

St. Mary's Primary School Newsletter

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Term: 2 - Week: 8



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Dear Lord

we have received this term

Today I am unashamedly going to boast about our beautiful school. I am so proud of all our teachers. We have a team of dedicated staff who go beyond in every way for our children. St Mary's has class sizes of around twenty allowing for teacher attention to go to every child. We have intervention programs for children that are not making the benchmark ensuring those students who are finding leaning difficult do not fall behind. Every unit has expert help from our lovely Education Support Officers who have such skills in assisting our students. We have a whole school approach to teaching strategies with a strong explicit focus on literacy and numeracy with time for creative and inquiry learning in other learning areas. We have an excellent Physical Education, Music, Italian and Art programs.

Our results in NAPLAN are the best in Myrtleford and all Wangaratta schools. This is not by accident, but well-planned teaching and learning with an emphasis on the basics such as spelling, reading, writing and all areas in numeracy. Although a small school we are punching well above our weight. After our recent conference led by St Mary's in Myrtleford, we have had a number of schools contact us asking to visit and observe our teaching. We are very proud of ourselves. Sometimes bigger is not necessarily better!

This week teachers are busy writing school reports, and these will be sent out on Monday just prior to Parent/Teacher interviews. If you have had a Program Support Meeting recently, there is no need to have a Parent/Teacher Interview.

I have been getting some questions regarding the ski program. As yet, I have not heard whether the children who have expressed an interest in the program, have been confirmed or not. I expect there will be news shortly. Families may be directly e-mailed by P-12 as it is not St. Mary's organising this program.

Another term is coming to an end and the first semester has quickly disappeared. I know the students and staff are looking forward to the holidays so they can recharge their batteries and come back refreshed for Term 3. I wish all the parents, students and staff a relaxing and healthy two weeks of school holidays.

School finishes on Friday the 23rd June at 2:20pm and we resume for Term 3 on the 10th July.

Have a lovely week, Kitty

School Notices Yard Supervision:

Morning: 8:30 - 8:55am Afternoon: 3:20 -3:35pm

Bell Times:

School Begins 8:55am Recess: 11:10-11:30am Lunch: 1:30 -2:20pm Finish: 3:20pm

Student Absences:

Please phone the office by 9:00am if your child will not be at school on 57 521808.

Or mark absence on PAM.



Wednesday 26th April Friday 23rd June

Term 3

Monday 10th July Friday 15th September

Term 4

Monday 30th September Wednesday 20th December

MASS TIMES

Myrtleford

Saturday @ 5:00pm Sunday @ 9.00am

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Sunday @ 11:00am

St Patricks Whorouly

Last Sunday of the Month @ 5:00pm



SIGNING YOUR CHILD IN & OUT & LATE TO SCHOOL PROCESS

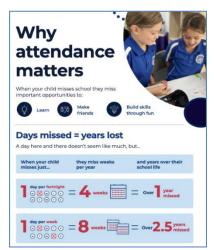
All Children who arrive at school after 8:55am or leave school before 3:20pm MUST be signed in/out at the office.

If for any reason, you need to take your child out of school during school hours, please come to the office to sign your child out.

STUDENT ABSENCES

If your child is absent from school for any reason, it is vital that you notify the school prior to 9am, giving the reason for the absence e.g. If your child is sick, attending an appointment, family holiday etc.

- Mark absence on PAM.
- Send a note with your child on their return to school, or beforehand if you know in advance
- School answering machine is on out of hours, so you can leave a message 57521808



CHILD SAFE STANDARDS

You can access information about the Child Safe Standards and St. Mary's commitment to the implementation of these standards, including resources, policies, procedures and links, via the school website (www.smmyrtleford.catholic.edu.au).

SCHOOL NEWS

DATES TO REMEMBER

JUNE	
Friday 16 th	Hume Region Cross-Country Benalla
Tuesday 20 th	Parent Teacher Interviews 3:40 – 6pm
Wednesday 21st	Parent Teacher Interviews 3:40 – 6pm
Wednesday 21st	O & M Divison Winter Sports Wangaratta
Thursday 22 nd	Parent Teacher Interviews 3:40 – 6pm
Thursday 22 nd	Whole School Liturgy 9:30am St Mary's Church (SLC running Liturgy)
Friday 23 rd	Last Day of Term 2 - 2:20pm Finish
JULY	
Monday 10 th	First Day Term 3
Monday 17 th	Assembly at EMPAC 2:20pm
Tuesday 18 th	Albury Eistedfod Choir
Monday 31st	Assembly at EMPAC 2:20pm

BIRTHDAYS









PARENTS AND FRIENDS NEWS

Thank you to all the families who have supported the Pie and Lamington Fundraiser. The orders will be ready to be picked up from the **Foundation Room** on Thursday 22nd June from 2:45pm. Parents will need to come in and pick up the orders from school.

SAUSAGE SIZZLE LUNCH THURSDAY 22ND JUNE

We are having a sausage sizzle next Thursday 22^{nd} June. An order form will come home tomorrow for each child to fill out if they wish to have a sausage for lunch. Sausages will be \$3 each. Orders need to be returned to the office by Monday 19^{th} June for catering purposes.

CATHOLIC IDENTITY NEWS

AREA MASSES/LITURGIES FOR TERM 2

This week, the JLC celebrated their Term 2 Mass on Tuesday June 13th. The theme for the Mass was 'God has made us a family'. The Foundation students had roles for the Mass, and the Year 1 and 2 students read the readings and Prayers of the Faithful. This Mass could only be described as 'joyous', with the students so engaged in the Mass and they sang so beautifully, it really made everyone smile. Father Tony was amazing yet again, engaging the students and he even invited them up onto the altar to stand around 'God's table' while he prepared for communion. A special moment that the students loved.







CONFIRMATION AND EUCHARIST (YEAR 4 & ABOVE)

Parent Information Evening: Tuesday 25th July at 6:30pm

CONFIRMATION AND EUCHARIST MASSES

Saturday September 9th at 6pm Sunday September 10th at 9am

Anyone who would like to receive any of these Sacraments and hasn't sent in your intention to participate, please contact me at the school.



ST MARY'S PRIMARY SCHOOL CENTENARY YEAR

Saturday October 7th 'Celebration Day' starting at 10am. (Save the date)

Past and present students, staff, parish members and families are invited to attend our special Mass, reunion, school tours and join us for a pasta lunch.

Please let any past students know that this event is on, as we would love to see them all.

Wishing you a safe, and enjoyable holiday. Jo Bennett (Catholic Identity Leader)

JUNIOR NEWS

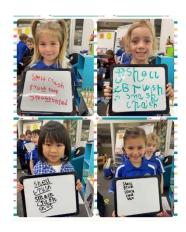
The JLC students had their learning community Mass on Tuesday, June 13th. This was a joyous occasion with the students highly engaged in the Mass. For Father's homily, we sat on the floor and Father talked about us being God's family. He showed us that the altar is just like our family dining table, but for God's family. The students were invited onto the altar to stand around God's family table while Father Tony prepared for Communion. Thank you to the amazing readers from Year 1 and 2, you were fantastic! Thank you to the Foundation students for bringing the Offertory and the students who carried in the lantern and message stick, you were amazing.



FOUNDATION

The Foundation students have had fun with a bit of classroom craft time to introduce the concept of digraphs - two letters making one sound. We have learned the sounds /sh/ as in fish, /ch/ as in chicken, /wh/ as in whale and /th/ as in sloth. Students have been listening for the sound in words and learning to use them in their writing and word dictation.

In maths, the Foundation students have been introduced to the concept of addition and subtraction as putting together and taking apart. We always have fun and get to play a few games (such as bowling!) to help us understand the bigger idea.



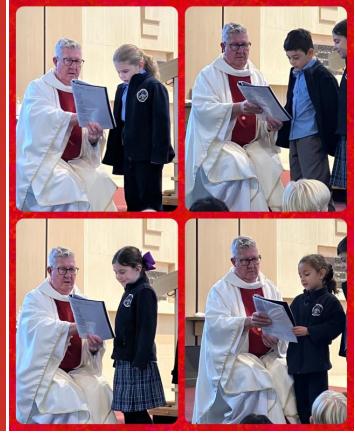






YEAR 1The Year 1 students that have read in Mass and participated in other important roles, have all done a wonderful job. This is a phenomenal accomplishment for them to have read in front of an audience and used a microphone and a lectern.





We have continued to study Neil Armstrong 'First Steps on the Moon' in structured literacy and have used the vocabulary and strategies taught to extend our sentence writing abilities and to analyse text. Our spelling focus this week is /s/ making the 'z' sound as in 'nose'.

In writing, we have continued to focus on our sentence structure and have used this in our Big Write. We are currently editing and publishing our favourite Big Write for the term and will present our 'Writer's Gift' to our family at the end of the term.

In Maths, we have learned about 2D and 3D shapes.



In LETI the students are finalising their creations for our expo in week 9.

In electives in week 7, our classroom was full of artists doing 'still life' drawing of plants.





YEAR 2

The Year 2 students have all now read at a Mass this year!!!!! This is a phenomenal accomplishment for them to have read the Acknowledgement of Country, Acknowledgement of Nano Nagle, The First Reading and Prayers of the Faithful to the congregation. They are now beginning their second turn at reading at Mass, this is a fantastic opportunity to participate in our Masses and public speaking. Well done to everyone.

We have continued to study Mr Archimedes Bath in structured literacy and have used the vocabulary and strategies taught to extend our sentence writing abilities and to analyse text. Our spelling focus this week is 'ui' as in fruit and we have studied that 'ui' is in the middle of a word and makes the 'oo' sound.

In writing, we have continued to focus on our sentence structure and have used this in our Big Write. We are currently editing and publishing our favourite Big Write for the term and will present our 'Writer's Gift' to our family at the end of the term.

In Maths, we have extended our skills on counting money and change for a given amount. We have also used rulers to measure accurately in centimetres and have studied the likelihood for events, and are using the language likely, unlikely, certain & impossible.

In Religion, the Year 1 and 2 students have been learning about the sacrament of Baptism. We have explored the history, symbols and importance of Baptism in the Church. The students who have been Baptised have been asked to bring in a photo from their Baptism to put in our display cabinet.





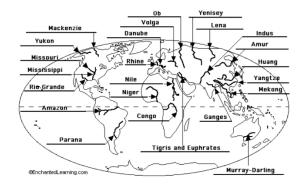
Have a fantastic week, Ashley, Carolyn, Jo, Sonia and Sandra

MIDDLE NEWS

RIVERS

In our literacy and Inquiry this term, our unit has been learning and researching about rivers around the world. It has been a wonderful experience and we have really been blown away by the interest of the students and the rapid growth in their learning. Some of the rivers we have been learning about are the Indus, Amazon, Murray, Nile, Mississippi, Ganges, Yangtze, Ganges, Congo and the Yellow River.

The children have also been writing some narratives using facts they have learned to include in their writing and they are pretty amazing! Stay tuned to read them!



CLASS MASS

We celebrated our Year 3/4 Mass this morning, and it was a lovely way to join together towards the end of the term. Thank you to the families who were able to come and join us for this lovely occasion. Thank you to Father Tony for always making our Masses special and relevant to our lives.

SENTENCE EXPANSION

We have been learning how to write amazing sentences and engage our readers more. Here are some wonderful examples from our 3/4 students:

Late in the morning, the old farmers walked slowly to the strong river to have a cup of tea with a soggy biscuit. (**Phoebe**)

The energetic river carries light specks of silt which forms a wedge of land called a delta. (Ahlia)

Missi wakes up every morning to the sound of rushing water and toucans squawking in delight, as they catch the morning sun. (Ahlia)

The big Nile River helped the Egyptians in building the pyramids. (Mackenzy)

At midnight, the spooky trees swayed while the large, scary wolf howled on the high cliff. (Hazel)

The moon shone brightly over the houses in Melbourne because it was pitch black at night. (Oscar)

The shiny plane flew over the wet, muddy rainforest. (Quinn)

They started biting them, especially under the armpits! (Lucy)

All the birds were squawking when I realised, I was getting pushed by the water and was going to go down Angel Falls. (Elle)

Their boat was shaking furiously and sinking quickly. There were sea snakes and piranhas heading towards them. (Ben)

On a freezing cold day, Ben and I were camping at Grizzly Creek Deer Camp. (Hunter)

I feel the sweet on my back as I drive my Royal Royce to my penthouse in Chicago. (Lachlan)

"Wake up, you're going to be late" yells Mum. (Niamh)

I check the compass on my wrist, it says I am 40km away from the MacKenzie River. (Amelia)

There was a big whirlpool, we tried to swim away but it was too strong. (Connor)

We started walking again, I could see navigation signs. (Freddy)

Have a great week ahead. Julie, April, Lucia and Anna



SENIOR NEWS

I hope everyone was able to enjoy their long weekend, even if there was some chilly weather. We are nearing the end of another learning-packed term. Our assessments have been completed and Semester 1 reports will be available on Monday, ready for discussion during your Parent Teacher Interviews next week. These interviews are a great opportunity for teachers to provide feedback about your child's development both academically and socially. We encourage students to attend these so they are aware of things they are doing well and areas that they can aim to improve on for Semester 2.

MATHS

We have focused on decimals during our maths lesson, understanding their place value, ordering them, converting them between fractions or percentages and adding or subtracting them. Over the last few weeks, we have introduced 'workshops' in which smaller groups will have an explicit lesson on skills tailored to their learning goals, then return to their desks to independently apply these skills while another group rotates through for their explicit teaching. This approach has been received in a positive manner and shown to be very effective in reaching the needs of all students and ensuring everyone is actively working throughout the lesson.

INQUIRY

Over the past few week's students have undertaken an Information Report about a chosen mountain and presented these in a KeyNote or PowerPoint format. These were approached with enthusiasm and a positive attitude, so as a result they are outstanding. If you have not had the chance to view your child's report, please ask them to share this with you as they have an extensive knowledge bank from this activity and are well worth a look.

We have now progressed onto volcanoes!! Our volcano vocabulary is expanding exponentially - vent, shield, magma, viscosity, core, mantle, friction, crater, dormant, 'Ring of Fire' and cinder cones. Everyone has completed a mini-research task on a famous volcano and had to share a few facts to the SLC. We hope some of this knowledge is filtering into your households. Students have had to form a group and write a very specific procedural text outlining how they will make a volcano at school and then set about an eruption. This Thursday we will begin our volcano construction, with eruptions set to happen next Thursday!!





Terrain and Environment

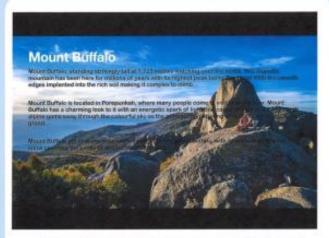
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Mount Everest

Mt Exercat is the hightest peak in the world. It has breath taking and spectacitizat veiws and magical wonders of natural beauty, which is why it is packed with tourism all year around. Mt Everest is a layer of took and ice that leads up to the summit. It is difficult to ascend and descend Mt Everest as it has towering ice walls and due to high altitudes. Climberes are faced with challenges, which test their endurance, strength and desermination?

The shitude and thin, cold air will use climbers whether they will keep going with climbing the steep glaciers and the nerve rackingly call ice walls. Despite all of these challengers humans still attempt to compare climbing to the summit of Mt Everest.

Even though it has very harsh weather with unexpected storms and very rough winds, beautiful natural flora and fauna can still survive on Mi Everest.



Mt. Everest is the highest mountain peak on the earth, which lies in the world's highest Mountain Range, The Himalayas. The height of Mt. Everest is 8845 m or 29028.87 ft. In early time, Mt. Everest was referred to as Peak XV and after the British

Surveyor Sir, George Everest, this wonderful peak got its name as Everest. It is referred to as "Chomolungma" in Tibet which means the mother goddess of the universe and in Nepal, it is called "Sagarmatha" which means "forehead in the sky", it was named as Sagarmatha by the great Nepali Historian Baburam Acharya.

Mount Everest carries so many deep secrets to it that even an entire life of humans is not enough to figure it out. One of them is the existence of life at 5,000 meters albitude and above in the world's highest mountain.

When human craves for every breath at the height, there are animals who easily survive the acute weather like it's nothing. Wild species rove on the snow as if it's a soft pillow of fur while humans suffer frostbite and chronic manner insideness even before base camp. But there are some animals who make mountains their dome and snow their blanket. These animals can adjust to the freezing atmosphere and still not get injured by the snow. These animals can live up to 4876 metres and more but hardly comes to people's

Descriptive writing

Mount Kilimanjaro, standing tall and beautiful at an aston 5,895 metres, is the highest peak in Africa. The tall pyra rock and ice peep through the soft clouds. Glistening whith of show sparkle in the warm glow of sun. This snow call volcano is a majestic but deadly mountain and is 4 million old. This landscape transforms into a surreal wonderland, human endurance. This mountain has been groded away freedling hot lava emerging from the summit of Mt Killiannia beautiful landscape is definitely worth seeing!

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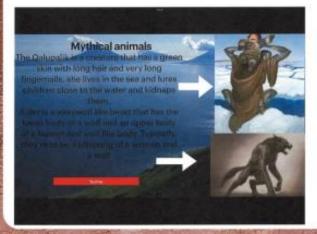
Tourist Attractions

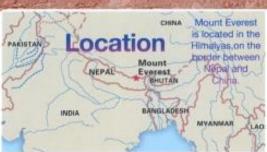
Mount Everest is mainly known for climbers rather than other tourist attractions. However, Tourists go to the base camp to look at the stunning views at Mount Everest.

At the bottom of the mountain is a lively town popular with tourists for the shops, restaurants and hotels experiencing the cupa culter.









WEATHER REPORE ERUPTING

Before the eruption of Mount St. Before the enuption of Mount St. Helens they noticed there was a great amount of ground shaking and avalanching with the northen saide of the mountain collapsing because of a series of earthquakes happening at the time. They also save wildone that the heat was causing the appearance to be more accessing the that the near yous causing the snow and los to melt quicker than usual. During the daylime just after the exption eastern Washington became 8 degrees paickus colder because of the volcanic plume.









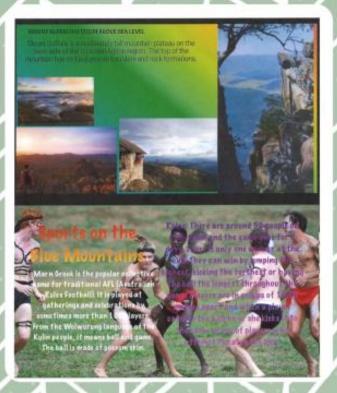




Mount Buffalo's has beautiful waterfalls they are one of the mountain's most popular attractions, drawing in thousands of visitors every year. High Country locals know that the cool waters and swimming holes are the best way to escape the summer heat, and in winter the crystal clear waters and granite boulders are amazingly photogenic, especially after a dusting of snow.







Have a wonderful and safe holiday. Hopefully this cold weather will bring some snowfall so families can venture up Mount Buffalo and experience firsthand how the temperatures decrease as your altitude increases!!

PHYSICAL EDUCATION NEWS

O&M DIVISION CROSS-COUNTRY

St Mary's cross-country runners showed extreme grit and determination at this year Division Cross-country. The weather has never been as challenging as it was last Wednesday in Wangaratta. There was light rain, and there was heavy rain. There were puddles everywhere and the grass on the starting line was extremely slippery. The kids did not let it bother them too much, with several students achieving fantastic results. Well done to all our kids for getting out there and doing their best, you showed great resilience and the way you conducted yourselves throughout the day was fantastic. Most age groups had between 70 and 80 runners, all competing for just 12 positions at Hume Region per age group.

Our students' results were as follows:

12/13yr Boys:

Leon Wilkinson – 20^{th} Ashton McManus – 65^{th} Hunter Coleman – 68^{th} Tom McDonald – 50^{th}

9/10yr Boys:

Ben McLean – 1st Hunter Harris – 5th Lachlan McDonald – 6th Claye Corcoran – 27th

12/13yr Girls:

Milla Corcoran – 2nd Neve Cresswell – 3rd Izzy Richter – 35th Emma Pasqualotto – 47th

9/10yr Girls

Phoebe Cresswell – 5th Lila Murray- 17th Mackenzy Reynolds – 27th Aviva Lovelle – 63rd

11yr Boys:

Xavier Millar – 17th Mitch McMasters – 39th Benji Lupo – 63rd Kirk Quintana 55th

11yr Girls:

Aimee Pozzan – 44th Willow Szaraszek – 52nd Emily Law – 64th

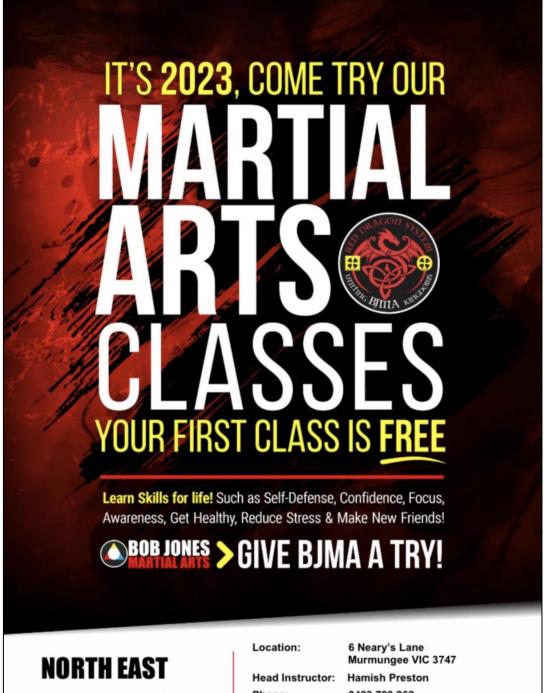


A big thank you to parents who were able to come to support the kids and thank you to Ms Wall for all her help on the day.

Mr Davis (PE Coordinator)







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MDBA AUSSIE HOOPS TERM 3

REGISTRATIONS ARE NOW OPEN FOR THE MDBA 2023 AUSSIE HOOPS PROGRAM COMMENCING IN WEEK 1 TERM 3

SESSIONS TUESDAYS 4:15PM -5PM

REGISTRATIONS CLOSE FRIDAY 7TH JULY 2023
PLEASE REGISTER VIA PLAYHQ:
SEARCH MYRTLEFORD DISTRICT BASKETBALL
ASSOCIATION OR LINK ON POST.
FOR ANY QUERIES PLEASE MESSAGE VIA
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