



St Mary's Newsletter

TERM 4, WEEK 4

It's Week 4 and we are almost a third of the way through Term 4! We had a great week last week with Kinder visits, school mass (Yr3/4's), playgroup and finishing off on Friday with Cricket Blast in Swan Hill. Thank you to our staff who prepared these events and all those learners who took the opportunities presented to them.

Sunday's Gospel (Mt 22:15-21) challenges us to "give to Caesar what belongs to Caesar and to God what belongs to God." This means that we are reminded to balance and fuse the good qualities of being honest citizens and committed Catholics in the way we live our lives. No one said being a follower of Jesus was easy!

This week we begin Monday with our second day of PSGs for Term 4. Thank you to the parents who have been able to make these meetings, I know the teachers really appreciate it. We finish the week with a huge Friday! We have Grandparents and Special Persons day beginning with a liturgy in the church at 9:00am. Following this we have activities planned for grandparents/special people to complete with their grandchildren. And the morning will conclude with a morning tea at 10:30am. A reminder that we are putting together a slideshow filled with photos of St Mary's learners with their grandparents. Please email a photo to Graecen (gcartwright@smcohuna.catholic.edu.au) if you would like it included in this presentation (to be shown on Grandparent's/Special Person's day). Following this day, we have a special night planned. Led by the School Advisory Council members, we will host a Community Event at the Cohuna Recreation Reserve from 6-9pm. This night will include Food Vans, Coffee/Soft drinks Van, games and activities for the kids, music and a raffle. The idea is to bring the local community together (not just families of St Mary's learners), to have a good time and enjoy each other's company. Please spread the word of this event and stress that 'everyone is welcome.'

We have a lot going on this Friday, so we have decided to move our mid term assembly (usually in Week 4) to next Friday - 3rd Nov.

Just a reminder, that In order to ensure we are well planned ahead of the 2024 school year, we will have a pupil free day on **Friday November 24th**. Staff will be onsite for a day of strategic planning, however no learners are to attend school on this day. We apologise for the inconvenience this 'pupil free day' will cause some families.

Also, attached in this newsletter is the job advertisement for a Learning Support Officer position. We are seeking an enthusiastic, kind and caring individual to join our team in the role of supporting learners at our school. If you, or someone you know, would be suitable for this position please apply.

Take care and God bless,

Jarrod Mullavey (Principal)

A PRAYER

Dear God,

Thank you for all the blessings in our lives, big and small.

Thank you for surrounding us with people who love and care for us.

In Jesus' holy name, we pray.

Amen



St Mary's Cohuna Families - Term 4- 2023



Week	Dates & Items
4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mon 23rd Oct - PSGs Thurs 26th Oct - Mr Mullavey out - Western Deanery Principal's Network Bendigo Fri 27th Oct - Grandparent's day Fri 27th Oct - Community Event
5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mon 30th Oct - 11-12:30pm Child Safe Officer Training (Miss Cooke and Mr Mullavey)
6	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mon 6th Nov - Mrs Fields out this week Mon 6th Nov - Report writing day (Pupil Free day) Tues 7th Nov - Melbourne Cup Public Holiday Wed 8th Nov - Mrs Barry out LSL until 23/11 (replaced by Mrs Patterson) Wed 8th Nov - School mass - All Souls day @ 12:30pm (Seniors) Thurs 9th Nov - Kylie Smith (CES Ltd) visit - faith formation Fri 10th Nov - MacKillop Art Exhibition (opening)
7	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Tues 14th Nov - Georgia D and Michelle Sanders in (CES Ltd Speech therapists) Thurs 16th Nov - Mr Mullavey out - Director's Briefing @ Shepparton
8	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Fri 24th Nov - Mrs Barry back from LSL
9	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mon 27th Nov - Swimming Program this week Mon 27th Nov - P&F Meeting @ 6:30pm Tues 28th Nov - Georgia D and Michelle Sanders in
10	<ul style="list-style-type: none">
11	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Tues 12th Dec - St Mary's Feast Day/End of Year mass @ 6pm Thurs 14th Dec - Learner Pool Party! Thurs 14th Dec - Yr6 Graduation @ Tavern Fri 15th Dec - Learner's last day of 2023
12	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mon 18th Dec - Staff professional development Tues 19th Dec - Staff 2024 planning Wed 20th Dec - Staff last day Wed 20th Dec - CES Ltd office closes for 2023

THANK YOU

We want to say a big thank you to the families for supporting the school garden markets. We have had a great response, and have raised money for garden soil for our garden bed which was donated by Leiza Mathers. We will buy some new seedlings and seeds. Also need more soil for the garden beds that have been donated by Jax Taylor and his family. We also would like to thank all the children on the sustainability team, (extra children who just want to get their hands dirty) who have grown the veggies from seed or seedling to be sold at markets . Also we have had children drying our fresh herbs. (we still have some left if you would like)

The chickens are being looked after by ImogenThies, and the grade 6 children. Hopefully we will receive more eggs for their efforts.

Great team work , makes great food !



13th October 2023

Dear parents and carers,

We wanted to take this opportunity to inform you about some important changes we are making to our teachers' work patterns and conditions and benefits. These changes have been carefully considered and are necessary due to a variety of factors, including how all Victorian schools are required to allocate a teacher's workload.

These changes deliver several positive changes for both our dedicated staff, including enhancing their well-being and work life balance and the overall functioning of our school. We continue to ensure the quality of Catholic education continues and maintain a safe and nurturing environment for our students remain our top priorities.

However, implementing these changes will mean that an additional pupil free day will be taken on **Friday 24th November 2023** with a focus on developing our School Improvement Plan and 2024 Annual Action Plan.

We appreciate your understanding and support in this matter. Our commitment to your child's education, experiences and wellbeing remains, and we will continue to communicate any updates or adjustments as they occur.

If you have any questions or concerns about these changes, please do not hesitate to reach out to us.

Thank you for your continued partnership as we strive to provide an outstanding education for our students.

Kind regards,

Jarrod Mullavey

JUNIOR SCHOOL



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Highlights from our week..

Having the kinder kids visit

Making chocolate covered
strawberries

Breakfast club



SENIOR SCHOOL

Liam:

This week we wrote haiku, limerick and cinquain poems. We had specialists and did decimals, rounding, multiplying and subtracting.

Chloe K:

This week we had a lesson on haiku poems with Mrs. Mann and even got to try making our own. Although most of us found this challenging we all still gave it a massive go.

In our next class we had an Inquiry lesson where we were split into our groups of set design, cast and our awesome band.

We also did some trading which I think was everyone's highlight of the week. After our morning trade there were lots of laughs throughout the day playing with our fun prizes.

This week we had lots of fun and I can't wait for next week to have even more.

Imogen - I have enjoyed reading Diary of a Wimpy Kid because it has jokes and a comedy theme.

Lotti - I enjoyed reading Dog Man the tail of two kitties.'

Scarlett - I have enjoyed recess and lunch because I get to hang around with my friends

James - I have enjoyed writing my persuasive text about Hermit Crabs.

Savannah - I have learnt how to write a persuasive piece on why Dragon's are the best mythical creature in the world.

COMMUNITY NEWS

Calling all Mo growers!



Every November I (try to) grow a mustache to raise awareness for men's health and wellbeing - Movember. This November I am looking for members of our school community to join in the fun! If you are interested, this is what you can do to help out:

- Take a photo of yourself on Nov 1st (without a mo) and share it with us
- Take a photo of yourself each week showing your growth! and share it with us
- Allow us to put these photos on our school social media
- Everytime someone asks you about your 'mo', ask them two questions: 'How are you going?' (and really listen to their answer). And ask them 'When was the last time you went to the doctors for a check up?'

I am not wanting you to raise money, but I am asking you to raise awareness around men's mental health and wellbeing.

COMMUNITY FUN NIGHT
HOSTED BY ST. MARY'S!

Food Vans

Kids Activities

**FRIDAY
OCTOBER 27TH, 2023**

6PM - 9PM

**COHUNA RECREATION
RESERVE**

EVERYONE IS WELCOME

BYO Drinks & Chairs



Cohuna Fire Brigade Open Day

Saturday 4th November
2pm - 4pm

Torch Light Parade
Starting at the Recreation
Reserve at 8:30pm



St. Mary's Cohuna

LEARNING SUPPORT OFFICER Commencing Term 1, 2024

St. Mary's Cohuna is looking for a highly motivated and enthusiastic LSO to join their school community.



We can offer you:

- You will work with a supportive team who will provide you with exceptional support & mentoring
- A learning culture that has a strong focus on the individual person
- Professional development with a focus on evidence based learning
- Provide the support in the area of teaching Religious Education
- Spacious and well equipped classrooms to teach in
- Some flexibility around hours and days of work

To see what St. Mary's Cohuna has on offer for you, please visit:
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=61oWnXqtM0k>

To apply:

Please email your cover letter and resume supported by 3 verbal referees to
jmullavey@smcohuna.catholic.edu.au

Applications close 27th October 2023

For more details about this role, please contact
Jarrod Mullavey (Principal) on (03) 5456 2062 or
jmullavey@smcohuna.catholic.edu.au

St. Mary's Cohuna embraces diversity and social inclusion,
and encourages people from diverse backgrounds to apply.

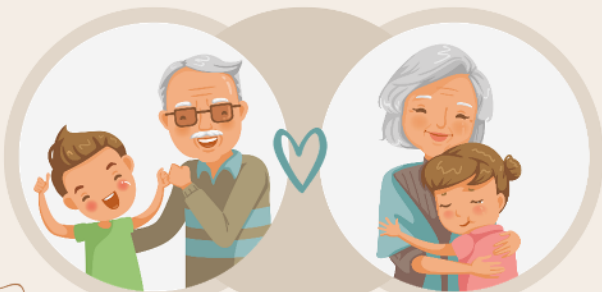
We are committed to promoting the safety, wellbeing and inclusion of all children.

Grandparent's Day



Join us for a Grandparents Day liturgy followed
by activities and a special morning tea

Friday, October 27th



Join us for reading in our classrooms
from 8:45



SEEKING PLAYERS - UNDER 15 GIRLS

We are seeking a couple of more players for our U/15 Girls side. We have a dedicated group of girls who are desperate to play this season but we need a couple more to ensure we can fill the side.

-Training - 5pm Wednesdays for 1 hour

-Number of games - 10

-When - Friday Nights

Where - 6 weeks in Cohuna and 4 in Echuca

We welcome all girls of all abilities to join in the fun!

For information please contact Peter Taylor-0407 817 105 or Steven Spring-0407 231 415 or email the club nondiescohuna@yahoo.com



Responsible Service of Alcohol Courses

30th October: Mildura Settlers Cricket Club—(near the Mildura Senior College)

31st October: Ouyen Neighbourhood House—(46 Oke St. Ouyen)

1st November: Cohuna Kangas FNC—(Cohuna Recreation Reserve, Tennis Rd, Cohuna)

2nd November: Sea Lake Nandaly Tigers FNHC—(Community Complex, 40 Complex Dr. Sea Lake)

Time: Registration 6pm Course 6.15pm—10.00pm

Cost: \$75.00 (includes light refreshments on arrival)

TO REGISTER:

To attend this Good Sports RSA course, you are required to pre-enrol. Go to www.liqcon.com.au/goodsports and use the password: **Goodsports** Select the RSA course, click "Book" and complete the enrolment process.

As part of the enrolment process, you are required to enter a unique student identifier, a USI. Don't have a USI or forgotten what it is? Go to www.usi.gov.au and follow the prompts—this is an easy process and will only take a few minutes, but is required in order to undertake the RSA course. This is now a nationally accredited RSA course hence the enrolment process required.

Once enrolled you will receive a confirmation email. Please check your junk or spam folder before enrolling again.

Payment can be made on the night in cash or there should be an EFTPOS facility available as well, technology permitting.



ALL ENQUIRIES:

M&A 0428 213 509 OR 5021 3464 info@malleesportsassembly.org.au

LIQCON

Peter Rosenthal 0407 844 643 pcr188@outlook.com

The St Vincent de Paul Society is an international organisation operating in 153 countries and has over 800,000 members worldwide. The Society has a presence on every continent in the world with the exception of Antarctica perhaps. Mrs Mathers in her role as chaplain at our school is also a St Vinnies Kerang member. She is able to assist families with food vouchers or other resources that families require. You can make appointments to see her if a need arises. Please do not hesitate to contact the school.

"Helping one person may not change the whole world, But it could change the world for one person."

God Bless Mrs Mathers



Book Club

1. Your child will bring home a Book Club catalogue from school
2. Discuss with, and help your child pick the books they would like to read
3. Order online via the Scholastic Australia LOOP website or app and the school will take care of the rest! (LOOP orders are electronically linked to your school in an easy, secure online process)
4. The books are delivered to your child's classroom.

LOOP is the easy way for families to order and pay for Book Club.

Log in, or create a new account at scholastic.com.au/loop

1. If you are new to Book Club, follow the Wizard to set up your profile
2. Click the ORDER tab, and select your school and child's class
3. Add your child's first name and last initial (so the school knows who the book is for)
4. Enter the product item number shown on the Book Club catalogue
5. Make payment via credit card

SCHOLASTIC

Prep/1
Year1/2
Year3/4 LK
Year 3/4 B
Year 5/6 WM
Year 5/6 D.

LOGIN DETAILS

SCHOOL: St Marys School

SCROLL to Cohuna

Note: No cash please pay through Loop



School Term Dates 2023:
 Term 1: 27th Jan - 6th Apr
 Term 2: 24th Apr - 23rd Jun
 Term 3: 10th Jul - 15th Sep
 Term 4: 2nd Oct - 20th Dec

St Mary's acknowledges and pays respects to the traditional custodians of the land on which we meet; the Barrapa Rappa People, and pay respects to elders both past and present.

