

# 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 a little concerned as to what the weather would do but the Fete was a huge success. I appreciate you all supporting this important fundraiser for the School. The Parents & Friends and the Fete Committee are to be congratulated on staging such a well organised event. I am very grateful to the many of you that gave so much of your time to ensure things went smoothly.

A gentle reminder to have faith in the school to place children in their 2020 class groups. This is not an easy task as we look to place over 600 students. I do know that the teachers spend a great deal of time on this, taking into consideration many factors to create even groups.

Brendan Atley  
Principal

## Catholic Identity

### **Remembrance Day 11/11**

On Monday the whole school gathered for a lovely ritual for Remembrance Day.

We also asked all our students to pause and show respect by being silent for a minute as they ate their play lunch which they did so well. The children also showed great reverence during our liturgy. It is something to be proud of.

A special mention once again for Laticia Tomkinson, who once again had the courage to stand in front of over 650 people and play the Last Post and Reveille on the cornet.

Thanks Laticia.

### **St Vinnies Appeal for Drought Affected NSW**

Later in the term we will have a casual clothes day with a gold coin donation, which will go toward the Appeal for drought and fire affected communities in NSW.

Below is a direct link to this special appeal if you would like to donate money or goods.

<https://donate.vinnies.org.au/appeals-nsw/vinnies-drought-appeal-nsw>

### **A Prayer for Our Country, in Drought and Fire.**

Loving God, creator of all things and especially the creator of this land and its original peoples, we call out to you in these desperate times, as fires sweep across our land.

Our hearts cry out to you for those whose properties are affected by drought and ravaging fires.

Father, we pray, in your mercy, restrain the forces of nature from creating catastrophic damage; in your mercy protect human life.

Guard those who selflessly step into the breach to fight these fires. Guide police and authorities who help evacuate and shelter those who are displaced. Bring comfort and healing to all who suffer loss.

In your mercy, we pray for drenching rain to quench these fires and to bring life back into the earth, so that crops may grow and farmers may bring forth the harvest of the land again.

We bring these requests before you in the name of your Son, who died and rose again for our deliverance,

Amen.

## Congratulations - Jungle Book

Congratulations to the many students from St Mary's for your participation in the JUNGLE BOOK. You should all be very proud of your effort.

**Amali Nunan** - King Louie  
**Hannah McBurnie** - Snake Coil  
**Libby Johns** - Snake Coil/ Bee  
**Meaghan Gould** - Shanti  
**Josh Parker** - Baby elephant  
**Parker Goulding** - Thistle, Monkey  
**Rose Byrne** - Elephant/Wolf  
**Sari McCormick** - Wolf/Monkey



### First Foundation Transition

What a fantastic day! We welcomed our new Prep students and had an awesome Information session led by Candice and Christina.



### 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.



2019 SCHOOL CALENDAR	
TERM 4	
14 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Year 1 Mass 9.00am
14 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Year 3 / 4 T20 Cricket tournament
15 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Year 5 / 6 T20 cricket tournament
18 <sup>th</sup> -29 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Swimming program Year 3-4
25 <sup>th</sup> Nov	2020 Prep transition day
2 <sup>nd</sup> -13 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Swimming program Prep - 2
5 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Year 2 Mass 9.00am
10 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Orientation Day
12 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Year 3 Mass 9.00am
12 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Year 4 & 5 Day at St Joseph's College
16 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Terrific Kid Assembly 12pm
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)
2020	
30 Jan 2020	First day of Term 1
31 Jan 2020	Foundations first day 8.45am-12pm

## PARENTS AND FRIENDS NEWS



## FETE 2019

A huge thank you to every single person who helped make our school fete a huge success! We appreciate the work of all the class stall reps that organised stalls, the parents who volunteered their time on stalls, the teachers for organising the BBQ, the helpers who set up and cleaned up and the fete committee for all their time and dedication.

We hope that the children all had a fun day.

## SPONSORS

Thank you to all our sponsors. Your generous support is greatly appreciated. Special mention to GLE Civil and Pipe for being our major sponsor. And to CLAAS Harvest and The Echuca Racing club for assisting when the Cha Cha ride got stuck on the oval.

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WELCOME

## JUNIOR GOLF CLINICS

**Starts Wednesday 13th Nov**

Enjoy golf over 5 fun filled weeks in a relaxed and safe environment. Learn golf basics along with golf fitness with our qualified Golf Professionals. All equipment is supplied.

**TIME:** Boys & Girls 4pm - 4.45pm | Girls ONLY 5pm - 5.45pm  
**DATES:** Every Wednesday 13th November - 11th December  
**COST:** \$50 for the term (equipment included)  
**AGE:** 6 - 16 year olds

Please register your interest by calling the **Pro Shop 5481 3372**

Rich River Pro Shop | Twenty Four Lane, Moama |

## IF THEY'RE NOT AT SCHOOL

## ASK WHY?

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



## Fete 2019

