

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,

There is much to do and not many weeks left before the end of term. It is a very busy time as we plan for next year and look to attend to end of the year expectations. It is the time we need to be patient and respectful in our dealings with each other. Like you no doubt, the children and staff do tire somewhat.

Could I ask that you make every effort to use the crossing when delivering and picking up your children. It may mean walking an extra 50-100 metres but if it saves a life, it is well worth it. We had another near incident when a parent and child were walking between cars to cross the road near the senior gate.

Any one requiring their children to cross the road at the west end near the oval should supervise them doing so. This is a really busy place to cross. I would like you to consider your children using the school crossing and then have them make their way down to you.

Brendan Atley
Principal

Catholic Identity

Reflection

God of peace - You call us to peace.

Peace within and peace without

Peace before us and peace behind us

Peace on our right and peace on our left.

Christ of Peace, You call us to peace,

Peace with our brother and with our sister,

Peace with our neighbour and with the stranger

Peace with friends and with foes.

Spirit of peace, you call us to peace,

Peace in our work and in our play

Peace in thought and in deed

Peace in word and action

Grant us peace, O God of Peace

(Taken from the Peace Liturgy, Australian Catholics)

CARITAS JUST Leadership Day

On Tuesday, 40 students from St Mary's and surrounding schools gathered to learn about the Mission and works of Caritas. They also learned how Caritas goes about working with poor disadvantaged communities - listening carefully to the hopes and dreams of communities - treating each person with dignity - and helping them to help themselves.

The children who attended this day from St Mary's represented our school amazingly. Well done

School fees are now due.

Contact will be made with families who still have an outstanding balance. 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.

Just Leadership Day

Yesterday 15 of our Grade 5 students along with representatives from other schools within our diocese were active participants in a Just Leadership day lead by Kerry from Caritas. Among many things, they became aware that if we have a fridge, a bed, a cupboard to place our clothes and a roof over our heads, we are richer than 80 percent of the world! It was also discussed how we can be leaders for social justice by responding not just praying for change. Our Just Leaders look forward to sharing with our St Mary's community how we can all respond to social justice and be the change we want to see in the world.

2019 SCHOOL CALENDAR**TERM 4**

18 th -29 th Nov	Swimming program Year 3-4
25 th Nov	2020 Prep transition day
25 th Nov	State Tennis Melbourne
2 nd -13 th Dec	Swimming program Prep - 2
5 th Dec	Year 2 Mass 9.00am
10th Dec	Orientation Day
12 th Dec	Year 3 Mass 9.00am
12 th Dec	Year 4 & 5 Day at St Joseph's College
16 th Dec	Terrific Kid Assembly 12pm
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

Chatter Matters

By extending your child's use of synonyms, you are encouraging them to use more expansive vocabulary.

Activity:

Play a game of 'Hot Potato' with synonyms.

Choose a word, and then your child has to think of another word that has the same meaning. Take turns until someone is stuck. For example, you may say, "Cold," and your child might say "Freezing." Then you could say "Chilly," and so on.

*You can also play this game with antonyms e.g. words that have the opposite meaning - For example, you may say "Cold", and your child may say "Hot". Then you could say "scorching" and so on.

Happy Chatting!

PARENTS AND FRIENDS NEWS



FETE 2019

A huge thank you to every single person who helped make our school fete a huge success! We are excited to announce that the fete made a profit of...\$27,265. This money will be used to assist with landscaping and the construction of an outdoor classroom around the multipurpose building. Along with installation of additional sprinklers and top dressing of the oval over summer. We appreciate the work, time and dedication of everyone who was involved in the organising & running of the event (including all the parent helpers)

We have heard wonderful positive feedback and I believe the children enjoyed themselves.

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Are you struggling
to buy gifts for
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Come and choose

Christmas Toys

Thursday 12th December

10am-3pm

St Mary's Parish Centre

Anstruther Street, Echuca

Thanks to Ulysses Club



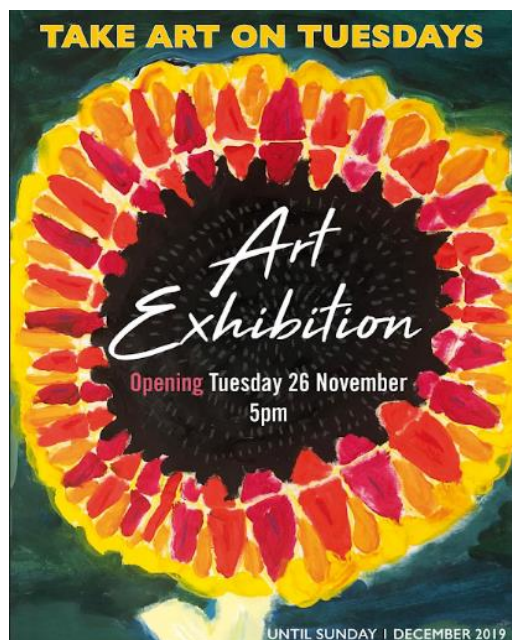
Chinese Museum Workshop

Make an authentic Chinese lantern using paper and bamboo.

Free hands on craft presented by staff from the Museum of Chinese Australian History.

At - Echuca Library **On** - Wednesday 27 November -
4.30 - 5.30pm

Most suited to Primary age children **Cost Free!**



ECHUCA MOAMA REPAIR CAFE

by Slow Echuca Moama
~ a collaboration with Echuca Moama Tourism

NOVEMBER EVENT

BICYCLE REPAIR

BICYCLE SWAP

CLOTHING MENDING

BOOMERANG BAGS

Come and learn how to
repair your bikes from
local experts

What to bring?

A bike or tyre that needs repair, a bike you'd like to swap or a beloved clothing item or apparel that needs mending or alterations.

A Boomerang Bags workshop will run alongside the Repair Café.

Interested in volunteering?

If you have sewing or bicycle repair skills you'd like to share, please contact Christy O'Brien at christy@thespendidword.com.au or Lauri Melville at lauriw84@hotmail.com



Echuca Moama
The Murray's living legend



COULABAN TURK
lawn for life

SATURDAY NOVEMBER 30, 2019 | 10AM - 1PM

ECHUCA MOAMA VISITOR CENTRE

2 HEYGARTH ST ECHUCA

Enjoy a cup of tea or coffee while you repair your items.

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schools

It is FREE if you use the code word **BRAVE**

Upcoming Webinar

Brave parenting in a culture riddled with worry

Attend a webinar for parents at no cost

Our school has a membership with Parenting Ideas, one of Australia's most trusted sources of parenting education and support. Great news - through this membership, you can attend all of their webinars for parents in 2019 at no cost! Here is the information about the next upcoming webinar:

Balancing extra-curricular activities

Join Lenore Skenazy, President of Let Grow, in this webinar that explores;

- Why treating our kids as physically and emotionally fragile is bad for their future
- That your kids are not in constant danger
- How independence impacts children
- How to raise nimble problem solvers
- Ideas to know how safe, smart and capable your kids can be

When

Wednesday 27 November 2019 8:00pm AEDT. If you are unable to make the scheduled time you can simply register and access the recording later.



Moama Lions Club presents

**Carols
by
Candlelight**



Great Local Entertainment
Father Christmas on the Fire Truck
Candles & Programs available
Lions BBQ 5.30pm

Sunday 15 December 6.30pm
Kerrabee Soundshell Moama