

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,

I am reminded at the moment of the busyness of Primary School life. At week 8 term 4, we are in that planning for 2020 and attending to the end of the year moment. It is hard to believe we find ourselves in December next week.

The building is progressing well and we are still expecting the library extension to be completed in readiness for the start of the 2020 school year. This is the final phase of this current project.

Brendan Atley
Principal

Catholic Identity

Feast of Christ the King

Last Sunday was the end of this liturgical year. Next Sunday will be the first Sunday of Advent, the beginning of a new liturgical year.

This last Sunday of the church's year is always the Feast of Christ the King.

It is a little congruous that we have such a feast as it was not Jesus' way.

Jesus came into the world with us as a vulnerable baby. He was crucified on a cross between two criminals, hardly the stuff of kings. Jesus did not come to be served but to serve - and to show us how to live.

The title of Sunday's feast reminds us that Jesus is our Lord, Saviour and King. Through him we find strength and courage to live our lives as witnesses to our faith in the world. It is because of Jesus that we are inspired to continue to build God's kingdom:

"an eternal and universal kingdom; a kingdom of truth and life,
a kingdom of holiness and grace, a kingdom of justice, love
and peace."

Ever loving God,
May we work our way toward living in justice, love and
peace.
May we be determined to live in the light of your love
And not become blinded by hate or greed or expedience.
Be with us and guide us in your ways.
Amen.

PLAYGROUP EVERY MONDAY

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

2 nd -13 th Dec	Swimming program Prep - 2
5 th Dec	Year 2 Mass 9.00am
10 th 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
17 th Dec	Prep -Year 2 Christmas Liturgy 9am
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

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.

Tennis Hot Shot State Championships

On Monday 25th November St Mary's Year 6 Girls Tennis Team participated in the Hot Shots State Championship at Kooyong in Melbourne. After playing three teams in a round robin situation they made it through to the semi-finals. Williamstown was too strong and went on to win the competition while St Mary's defeated Mary McKillop, Narre Warren to end up in third place. The girls played extremely well, were very excited to bring home a medal and certainly enjoyed the whole experience. Thank you to the parent drivers and supporters.

Gabrielle Phelan

**PARENTS AND FRIENDS NEWS**

Thank you to everyone that has supported and contributed to our Parents and Friends Events this year. It has been a busy year, and we are grateful for the support of our school community and event sponsors who are always so generous.

Events this year have included St Mary's Big Night Out, Catering Days, Footy Tipping Competition, Mother's Day Plant Stall, Father's Day Breakfast, Holy Putter Golf Day and the Fete. We hope these events have provided ways for our community to come together to enjoy each other's company and get to know each other better. We look forward to sharing how our fundraising efforts have been/will be used by the school-stay tuned!

The P&F also actively contribute to school events such as the Welcome BBQ, Grandparents Day, Shrove Tuesday Pancake Day and Care Meal Cook Ups.

Planning for 2020 events has begun, using the valuable information received from our online survey. The P&F offers lots of opportunities to be involved - no matter what your interest is, how much time you have to spare, or what skills you can offer. Please consider how you can be involved next year. If you have further feedback or ideas please email stmaryspandf@smechuca.catholic.edu.au We would love to hear from you.

“Hangabout”



A session of fun and laughter for little kids with a bit of singing and a story.

We invite carers to bring their Little People to a POP UP

“Hangabout”

Thursday mornings 11am
St Mary's Parish Centre
224 Anstruther St Echuca
Morning Tea provided
Gold Coin donation appreciated



Would you like to know more about our Catholic faith community and spirituality?

We will be commencing our RCIA process for 2020 during the first week of February 2020.

This will be a 10-week process which includes weekly meetings until Easter time. It promises to be a journey that embraces an open and all-inclusive perspective of the Catholic faith and anyone and everyone is very welcome to attend.

If you would like to know more about St Mary's Parish RCIA journey, please contact

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FREE Entry

DUCE MARIA St Michael's

TWILIGHT FETE

Bigger & Better Than Ever!

FREE All activities on Sideshow Alley are FREE

FREE Entry

Supported by **Community GRANTS**

SATURDAY 30TH NOV 2019
4:30pm – 7:30pm

SANTA'S WINTER WONDERLAND
EAT STREET • BATTLE OF THE BANDS
CASH GIVEAWAY
FREE SIDESHOW ALLEY • RAFFLE
LIVE AUCTION • WELLNESS TENT

BUCKING BULL • LASER TAG • PONY RIDES
• CHOCOLATE THROW • SHOW BAGS
• LUCKY DIPS • CAKE STALL • DUNK TANK
• SLOT CARS • SUMO WRESTLING
• GIANT WATER SLIDE • THE BIG BALLER
• INFLATABLE MELTDOWN • FACE PAINTING
• HAIR, NAILS & TATTOOS • BALLOON ARTIST
• SANTA PHOTOS • MARKET STALLS
• BUN DECORATING • JEN'S DANCE FIT
• FLIPSTARS



MASS TIMES



Christmas Mass Times

Christmas Eve: Mass 7pm
at Aquatic Reserve, Heygarth Street Echuca

In Church:
Christmas Eve: Carols 9.30pm
Mass 10pm
Christmas Day: Mass 10am
Boxing Day: No Mass



Collecting November until December 20, 2019

Supporting Struggling Families. Please consider donating a TOY for our 6th Annual Toy Drive. Drop off at the following: Echuca Pool; EM Family Medical Practice both Echuca and Moama; Echuca Library; Target Echuca

DISTRUBITING TO FAMILIES IN NEED ON MON DEC 9, FRI DEC 13, MON DEC 16, FRI DEC 20. UNITING CHURCH HALL 10 TO 12 noon.



St Vincent de Paul

Are you struggling to buy gifts for your children | this Christmas?

Come and choose

Christmas Toys
Thursday 12th December
10am-3pm

St Mary's Parish Centre
Anstruther Street, Echuca



Thanks to Ulysses Club

