

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,

Rebecca Lloyd one of our year 6 teachers was speaking to the whole school following the amazing "Sockit to Poverty" activities and she spoke to the children as to why she chose to send her children to St. Marys. She said it was because of such days as this. She also believed that so many of you would have similar reasoning. This filled me with hope that we do value our children assisting those in need. That we do want our children to understand the need to care for others. At St. Mary's school these things are important to us.

It has been terrific to meet with many of you as I sign off on your volunteer application. Your assistance at school is valued and indeed, the Fete requires many hands.

We are now accessing the office/ staffroom extensions. I encourage you to take the time to view these spaces next time you are at school. The library extension is on target to be ready for the start of the 2020 school year.

Brendan Atley
Principal

**STUDENT FREE DAY MONDAY 4th November 2019
& TUESDAY 5th November 2019**

Catholic Identity

All Saints Day Reflection

St Paul was one of the earliest missionaries of the Church and someone who had an amazing conversion of life - from persecuting Christians to - being one of greatest missionaries and teachers of Christianity.

Who is someone you know who has had a real conversion in their way of life?

Who is someone you know who has acted as a missionary - going to help people?

St Francis of Assisi is famous for abandoning a life of luxury for a life devoted to Christianity.

He reached out to the poor. He was famous for his love of God's creation and animals but his love of Jesus in particular.

Who do you know, or know of, that is prepared to give of themselves for others?

Who do you know that has a great love of God's creation, animals, or of God?

St Teresa of Calcutta - [Mother Teresa] - woman who took people dying in the streets of Calcutta in India - and gave them shelter - or at the very least - someone to hold their hand as they died - showing great dignity and respect for every human life.

Who do you know who shows great dignity and respect to everyone they meet?

St Anthony of Padua - famous for being a great speaker - who spoke about God so effectively that many others wanted to become Christian. One day he saw a small child looking very lost - and took the child on his shoulders and knocked on door after door to try and find his parents. From then on people often asked Anthony to pray for them to help them find things they had lost.

Who do you know that is a great speaker?? Interesting to listen to ...

Pope St John XXIII: his family was very poor, but very strong believers in God. He became a priest.

In 1962 he called the 2nd Vatican Council - a Council which brought about many changes in the Church - making it more modern. He was a very popular character.

Who do you know who has brought about positive change wherever they are?

St Teresa of Calcutta

*'Keep in mind that **our community is not made up of those who are already saints,**
but of those who are **trying to become saints.***

*Therefore, let us **be extremely patient** with each other's **faults and failures.**'*

Reminder the school gates don't open until 8.15am. Some children are arriving well before this and they are unsupervised.

Mobile Phones at school.

We acknowledge that some parents may wish their child to carry a mobile phone for personal safety reasons however, the right of a student to have access to a mobile phone at school must be balanced with the responsibility to use it appropriately.

We ask that if a student has a mobile phone at school that they give it to their classroom teacher upon arrival. The phone will be stored in a secure place and then returned to the student at the end of the day. In an emergency or in case of illness the school office is always the first point of call

Thank you for your cooperation with this



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.



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 12th November at

6.30pm. Relax with wine & pizza and chat to people involved in our parish community. Everyone is very welcome.

Knitting

How wonderful it has been to have up to 6 ladies come each Wednesday lunchtime to teach the interested Grade 4, 5 and 6 children knitting. Many children have come and taken a bag with wool and knitting needles home to practice till the next week but have not returned. Could you kindly check with your child and return it to school so others can use them. The group are about to embark on making squares for a blanket for charity Mel Slattery



2019 SCHOOL CALENDAR	
TERM 4	
29 th Oct	Whole school assembly 2.05p.m.
30 th Oct	Walking School Bus
1 st Nov	Softball Tournament – Swan Hill
1 st Nov	Basketball Tournament - Swan Hill
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 3.15-7pm
12 th Nov	Whole School Assembly 2.05pm
6 th -15 th Nov	Swimming program Year 5-6
14 th Nov	Year 1 Mass 9.00am
18 th -29 th Nov	Swimming program Year 3-4
2 nd -13 th Dec	Swimming program Prep - 2
5 th Dec	Year 2 Mass 9.00am
12 th Dec	Year 3 Mass 9.00am
18 th Dec	Grade 6 graduation
18 th Dec	End of year Mass 12.00pm
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

Fruity Favourites

At St. Mary's we have been participating in "Healthy October". We interviewed all of our marvellous staff to find out what their favourite fruit might be!

How does your favourite fruit rate? Can you guess Mr Atley's favourite?

Mango 10

Banana 7

Watermelon 4

Cherries 4

Apple 3

Pineapple 3

Strawberry 2

Raspberry 1

Blueberries 1

Peach 1

Kiwi 1

Grape 1

Orange 1

Nectarine 1



Congratulations to our respect award winners



**GOOD ATTENDANCE
STARTS HERE!**

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

Attendance Matters

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.



PARENTS AND FRIENDS NEWS



Friday 8th November 3:15pm – 7pm

Casual clothes day on fete day!

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

Trybooking closes Wednesday 6th Nov 9pm. We still need some helpers for the ticket tent.

Please email: stmaryspandf@smechuca.catholic.edu.au

\$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.

Lucky bags - Each family are asked to fill two small bags, if able to and return by Wednesday November 6th. Extra bags are available in the office.

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

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 completed the school volunteer induction.

RIDES

Train – 2 tokens
Giant Slide – 3 tokens or Wristband
Tea Cups – 4 tokens or Wristband
Cha Cha – 5 tokens or Wristband
Inflatable Obstacle Course – 1 token or Wristband

FOOD

Nachos – 5 tokens
Hot Dogs – 4 tokens
Dim Sims – 1 token
Donuts – 1 token
Snow Cones – 2 tokens
Fairy Floss- 3 tokens
Softdrinks – 2 tokens
Cake Stall – varied prices
BBQ Sausages – 2 tokens
BBQ Hamburgers with coleslaw – 5 tokens

STALLS

Lucky Dip – 2 tokens
Pop people – 1 token
Coloured Hair – 1 token
Hoopla – 2 tokens
Clowns – 1 token
Lucky Ducks – 1 token
Orbeez Water Beads – 2 tokens
Fairy/Dino Garden – 3 tokens
Petting Zoo – 3 tokens
Plaster paint – 3 tokens
Bean Bag Toss – 3 tokens
Chocolate Toss – 1 token
Disco – 2 tokens
Scrunchies – 2 tokens
Lucky Bags – 3 tokens
Jumping Castle – 2 tokens



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REGISTER BY TOMORROW FRIDAY 1ST NOVEMBER.....

Three opportunities to attend in 2019
SATURDAY 25 MAY (Bendigo)
 Catholic Education Office (120 Hargreaves St Bendigo)
SATURDAY 3 AUGUST (Wangaratta)
 Gateway Hotel (29-37 Ryley St, Wangaratta)
SATURDAY 9 NOVEMBER (Shepparton)
 The Carrington (505 Wyndham St, Shepparton)
 9:30am - 3:00pm

Parenting is a demanding task under any circumstances, and doing so when a child displays challenging behaviours increases the difficulty. These problem behaviour situations are often amplified as the child's challenges can collide with typical developmental changes all children experience. Parents can become at odds with the child, or even between themselves, when searching for the best responses to these tough situations. Other children in the home can also be impacted, as the problem circumstances become a common part of their day.

During this one-day workshop, participants will be provided with practical, flexible alternatives they can draw upon to teach new skills at home, help establish daily routines and effectively prevent or respond to challenging situations.

Who is invited:

Parents, those parenting and anyone interested in learning.

Who to Contact if needed:

If you have any questions please contact your Pastoral Wellbeing Education Officer or Frances Browne E: fbrowne@ceosand.catholic.edu.au or M: 0400 505 464



Registrations for 25 May CLOSE on Friday 17 May 2019
 Registrations for 3 August CLOSE on Friday 26 July 2019
 Registrations for 9 November CLOSE on Friday 1 November 2019
 Please click on the link to register:
www.ceosand.catholic.edu.au/news/professional-learning

Giving up Saturday for an all-day seminar wasn't something that I would normally consider but when parents are searching for mechanisms to help their children face awkward behaviours associated with anxiety and stress, Dan Petro led me on a path to realisation and success.

He drew on case studies based on real life experiences that were genuine and inspirational. His approach towards solutions were realistic, refreshing and pragmatic. I left his seminar not just with new skills and knowledge but with a zest to improve and enhance the behaviours within our family unit.

I have utilised the knowledge I was given to set practical goals and objectives that have set a foundation based on constructive reinforcement that is guiding our family on our positive journey.

Andrea Basham



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Re: Setting Foot on New Ground - St. Joseph's Looks to the Future

Dear Parents and Guardians,

As you may be aware we announced this year, with much excitement, the purchase of new land (80 acres) at 66 Stratton Road with the long term view of establishing a two campus model for St. Joseph's College. Our current Dickson St would become a Senior Campus catering for Year 10-12 students and the new campus, a junior campus would cater for Year 7-9 students.

The reason for this historic decision was the acknowledgement that our current site, with its limited space, will simply not be able to cope with the projected population growth figures in the EchUCA Moama area.

At this stage the ambitious plan is to open the new campus in 2023 (pending any major delays or obstacles) with Year 7 and 8 students being on site in the first year. In reality this means that students currently in Grade 3 and 4, looking to enrol at St. Joseph's would be directly involved. The current Grade 3 students would be in Year 7 in 2023, while the current Grade 4 students would be in Year 8. This group may have the excitement of having one year on our existing campus, before moving out to the brand new site!

Indirectly, students currently in Grade 5 and 6, would experience a Senior Campus with less students, more space and some newly renovated learning areas. (as Year 9 and 10 students in 2023)

With this in mind we think it is important that the 'next generation of families' is provided with opportunities to seek information, ask questions and provide feedback on our proposed plans. Consequently we cordially invite you to an information session at St. Joseph's College. Details are below:

Date: Tuesday November 19

Time: 5.00 - 5.45pm

Where: St. Joseph's College School Hall
 21 Dickson St EchUCA

The session will provide a chance to showcase the latest master plans, answer any questions you may have and/or provide opportunities to give feedback.

We look forward to seeing you there.

Yours sincerely,

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 Principal

Grant Kemp
 College Leader - School Operations
 Member Project Control Group.

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Setting foot on new ground
St. Joseph's Looks to the future...

Invitation to Primary School Parents
"our next generation of families"

To provide opportunities to seek information, ask questions and provide feedback on our proposed two campus model.

Date: Tuesday 19 November 2019
 Time: 5.00 pm to 5.45 pm
 Where: St. Joseph's College School Hall
 21 Dickson Street, EchUCA

Spring 5 aside Soccer Competition

Starts Thursday 24th October until 19th 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

Or come along to Jack Eddy Oval for a come and try sessions

For more information contact Jonathon Keele on 0428 638 682

Hemophilia Awareness Week

Recently it was blood disorder week. We currently have two students at St. Mary's with a rare blood condition. So to create awareness, students had the opportunity to participate in a colouring competition. The competition closes this week so we will await to see if any lucky St. Mary's students win through their colourful efforts.

Year 2 also enjoyed some red velvet cupcakes baked courtesy of Tara Horkings. Whilst they learnt a little bit more about Kelly and how haemophilia works. It's a condition where the blood doesn't clot properly and doesn't have enough clotting factor to move through the body.

Mrs Holly Morris



HEALTHY OCTOBER



Sock it to Poverty



Tips to help get to school on time



It is recommended school aged children 6-13 years of age have between 9-11 hours sleep each night

Be organised

Pack your school bag with everything you need the night before

Do homework and reading after school so you are not rushed in the morning



Have a set bedtime

Travel with a friend

If you can, walk or ride with a buddy



- Sometimes it can be hard to go to school. You may feel overwhelmed with the work, anxious, sad or are having problems with friends. Perhaps you don't feel safe, or things at home are difficult. Talk to your parents or teacher if you need help and support.

Everybody wants you to do well and succeed at school.



Useful websites/contacts

- [Kids Matter](http://www.kidsmatter.edu.au) - www.kidsmatter.edu.au
- [Youth Beyond Blue](http://www.youthbeyondblue.com.au) - <http://www.youthbeyondblue.com.au>
- [Headspace](http://headspace.org.au) - <http://headspace.org.au>
- [e-headspace](http://www.eheadspace.org.au) - <http://www.eheadspace.org.au> for online counselling & support
- [Reach Out](http://reachout.com) - <http://reachout.com>
- **Kids helpline** - 1800 55 1800 24 hours a day, 7 days a week

