

# St. Mary's Primary School Newsletter

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

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**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



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*Mary, Mother of God,*

*We love You. We thank you for Your promise to help those in need.*

*We trust in Your love that comforts us.*

*Mary, please teach us to find our peace in Your Son, Jesus and may*

*You bless us every day of our lives.*

*Amen*

Dear Parents and Guardians,

At St Mary's, we are navigating a busy time with remarkable agility, thanks to the unwavering dedication of our staff and students. Their hard work and enthusiasm are the driving forces behind our school's success.

Our students recently had an amazing opportunity to explore the stars in a planetarium setup. The experience of lying under a starry sky inside a blow-up dome was both educational and enjoyable.

The Festival of the Sacred was a standout event, with our SLC students delivering exceptional performances in singing and dancing. Their energy and talent were truly inspiring.

In other exciting news, the rehearsals for our "A Very Aussie Christmas" concert are underway. This St Mary's 2023 Christmas Concert is shaping up to be a wonderful celebration of our spirit.

Our Presentation Day Mass was a day of reflection and celebration. It was an opportunity to connect with the boarder Presentation community and honour the story of Mary, which is central to our school's ethos.

Good luck to the Kanga 8's Cricket team as they head to Mooropna. We are all behind you!

We wish Carolyn Deith all the best for the next couple two weeks as she is on Long Service Leave. Trish May will be in maintaining our teaching and learning program for our Year 1's during this time.

## 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.



Tickets are available to purchase from the office. 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.

*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.*

## 2024 CLASSROOM STRUCTURES

Principal - Kitty Hancock

Deputy Principal - Leigh Corcoran

Foundation - Carolyn Deith

Year 1 - Jo Bennett

Year 2 - Kelly Martyn (Monday - Wednesday) & Nicole Richardson (Wednesday - Friday)

Year 3 - April Nannipieri

Year 4 - Julie Humphreys

Year 5/6 - Hannah Wall (Monday - Thursday) & Adam Davis (Friday)

Year 5/6 - Gab Jackson (Monday - Thursday) & Jenna Ivone (Friday)

Art - Adam Davis

PE - Adam Davis

Italian - Maria Rinaldi

Music - Rachel Campbell

Learner Diversity Role - Ashley Pasqualotto

Mental Health & Wellbeing Role - Ashley Pasqualotto

Speech Pathology Services - Lauren Naish (Fortnightly)

Speech & Language Program Support - Anna Millar

ICT - James Davis

Grounds Maintenance - James Davis

Finance Administrator - Rachael Frost

Administration / Library / Education Support - Lucia Southern

Foundation - Education Support - Sonia Rinaldo

Year 1 & 2 - Education Support - Sandra Sharp

Year 3 & 4 - Education Support - Anna Millar

Year 5 & 6 - Plus One / Learning Intervention - Leigh Corcoran

## 2024 SLC CLASSES: PARENT REQUESTS

If parents have requests for the placement of their child/ren in SLC (Year 5 & 6), they should be submitted in writing and given to Leigh Corcoran or emailed ([lcorcoran@symmyrtleford.catholic.edu.au](mailto:lcorcoran@symmyrtleford.catholic.edu.au)).

We will endeavor to fulfill parent requests when the class lists are allocated. In the event that requests cannot be accommodated, Leigh will be in contact with families individually prior to making a final decision in order to explain the reasons behind the decision. These requests need to be received by Wednesday, 29th November.

Let's continue our journey of learning with enthusiasm.

*Leigh Corcoran* (Acting Principal)

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





## SCHOOL NEWS

### DATES TO REMEMBER

NOVEMBER	
Tuesday 28 <sup>th</sup>	Foundation Transition Day 9 to 11:30am
Thursday 30 <sup>th</sup>	School Production – ‘A Very Aussie Christmas’ 5pm & 7pm Show
DECEMBER	
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)
JANUARY 2024	
Monday 29 <sup>th</sup>	Office will be Open
Tuesday 30 <sup>th</sup>	Pupil Free Day (Staff doing First Aide)
Wednesday 31 <sup>st</sup>	Students In Year 1 to 6 First Day
FEBRUARY 2024	
Thursday 1 <sup>st</sup>	Foundation First Day of School
Wednesday 7 <sup>th</sup>	No Foundations at School
Wednesday 14 <sup>th</sup>	No Foundations at School
Wednesday 21 <sup>st</sup>	No Foundations at School
Tuesday 27 <sup>th</sup> to Thursday 29 <sup>th</sup>	SLC Camp Canberra
Wednesday 28 <sup>th</sup>	No Foundations at School
MARCH 2024	
Wednesday 6 <sup>th</sup>	No Foundations at School
Monday 11 <sup>th</sup>	Labour Day Public Holiday
Wednesday 20 <sup>th</sup>	School Photos
Thursday 28 <sup>th</sup>	End of Term 1

### 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.

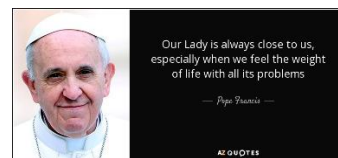
Follow the steps below to access St. Mary’s Team App:

- 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.

## CATHOLIC IDENTITY NEWS

### PRESENTATION DAY

On the 21st November Presentation Sisters and Presentation Schools worldwide celebrate a special feast day – the Presentation of Mary in the Temple.



The Feast of the Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary, commemorates the presentation of the Blessed Virgin as a child by her parents in the Temple in Jerusalem. Before Mary’s birth, her parents received a heavenly message that they would bear a child.

As a Presentation School, St Mary’s celebrated this special feast day, yesterday Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> November.

Our theme this year is





Students from Foundation to Year 6 have created artistic responses to the theme, which was displayed in a gallery walk. We will share images from this day over the next week.

Yesterday we celebrated Mass at 9:30am, then we made Mary and Nano Nagle craft, a team game, light tasks and our gallery walk.

Students enjoyed a hotdog lunch which the money raised will go towards the Diabetes Foundation JDRF as a part of our mission to act through 'Deeds, Not Words.'

## MASSES

All families are invited to attend our Masses.

MLC Area Mass: Thursday December 7<sup>th</sup> at 9:15am

Whole School End of Year Mass: Thursday December 14<sup>th</sup> at 9:30am

Have a lovely week,

Jo Bennett

Catholic Identity Leader

## JUNIOR NEWS

We excitedly welcomed our 2024 Foundation students back to school this week for another transition and they got the chance to walk around the school to find siblings and friends. They then stayed on for recess and had their first play outside. We look forward to welcoming them back next week and again for the State-wide Transition on 12<sup>th</sup> December.



## FOUNDATION

In Foundation, we have been busy completing the end of year assessments. Congratulations to all on their wonderful growth this year, you should all be very proud of how much you've grown! Please remember to continue to practise your reading each night. We will begin to collect the home readers and library books in a few weeks, but they can continue to be borrowed until then.

In maths, we have been busy reviewing concepts from throughout the year, including skip counting by 5s and 10s. Next, we will look at the concepts of multiplication and division and grouping and sharing.

Our Religion focus has been on Nano Nagle, the founder of the Presentation Sisters. We went on a "Nano Hunt" around the school to look for symbols that represent Nano Nagle and found examples all around of lanterns and her motto "In Deeds Not Words." We then made our own lanterns and look forward to our Presentation Day on Thursday.



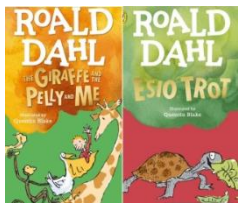
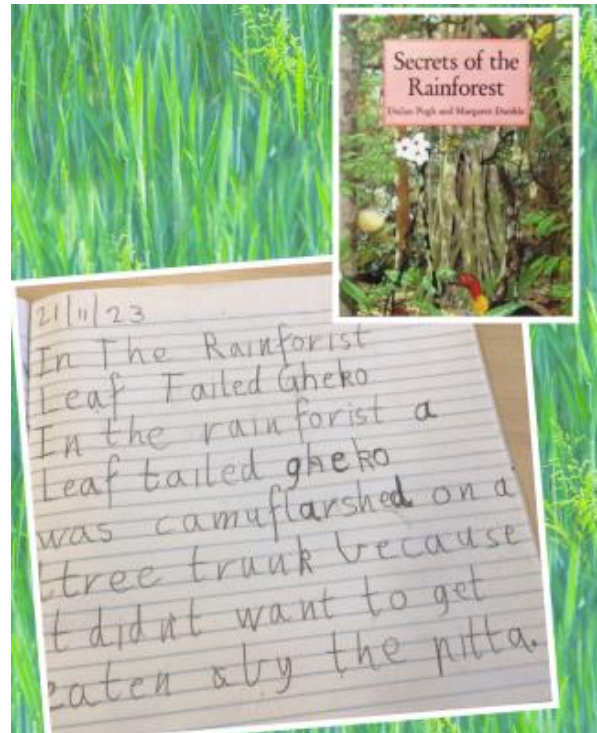
## YEAR 1

Congratulations to the Year 1 students on receiving a whole class Growth Award and Hospitality Award. Students celebrated with a 15-minute iPad game and art time. We have so many talented digital artists at St Mary's. The students earned the Growth Award with the amazing growth they have all made this semester. The students earned the Hospitality award with their hospitable attitude to one another...such well-mannered and respectful people.



In Literacy we have been reading 'Secrets of the Rainforest' which is nonfiction story book about a 'Greenie' family and a 'Logger' family that go into the rainforest and discover how sad it is that all the trees have been cut down. Students have been writing some really good sentences about life in North Queensland.

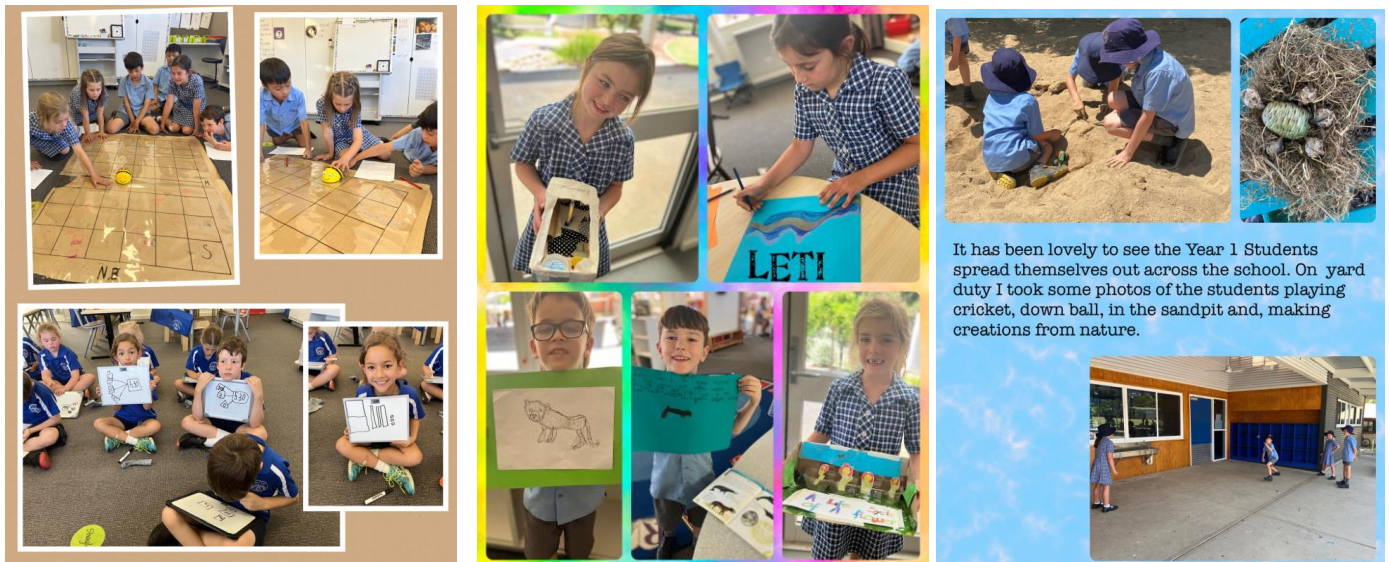
*In the rainforest a Leaf Tailed Gheko was camouflaged on a tree trunk because it didn't want to get eaten by the Pitta. By Jack Piazza*



We have finished our class novel 'The Giraffe, The Pelly & Me' by Roald Dahl and are beginning our FIFTH Roald Dahl novel 'Eso Trot'. The students have thoroughly enjoyed immersing themselves in Roald Dahl stories this year. Photo

In maths we have been learning about adding together base ten blocks. Students have been making a connection between the base ten blocks and place value. We have played some competitive games against one another.

In LETI students have been busy creating their responses to the learning outcomes for Inquiry this term.



It has been lovely to see the Year 1 Students spread themselves out across the school. On yard duty I took some photos of the students playing cricket, down ball, in the sandpit and, making creations from nature.



## YEAR 2

The Year 2 students have continued to astound me with their dedication to their learning. They have completed assessments, practised their songs for the Christmas concert, practised for the Presentation Mass, completed class work and all with positive attitudes and smiles on their faces.

In Literacy, we have continued our phonemic awareness sessions, expanded on our abilities to combine sentences and extend sentences, studied classification of animals and written amazing Big Writes.

In Mathematics, we have continued with our daily reviews, studied lines of symmetry, extended our knowledge of odd and even numbers and created 3D shapes from their nets.

In Digital Technology with the Year 1 students, we have investigated and created algorithms to program BeeBots and Mrs Bennett (hehe). We also worked with the Year 1 students in Religious Education to create images to respond to the 'Be the light' prompt for Presentation Day.

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

## MIDDLE NEWS

### MLC CAMP

What a wonderful time we had at our school camp last week. We were very proud of how beautifully behaved and thoughtful students were while on camp and we hope you've heard lots of great stories about what we did while on camp. You can be very proud of the way your children behaved and showed care and respect for each other while on camp.

A few things which you might like to ask your children about:

#### GLENROWAN

- Dancing and singing cockatoos.
- Doug at Kate's Cottage.
- Walking around Glenrowan following the tracks of the Ned Kelly siege.

#### BEECHWORTH

- Courthouse re-enactment of Ned Kelly role playing and acting.
- Telegraph station morse code...old telephones.
- The Burke Museum with Chris.
- Gold Panning at the Police Paddocks.
- Being locked in the small cell.
- Cartoon workshop with Oz.
- Angela and Remo from the Priory.
- Disco at the Priory.
- Teachers in their best disco clothes.
- Night walk through Beechworth...fire engines putting on a show for us.
- Delicious food.
- Best camp rooms and inspections.



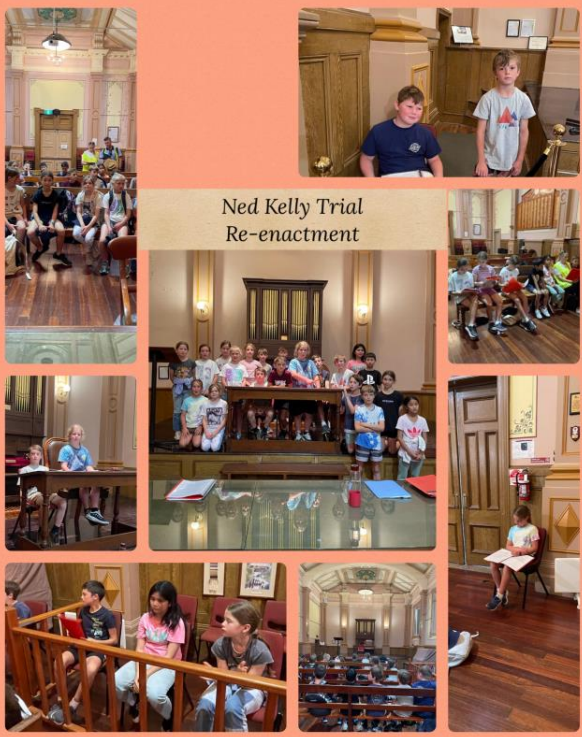








Burke Museum



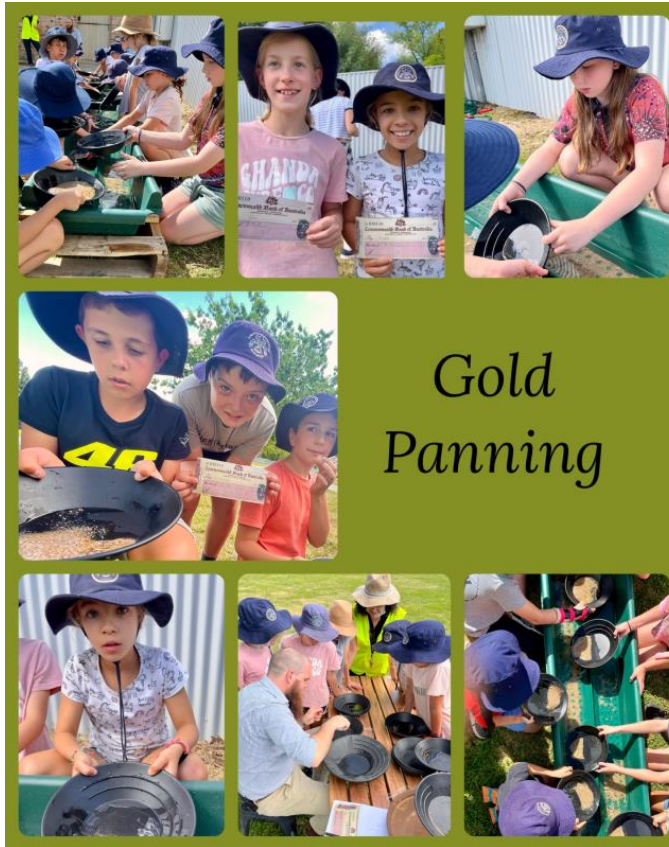
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Re-enactment



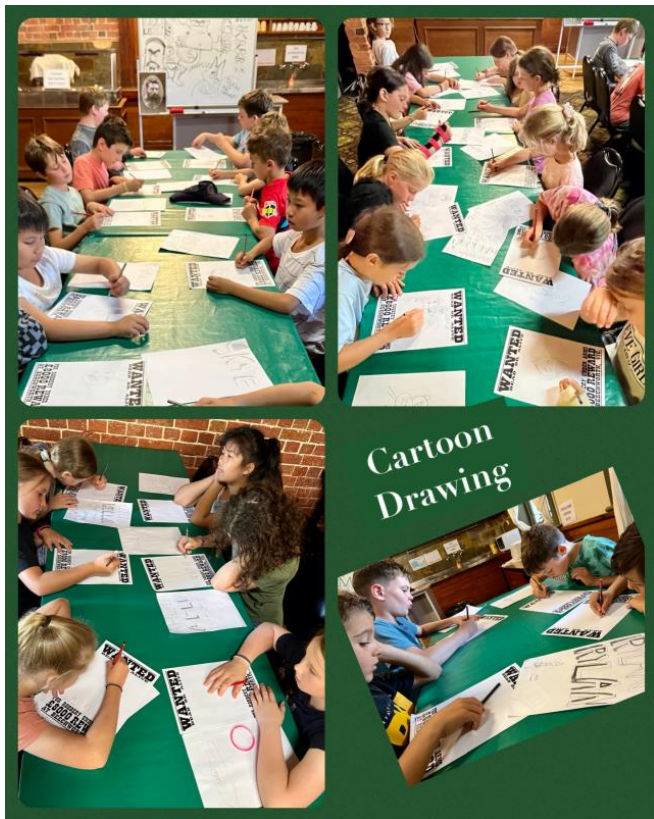
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## TIMES TABLES - TIMES TABLES ROCK STARS (TTRS)

Congratulations to this week's Rock Star Champions:

Freddy, Lexi and Camie in 3/4AN & Enzo, Phobe and Hazel in 3/4JH.

This was based on these students having the most correct answers over the past week.

We are seeing excellent progress with the children who are using this program both at home and at school. Please get your children to show you how it works.



## CHRISTMAS CONCERT

Firstly, a huge thanks to our students and parents who have made huge efforts to get everything prepared for our Christmas concert next week. It has been a huge team effort and everyone has really helped each other to get costumes ready and organised. We're very excited to be presenting our song and performance to you next week. Don't forget to get your tickets!

A reminder that ALL children need to be at BOTH performances at 5:00pm and 7:00pm. Children will need to be collected after the 7:00pm performance. Students will have hot dogs for dinner between the two performances.

We're looking forward to seeing you there next week!

## PLANETARIUM

What an amazing experience the children had at the incursion on Wednesday. The children were immersed into sights and sounds of our amazing universe!

Have a lovely week.

Julie, April, Anna and Lucia



## FESTIVAL OF THE SACRED

On Tuesday our students were fantastic at 'Festival of the Sacred'. St Mary's is very proud of their participation and effort in singing and dancing with other schools. A culmination of weeks of practice came to the fore at the Wangaratta Performing Arts Centre, where some students had solo pieces or performed well. The students were able to confidently sing and speak in front of a large audience thanks to Rachel Campbell and the work she does in Music lessons. We are very fortunate to have assemblies, Music and a choir where students are able to learn how to present themselves to an audience.



## LITURGY

Last week the SLC had their Liturgy. We had planned to sit out under our lovely trees and reflect as we focussed on gratitude, however that was the morning it poured rain. The students did a lovely job reading and sharing. We are very proud of all our students as they happily partake in readings and songs. Their expressions of gratitude were lovely as they reflected on all they have in their lives, emotionally, physically and spiritually.





## BLUEARTH

Last week in Bluearth the students were challenged with a physical task that took both concentration and dexterity. Georgia works the students hard in games and it is great to see them all participating and having a go. The task using their hands and feet required teamwork.



## SCHOOL PRODUCTION

Just a reminder for students to organise their costumes for the school production next week. Parents are able to buy tickets from the office.

## SWIMMING

A reminder that the swimming program begins on Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> December. The swimming carnival is on Monday 11<sup>th</sup> November.

## DEHYDRATING FRUIT

As we are learning about space, one of the questions that came up was about dehydrated food. Current day astronauts have a far better range of food than they once had. Using Mrs Jackson's dehydrator the students dehydrated bananas, apples, pineapple, mango, kiwi fruit and nectarines.

Please check the school calendar on the newsletter to make sure you are up to date with all the busyness of Term 4.

Have a great week.

SLC teachers





**ART ON DISPLAY**

There has been some amazing artwork being created this Semester. Students have been learning about paint scraping as a background fill and colouring technique. They have also been working with oil pastel to add colour, followed by painting over with vegetable oil to help enhance and blend the colour of the oil pastel. Here is a snapshot of some of the work that is currently on display in the art room.





### MARY MACKILLOP ART EXHIBITION

St Mary's Year 1 student, Madelyn Cresswell has achieved outstanding results with her artwork recently. Madelyn's portrait of Jesus was entered in the Mary MacKillop Art Competition in Bendigo and has been voted as the winner of the Foundation/Year 1 Spiritual Category. Madelyn and her mum, Rebecca recently attended the opening night and presentation ceremony for the exhibition where Madelyn received her certificate and art supplies prize for her winning piece. Well done Madelyn, we are very proud of you and your creative skills!

Adam Davis  
Art Teacher



### PHYSICAL EDUCATION NEWS

#### INTERSCHOOL SPORTS DAY

St Mary's recently attended the Interschool Sports Day at Myrtleford P-12 College. Students were able to choose from three different sports: football, netball and down ball. We were blessed with brilliant weather for the event and the kids had an awesome time playing with and against students from P-12. A massive thank you goes out to Craig Millar for organising this event, all ran seamlessly, and we look forward to participating in this event again in the future.

Adam Davis  
PE Coordinator

