



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 25 November, 2022

PBIS Expectations: Expectations on the School Crossing

This Sunday is the First Sunday for Advent.



This Sunday marks the beginning of the season of **Advent**. Advent comes from the Latin word meaning "coming." **Jesus is coming!** Advent is a joyous season when we prepare for His arrival - the Birth of Jesus on Christmas Day.

*The **Advent Wreath** is a significant symbol of Advent and it would be wonderful if all families could have an Advent wreath displayed in a prominent place in your home to help your family prepare for the "Coming of Jesus."*

*This Sunday we light the First Candle on the Advent Wreath, the Candle of Hope. **The Coming of Jesus Gives Us HOPE!***

THE ADVENT WREATH

The word 'Advent' means 'coming'. When we light the candles on the wreath, it symbolises the coming of light (Jesus) into the world.

- 🕯 **Candle 1 (violet): represents hope**
- 🕯 **Candle 2 (violet): represents peace**
- 🕯 **Candle 3 (rose): represents joy**
- 🕯 **Candle 4 (violet): represents love**

The central white candle is lit on Christmas Day and represents Christ.



This Advent we will learn, act and pray for a more just and fair world – a world full of hope, peace, joy, and love. [Make your own Advent wreath.](#)



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Weekend Mass Times

Saturday 6pm - Chiltern

Sunday 9am - Rutherglen

Sunday 10.30am - Wahgunyah

**Congratulations to Ivy Massari on her Baptism at St. Mary's, Rutherglen
on 6th November.**



REMINDER PUPIL FREE DAY:

Next Thursday ,**1st December**, is a **Pupil Free Day**.
All staff will be participating in Mathematics Professional Development for the day.

REMEMBER It's Busy Time Ahead:

Term 4 is usually the most hectic time of the year in any school and our school is no exception. With reports, Yr 6 graduation, new Foundation student transition days, Advent, nativity play, end of year mass etc., please keep yourself up to date with what's happening by reading the school newsletter and the weekly class newsletters.



Remembrance Day : 11th of November



Remembrance Day

Lucas and Henry did a great and respectful job laying the wreath on behalf of the school on Remembrance Day

Mary MacKillop Art Award—Luca



Congratulations Luca:

A big congratulations to Luca who has been awarded a 1st place for her spiritual artwork that was submitted for the MacKillop art show in Bendigo this term.

Congratulations to:-

Teddy, Penny, Skye, Polly, Charlotte, Heidi, Luca and Stephanie for having their spiritual artwork displayed at the Mackillop art show in Bendigo



PAM Survey Reminder:

Please login to PAM and complete the survey.

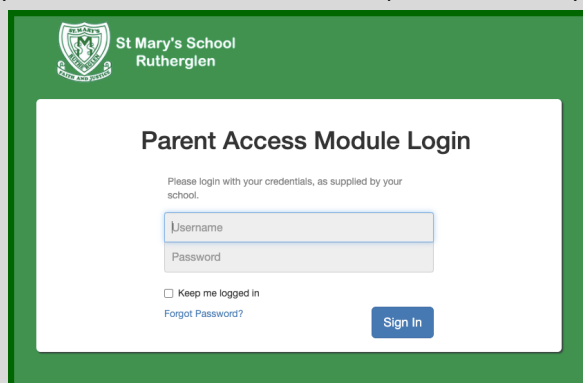
"Over the Christmas holidays your PAM account will be updated to provide better security and allow for further functionality. This change will involve moving to a PAM account per parent rather than an account per family. To help us prepare for this change, please answer the questions below as soon as possible."

1. Please list the full name, relationship and unique email address of all people who will need a PAM account for your child/children.
2. Please indicate if there are any access considerations these school should be aware of?

Please contact the office if you have any questions

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.



Christmas Hamper donations:

We still need more donations for our Christmas Hamper Raffle. Remember the more donations we receive the more raffle prizes we can give out.

Christmas Hamper:

Could you please return your raffle tickets as soon as you have sold them. There are more tickets available at the office if you need extra.



St Mary's Primary School Rutherglen

Christmas Hamper Raffle



Drawn Friday 9th December, 2022

Tickets \$1ea or \$10 book of 15

Congratulations to the classroom award winners for the week ending

18 November, 2022

Back row: Harry, Molly & Ben

Front row: Heidi, Liara, Zoe, Blair, Poppy & Codie



Congratulations to the classroom award winners for the week ending

25th November, 2022

Angus, Ella, Freya, Nelson and Lachlan



Youth Ambassador Fundraiser

George and Harper have been participating in a Youth Ambassador program each Tuesday for 6 weeks on Wednesday the 30th they are hosting a fundraiser as part of the program.



WEDNESDAY THE 30TH OF NOVEMBER

Sausage sizzle for \$2

Casual clothes (Try and wear PINK)- Gold coin donation

Guess the Jelly Beans- 1 guess per gold coin

Sports games in the afternoon

George and Harper's chosen charity to donate the money from the day is to the National Breast Cancer Foundation!

EACH DOLLAR COUNTS





Apply for a school travel pass

Introduction

The School Student Transport Scheme (SSTS) gives eligible school students free or subsidised travel between home and school on NSW public transport, including trains, buses, ferries and light rail.

Depending on where you're travelling, you may receive a free school travel pass, a School Opal card, or both.

Eligible cards are automatically updated for the new school year, so you'll only need to apply if you're:

- applying for a school travel pass for the first time
- changing name, school and/or address, or
- requesting an additional pass as a result of a new shared parental responsibility situation.

Eligibility

You need to live a minimum distance from your school to be eligible for a free school travel pass. The minimum distance varies according to the year/grade you are enrolled in, in that calendar year:

- Years K to 2 (Infants): no minimum distance
- Years 3 to 6 (Primary): 1.6 kilometres straight line distance or 2.3 kilometres walking or further
- Years 7 to 12 (Secondary): 2 kilometres straight line distance or 2.9 kilometres walking or further.

What you need

A valid email address.

Applications must be made by a parent or legal guardian if you're under 16 years of age. If you're 16 years or older you need to complete and sign the application form yourself.

How to apply

1. Select the 'Apply online' button.
2. Complete the online application.
3. Note down your application ID number, starting with the prefix 'N' or 'UN'.
4. You'll then be able to track the status of your application.

For more information on travel concessions available for school students visit [Transport for NSW](#) or search by SSTS Apply.

Note: The drop down lists does not always work while attempting to register on a mobile phone or tablet, therefore a computer is recommended.



Attending School = Brighter Future

- higher paying jobs
- improved overall health
- improved relationships and support networks

Indigo North Health Inc Rutherglen OSHC

PH: 0419439286

BOOKINGS MUST BE MADE BY FRIDAY 16TH DECEMBER 2022

Vacation Care –2022 - 2023

MONDAY 19TH December– FRIDAY 27th January

CLOSED FROM 6PM 22ND DECEMBER until 8am 16TH JANUARY

\$70 per day BEFORE REBATES are applied

WEEK 1 Start 19 th December	WEEK 2 Start 16 th January	Week 3 Start 23 rd January
Christmas art, craft and history	Newtons cradle & other science fun	Pet rock homes Indigenous games Water fun
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Fully booked	Recycle paper and rockets Water fun	NOT OPEN
NOT OPEN	Cooking Shadow clocks Water fun	Water play Aussie animals Kids secret



MARKETS AT THE MILL



Our much loved Markets at the Mill
are back post covid and just in time
for Christmas!

**SAVE THE DATE, SATURDAY 3RD
OF DECEMBER 12NOON TILL 6PM**

With over 50 stall holders, food
options, kids activities, face painting
and a visit from Santa!

Christmas shopping whilst sampling the food
& beverage offerings or even trying a little
nip of whisky.

OUR SECOND SUMMER SESSION

After the market from **5-9PM** in our courtyard.

Live music from Nathan Vaccaro, woodfire
pizzas, crepes, cocktails, beer, whisky
and even some pop-up local wineries.

20-24 STEEL STREET COROWA NSW 2646

CHRISTMAS. MADE HERE BY US.

Congratulations to our PBIS Winners

Friday 18th November 2022

Back row: Isabel, Ben, Zac, Carvyn & Dusty

Front row: Lachlan & Declan



Congratulations to our PBIS Winners

Friday 25th November 2022

Zac, Isabel, Zoe, Colton and Poppy





We send our best wishes to all who have celebrated and are celebrating their birthdays during the last couple of weeks.



Jessica



Blair



Stevie




Important:

All Students need their school hat in term 4.

The **NO HAT NO PLAY** is strictly enforced in Term 4

PBIS Focus - Expectations on the school crossing

Using the school crossing	Respect Ourselves	Respect Others	Respect our Environment
	<p>Listen for instructions</p> <p>Walk across the crossing calmly</p> <p>Walk your bike calmly across the crossing</p>	<p>Wait at the bins for the teacher.</p> <p>Remind adults, who are picking you up, that you must use the crossing.</p>	<p>Watch for traffic on the road and wait until it is clear.</p> <p>Walk straight across the crossing and move onto the footpath</p>

Have a great weekend
Thanks Matt



Important Calendar Dates - 2022

Term 4

Tuesday 29 November	Foundation 2023 Transition Day (9.00am—12.45pm)
Thursday 1 December	Student Free Day—Staff PD
Tuesday 6 December	Transition Day (9am—3.30pm)
Wednesday 7 December	End of Year Mass
	Nativity Play at school—6pm
Monday 12 December	Grade 6 Graduation
Monday 12 December	Grade 6 transition day—Rutherglen High School (3 days)
Tuesday 13 December	Grade 6 transition day—Rutherglen High School
Tuesday 13 December	Grade 6 transition—Galen
Tuesday 13 December	Whole School—Pool Fun Day
Wednesday 14 December	Grade 6 transition day—Rutherglen High School
Wednesday 14 December	Last Day Term 4 for Students
	(Casual Clothes Day - gold coin donation) 3.30pm finish
Thursday 15 December	Staff Planning Day for 2023

Important Calendar Dates - 2023

Term 1

Friday 27 January	Teachers return
Monday 30 January	1st Day Term 1 for students
Friday 17 February	School Photos
Monday 20 February	Student Free Day—Staff PD
Friday 31 March	Student Free Day—Staff PD

Staff email addresses

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