

# 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,

We were very privileged to be Bishop Shane's first official engagement on the weekend. The children presented beautifully and were very aware of the importance of the occasion. I am very grateful to everyone that worked to prepare the children and the ceremony for these important Sacraments.

The Fete is very close so please make yourself available to assist. It is a major fundraiser for the school assisting us to purchase and provide resources and facilities that all children enjoy.

I do extend my thanks to all staff that attend camps. We ask so much of them at this time and on returning it is obvious that they have given so much of themselves to ensure the children have been kept safe and enjoyed the experience

Brendan Atley  
Principal

## Catholic Identity

### **A Reflection**

It is always nice to be in the presence of friends.

When I take time to come into your presence, O God,

I know I am in the presence of my Creator. You created me out of Love.

You even know the amount of hairs on my head.

Your presence, O Lord, is the greatest of all.

It is so easy to get caught up with the trappings of wealth in this life.

Grant, O God, that I may be free from greed and selfishness.

Remind me that the best things in life are free -

Love, laughter, caring and sharing. **Amen**

### **Some Yr 1 Wisdom**

When Bishop Shane Mackinlay was ordained as Bishop of Sandhurst last week, one of the symbolic actions was for him to kneel and a Book Of Gospels was held over his head. I showed some Yr 1 children a clip of this and asked them why they did this and what this might mean. The first response I got was:

***'It is so all those good stories about God and Jesus might cover the Bishop, and fill him up so that he will be able to know Jesus and live like him.'***

A beautiful, insightful, explanation!!!

**A big thankyou** to everyone who contributed to the preparation and celebration of the children for the sacraments of Confirmation / first Eucharist. **Congratulations and 'well done'** to all the children

### **Sacramental Retreat:**

Yesterday, the children who have prepared for sacraments during the year, took part in a Sacramental Retreat Day. We had two hours of activities, followed by lunch. At 2:15 pm we celebrated Mass which all the children were involved in.

The other Yr 3 and Yr 4 students joined us for Mass.

The children participated in each activity beautifully. It was fantastic to work with them.

**Next Friday will be All Saints Day.** We will have a **Whole School Mass at 9:00 am** lead by **Foundation** year level.

Hunting for the good

**6LLS** - Showed respect and participated fully in the TwistED workshop yesterday. They made going on an excursion very easy! Well done.

**Year 5 teachers and parent helpers** - thank to you Miss Daly, Mrs C, Mr Richardson and Ms Terrina for organizing and participating in the Year 5 camp. We know you would've slept well last night.

Adam Neumann, Damon Williamson, Brigid Kearney and Craig Morris, the parent helpers who went of Year 5 camp. Thank you. These events cannot happen without your support.

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.



**Invitation to St. Mary's Parish  
Prayer of Remembrance**

*Families and friends are invited to  
our parish prayer service  
to remember our loved ones who are no longer with us*

*on Friday Nov. 8th at 7.00 p.m.  
in St. Mary's Church.*

*This will be followed  
by a "cuppa" in the Parish Centre.*

*Everyone is very welcome.*

**2019 SCHOOL CALENDAR****TERM 4**

29 <sup>th</sup> Oct	Whole school assembly 2.05p.m.
30 <sup>th</sup> Oct	Walking School Bus
1 <sup>st</sup> Nov	Whole school Mass 9.00am
4 <sup>th</sup> Nov	<b>Student Free Day</b> – Report writing
5 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Melbourne Cup – <b>Student Free Day</b>
8 <sup>th</sup> Nov	School Fete 3.15-7pm
12 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Whole School Assembly 2.05pm
6 <sup>th</sup> -15 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Swimming program Year 5-6
14 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Year 1 Mass 9.00am
18 <sup>th</sup> -29 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Swimming program Year 3-4
2 <sup>nd</sup> -13 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Swimming program Prep - 2
5 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Year 2 Mass 9.00am
12 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Year 3 Mass 9.00am
18 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Grade 6 graduation
18 <sup>th</sup> Dec	End of year Mass 12.00pm
18 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Last day of School (Wednesday)
<b>2020</b>	
30 Jan 2020	First day of Term 1
31 Jan 2020	Foundations first day 8.45am-12pm

**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.

Grade 6 graduation party

Preparations are well under way for a graduation celebration for our Grade 6 level. This is a non-school event that is completely separate to the St Mary's Graduation celebrations that will occur on the school grounds during the day of December 18th. A party at Tindarra from 6-9pm is planned for the evening with more details to come soon. In the meantime any enquiries or offers of help can be made through Josie Atkinson 0474837553

**An Invitation from St Mary's Parish**

Would you like to know more about our Catholic faith community and spirituality? We are having an informal gathering at St Mary's Parish Centre, 224 Anstruther St, Echuca on Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> November at 6.30pm. Relax with wine & pizza and chat to people involved in our parish community. Everyone is very welcome.



## Chatter Matters

By extending your child's use of describing words, you are encouraging them to use more expensive vocabulary. This will assist with their oral language, and their writing.

### Activity:

After reading with your child, get him/her to describe something from the book using the Five Senses to guide what it looks like, feels like, smells like, tastes like and sounds like.

You may need to prompt your child or do the brainstorm together.

Happy chatting!

### Portsea Camp

This year the Apex Club of Echuca/Moama is organising the Portsea Camp on the Mornington Peninsula from **January 11<sup>th</sup> to January 17<sup>th</sup> 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.

### Sock it to Poverty Crazy Sock Day

**WHEN:** Wednesday the 30th of October

**WHY:** to raise money and awareness for Catholic Mission; Sock it to Poverty. It is an event our school runs for the people who don't have the resources they need such as a roof over their heads or clean food and water.

**WHAT:** The Grade Sixes are running 6 events to raise awareness. Each student will need to bring a gold coin donation and participate in one of the events.

We ask if you could please donate any lonely or mix matched socks before Wednesday.

The activities are:

**Sockolate Throw** - Can you be the first to roll a six. Can you get the most socks on your body. Then come on down to the sockolate throw and raise awareness for those living in Poverty!

**ITS DISCO TIME....** We will be partying in the Brigidine Centre to raise awareness for those living in poverty.

**Sock Relay** - If you like sport and racing each other for victory... this is for you! Join our Sock Relay.

Unique relay races include: - socks on feet, socks on hands, under and over and crab walk.

**Sock-letics** Running, tagging and 'stealing' too. If you like this, Sockletics is the thing to do.

Four different games full of fun and joy,

Come on down and make some noise.

**Suppets (Sock Puppets)** - Bring in an odd sock from home and create your very own sock puppet! The Grade 6s will provide lots of decorations for your puppet.

**Sock Treasure Hunt** - Bring out the pirate in you! We will hide socks around the school and you get to search to find them! Each sock contains a word that joins to make a sentence.

Thank you, from the Year 6 students.



## PARENTS AND FRIENDS NEWS



Friday 8<sup>th</sup> November 3:15pm – 7pm

Casual clothes day on fete day!

Pre purchased wristbands and tokens are available at [www.trybooking.com/540727](http://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.

**Lucky bags - Each family are asked to fill two small bags, if able to and return by Wednesday November 6th.**

Cake Stall plates will go out next week. If you're able too, we ask each family to donate a cake/slice/biscuits/rum balls (homemade or purchased)

Thank you to all our generous sponsors. Your support is greatly appreciated.

**Major sponsor – GLE Civil & Pipe**

**GOLD sponsors – Coburn & Reid, JM Mitchell Building Solutions, Bubs Australia, AR Welding & Jimmy's Metal Fabrication, Rochester Mitre 10**





## Class Stalls

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.

### RIDES

Train	- Foundation DDI	Giant Slide	- 2YBE
Tea Cups	- 3KCR	Cha Cha	- 6GPH
Inflatable Obstacle Course	- Ran by Hire Company		

### FOOD

Hot Dogs & Dim Sims	- 1LGO	Nachos	- 2HMO
Snow Cones	- 3MHI	Fairy Floss & Snow Cones	- 4HMA
Donuts	- 5ADA	Soft drinks	- 5SRI
Cake Stall		BBQ	- Teachers

### STALLS

Lucky Dip & Pop people	- Foundation SKI	Coloured Hair	- Foundation GRU
Hoopla	- Foundation AHA	Clowns	- 1BHA
Lucky Ducks	- 1LLA	Orbeez Water Beads	- 1ADU
Fairy/Dinosaur Garden	- 2EOG	Petting Zoo & Plaster paint	- 2HFU
Bean Bag Toss	- 3HVI	Chocolate Toss	- 3SWA
Disco	- 4JHO	Scrunchies	- 4CTH
Jumping Castle	- 5CTR	Show Bags	- 6LLS
Lucky Bags	- 6ERO		

### Congratulations to our Celebrate award winners





ST MARY'S PRIMARY SCHOOL

# 2019 FÊTE

FRIDAY 8<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER,  
3.15-7PM

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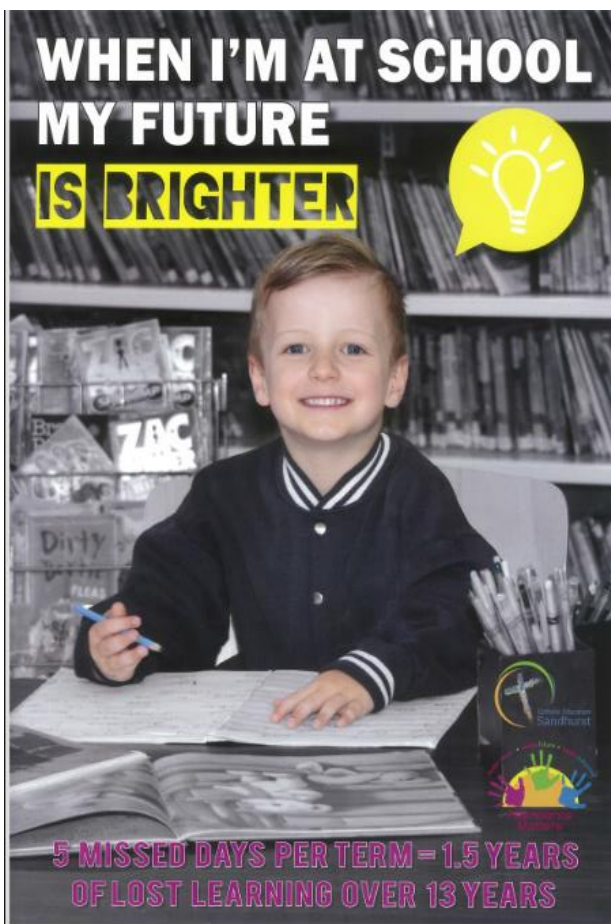
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**TwistED excursion**

As part of our current Inquiry 'That's Lit!' the Year 6 classes attended TwistED to participate in their 'Sparks and Quarks' workshop. We are so lucky to have this resource in our community.

**Spring 5 aside Soccer Competition**

Starts Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> October until 19<sup>th</sup> December 2019

Junior Competition Age Groups: 9 and under (5.30pm)

12 and Under (6.15pm)

Also Open Mixed Social Competition

\$45 for 9 weeks (\$5/week)

Register at: [www.gofootball.com.au](http://www.gofootball.com.au)

Or come along to Jack Eddy Oval for a come and try sessions this Thursday evening.

For more information contact Jonathon Keele on 0428 638 682

# Why should I go to school?

- School is more than Reading, Writing and Maths. It is also about learning how to work with other people, solve problems and build good habits for later in life. Right now, being at school is the most important thing you need to do for your future.
- Being at school every day means you can interact with your friends and teachers, building friendships, learning from others to become more independent as a learner. At school you can get help from your teachers and friends and won't have to try to learn things by yourself in your own time.
- Being an adult probably seems far away but we know that young people who attend school more frequently have better outcomes after school too. This means they earn more money, have better job opportunities and are generally healthier. So being at school really does make a difference!
- If you are not at school, you might miss out on lots of learning. Class discussions and all the interaction that happens at school is important for you to practice skills and gain knowledge to help you throughout life. Also, playing with your friends at school is fun!

