

# St Mary's Newsletter

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**At St Mary's all children have the right to feel safe and be safe all of the time.**

Dear Parents, Friends and Guardians,

It was with great sadness that we learned of Mikaela Claridge's tragic accident last Friday. Our thoughts and prayers continue to be with Jamie at this very difficult time. I know Jamie is very appreciative of the support and care offered by the St. Mary's community.

The breakfast last Friday was a great success thanks to the efforts of many committed parents. This is a day where we value being part of a vibrant and happy community. Lots of colour, food and quality coffee makes for a good day. Throw in some golf fun and it is near perfect.

You will notice that we are advertising for two teaching positions at this time. We have an extra class and a maternity leave position to cover for 2020.

The Naplan results for year 3 and 5 will be sent home Friday.

Brendan Atley  
Principal

## Catholic Identity

Last Friday we received the news of the tragic death of Mikayla Claridge.

Such a freak accident cannot help but make us wonder about the fragility of life and death and grief ... And certainly what on earth we can do or say to help someone suffering such a loss.

Below are some thoughts from an article by Ron Rolheiser.

'What can anyone say to someone who is in the throes of a deep loss? ...

We have our stock expressions which are not without merit: Life must go on. Every morning will bring a new day and eventually time will heal things. Remember too, you are not alone; you have family and friends to lean on. Beyond that, you have faith. God will help you through this.

All of that is true, and important, but not particularly consoling or helpful during an overpowering period of grief. I remember writing a series of letters to a woman who had lost her husband to suicide and was totally shattered by that, believing that she would never experience happiness again. Time and time again I repeated the same lines to her: "This will get better – but not right now! Time will heal this, but its rhythm cannot be rushed. You will get better, but it will take time!"

Is there anything practical beyond this that we can offer someone who is in deep grief?

Antoine Vergote, an esteemed psychologist, suggests that sometimes time, only time, can bring about healing and that in the interim the only real option is to bear the unbearable, to try to get one foot in front of the next, stoically, with patience, holding our pain with as much dignity as we can muster, while waiting for time to eventually work its alchemy, knowing that nothing can short-circuit that process.

But Teilhard de Chardin, a famous theologian, suggests there is something that can help make the unbearable bearable, namely, a more conscious, deliberate effort to love.

How do we do that? Not easily. But we do it when, despite our crippling grief, restlessness, frustration, bitterness, and anxiety, we let our generous and noble side be the deepest voice inside of both our sympathies and our actions. When we are driven to our knees by loss and frustration, the best, and only useful, thing we can do is to genuflect in helplessness before a God who can help us; and express our affection to anyone who supports us.

**Prayer At A Time of Grief and Loss***Loving, compassionate God,**come to my assistance in my time of need.**Please take the consuming anguish I feel; take it from me and hold me in Your arms.**Heal my broken heart and bind up my wounds. Amen. [Ps 147:3]*

God, thank you for Spring and the hope of warmer, longer, brighter days along with some refreshing spring rain. Thank you for the coming of growth and life and birth. Thank you that things are coming awake in the world. Amen



**SEASON OF CREATION**  
SEPTEMBER 1-OCTOBER 4



**Come and see**

*Celebrating the Season of Creation*  
*Mass in the glory of Creation*  
THE ECHUCA AQUATIC RESERVE  
**4PM SUNDAY 15TH SEPTEMBER**  
*Bring a chair or rug to sit on and a picnic to share if you feel hospitable!*  
*Come! Sit with God amid the gum trees,*  
*as the cockies sing their allelulias and the ducks call us home-*  
*All are invited to this especially sacred experience of Mass*

2019 SCHOOL CALENDAR	
TERM 3	
6 <sup>th</sup> Sept	State Soccer Final
9 <sup>th</sup> Sept	Learning Walk - Oral Language
12-13 <sup>th</sup> Sept	Art Show
13 <sup>th</sup> Sept	State Netball Final
16 <sup>th</sup> Sept	Division Athletics Bendigo
18 <sup>th</sup> Sept	Anxiety Talk with Tracey Farrell
20 <sup>th</sup> Sept	Terrific Kid Assembly 12pm
20 <sup>th</sup> Sept	Last day of term 3, Early finish 2.05pm
TERM 4	
7 <sup>th</sup> Oct	First day of term 4
14 <sup>th</sup> Oct	Student Free Day
21 <sup>st</sup> -23 <sup>rd</sup> Oct	Year 5 school camp
4 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Student Free Day
5 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Melbourne Cup – Student Free Day
8 <sup>th</sup> Nov	School Fete
18 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Grade 6 graduation
18 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Last day of School (Wednesday)

**PLAYGROUP EVERY MONDAY MORNING**

All Welcome. 8.50 -10.00am. Come and enjoy a Cuppa while the children play and socialise. Call Mel 0417 822 589 if you would like more details.

**Indonesian news**

In Term 2 and 3 the Grade 5's have been working on a traditional story, where we translated a story that Bu Dixon read to us. We presented these to the class.

One of the stories she read to us was 'The Three Fish'. The 3 Fish was about 3 fish and their pond was drying up. They had to come up with a plan to save themselves.



The next story Bu Dixon read was about the clever Mouse Deer(Kancil) and the Crocodile. This was about a Mouse Deer that wanted to go to a river to get a drink but there were many crocodiles in it. So to test that the river was safe he put a stick in the river and then **SNAP!** the crocodile jumped out and bit the stick. Then the next day he asked the crocodiles to line up so he could count them for the king's feast but little did they know Mouse Deer just wanted to get to the fruit on the other side of the river.

The last story Bu Dixon read was a story called the Talkative Turtle. This was about a turtle that lost his family in a big drought. One day 2 geese helped him by carrying him on a stick between their feet. The talkative turtle couldn't talk because he had to hold on with his mouth.

Written by the Indo Gurus



Literacy Learning Walks

Monday 9<sup>th</sup> September 2019. 8.45am – 9.30am Designed for Preschool, Foundation & Year One parents.

Hunting for the Good

Thank you to **Ella and Georgia** who came and spoke to the Year 6 students about their experience of receiving the Sacraments of Eucharist and Confirmation on the weekend

**PARENTS AND FRIENDS NEWS**

Thank you to Julie Ritchie and all of the people that volunteered their time to help at the **Father's Day Breakfast**. It made such a difference having so many helpers. Thank you to everyone that donated eggs particularly Cadell Food Service. It was a wonderful morning and a great celebration of our school community.

Thank you also to Melanie Carmichael for organising our free 2019 Footy Tipping Competition. Just in case you missed it last week, the lucky winners were

**1st - Peter Gronow (138) 2nd - Connor Richardson (134) 3rd - Eastsideboy (133) and Team Macka (133)**  
Congratulations!

**FETE 8th November 3:15 to 7pm**

The Fete is a wonderful celebration of our school community, where we come together for an afternoon of fun and laughter. It is also our major fundraiser.

Reminders:

\* Please consider getting your Working With Children Check and completing the school volunteer induction if you haven't already done so. Our school community needs everyone involved to make our Fete a success.

\* Families have been asked to contribute a monetary donation that will be used to purchase prizes or food stall requirements in bulk. A suggestion is \$15-\$20 per family but any donation is gratefully accepted.

Monetary donations can be placed in an envelope and returned to the box in the school office, or you can direct deposit to the St Mary's Parents & Friends Account

BSB: 063 511 Acc: 10053976 Ref: FETE DONATION

**ST MARY'S HOLY PUTTER SOCIAL GOLF DAY September 20****Proudly sponsored by Echuca Mazda**

You do not need to be a great golfer to have a great day! We invite individuals or teams of 4 to enter this fun, social day. Mums, Dad's, Grandparents, everyone welcome. Come along for a wonderful day out and meet some new people.

See our facebook page: St Marys Golf day for more information.

Entries close soon! Entry form attached.

**NEW MINI GOLF COMPETITION**

The kids will love to join in the fun at our first ever Mini Golf Competition as part of the Holy Putter Golf Day. Competition will begin at 4pm and will cost \$30 for 18 holes at Rich River. A perfect way to finish Term 3!

**Catering - for a teacher conference October 14**

We will require the help of many parents to assist with food preparation and serving. If you can spare an hour between 8:30am and 2pm can you please email your availability. Please note: This is a school closure day. Please keep an eye on our facebook page for all information regarding food donations. Thank you  
*Don't forget to follow our Facebook page "St Mary's Echuca Parents and Friends"*

Email [stmaryspandf@smechuca.catholic.edu.au](mailto:stmaryspandf@smechuca.catholic.edu.au)



# ST. MARYS HOLY PUTTER SOCIAL GOLF DAY.

Fantastic fun format and a great social day out.  
**Friday 20th September 2019 Rich River Golf course.**

18 hole event arrive 11.30am for 12pm shotgun start.

9 hole event arrive 1.45pm for 2.20pm shotgun start.

Golf carts can be booked direct Rich River Golf Club at players expense.

St. Mary's Mini Golf Challenge - \$30 per player for 18 holes. 4pm Start.

**Entries close August 31st. 2019.** Team (of four players) only \$300. Individual entry just \$75.

**A great opportunity to contribute to our school community and have loads of fun.**

**Contact: Jamie Horkings 0400 917 684**

## ENTRY FORM

BUSINESS / TEAM NAME / INDIVIDUAL ENTRY (please circle)

Contact Name and Phone Number:.....

Email Address:.....

Team Members (if known)

Player 1..... Handicap.....(if applicable)

Player 2..... Handicap.....(if applicable)

Player 3..... Handicap.....(if applicable)

Player 4..... Handicap.....(if applicable)

Chosen Event (please circle)

1. Holy Putter 18 Holes
2. Holy Putter 9 Holes
3. Holy Putter Min Golf Challenge

For individuals or groups less than four you will be placed into a group of four on the day.

Please return this entry form as below (or to the school office) and an invoice will be forwarded for payment.

Correspondence to: St. Mary's Parents and Friends c/o: Jamie Horkings

0400 917 684, [jamiehorkings@hotmail.com](mailto:jamiehorkings@hotmail.com)

Thank you for your support.

**ENTRIES CLOSE 31 AUGUST 2019 AND NUMBERS ARE LIMITED SO DON'T DELAY**

**PARENT AND FRIENDS ASSOCIATION**

15-33 Bridlington Ave. Echuca VIC 3564

03 5482 1342

principal@smechuca.catholic.edu.au

Dear Families

St Mary's Fete is fast approaching. It will be held on **Friday 8th November from 3:15pm – 7:00pm.**

The Fete is a wonderful celebration of our school community, where we come together for an afternoon of fun and laughter. It is also our major fundraiser.

Each class is responsible for a stall on fete day. A list of stalls and volunteer parent stall coordinators is attached and we thank these parents for taking on this leadership role.

For our fete to be a success, we rely upon the generous support of our families.

We ask each family

- To please donate 30 minutes of their time on their class stall rosters. Each volunteer will be required to have a current Working with Children check and have completed the school volunteer induction.
- To provide a monetary donation. Instead of each class asking for donations of prizes or goods, we will do this as a whole community. The donation will be used by the fete committee to purchase prizes or food stall requirements in bulk. **A suggestion is \$15-\$20 per family** but any donation would be greatly accepted.
- To fill two lucky bags with goodies for the Lucky Bags Stall (This will be done in October).
- To donate a cake/slice/biscuits for the cake stall. These can either be handmade or purchased (One week prior to fete day you will be asked to donate to the cake stall)

To alleviate this financial burden we intend to spread out these donations over time.

**From now until the end of term**

Monetary donations can be placed in an envelope and returned to the box in the school office.

Or

you can direct deposit to the St Mary's Parents & Friends Account

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For further information, please email [stmaryspandf@smechuca.catholic.edu.au](mailto:stmaryspandf@smechuca.catholic.edu.au) or talk with your class stall parent coordinator.

We thank you for your support of this year's fete. Please note all children will require a guardian present on Fete Day.

St Mary's Parents and Friends Fete committee



## MOLATO BY NICOLE RUNWAY EVENT

**Friday 11th of October 2019: 7pm**  
At the Moama Bowling Club

Showcasing the designs of Nicole Dilubenzi and St. Joseph's College EchUCA students.

TICKETS AVAILABLE THROUGH THE ECHUCA MOAMA VISITOR INFORMATION CENTRE OR BY VISITING:

[www.echucamoama.com/the-molato-project](http://www.echucamoama.com/the-molato-project)

\$15 STANDING / \$25 SEATED  
DRINK AND NIBBLES ON ARRIVAL

f @molatobynicole @molatobynicole nicolemolato19@gmail.com



## LITERACY LEARNING WALKS

### Promoting Oral Language

**\*NEW session**

Designed for Preschool, Foundation & Year One parents  
Monday September 9th 8.45-9.30am

*All sessions have ideas for home, resources for you to use with your children, and the opportunity to walk through our Literacy Block and see Literacy in action!*



**FREE FAMILY FUN DAY**

**10AM - 12PM, SUNDAY 22ND SEPTEMBER**

Come and have some **FREE** family fun at Rich River Golf Club! Enjoy a range of activities suitable for all ages.

- S.N.A.G. Golf
- Driving Range
- Lawn Bowls
- Croquet
- Face Painting
- Animal Petting Zoo
- Jumping Castle
- Fun Competitions incl. your chance to WIN a Basketball system valued at \$499 from Intersport Bennett's PLUS MORE...

**WILLY MB** **INTERSPORT BENNETT'S**

5481 3333 | Twenty Four Lane, Moama | [www.richriver.com.au](http://www.richriver.com.au)

## "Hangabout"



A session of fun and laughter for little kids with a bit of singing and a story.

We invite carers to bring their Little People to a POP UP

### "Hangabout"

**Thursday 19th September, 11am**  
**St Mary's Parish Centre**  
**224 Anstruther St EchUCA**  
Morning Tea provided  
Gold Coin donation appreciated

## ECHUCA SOUTH CRICKET CLUB JUNIOR CRICKET SEASON 2019 / 2020



If you are interested in playing Cricket, while learning new skills and having fun:-

EchUCA South CC has everything you need and much more.

- New young enthusiastic Coaches who play for our Club and are committed to our younger members.
- Access to a Representative Coach (Level 2) and multiple community coaches (Level 1) all Accredited with Cricket Australia.
- Brand New Training Nets.
- Town Bus Stop just outside the ground gates.
- Both Boys and Girls are welcome.
- Junior Blasters: 4 to 8 years - Sunday Mornings.
- Master Blasters: 8 to 9 years - Sunday Mornings.
- Fielding Teams in Under 16's, Under 14's & Under 12's.

For more information regarding registration contact: Julie Morphet 0419 323 905

*"Our focus is our Future"*

*"Our Future is our Junior members and their Families"*



## Interested in Playing Junior Tennis?



EchUCA Lawn Tennis Club is a part of the Campaspe Tennis Association. Juniors play on Saturday mornings commencing in October at EchUCA Lawn Tennis Courts, at the Scenic Drive. Alternating weeks are played at surrounding clubs such as Lockington, Rich River, Elmore and Rochester.

EchUCA Lawn Tennis Teams are comprised of 4 or 5 players, generally mixed, however organised according to their ability.

There are 3 Sections:

C Grade for Beginners, B Grade for Competent Players and A Grade for the Experienced, as they progress towards, Afternoon Senior Tennis. B and C Grade players play doubles each week, with A Grade progressing into Singles, as well as Doubles Play.

If your child is keen on joining us for the 2019/2020 Summer of Tennis or if you have any questions, please contact Sarah Byrne on 0427 257 771

**\*\*We also have a Thursday Morning Doubles Competition, for any interested Ladies\*\***



**Learn to Swim**

School Holiday Intensive  
September 30th to 4th October 2019

Venue:	EchUCA War Memorial Aquatic Centre
Cost:	\$78.00
Age:	3 years and above
Program:	30 minute session daily for 5 days Wednesday 26th September 2019

*All teachers are Auswim qualified*

YMCA | 03 9403 9000 | [www.campaspeaquatics.com.au](http://www.campaspeaquatics.com.au) |



## Moama Cricket Club

### JUNIOR REGISTRATIONS ARE NOW OPEN

Moama Junior Cricket Club invites all junior players, new and past, to join the club for the 2019-20 season.

Online registrations are now open via PlayCricket  
[www.playcricket.com.au](http://www.playcricket.com.au)

**Junior Blasters 5-7 years \$99**  
**Master Blasters 7-10 years \$80**  
**Under 12's \$100**  
**Under 14's \$110**  
**Under 16's \$120**

\*ActiveKids vouchers can be applied to registration fees if eligible\*  
Click here to apply for your child's voucher  
<https://www.service.nsw.gov.au/transaction/apply-active-kids-voucher>

All enquiries to:

Kirk Teasdale 0402 063 705 Cate Burns 0430 148 198



**HELLO SCHOOL HOLIDAYS**

**WINTER 2019**

**BOOK ONLINE NOW AT:**  
[CHILDRENSPROGRAMS.YMCA.ORG.AU](http://CHILDRENSPROGRAMS.YMCA.ORG.AU)

**ECHUCA MOAMA SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAM**

Eligible families can receive CCLD, meaning most out of pocket costs could be less than advertised  
Moama Public School (Catholic School, Moama)

# ST MARY'S

## IS WHERE THE MAGIC HAPPENS

ART SHOW 2019

Thursday 12th  
September  
5:30pm - 8:30pm  
& Friday 13th  
September  
9am - 3pm

Brigidine  
Centre



## 2019 Fathers Day Breakfast/Footy Colours/Jump Rope

