

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 2 - Week 3 - Friday 13 May, 2022

IMPORTANT DATES

PBIS Expectations: Expectations in the Classroom

Dear Parents/ Carers,

Thursday 19 May

This Sunday's Gospel Summary:

John 13:31-33a,34-35

Cross Country Day @ Chiltern

Jesus gives his disciples a new commandment: love one another.

This Sunday's Gospel again comes from the Gospel of John. Like last week, today we hear words spoken by Jesus before his death and Resurrection. Jesus is teaching at the Last Supper.

John's Gospel does not include an institution of the Eucharist narrative; instead, Jesus washes his disciples' feet.



Friday 20 May

Jump Rope for Heart

Day

Wed 25—Fri 27 May

Grade 3/4/5&6 High
Country Camp

Immediately after, Jesus predicts his betrayal by Judas. Today's Gospel follows that prediction. It can be read as a continuing explanation of Jesus' act of washing his disciples' feet. It begins with the announcement that this is the moment when the Son of Man will be glorified. This theme continues throughout John's Passion. Jesus will be glorified in his death on the cross and in his Resurrection, and the disciples will glorify Jesus in the love they show.

John's Gospel does not present a sentimental view of love. This is a type of love that is shown in service and sacrifice. It is difficult to choose to love when faced with hatred and anger. Jesus tells the disciples that all will know that they are his disciples because of the love they show for one another. This description of the early Christian community will be repeated in the Acts of the Apostles: "See how they love one another." Christian love is the hallmark of Christianity. We see it lived in the witness of the martyrs. We see it in the example of the lives of the saints. We see it in the holy women and men who live and love daily, making small and large sacrifices for others.

Reflection for Families: Family Connection

Is love the first word your family members use to describe their interactions? Love is difficult. Jesus' sacrifice for us is an example of this. Yet because of love, the glory of God is fully revealed in Jesus. God's glory is revealed in us when we act as the Body of Christ, as individuals and as a community. In the love we have for one another—difficult, challenging, sacrificial love—we find Jesus.

Choose one or two occasions when your family was together during the week. Describe the family's interactions from an outsider's perspective. When is it less difficult to show love to family members? When is it more difficult? When love is difficult, what do we do?

Jesus didn't just tell us to love one another. He showed us how to love one another. In what ways did Jesus show us how to love? (in his acts of healing and forgiving; at the Last Supper as he washed his disciples' feet; in the gift of the Eucharist; through his death on the Cross)

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Weekend Mass Times

Saturday 6pm
Chiltern
Sunday 9am
Rutherglen
Sunday 10.30am Wahgunyah



We pray for the Woods, Lee and Landers families on the sudden loss of Tylan Landers this week. Tylan was the oldest brother of Lilly and Codie in Grade 4/5. Tylan was a past student of our school community. Our thoughts and prayers go out to all their families.

Naplan:

Grade 3 and Grade 5 students have participated in Naplan this week from Tuesday through to today. They have worked very well. Well done Grade 3 and 5.

We will let you know when the results are ready.

Long Service Leave:

Matt is on LSL leave for the next 2 weeks. He is in Queensland seeing his Grandchildren and getting wet!!!! I am in the office and Mrs Van zanten is looking after the Grade 3's for the next 2 weeks.

Cross Country: Next Thursday morning we are off to Chiltern for our annual inter school cross country at the golf club with St Joseph's in Chiltern. Please see PAM activity for times and permissions.

Uniform: Please make sure that your children's jumpers and jackets are clearly marked with their names please. We have a few floating around with no names.



Congratulations:

A big congratulations to Poppy Ellery who was baptised on Saturday surrounded by her family and friends in the church.

Poppy said it was the best day and Father Carey said she was wonderful. Well done Poppy!



We send our best wishes to all who are Celebrating their birthdays this week.





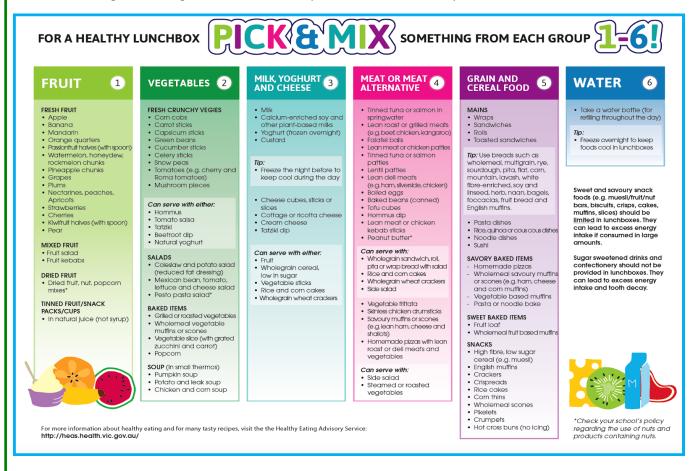


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Lunchboxes:

We have been having a few issues with lunch boxes over the past few weeks, especially in the senior end of the school. Some children are eating and some are not eating lunch at all. We are really trying to have a healthy focus so that the food the children are having is sustaining them for the whole day. Please have a chat with your children.



The Easing of COVID Restrictions Means

As outlined in my email sent home last Monday there has been a significant easing of COVID restrictions in schools.

1. Face Masks:

From 11:59 pm Friday 22 April, face masks, while recommended, are not required in any school setting. This means students in grades 3 to 6, staff and visitors in primary schools are no longer required to wear face masks. Any student or staff member who wishes to wear a mask may do so, including those who are medically at-risk.

2. Screening requirements

Students and staff who have tested positive for COVID-19, and have completed their 7-day isolation period, now do not need to undertake rapid antigen test (RAT) screening for 12 weeks after their release from isolation. This was previously 8 weeks.

3: Household contacts

Students and staff who are household contacts of a COVID-19 case are no longer required to quarantine. They can return to school as long as they undertake rapid antigen tests (RAT) 5 times within their 7-day period and wear face masks indoors if they are aged 8 and above unless they have a valid exemption. If any household contact returns a positive RAT result during this period, they must isolate for 7 days and not attend school.

4; Vaccination requirements for visitors to schools:

Parents, carers and other adult visitors (not performing work) are no longer required to show evidence of two doses of COVID-19 vaccine.

5. Community use of school facilities:

Schools will no longer need to request evidence of vaccination of staff or workers from external community groups who use premises outside the school's normal operating hours.

6: RAT screening extension:

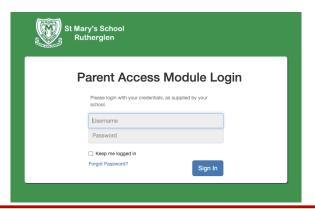
The supply of RATs will continue for the first 4 weeks of this term. The screening recommendations remain the same:

• mainstream schools - recommended to test at home twice a week

Reminder: Use PAM for Daily Absences

Just a reminder if your child is going to be absent on any school day please use **PAM (Parent Access Module)** to notify the school as the notification will go directly into the class teacher's morning roll. There is a **PAM TAB** on the school Website. If you are unsure on how to use **PAM** please contact myself or Amanda.







Wood Raffle

Raffle tickets have been sent home with each child to sell/buy.

This is another Parents and Friends fundraiser for the school.

Tickets are \$2.00 each

The raffle will be drawn at school on Friday 3rd June, 2022

Congratulations to this week's classroom award winners

Back row: Jessica, Acacia, Dusty and Harper Front row: Connie, Skye, Zoe M, Zoe H and Oliver



Beechworth and District Cross Country

Well done to Teddy, Sienna, Molly, Lilly, Codie, Seve, Ryan, Travis and Isabel who all participated in the Beechworth and District Cross Country event.





Congratulations Logan

Logan received the Principal's award this morning for borrowing an umbrella to walk his younger siblings home in the rain yesterday. He then walked back to school to return the umbrella.

Well done for putting others before yourself Logan.



F/1/2 artThis week the students experimented with the texture of foil. The students enjoyed painting on this different texture. Please ensure that your child/ren have an art smock at school as we love to paint and often art can be messy. Thank you.











PBIS Focus of the Week - Expectations in the Playground

Respect Ourselves Respect Others Respect our Playground Environment Use kind words. Respond to the bell Use equipment Be a good self immediately. appropriately. • Share with others. • Return sports umpire. • Take turns in Keep hands and equipment. feet to myself. Pick up my games. Respond to the bell Show good belongings, eg. RESPECT immediately (drink, Sportsmanship with drink bottle, hat others. and jumper. toilet). Tell, not dob. • Be inclusive. • Put our rubbish in Be active. • Be a good role the bin. model with others. Wear a hat and • Be tolerant towards sunscreen during

Congratulations to this week's PBIS Winners Connie, Ayla, Emmerson, Oliver, Jed and Colton



Have a great weekend
Thanks Libby



Important Calendar Dates - 2022

Term 2

Thursday 19 May Cross Country Day @ Chiltern Friday 20 May Jump Rope for Heart Day

Wed 25—Fri 27 May Grade 3/4/5&6 High Country Camp

Friday 3 June Wood Raffle drawn

Wednesday 8 June Open Day

Friday 10 June revised date School Closure Day (Staff Professional Development)

Monday 13 June Queen's Birthday Holiday
Friday 17 June First Reconciliation 10am
Last Day Term 2 for Students

(Casual Clothes Day - gold coin donation) 2.30pm finish

Term 3

Monday 11 July 1st day Term 3

Tuesday 19 July Meerkat Productions (Incursion TBC)

Friday 16 September Last Day Term 3 for Students

(Casual Clothes Day - gold coin donation) 2.30pm finish

Term 4

Monday 3 October 1st day Term 4

Monday 24 October Student Free Day—Staff PD

Monday 31 October Student Free Day—Report Writing Day

Tuesday 1 NovemberMelbourne Cup DayFriday 11 NovemberRemembrance Day

Thursday 1 December Student Free Day—Staff PD

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