

# St. Mary's Primary School Newsletter

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**Date: 8<sup>th</sup> November, 2023**

**Newsletter No: 17**

**Term: 4 - 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 4

Monday 30<sup>th</sup> September

Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup>

December

Last day for all students

### MASS TIMES

#### Myrtleford

Saturday @ 6:00pm

Sunday @ 9:00am

#### Bright

Sunday @ 11:00am

### St Patricks Whorouly

Last Sunday of the

Month @ 5:00pm



Click on the link

Welcome back to another vibrant week at St Mary's! I trust everyone enjoyed the long weekend and our students are refreshed and ready to embrace the school activities ahead.

It was good to be back at school last week after being on holiday. I had a great trip to Japan – the food and people were wonderful. I did a lot of sightseeing in Kyoto. The shrines and temples were breathtaking. Tokyo was impressive with its towering buildings, vibrant lights, and bustling crowds. It was an incredible experience. My thanks go to Gab Jackson and the staff for covering for me while I was away.

Our Year 4, 5, and 6 students are gearing up for the interschool sports session. This round-robin tournament includes football, netball, and down ball, and promises to be an excellent showcase of skill and sportsmanship. I'll be cheering alongside you for our participants to demonstrate their best team spirit and fair play.

Excitement is building for the MLC Beechworth Camp. With bags packed, our MLC students are set for an unforgettable experience, and I'm thrilled to be joining them for this adventure.

A special mention goes to everyone for their fantastic commitment to being SunSmart. It's impressive to note that 100% of students had their hats during outside activities last week. Please remember to label these essential items.

Lastly, the SLC's diligent rehearsals for the Festival of the Sacred are sure to pay off. I'm looking forward to seeing their hard work come alive in what's set to be a remarkable performance.

Thank you for your ongoing support, and let's keep up the great work.

*Leigh Corcoran* (Acting Principal)

## CHRISTMAS CONCERT

### 'A VERY AUSSIE CHRISTMAS'

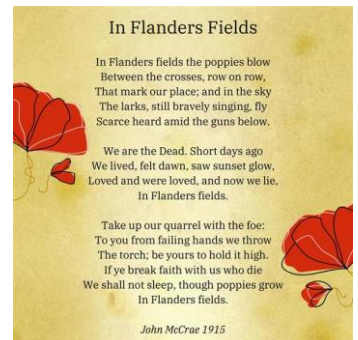
This year's Christmas concert will be held on Thursday, 30<sup>th</sup> November with the theme "A Very Aussie Christmas." To accommodate all families who wish to watch the concert, we will be having two shows at 5pm and 7pm. All St. Mary's students will be offered a hot dog and snack in between performances.

Please note that tickets will go on sale Monday 13<sup>th</sup> November. We ask that family members only attend one show. Tickets are \$5 per adult and children under 5 will be considered a lap child and will not receive a seat. The

performing students will not need their own ticket.

All students will need to attend both performances. Anyone who will not be participating needs to email Leigh Corcoran no later than 23<sup>rd</sup> November.

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*St Mary's Primary is committed to students experiencing a sense of inclusion that is respectful of their giftedness, abilities, culture and contexts. Our student's experience learning and teaching in a child safe environment that is engaging and liberating.*

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

## SCHOOL NEWS



## SCHOOL APP

The school Team App allows us to inform parents about events that are happening in our school and to send reminders to families about upcoming excursions or notes required to be returned to school.

Follow the steps below to access St. Mary's Team App:

- 1 - Download Team App (<http://teamapp.com/app>).
- 2 - Launch Team App and search for St Mary's Primary School.
- 3 - Sign-up to Team App. You'll be sent an email to confirm your registration.
- 4 - Search for St Mary's Primary School and request access to group(s) that apply to you.

## ZOOPER DOOPER FRIDAYS

We will be selling Zooper Doopers every Friday lunch time for the rest of this term. Zooper Doopers – 50 cents each. There will be a limit of 2 per student.





## DATES TO REMEMBER NOVEMBER

Thursday 9 <sup>th</sup> & Friday 10 <sup>th</sup>	MLC Beechworth Camp
Tuesday 14 <sup>th</sup>	SLC Liturgy 9:15am
Tuesday 14 <sup>th</sup>	Dental Van Visit
Monday 20 <sup>th</sup>	Assembly EMPAC 2:30pm
Tuesday 21 <sup>st</sup>	Festival of the Sacred Wangaratta Year 5/6
Tuesday 21 <sup>st</sup>	Foundation Transition Day 9 to 11:30am
Thursday 23 <sup>rd</sup>	Presentation Mass 9:30am
Friday 24 <sup>th</sup>	Hume Region Kanga 8's Cricket Mooroopna
Tuesday 28 <sup>th</sup>	Foundation Transition Day 9 to 11:30am
Thursday 30 <sup>th</sup>	School Production – 'A Very Aussie Christmas'
<b>DECEMBER</b>	
Monday 4 <sup>th</sup>	Assembly at EMPAC 2:30pm
Tuesday 5 <sup>th</sup>	Orientation Day Marian College for Year 6 Students
Wednesday 6 <sup>th</sup>	Swimming Program Day 1
Thursday 7 <sup>th</sup>	MLC Area Mass 9:15am
Thursday 7 <sup>th</sup>	Swimming Program Day 2
Friday 8 <sup>th</sup>	Swimming Program Day 3
Monday 11 <sup>th</sup>	Swimming Carnival
Tuesday 12 <sup>th</sup>	State Wide Orientation Day
Thursday 14 <sup>th</sup>	End Of Year Whole School Mass 9:30am
Monday 18 <sup>th</sup>	Final Assembly EMPAC 2:30pm
Tuesday 19 <sup>th</sup>	Year 6 Graduation Mass 6pm St Mary's Church
Tuesday 19 <sup>th</sup>	Last Day of Term for all students 3:20pm finish
Wednesday 20 <sup>th</sup>	Pupil Free (Staff Planning Day for 2024)

### DENTAL VAN VISIT - Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> November

The Dental Van will be here next Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> November. They will only be seeing the students that returned their permission forms last term.

### FOUNDATION 2024 STUDENTS VISIT



**Foundation 2024  
students come and  
play morning day 3**



## CATHOLIC IDENTITY NEWS



Heavenly Father, thank you for the many and wonderful saints that followed Jesus down through the ages. Help us to follow their good examples and to remember what a blessing it is to be in the same family of faith. We ask this in Jesus' name.  
Amen!

### JLC AREA MASS

On Wednesday November 1<sup>st</sup> the JLC celebrated All Saints Day in their Area Mass. The students read beautifully as usual, they sang the songs with true heart. They were actively involved in the responses of the Mass and showed that they had a strong knowledge of the importance of All Saints Day. We were blessed to have many families and parishioners join us for this special Mass.

### AREA MASSES/LITURGIES

All families are invited to attend our Area Masses/ Liturgies this term.

MLC Thursday December 7<sup>th</sup> at 9.15am

SLC Tuesday November 14<sup>th</sup> at 9.15am (Liturgy)

### OUR CALL TO MISSION

This term, the Year 1 and 2 students are supporting St Vincent de Paul by collecting non-perishable food items as a part of 'Our Call to Mission' in Religious Education.

We are asking all St Mary's families to please help us with our mission.

We are collecting canned food, bottled food and other non-perishable items.

Please send in donations to the Year 2 room.

Collections will continue until the 10<sup>th</sup> November.

Have a lovely week,  
Jo Bennett  
Catholic Identity Leader



## PHYSICAL EDUCATION NEWS

### ATHLETICS - STATE CHAMPIONSHIPS

St Mary's has recently had three students represent our school in Melbourne at the State Athletics Championships. It is an incredible achievement for Ben, Billy and Milla to have made it to this level of competition and they are to be congratulated for this. Their results below consolidate their position for all primary school students in the entire state of Victoria for 2023, amazing!

Ben McLean 10<sup>th</sup> 800m  
Billy McMahon 14<sup>th</sup> Shot Put  
Milla Corcoran 8<sup>th</sup> 80m Hurdles - 12<sup>th</sup> Long Jump





## FOUNDATION

The Foundation students have had an exciting time learning all about the Bee Bots for Digital Technologies. The Bee Bots are a great way to introduce students to the basics of coding and allow them to experiment with different ways of solving problems.



## YEAR 1

Congratulations to Jack Piazza for coming first with his dog for looking like its owner and fourth for being the most obedient. Sophie Kimball's dog won third in two competitions at the Myrtleford Show for having the waggiest tail and being the happiest! Lots of fun was had by all. Last Monday was full of chatter and treats after the show!

*A mother emu lays her eggs in a nest in the evening because she is going to leave the father to look after the eggs. The father survives without food on the nest until the chicks hatch, so they don't get eaten by goannas, dingoes and eagles. **By Jack***

*A butterfly starts as a caterpillar, then makes a cocoon on a leaf. In a couple of days after they have made the cocoon, they turn into a butterfly. **By Molly***



*Frogs are females and they lay their eggs under the water close by the shore and they turn into tadpoles. **By Lewis***

*Babies are born in a hospital. They start at 9 months because Mums get pregnant and the babies grow. **By Matilda***

*Giraffes are mammals. Giraffes eat leaves all day in Africa. Giraffes have babies in Africa because it is the giraffes habitat. **By Milla***

In Maths we have been learning about symmetry. Students have experimented with symmetrical shapes and their initials to see whether they can find symmetry in them. Ed was surprised to find that the letter 'E' is symmetrical, as was Madelyn, Matilda, Molly and Mavis. We have continued to work on counting and looking for patterns in a set of given numbers eg. 17, 20, 23... students have extended their learning by identifying the pattern and continuing it.

## YEAR 2

The Year 2 students have continued to work on their writing, with particular focus on sentence structure and combining sentences to create an expanded sentence. In maths, we have continued to work on fractions and putting them on a number line as well as lines of symmetry.

In Religious Education, the Year 1 and 2 students wrote ways that we can be 'God's Hands' and help to make the world a better place.

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

## MIDDLE NEWS

We can't believe it is already Week 6! What a great way to start a week, with a long weekend for our families, beautiful weather and our long awaited MLC camp to end it! We hope you had a wonderful break and made the most of this time and weather.



### MLC CAMP

It has been great to hear that some children have been having practise runs of packing their bags and sleeping bags (often a challenge to get the sleeping bags back in their bags!). The children began writing in their camp booklets last week, journaling what they are looking forward to and what they might be feeling a bit unsure about.

We've explained to the children that while it's very exciting, it's also okay to feel a bit nervous about going on the camp. The weather will be warm, so please ensure water bottles and hats are packed.

### TIMES TABLES - TIMES TABLES ROCK STARS (TTRS)

As previously mentioned, we are using Rock Star Maths at school, which is also available for students to use at home. As teachers, we've been really impressed with the activities and we've seen growth already, in the first month of using it. If you haven't seen it, please get your child to show you how it works and let them show you, their progress.

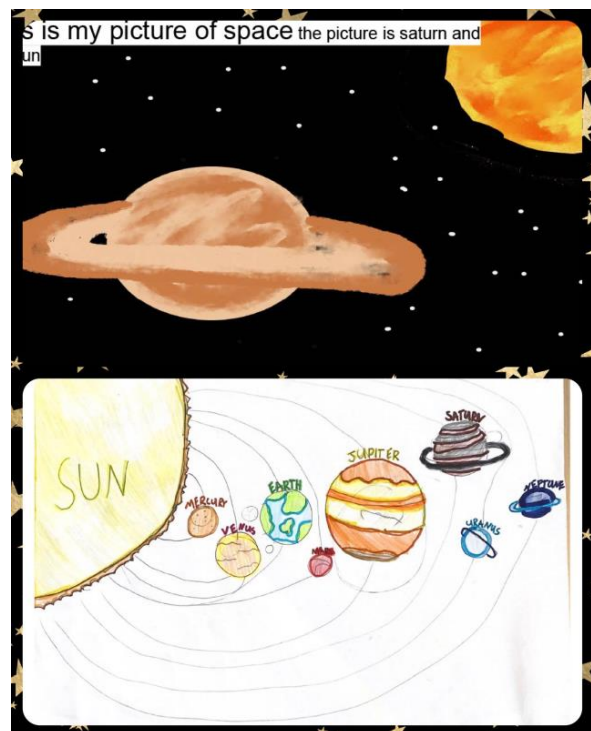
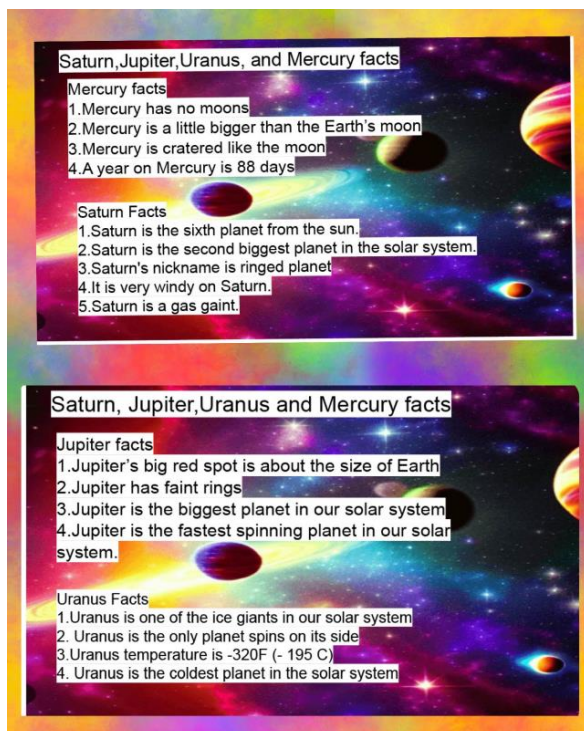
Last week, we had three Rock Stars in each class who achieved growth this week.

Congratulations to Niamh, Lexi and Sarai in 34AN and to Cameron, Lila and Hazel in 34JH. This was based on these students getting the highest amount of correct answers in their times table challenges while using TTRS.

### INQUIRY - WHAT'S IN OUR UNIVERSE?

Our classes are really enjoying our current topic and some students are teaching the teachers about newly explored planets and amazing space facts!

Students are working on a Matrix where they choose from a range of activities and complete them independently. We've been so impressed with their efforts and interest in this.



Have a lovely week.  
Julie, April, Anna and Lucia



## SENIOR NEWS

The next few weeks are busy, and we ask that students are rested and ready for the school day. A reminder that sport is only on Mondays and Fridays so runners should only be worn on these days. We do have an interschool sport day on **Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> November**, so this is an exception. They are to wear hats, please make sure they are labelled.

Congratulations to Billy McMahon and Milla Corcoran for their excellent efforts in athletics. Both students did well achieving personal best. Many of our students are working hard to be their very best in all areas of the curriculum and we encourage them to continue with this mindset.

## MATHEMATICS

We have been revisiting and targeting areas that the students feel less confident in or would like to refresh. This has proven to be a good strategy at this time of the year as we have covered the curriculum.

## FESTIVAL OF THE SACRED

Students took home a permission slip to have their photos taken at Festival of the Sacred. There is information and permission on PAM for parents to sign. The students have been practicing their singing and dancing over the last couple of Monday, hence we haven't been at assemblies. Well done to all the students who put themselves out there to audition for reading and singing parts, this is not an easy thing to do in front of your peers, however it was wonderful to see children having a go. Parents are welcome to attend the performance which will be held at Wangaratta Performing Arts and Convention Centre at 1:00pm on Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> November. An email was sent out today via PAM for you to register if you will be attending the Performance.

## INQUIRY

The students are currently working on their Earth and Space Matrix, which encompasses a range of activities and learning tasks. They are developing a wonderful understanding of the theories around many aspects of space. We encourage you to question them on their work and new learning, this is more than just the planets.

Have a great week,  
SLC teachers.

## COMMUNITY NEWS



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**Festival of the Sacred**

**Wangaratta**  
Monday 20 November 2023 – 1pm  
Wangaratta Performing Arts and Conference Centre  
Featuring the Grade 5/6 students from:  
Our Lady's PS Wangaratta • St Patrick's PS Wangaratta  
St Joseph's PS Benalla • St Mary's PS Rutherglen


**Wangaratta**  
Tuesday 21 November 2023 – 1pm  
Wangaratta Performing Arts and Conference Centre  
Featuring the Grade 5/6 students from:  
St Bernards PS Wangaratta • St Mary's PS Myrtleford  
St Joseph's PS Beechworth • St Joseph's PS Chiltern

**Wodonga**  
Wednesday 22 November 2023 – 1pm  
The Cube Wodonga  
Featuring the Grade 5/6 students from:  
Sacred Heart PS Corryong • St Augustine's PS Wodonga • St Monica's PS Wodonga  
St Francis of Assisi PS Baranduda • St Michael's PS Tallangatta

**Please RSVP by Tuesday 14 November**  
via the Microsoft Form link at the bottom of this email

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# 2024 Foundation

## ENROLMENT INTERVIEWS

Thank you for returning enrolment forms for your child for the 2024 school year. We would like to invite your family to a transition interview on either:

Tuesday, 21st November  
 Tuesday, 28th November  
 Tuesday, 5th December  
 Tuesday, 12th December

Interviews on the 21st, 28th and 12th will take place after the transition session. Meetings will take approximately one hour. These interviews can be booked online via the link or QR code below; alternatively you can call the school office and we can make a booking time for you.

<https://www.schoolinterviews.com.au>  
 Code: hdyq6

At these interviews we would like to take the opportunity to get to know your child and discuss any concerns or questions you may have. We will also outline the expectations of students commencing school.

For more information, please call the office on (03) 5752 1808.



*We look forward to getting to know your child and family!*



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For kids new to cricket  
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### Ages 7-10

For kids with basic cricket skills  
Skill development activities and blast games where everyone gets to bat, bowl and field

- Make new friends and play together

### Myrtleford

Thursdays from 4:30pm  
9 Nov 2023 to 14 Dec 2023 and  
8 Feb 2023 to 29 Feb 2023

Memorial Park, Duke St, Myrtleford

Enquiries: [ovucc.mail@gmail.com](mailto:ovucc.mail@gmail.com)

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