The bell rang at 9:00 am and the bus pulled up in the car park, we put our bags into the bottom of the bus and got in a line so the teachers could count us then we got on. It was about a 30 minute drive and when we arrived the grade 5 went to the Eldorado Dredge and the year 6s went to the museum. The dredge was really cool and we followed a path around it. We learnt a lot and it was extremely fun.

After the Eldorado Dredge we went to a park and had a play until the year 6s came. Eventually they came and it was our turn to go to the Eldorado museum. We walked to the museum and when we got there we were welcomed in and watched a film with lots of information about the gold rush and the 1850s. After the film I went around the museum looking for the nine pieces of fake gold that were separated around the museum. I managed to find all nine pieces then I went outside to see what everyone else was doing. Some were panning for gold and others were dressing up. I thought that the museum was pretty cool and I probably would come back with my family one day in the future.

After the museum we met the grade 6s at a park, it wasn't the same park but we still had fun. We had some food and then we walked to the old priory which is where we were going to stay. We settled into our cabins on the 3rd floor and there were four people per room. After a while we had a campfire! Two people came and told us interesting facts and storeys about the gold rush and things in the 1850s. After that we went into our cabins and went to bed.

The next day we did a lot. It started off with breakfast and we got to choose from scrambled eggs, Toast and cereal. After breakfast the year 5s went gold panning and the 6s went on a hike. We did a small walk until we reached a small creek and we panned for about half an hour and we found tons of gold. I think it was because it rained before we went, which is why we may have got so much gold.

Soon the gold panning was over and we went to woolshed falls and we had lunch. After our delicious lunch we went for a hike. It wasn't much of a hike but we did learn some new facts. After the hike we returned to the priory and played some old fashioned games until it was time to go to the Burke Museum. We learnt a lot in the Burke Museum and this was actually my favourite part of the camp. We saw Japanese Armor and some newspapers from the 1800s.

After the Museum it was time to go to the courthouse. When we arrived we went in and did a reenactment of the Ned Kelly trial. Luckily we had time for 2 goes and Harry and Antonio were the judges, Henry and Holly were the narrators, Dusty and Teddy were Ned Kelly and everyone had a fun time.

After the courthouse we returned to the old priory and had a bush dance. It wasn't much of a bush dance, it was more of a song and a play at the same time. Lucas was a tree, Ryan was the swagman and Milligan was a sheep. It was really funny and I think everyone had a great time. After the bush dance it was time to go to bed. The second was really fun!

The next day was our 3rd and last day in camp. It started off with the telegraph station and we learnt how people communicated before we had phones. It was very interesting and there were some things that I never even knew existed! It was a great experience for everyone and my favourite thing there was obviously the typewriter because it was the only thing I knew how to use!

Soon it was time to go to the lolly and ice-cream shops. The lolly shop was filled with lollies and everywhere you went was just lollies. After the lolly shop some people with spare money went to the ice-cream shop and got a delicious ice-cream!

After our awesome food we went to our last activity, the Ned Kelly walking tour. We walked around Beechworth while an instructor told us facts and this was one of my favourite parts of the trip. We learnt things like Hower Power, where the police stations were and more! Soon it was over and we got the bus and went back to school.

In conclusion I would certainly recommend going to Beechworth one day and learning about the gold rush for yourself because I will certainly go back with my family one day. It was really fun and to put the cherry on top, we got Zooper Doopers when we got back to school. When I finished our amazing Zooper Dooper, Mum came and I went home and that is what the year 5, 6 camp was like!

By Travis



Pupil Free Days This term

There are a few pupil free days this term in our important dates so please make sure you mark these on your calendar.

Thursday 2nd December & Friday the 3rd December for a virtual Maths Conference.

Frosty Friday The Yr 6 Catholic Identity Team will be running Frosty Friday for the rest of the Term. Zooper Doopers are 50c. All money raised will go to the Missions.

Please note that Zooper Dopers will not be available on Wednesdays for the rest of the term..



Important

Vaccinations Requirements for School Visitors including Parents:

Visitors now, including parents and carers, who come onto school grounds for drop off or pick up, but do not enter buildings are not required to provide evidence of vaccination status.

However, visitors including parents and carers who enter school buildings must also have had at least one dose of COVID-19 vaccine and must have had two doses of COVID-19 vaccine by 29 November 2021 or have a valid medical exemption.

If you are intending on entering a room on school grounds you will firstly have to come to the office where a visual verification of your vaccinations status or exemption will be required before you can enter classrooms.

IMPORTANT: PLEASE Still Be Cautious

A bit more freedom in Victoria now with many restrictions being eased and more freedoms available to us which is good news. However we still all need to be cautious and very mindful that there are many cases of COVID in our local surrounding NE areas and all families still need to strictly follow the community & school COVID protocols that remain in place.

It is very important that no student is sent to school with any COVID symptoms. Students, even with the mildest symptoms, of a cold, running nose, cough etc are not to be at school. If a student does present to school with these symptoms we will have to send them home. Thanks to all families who have been vigilant in this area.

Face Masks Update:

Even though we had good news recently with the significant lifting of most restrictions for fully vaccinated Victorians all staff and students in Yr3-6 are still required to wear a face mask inside classrooms but masks are not required outside in school grounds.



Drop Off & Pick up:

All parents and carers have been great in this area. Please just drop off and pick up your child from the rear car park. This system is working well. Only enter the school grounds if absolutely necessary.

Christmas Hamper Raffle & Donations:

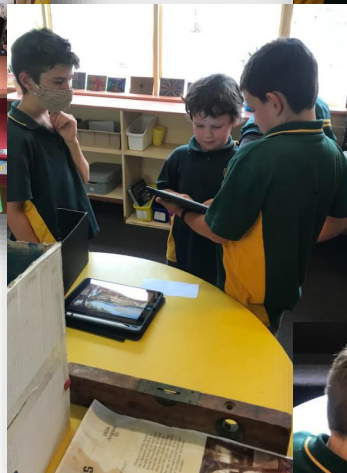
Wow it's already getting around that time again for our Christmas Hamper Raffle. It would be appreciated if all families could send in some non-perishable items or Christmas themed gifts for the hamper.

All school families will be automatically in the hamper draws at NO COST.




Expo

Last Thursday, the year 5s hosted a 'Gold Rush Museum'. All the year 5 students shared their projects, dioramas, newspapers, gold licences, letters and iMovies to all classes. The year 5s worked really hard on their projects this term and were a wealth of knowledge after the 5/6 camp to Beechworth. Thank you to Wayne Milthorpe who brought in a range of 'old fashioned' items, including horse equipment, washing machine, old tools and traps.



PBIS Focus this week

Expectations in the classrooms and learning spaces

Classrooms and learning spaces	Respect Ourselves	Respect Others	Respect our Environment
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Listen to the person speaking. • Do your best work. • Have a go at new things. • Listen and follow instructions. • Join in and participate. • Be in <u>correct</u> uniform. • Be organised. • Enter and exit rooms calmly and correctly. • Exiting people go first. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Listen to the person speaking. • Encourage others. • Be inclusive of others. • Offer help to others. • Take turns. • Share equipment. • Be kind to others. • Be patient with others. • Value differences. • Respect people's personal space. • Walk. • Use your 'inside voice'. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Clean up your workspace when you've finished. • Use resources correctly. • Put rubbish into the correct bins. • Use equipment for the correct purpose. • Keep your tubs clean and organised.

Congratulations to this week's PBIS Winners

Ryan, Ivy, Lilly, Isabel and Zoe



Have a great weekend

Matt



Important Calendar Dates - 2021

Term 4

Tuesday 30 November	Third Day of Kinder to Foundation Transition
Wednesday 1 December	Wacky Wednesday - Christmas Dress Up day
Thursday 2 December	PD for Staff (Maths Conference)
Friday 3 December	PD for Staff (Maths Conference)
Monday 6 December	Rutherglen High School - Transition
	Grade 3/4 Excursion to Beechworth (details to come)
Tuesday 7 December	Rutherglen High School - Transition
Tuesday 7 December	State Transition Day
	Fourth Day of Kinder to Foundation Transition
Wednesday 8 December	Rutherglen High School - Transition
Wednesday 8 December	Nativity Play & Awards
Thursday 9 December	Year 6 Graduation dinner—Corowa RSL 6pm
Friday 10 December	End of Year School Mass
Tuesday 14 December	Fun Pool Day - Corowa Pool
Wednesday 15 December	Last Day Term 4 for Students
	(Casual Clothes Day - gold coin donation) 3.30pm finish

Important Calendar Dates - 2022

Term 1

Monday 31 January	1st day Term 1 Students Return
Friday 8 April	Last Day Term 1 for Students
	(Casual Clothes Day - gold coin donation) 3.30pm finish
Friday 15 April	Good Friday

Term 2

Tuesday 26 April	1st day Term 2
Monday 13 June	Queen's Birthday Holiday
Friday 24 June	Last Day Term 2 for Students

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