

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,

Yesterday we officially ordained Shane Mackinlay as our Diocesan Bishop. We look forward to seeing Bishop Shane this weekend in Echuca as he officiates at our Confirmation/Eucharist ceremonies.

I wish all our candidates well this weekend and trust that they will grow in God's love as they continue their faith journey through the Sacraments. I extend my thanks to everyone that has helped prepare the children for this event.

I do speak from time to time of the importance the Parents and Friends' Group play in fundraising for resources and two recent events were an example people working very hard for the benefit of all. The Golf Day before the holidays was a terrific success and it took a mountain of work to organise and to attend to the day. The catering for 120 teachers on Monday here at school was a huge undertaking and the food was of the highest quality. I am very proud to be associated with St. Mary's when I see people giving so much of themselves at these times. Now to the Fete!

Brendan Atley

Principal

Catholic Identity

Recently, the Church celebrated St Francis of Assisi's Feast Day. Francis was an extraordinary character. Born in 1181, as a young man, Francis devoted his life to Jesus. He abandoned a life of luxury and adopted poverty, wearing only a rough brown tunic. He rebuilt a deserted, tumble down church, nursed lepers and preached about Jesus. With his incredible charisma, many people listened to and joined his austere way of life. They became known as Franciscan friars.

Francis was known for his love of nature and animals. There are many stories about Saint Francis preaching to animals and their response to him.

Francis Assisi quotes:

***Start doing what's necessary, then do what is possible;
and suddenly you are doing the impossible.***

***When you proclaim peace with your lips,
be careful to have it even more fully in your heart.***

Prayer of St Francis -

Lord make me an instrument of your peace

Where there is **hatred** let me sow **love**

Where there is **injury**, **pardon**

Where there is **doubt**, **faith**

Where there is **despair**, **hope**

Where there is **darkness**, **light**

And where there is **sadness**, **joy**

O divine master grant that I may

not so much **seek to be consoled as to console**

to be **understood** as to **understand**

To be **loved as to love**

For it is in **giving** that we **receive**

it is in **pardoning** that we **are pardoned**

And it is in **dying** that we are born to **eternal life**

Amen

Thank you

Thank you to everyone who helped with the catering for our School Closure Day on Monday. The food was amazing and the organisation excellent. Thank you to the 5 students from St Joseph's who assisted with food preparation, serving and cleaning up. We couldn't have done it without you.

VOLUNTEERS

Thank you to everyone who has completed the Volunteers Induction requirements. Almost every family in our school has at least one parent registered. This is a huge effort and shows what a strong and committed community we have. Can't wait to see everyone at the FETE!

HATS

Everyone needs to be wearing the school hat this term.
No Hat No Play....

School fees are now due.

Please finalise your 2019 school fees. Thank you to those who have already finalised their accounts. We appreciate this support.

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 the 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.

Portsea Camp

This year the Apex Club of Echuca/Moama is organising the Portsea Camp on the Mornington Peninsula from **January 11th to January 17th 2020**. The camp is available to all children aged 9 - 12 at a cost of **\$350.00 per child**

They have vacancies for **50 children** from the Echuca/Moama area. Activities your child can participate in on camp include canoeing, snorkeling, flying fox, giant swing, high and low ropes course, climbing wall and much more.

For those families having difficulty in affording the total cost of the camp, financial assistance may be possible through the Apex Club of Echuca/Moama.

Applications for the camp must be returned by 15th November and are available from school office.



2019 SCHOOL CALENDAR	
TERM 4	
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
30 th Oct	Walking School Bus
1 st Nov	Whole school Mass 9.00am
4 th Nov	Student Free Day – Report writing
5 th Nov	Melbourne Cup – Student Free Day
8 th Nov	School Fete
6 th -15 th Nov	Swimming program Year 5-6
18 th -29 th Nov	Swimming program Year 3-4
2 nd -13 th Dec	Swimming program Prep - 2
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

PARENTS AND FRIENDS NEWS



Fete 2019 3 weeks to go...

FETE 8th November 3:15 to 7pm

We are pleased to announce the Giant Slide will be back again this year. Along with the Cha Cha, Spinning Tea Cups and Inflatable Obstacle Course.

Pre purchased wristbands and tokens are available at www.trybooking.com/540727 Cash sales available on the day. Ticket tent will be open from 2pm for sales and pre-purchased pick up.



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

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

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.

Reminder: Showbags (see attached) due back by 21st October. Late orders will not be accepted. Pick up from the showbag stall on fete day.

Lucky bags will go home soon. Each family are asked to fill two small bags, if able to.

Thank you to the parents who have already volunteered on their class stall roster. If you haven't put your name down, please speak to your teacher or class fete rep. All volunteers will need a current Working with Children Check and completing the school volunteer induction.

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.

Thank you to our major sponsor – GLE Civil & Pipe

And GOLD sponsors – Corburn & Reid, JM Mitchell Building Solutions.





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

Tips to help improve attendance at school

- Plan for a calm start to the day. Set morning and evening routines to help with this. For example, get uniforms, lunches and school bags ready the night before, and get your child to have a shower or bath in the evening.
- Have a set bedtime - it is recommended school aged children (6-13 years of age) have between 9-11 hours of sleep each night - and wake up at the same time each day. It is very hard to help your child get to school if they are sleepy during the day.



- Set a time for daily homework activities. For example, try reading after school or as part of the bedtime routine so it is not part of the rush in the mornings.
- Stay calm. If your child sees that you're worried, stressed or frustrated, it can make your child's anxiety worse. And by staying calm, you model a positive way of handling the situation.



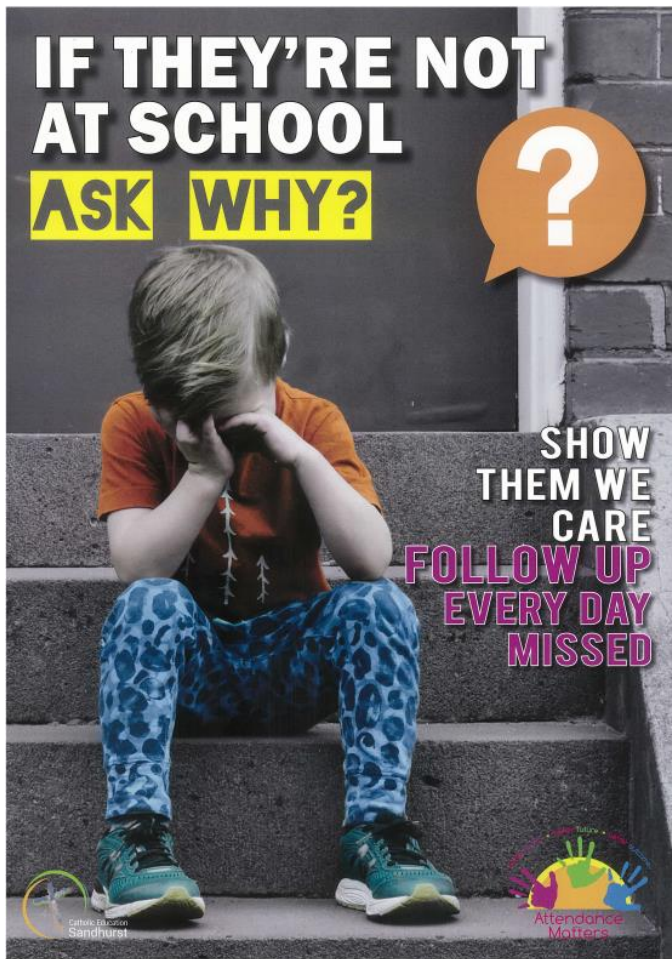
- Speak positively about school. Be positive and encouraging about school experiences, listen with interest about what they are doing.
- Be firm. Send your child to school every day, even on their birthday and the last day of term. Every day your child is away is another missed opportunity for learning.
- Talk to your child's teacher or the school principal for ideas and advice.

Teachers have lots of experience and can assist.



IF THEY'RE NOT AT SCHOOL

ASK WHY?



**SHOW
THEM WE
CARE
FOLLOW UP
EVERY DAY
MISSED**

**Attendance
Matters**

Catholic Education
Sandhurst

**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
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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



CFA

Walk to School 2019

Walk, ride or scoot and build
healthy habits for life.



Join hundreds of thousands of Victorian
primary school kids this October!

Find out more at
walktoschool.vic.gov.au

Official community partner:

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