

# St. Mary's Primary School Newsletter

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**Term: 3 - Week: 6**

## 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.



### Term 3

Monday 10<sup>th</sup> July

Friday 15<sup>th</sup> September

### Term 4

Monday 30<sup>th</sup> September

Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup>

December

## MASS TIMES

### Myrtleford

Saturday @ 5:00pm

Sunday @ 9:00am

### Bright

Sunday @ 11:00am

### St Patricks Whorouly

Last Sunday of the

Month @ 5:00pm



Click on the link

*Dear God,*

*Thank you for the different creatures and cultures in our world.*

*Help us to feel lucky for what we have.*

*Thank you for family and the lots of different types of families that there are.*

*Thank you for loving each person in every family.*

*Help us to see each family as special and important, even when it is different from our own.*

*Amen*

## BOOK FAIR/WEEK

A special thank you to Lucia for all the work that has gone into preparing and delivering the book fair for all our families. The bookfair has been well attended and many children have gone home with books and other bits and pieces from the bookfair. Just a reminder that next Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> August, we will have our parade in our book-week costumes, on the basketball court at 9am. All families are welcome to come and watch.

## EDUCATION SUPPORT OFFICERS

National Teacher Aide Appreciation Week is next week. We thank all our Education Support Officers, Sonia, Sandra, Anna, and Lucia who all bring so much love and support into our school. Their support and help within each classroom are invaluable, and greatly appreciated by children and teachers alike. Thank you so very much to these special members on staff.

## NITS

Please be aware lice are on the move from child to child. If we could all be vigilant and check and treat your child's hair to try a stop the spread. Thank you for your help in this matter.

## SCHOOL UNIFORM

From time to time, we have some students coming to school out of uniform. Some of the items being worn are jewellery, incorrect socks, runners on days that are not a sport day, coloured hair etc. While all these slight indiscretions are small, it is important we stay true to the uniform to foster a sense of unity and belonging within the school community. Uniforms promote an inclusive atmosphere where all our students are valued for who they are rather than what they wear. This avoids competition on who has the best shoes etc. We truly appreciate your support in adhering to the uniform policy.

## 2024 ENROLMENTS

If you have family members, neighbours or friends wishing to enrol children for Foundation next year, please let them know they are very welcome to come along to see the school in action. Enrolments are being processed now for 2024.

Have a lovely fortnight,

Kitty

## 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

**Why attendance matters**

When your child misses school they miss important opportunities to:

- Learn
- Make friends
- Build skills through fun

**Days missed = years lost**

A day here and there doesn't seem like much, but...

When your child misses just... they miss weeks per year and years over their school life

1 day per fortnight = 4 weeks = Over 1 year missed

1 day per week = 8 weeks = Over 2.5 years missed

## 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.smmymrtleford.catholic.edu.au](http://www.smmymrtleford.catholic.edu.au)).

## SCHOOL NEWS

### DATES TO REMEMBER

#### AUGUST

Friday 18 <sup>th</sup>	MLC Art Gallery Visit Wangaratta
Saturday 19 <sup>th</sup>	Day 2 Ski Program
Tuesday 22 <sup>nd</sup>	Book Week Dress Up Parade
Wednesday 23 <sup>rd</sup>	Day 3 Ski Program
Saturday 26 <sup>th</sup>	Day 4 Ski Program
Monday 28 <sup>th</sup>	Assembly EMPAC 2:30pm
Tuesday 29 <sup>th</sup>	JLC Mass 9:15am St Mary's Church
Thursday 31 <sup>st</sup>	Day 5 Ski Program

#### SEPTEMBER

Friday 1 <sup>st</sup>	Fathers Day Breakfast
Wednesday 6 <sup>th</sup>	No School Buses Running Today (St Mary's Open)
Thursday 7 <sup>th</sup>	St Mary's Athletics Day
Friday 8 <sup>th</sup>	Confirmation and Eucharist Spirit Day
Saturday 9 <sup>th</sup>	Confirmation and Eucharist Mass 6pm St Mary's Church
Sunday 10 <sup>th</sup>	Confirmation and Eucharist Mass 9am St Mary's Church
Monday 11 <sup>th</sup>	Assembly EMPAC 2:30pm
Tuesday 12 <sup>th</sup>	Whole School Mass 9:30am St Mary's Church
Friday 15 <sup>th</sup>	End of Term 3 - 2:20pm Finish

## BOOK WEEK 19<sup>th</sup> TO 25<sup>th</sup> AUGUST

This year, Book Week is from Monday 21 -Friday 25<sup>th</sup> August. The theme this year is "Read, Grow, Inspire."

We will be holding our Book Week Dress up Parade on Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> August. Children can follow the theme or dress up as their favourite book character. There will be lots of fun activities during the week for the students to participate in. Each classroom will create a display using their chosen book. Families are welcome to come along to our dress up parade. It will be held under the basketball court starting at 9am.

## BOOK FAIR

Thank you to all the families that came along to our Book Fair last week. This was our first Book Fair since 2019 (pre COVID). The children enjoyed coming along and seeing all the books and been able to see the books before they purchased them. The School Library received \$890:00 from Scholastic from the sales of our Book Fair. This will go towards purchasing new books for our Library.





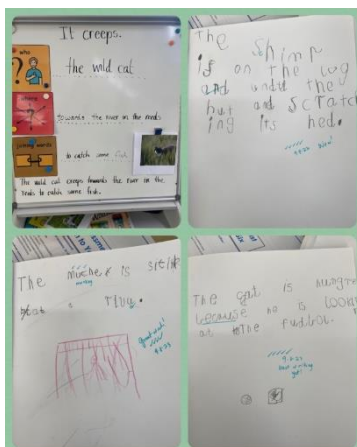
## JUNIOR NEWS

We had the most wonderful excursion to Beechworth last Friday and cannot praise our JLC students enough for their behaviour. What a credit to their families and our school.

**Congratulations to Mrs Hancock for receiving her Masters of Evidence-Based Teaching from the University of Melbourne this past weekend. As teachers, we are continually learning and striving to improve and develop our practices.**

## FOUNDATION

The Foundation students continue to amaze us with their knowledge and learning. We have been orally creating sentences, taking “boring” sentences and making them better by adding features such as who/when/where/why. This is a fantastic activity you can also recreate at home.



*It creeps.*

Changed into:

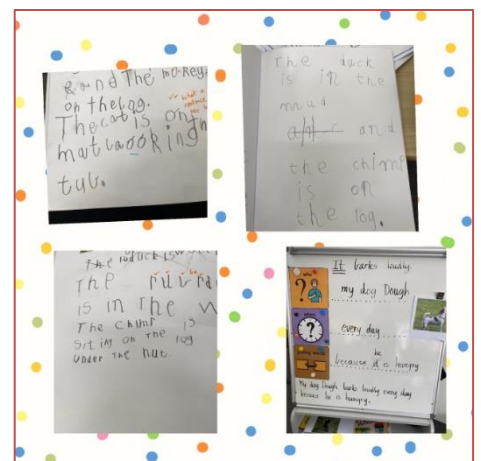
*The wild cat creeps towards the river in the reeds to catch some fish.*

*It barks loudly.*

Changed into:

*My dog Dough barks loudly every day because he is hungry.*

In addition, check out their amazing independent writing, using a picture as a guide.





## YEAR 1

In Maths the students are learning about fractions. In the curriculum, students learn to recognise and describe one half, as one of two equal parts of a whole. This has been a fun topic to learn about, as all students were unfamiliar with fractions.

After a lesson or two, students made the following comments:

*'A quarter is a full square cut into four triangles.'* - **Mavis**

*'If you had two friends over for dinner and you had one whole pizza, you will need to cut it into two halves.'* - **Tom**

*'I learnt in maths today that a numerator goes at the top.'* - **Ed**

*'Quarters are four pieces of pizza.'* - **Lewis**

*'I have learnt in maths today that a whole can be cut into two halves and a half can be cut into two quarters.'* - **Molly**



In writing, students have been learning about 'conjunctions' BUT, SO and BECAUSE. Students are learning to recognise where they need to put a comma, mid-sentence, when they use a conjunction. Conjunctions are used to expand simple sentences, to add more information. Students have also been practising where to use a comma when writing about multiple items or ideas i.e., a list.

In reading, students have been listening to and learning about History. Some of the historical topics we have read about in picture books are Queen Victoria, the First Australians, the Titanic, the Goldrush and Sydney Harbour Bridge. As a whole group, we have been learning about the Geographical location of Australia, and how it has changed since the first inhabitants 50,000 years ago. Students have looked at maps and globes, to see where different cultures that live in Australia have migrated from. A focus in this type of reading is 'vocabulary'. Students identify unfamiliar words and as a group, we research the meaning of the words and the origins of the words i.e., the word 'chauffer' is a French based word for 'driver' (French based words have the /ch/ that make a 'sh' sound).



All of the above learning is used in LETI/Inquiry to create work that shows our understandings.



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

**MLC MASS - THURSDAY, AUGUST 4TH, 9:15AM**

Thanks so much to the families who were able to join us for our Unit Mass. We love sharing these special days with you and hope you are able to come along to our MLC Mass in Term 4. We'll post a date as soon as we know.

**LITERACY/INQUIRY - ANCIENT ROME**

The past two weeks have seen us learning about The Punic Wars and also about the Patricians and the Plebeians. Ask your children what they can remember about what we have been learning so far.

**WANGARATTA ART GALLERY VISIT - FRIDAY, AUGUST 18<sup>TH</sup>**

We were very excited to receive a letter from one of the artists featured in the Wangaratta Art Gallery Textiles awards. The children will be creating some textile work based on the art of Evangeline Cachinero. After contacting her, we received this lovely email back on Monday:



Dear St Mary's students,

Greetings! I hope you're all doing well. I'm excited to hear that this week you'll be learning about art!

I wanted to share something special with you. It's about my art piece called "Healing in Four Parts," which you'll get to see at the gallery on Friday. This artwork means a lot to me because when I was feeling sad, creating it made me feel much better. Art is an amazing tool – it's enjoyable and can help us feel better.

In my art piece, I used four different colors that are like my personal helpers for feeling better: green, pink, white, and blue. Green makes me think of nature and calmness, like being in a peaceful forest. Pink feels warm and kind, just like a hug from a friend. White is like a fresh start, helping me feel new again. And blue is soothing, like looking at the sky or the ocean. Maybe you have your own favorite colors that make you feel good.

You'll also notice a bright red shape in the artwork. It's like the heart of the piece. You could say I really put my heart into it! It reminds me that feeling better is a journey, and it's okay to show our feelings. Creating art, like my embroidery, is a way to take care of ourselves, understand our feelings, and feel better.

Remember, just like colors can make us feel better, making art can bring us joy and help us heal when we're feeling down. Plus, it's a lot of fun! I hope you enjoy creating your own art as much as I do.

Take care and keep creating. Evangeline

Here are some of our beautiful artworks we created based on Evangeline's work and we will be doing some textile creations on Friday.







## BOOK WEEK IS NEXT WEEK!

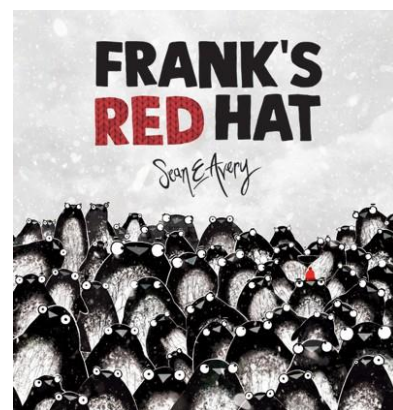
We are always very excited to be celebrating Book Week and this year is no different! We hope you are getting ready for the week and we can't wait to see everyone dressed up for the Book Week parade. The focus texts that the 3/4 classes are looking at are:

'The Best Hiding Place' Jane Godwin and Sylvia Morris (3/4JH)

'Frank's Red Hat' Sean E Avery (3/4AN)

Have a great week ahead.

Julie, April, Anna and Lucia



## SENIOR NEWS

### RELIGION

Currently we are learning about People in Prayer. Last Tuesday was the Feast of Mary MacKillop, and she was a prime example for the students of someone who lived a life for others. The students responded well with their responses showing a deep appreciation for someone with such strength, courage and faith. We have explored prayers of petition, praying for someone who needs help or guidance and prayers of thanks.



### BLUEARTH

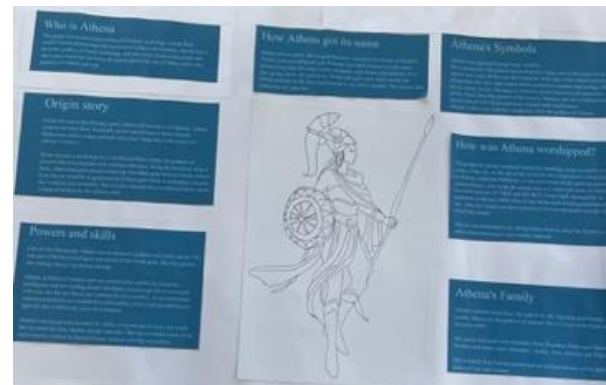
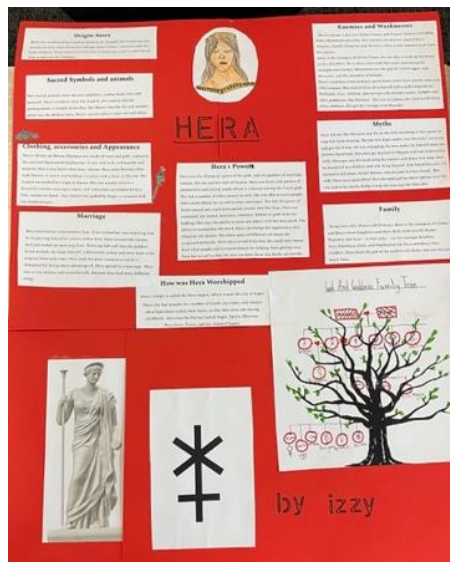
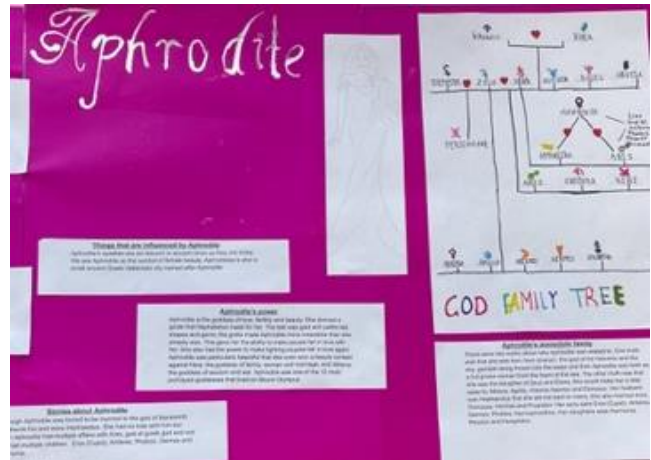
This week we were blessed with sunshine during our Bluearth lesson so we took advantage of it. We joined the two classes to play a couple of interactive games. We were impressed with all the students and their self-umpiring and team spirit in the four dodgeball games. Great teamwork kids.

Photo - sport



## INQUIRY

This week we tie up our projects on Greek gods. The students have chosen a Greek god to research and write about. Not only have these projects been about the god and their impact on the lives of mortal people, but we have also focused on paragraph writing. Researching and then writing that information in your own words is a skill. During English the students have been exploring the technique of putting together a well versed paragraph, transferring their new knowledge in their own words. Below are some of the students' final products. Well done.



Have a great week,  
SLC Teachers