

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 is one year since Morgan Elliot's tragic accident and today we gathered with the family and friends to remember. To help us remember that Morgan was a valued member of this school community, we have placed a memorial stone and plaque at the entrance of the school. I thank Fr.Des and Angela Finn for leading our liturgy today. Rock Solid donated the beautiful stone and Gravity Shack supported the friends' gathering. We thank them for their kind consideration.

You will see us promoting school attendance over the coming weeks. Our school is committed to ensure that we aim for 95% attendance for all children. This equates to missing 10 days in a school year. I ask that you see school attendance as important and that your children know this.

We welcome Michael Dodd to our staff to attend to our maintenance and gardening.

Brendan Atley
Principal

Catholic Identity

Today, St Mary's invited Morgan Elliott's family and last year's Yr 6's and their parents, to gather and mark the one year anniversary of Morgan's tragic accident. We are a community that trusts in God and gathers in both good times and bad.

It is timely for each of us to reflect on the great gift of our lives, fragile though they maybe; To know that our God loves us and that we are all precious in God's eyes.

God wants us to live in peace; to live our lives, given as gift, to the full.

God is with us always - until the end of time.

We are invited to not let our hearts be troubled or overcome with fear or sadness, but to live in love, in hope, in trust and in faith.

Good and loving God,

We remember Morgan with love and joy.

We remember all those who are grieving the loss of a loved one.

Grant us your peace and hope.

May your love fill our lives, so that we live the gift of our lives fully.

Give us understanding. Give us strength. Give us peace.

Today, tomorrow and always. Amen.



REMINDER STUDENT FREE DAY MONDAY 14TH OCTOBER 2019

**REMINDER
NO SCHOOL**

Children are required to wear hats in term 4.

Just a reminder all students are required to wear the school wide brim hat during term 4.

School fees are now due.

School accounts will be emailed shortly. Please finalise your 2019 school fees. Thank you to those who have already finalised their accounts.

**Memorial Liturgy Invitation**

All Parishioners & their families & friends are invited to the Parish Memorial Prayer Service held in memory of our loved ones. **Friday 8th November 2019 7.00p.m.**

In St Marys Church. This will be followed by a light supper in Parish Centre. We look forward to seeing you there.

St Mary's Bereavement Support Ministry

**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.

PARENTS AND FRIENDS NEWS
4 Weeks until Fete Day!

2019 SCHOOL CALENDAR**TERM 4**

7 th Oct	First day of term 4
14 th Oct	Student Free Day
15 th Oct	Whole School Assembly 2.05pm
15 th Oct	Year 6 School Photo
16 th Oct	Boys Brain talk
17 th Oct	Walking School Bus
18 th Oct	Yrs 5 & 6 Basketball Tournament
19 th & 20 th Oct	Confirmation & Eucharist
21 st -23 rd Oct	Year 5 school camp
4 th Nov	Student Free Day – Report writing
5 th Nov	Melbourne Cup – Student Free Day
8 th Nov	School Fete
18 th Dec	Grade 6 graduation
18 th Dec	Last day of School (Wednesday)
2020	
30 Jan 2020	First day of Term 1
31 Jan 2020	Foundations first day 8.45am-12pm

FETE 8th November 3:15 to 7pm

Thank you to everyone that has donated money towards the purchase of prizes and food stall requirements. Donations can still be made, either by placing money in an envelope and returning it to the box in the school office, or by direct depositing to the St Mary's Parents & Friends Account BSB: 063 511 Acc: 10053976 Ref: FETE DONATION.

Sponsorship We invite any interested businesses to read and complete the attached fete sponsorship form. A range of options are available and all support is most appreciated.

Lucky Bags Will go home soon. Each family will be asked to fill two small lucky bags with goodies if they are able.

Showbags See information attached. Last day for orders will be Monday 21st October. Late orders cannot be accepted.

Class Stalls

Each class is responsible for a fete day stall, and we thank those parents that have volunteered to organise these stalls. They will be contacting you soon to ask you to volunteer 30 minutes of your time on fete day. Please get behind your class rep and help them when needed. All volunteers will need a current Working With Children Check and completing the school volunteer induction.

Trybooking is now open if you would like to pre purchase tickets or ride wrist bands. Cash sales will also be available on the day. All class stalls will use the ticket system rather than cash. (The BBQ stall and Cake stall will accept both cash and tickets)

Ride Costs:

\$20 Unlimited Ride wristband: Giant slide, Inflatable Obstacle Course, Cha Cha ride and Spinning teacups ride.

\$10 Unlimited Slide Wristband: Giant slide and Inflatable Obstacle Course only.

Please note: height restrictions apply on the Cha Cha.

Children 110cm - 130cm must ride with an adult. Children under 110cm are not permitted on this ride.

Thank you to Tanya Main for designing our Fete Flyer this year.

We appreciate the generosity of our school community at Fete time.

Catering - Well Being in the Workplace teacher workshop October 14

Our school community is catering for this workshop of 130 participants from the Northern Plains Cluster of the Sandhurst Diocese.

Thank you to everyone that has already volunteered to supply food donations. The MealTrain link is provided on our Facebook page, but please feel free to email if that is easier. **Food donations will need to be delivered to the school office staffroom between 8 and 9am.** Please note: this is a school closure day. If you can help on the day, a supervisor will be onsite to help with babysitting.

Thank you to **Rich River Party Hire** for their support of our catering events this year. It is much appreciated.

2020 EVENTS - PLEASE COMPLETE OUR SURVEY

The P&F committee have commenced planning for 2020 events and we need your help. Please follow the link or visit the St Marys Echuca Parents and Friends Facebook page to complete the online survey. It takes less than 2 minutes and your ideas will help shape next years events. We really appreciate your time and feedback, thank you. <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/7GZ7KF2>

ST MARY'S HOLY PUTTER SOCIAL GOLF DAY

Thank you to everyone that supported this day. Not only is this a fun day, it is also a major fundraiser. We thank Jamie Horkings and his team for organising this event, Rich River Golf Club as our sponsorship partner, Echuca Mazda as our corporate sponsor and the many local businesses who sponsored this event.





ST MARY'S PRIMARY SCHOOL

2019 FÊTE

FRIDAY 8TH NOVEMBER,
3.15-7PM

ST MARY'S PRIMARY SCHOOL
15-33 BRIDLINGTON AVE, ECHUCA

ORDER TICKETS ONLINE - WWW.TRYBOOKING.COM/540727



**FREE ENTRY
FUN FOR EVERYONE!**

GIANT SLIDE,
CHA CHA, TEA CUPS,
INFLATABLE OBSTACLE
COURSE, FOOD, DRINKS
& STALLS

A SPECIAL THANKS TO OUR MAJOR SPONSOR





FETE 2019

SHOWBAG ORDERS

CHOOSE FROM A SELECTION OF FUN SHOW BAGS FOR ALL AGES.

SHOW BAGS WILL ONLY BE AVAILABLE FOR PRE-PURCHASE

- Last Day to Order will be Monday 21ST October 2019.
- No Show Bags will be available for purchase on the day of the Fete.
- Show Bags will be available for collection from the Show Bag stand at the Fete.

**ALL SHOW BAGS ARE \$6 EACH
OR CHOOSE 3 SHOW BAGS FOR \$15**





SHOWBAG

ORDER FORM

NAME:- _____

CLASS:- _____

**ALL SHOWBAGS ARE \$6 EACH
OR CHOOSE 3 SHOW BAGS FOR \$15**

Show Bag Name	QTY	Total Cost
Cadbury Treat Show bag		
Mega Fizz Showbag		
Trolli Showbag		
Zappo Showbag		
Fizzer Showbag		
Total Cost		\$

PLEASE RETURN ORDER FORM TO SCHOOL BY MONDAY 21st OCTOBER 2019.

PAYMENT CAN BE VIA CASH OR DEPOSIT INTO BANK ACCOUNT:-

St Mary's Parents & Friends BSB:- 063 511

Account Number:- 10053976

CASH WITH ORDER:-

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MONEY DEPOSITED INTO BANK ACCOUNT

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PARENT & FRIENDS ASSOCIATION

St Mary's Primary School Echuca Parents and Friends Association is delighted to offer your business a once in every two year opportunity, sponsorship of your choice or a cash or In-Kind donation for the 2019 St Mary's Primary School Fete. All the fun and action kicks off on Friday 8 November from 3.30pm at School.

Our biannual fete and major fundraiser event attracts over 3,000 attendees from our community. Marketing activities reach our 377 families via newsletter, socials and the Echuca Moama community via print media, flyers, signage and word of mouth.



- Sponsorship of a major entertainment stall
- Stall named after your business
- Business Logo displayed on the sponsored stall
- Business acknowledged as a **GOLD** sponsor in all advertising material
- Social Media Promotions through FB / Instagram
- Business acknowledged in flyers distributed at the event
- Business acknowledged in weekly school newsletter (8 issues) reaching over 400 families
- Certificate of Appreciation

INVESTMENT \$600



- Sponsorship of a food stall
- Business Logo displayed on the sponsored stall
- Business acknowledged as a **SILVER** sponsor in all advertising material
- Social Media Promotions through FB / Instagram
- Business acknowledged in flyers distributed at the event
- Business acknowledged in weekly school newsletter (4 issues) reaching over 400 families
- Certificate of Appreciation

INVESTMENT \$300



- Sponsorship of a class stall
- Business Logo displayed on the sponsored stall
- Business acknowledged as a **BRONZE** sponsor in all advertising material
- Social Media Promotions through FB / Instagram
- Business acknowledged in flyers distributed at the event
- Business acknowledged in weekly school newsletter (4 issues) reaching over 400 families
- Certificate of Appreciation

INVESTMENT \$150



Becoming a sponsor demonstrates your commitment to the school and to the local community by building your business' profile. This year we would like to raise funds for school yard improvements, laptops, sporting equipment and so much more.

☐**YES**

This opportunity is for me.

Please reach out to St. Mary's Fete sponsorship coordinators:

Rowena Ash: 0414 472962

Stacey Fraser: 0414 561800

by Friday, October 18, 2019.

What's next ?

1. Select your preferred package, we will provide an invoice.

☐**GOLD**☐**SILVER**☐**BRONZE**

NAME: _____

BUSINESS NAME: _____

PHONE: _____

EMAIL: _____

2. Supply logo, up to 3 mages and content for promotional purposes to parentsandfriends@smechuca.catholic.edu.au
3. Once payment is received, we get cracking acknowledging your support by promoting your business.

We can't wait to hear from you, thank you for your support,
Rowena Ash & Stacey Fraser

Why should children attend school?



- Provides education
- Opportunity to succeed in their education
- Provides support networks and develops social skills
- Develop important skills, knowledge and values for life
- Develop good habits
- Maximises life opportunities



Provide education

School provides the opportunity to develop skills at an appropriate developmental rate

Opportunity to succeed in education

Children who regularly miss school may struggle academically and fall further behind

Provides support networks and develops social skills

At school, children have the opportunity to make friends and connect with others

Develop important skills, knowledge and values for life

Children not attending school regularly may have difficulty in forming and maintaining friendships

Develop good habits

School sets children up with skills to be taken with them through life

Maximises life opportunities

Children frequently absent from school often have low self-esteem



We are here to support you. If school attendance is an issue for you, please contact your child's classroom teacher, Mr. Atley or Mrs. Tegge love for advice and support.

**EMLAC
COME & TRY DAY**

OCTOBER 12TH

Come & Try Day is open to anyone wishing to give Little Athletics a go. It is FREE for the first two weeks and introduces your child to Little Aths and what is on offer at EchUCA Moama Little Athletics Centre. Register through the LAVic website. Visit www.lavic.com.au.

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Join our Centre now for a
2 week FREE trial period
Starts Friday 4 October 2019

Just register online at www.lavic.com.au and submit your registration without payment. Do this before 1 October to receive an early bird discount when you join.

Visit our webpage www.rochesterlac.com.au or our Facebook page (Rochester Little Athletics) for more information.

**MON
21ST
OCT**

**COME
TRY
LAWN
BOWLS**

**AGES
8YRS
& UP**

**4:30pm
to
5:30pm**

**CITY OF ECHUCA
BOWLS CLUB**

Find us on Facebook
@Campaspe Cannons

FOR MORE INFORMATION, CONTACT STEVE - 5482 3678
campaspecannons@outlook.com



Boys Brains

Echuca



This workshop will give insight in to the workings of a boy's brain and how their needs are different to girls.

It will provide practical strategies to help parents understand boy's needs and how to meet them.

Term 4, 2019

When: Wednesday 16th October 2019
Time: Arrival and registration 11.45am
 Session 12.00pm - 2.30pm
Where: St Mary's Primary School, 15-33 Bridlington Avenue, Echuca
Cost: Free
Facilitators: CCS Family and Relationship Services
Childcare: Sorry, no childcare provided

Groups are subject to maximum and minimum numbers determined seven working days prior to the commencement date. Early registration is encouraged



For bookings and enquiries contact School Reception Ph: 5482 1342

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

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

f @molatobynicole i @molatobynicole e nicolemolato19@gmail.com

GOOD ATTENDANCE STARTS HERE!

THE BEST OPPORTUNITY FOR PREVENTING POOR ATTENDANCE IS AT THE POINT OF ENTRY TO PRESCHOOL & FOUNDATION

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Saturday October 12th, 10am - 2pm
 Hopwood Gardens

- Sausages in bread & Biscuits
- Drew Walker performing Live
- Head skins & Wrist Bands
- Raffles drawn on the day

All money raised going to **Fighting Trigeminal Neuralgia**

Thanks for joining the Fight!

Echuca Volunteer Fire Brigade OPEN DAY

Echuca CFA will be opening their doors to the community

20/10/2019 - 10AM - 2PM

ACTIVITIES FOR THE DAY

- FREE BBQ Lunch
- FREE Jumping Castle
- FREE Fairy Floss
- FREE Face Painting
- FREE Snow Cones & Popcorn
- Water push mini fire truck races
- Captain Koala will be visiting
- Recruitment
- Fire Investigation
- Safety Info

FREE COME AND TRY FUTSAL DAY

FUTSAL 5 A SIDE INDOOR SOCCER

COME DOWN TO ECHUCA STADIUM
 10AM TO 1PM
 13TH OF OCTOBER

BOYS AND GIRLS WELCOME FOR ALL AGES

CENTRALVICTORIANFUTSAL.COM