



# St Mary's Newsletter

## TERM 2, WEEK 3 - CATHOLIC EDUCATION WEEK!

Welcome to Catholic Education Week! We have so many fantastic events going on this week, I can't wait to make some memories for our learners (and ourselves). It was great to see our learners (and staff) enjoying the comfort of wearing pajamas to school today. Tomorrow whilst our Yr6 learners attend a leadership conference in Bendigo (early start!), the rest of the school will give us a snapshot of the future - dressing up as what they want to be when they grow up. On Wednesday Mr Mann has the Yr6's all set to lead the school after lunch at our "St Mary's Disco!" On Thursday, all our 'running training' will pay off at Cross Country ... and we'll enjoy a free BBQ lunch cooked by the Lions Club. Thanks for leading the preparation for this event Mrs Walker. Our Prep-Yr4 learners will finish off the week on Friday with a Teddy Bear's picnic, whilst the Yr5/6s attend a Student Conference in Echuca with students from 7 other Catholic schools from our area.

Sunday's Gospel (Jn 15:1-8), when Jesus tells the disciples 'I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinedresser,' reminds us that when we strive to reach our full potential in whatever we do, we 'bear fruit.' When we put the needs of others before our own, we 'bear fruit.' When we follow in the footsteps of Jesus and strive to bring about the reign of God in our small part of the world, we 'bear fruit.' And sometimes, we may need to have some of our thoughts and actions 'pruned' so that we might better bear the fruit that we are truly capable of producing.

Next week (Week 4) we are hosting our 2025 Prep Information Night on Monday 6th May at 6pm. If you know of anyone who would be interested in hearing about what we have to offer at St Mary's, please make them aware of this night. Next week will conclude with our annual Mother's Day celebrations (liturgy, activity, raffle and morning tea) ... the coffee van is booked!!

Have a wonderful week everyone!

Take care and God bless,

Jarrold Mullavey

*Principal*

# PRAYER



God of new beginnings, new ideas, new creations and new hopes,  
We come to you at the beginning of this year with many feelings,  
expectations, anxieties and dreams.

Help us to recognise that we are given NEW opportunities to hope, to  
create, to think and to begin again each and every day

Help us to accept these opportunities as ways for us to grow as an  
individual, as a teacher and learner, as a parent, as a friend, as a  
grandparent, as a community member, as a follower of Jesus.

This we ask through Christ our Lord,  
AMEN.



## School Term Dates 2024:

Term 2: 15th Apr - 28th Jun

Term 3: 15th Jul - 20th Sept

Term 4: 7th Oct - 20th Dec

## P & F chocolate fundraiser

A reminder to please  
deposit the \$60 into the  
School bank account :-

BSB 083-543

Acc. No. 457171993



## Unexplained Absences

If a student is absent without  
reason, the school will contact the  
parent

If contact cannot be made with the  
parent, the emergency contact/s  
will be contacted to ensure the  
safety of the student

*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.*



## **St Mary's Cohuna - Term 2- 2024 - Families**

<b>Week</b>	<b>Dates &amp; Items</b>
<b>2</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mon 22nd Apr - SAC @ 7pm</li> <li>• Tues 23rd Apr - ANZAC Day celebration with RSL @ 11am</li> <li>• Wed 24th Apr - School Photos</li> <li>• Thurs 25th Apr - ANZAC day public holiday</li> </ul>
<b>3</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Catholic Education Week</li> <li>• Mon 29th Apr - ASPA visit (SAOS) @ 11:45-1:00</li> <li>• Tues 30th Apr - Yr6 GRIP Conference in Bendigo</li> <li>• Wed 1st May - Learner Diversity Network - Miss Cartwright out</li> <li>• Thurs 2nd May - St Mary's Cross Country</li> <li>• Fri 3rd May - Yr 5/6 Learner Conference in Echuca</li> </ul>
<b>4</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Fri 10th May - Assembly</li> <li>• Fri 10th May - Mother's Day celebration</li> <li>• Sun 12th May - Mother's Day</li> </ul>
<b>5</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mon 13th May - PSG meetings</li> <li>• Tues 14th - Division Cross Country (Swan Hill)</li> <li>• Wed 15th May - Pastoral Wellbeing Leaders Network - Miss Cooke out</li> <li>• Wed 15th May - Wheelie Wednesday</li> <li>• Thurs 16th May - Principal Briefing Shepp (5:30pm)</li> <li>• Fri 17th May - PSG meetings</li> <li>• Fri 17th May - Principal's Briefing Shepp</li> <li>• Sun 19th May - Pentecost Sunday</li> </ul>
<b>6</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Wed 22nd - Indigenous Performance @ school 9:15-10:15am</li> <li>• Fri 24th May - Speech Path (Georgia in)</li> </ul>
<b>7</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Reconciliation Week (27th May- 3rd June)</li> <li>• Tues &amp; Wed - AFL Clinic</li> <li>• Fri 31st May - Good Samaritan Winter Cup - Pyramid Hill</li> </ul>
<b>8</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mon 3rd June - SAC @ 7pm</li> <li>• Wed 5th June - Wheelie Wednesday</li> <li>• Friday 7th June - Pupil Free Day (Data focus)</li> </ul>
<b>9</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mon 10th June - King's Birthday Public Holiday</li> <li>• Wed 12th June - R.E. Network - Jarrod out</li> <li>• Wed 12th June - Wheelie Wednesday</li> <li>• Fri 14th June - Assembly</li> </ul>
<b>10</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Tues &amp; Wed - Gymnastic @ Palmers Gym</li> <li>• Fri 21st June - Speech Path (Georgia in)</li> <li>• Fri 21st June - Division Winter Sports</li> </ul>
<b>11</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Tues &amp; Wed - Gymnastic @ Palmers Gym</li> <li>• Fri 28th June - Last day of Term 2 - 2:15pm finish</li> </ul>

# HAPPY BIRTHDAY

**Harry Mathers**  
**29th April**

**Kobe Mathers**  
**3rd May**

**Sylvi Jones**  
**5th May**





ST. MARY'S COHUNA

# Catholic Education WEEK

29 - 03 MAY

• *Monday*

## PJ Day

Wear your favourite PJs, onesies, dressing gowns, Oodles and Uggs for a cosy day at school!

• *Tuesday*

## When I grow up

Dress up as what you would like to be when you grow up!

• *Wednesday*

## DJ Mann's Disco

DJ Mann (AKA Mr Mann) will be here pumping all your favourite tunes!

• *Friday*

## Teddy Bear Picnic

Wear your casual clothes and bring your teddy for a teddy bears picnic!

Year 5/6 Leadership Conference in Echuca

• *Thursday*

## Cross Country

Wear your house colours and get yourself ready for a day of running fun!



ST. MARY'S COHUNA

# 2025 PREP INFORMATION NIGHT

St. Mary's Cohuna invites our community  
to our 2025 Prep information evening

Come and learn about who  
we are!

At St. Mary's all will be  
included, nurtured,  
faith-filled, respected &  
inspired to reach their  
full potential.

**MONDAY, MAY 6TH, 2024 – 6:00PM**

Please enter via the front office

CHILD MINDING FACILITIES WILL BE AVAILABLE

[www.smcohuna.catholic.edu.au](http://www.smcohuna.catholic.edu.au)



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**MOTHER'S DAY**

**Mother's day is coming around very quickly.**

If you would like to be a part of our Mother's day slideshow, we invite you to email through a photo of your child with their mum or special lady

Please email them to  
[gcartwright@smcohuna.catholic.edu.au](mailto:gcartwright@smcohuna.catholic.edu.au)




ST. MARY'S COHUNA  
**CROSS COUNTRY**

Thursday, May 2nd  
 Cohuna Recreation Reserve

More information to come via School Stream




**LEITCHVILLE PRESCHOOL**  
**OPEN DAY**

Leitchville Preschool invites all interested families to come visit our exceeding educational service, meet the educators and explore the facilities on offer.

**WE OFFER :**

- ▶ Exceeding Rating
- ▶ Purpose built facility
- ▶ Bush Kindergarten
- ▶ Excursions & Incursions
- ▶ Certified Healthy Early Childhood Achievement Program

**Tuesday 14th May 2024**  
 9:30 am - 12:30pm  
 50 King Albert Ave, Leitchville

**MORE INFORMATION CONTACT KIM 03 5456 7478**






# ARE YOUR DETAILS UP TO DATE???

Please contact the  
office of any changes  
to your details!!!



## Free workshop

### 2 Day Autism Workshop for Parents and Carers

**Bendigo, VIC**



Scan the  
QR code or  
[click here](#)  
to register



This workshop is for parents, full time  
carers and grandparents.



**Tuesday & Wednesday**  
28 & 29 May, 2024  
9:30am - 2:30pm



**All Seasons Hotel**  
171-183 McIvor Hwy,  
Bendigo VIC 3550

Morning tea and a light lunch will be provided



**Interpreters available upon request**

#### During the workshop you will learn about:

- The diversity of autism
- Sensory processing
- Working together with  
your child's school.

Learn more about autism  
and ways to strengthen  
the partnership between  
home and school.

For more information or to register visit:  
<https://www.positivepartnerships.com.au/PC>  
✉ [ccorrigan@positivepartnerships.com.au](mailto:ccorrigan@positivepartnerships.com.au)



0447 219 627

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**VICTORIA'S CONTAINER  
DEPOSIT SCHEME**

Check for  
the 10c  
mark 10c

## DONATE YOUR DRINK CONTAINERS TO COHUNA ST MARY'S SUSTAINABILITY GROUP

EVERY CONTAINER YOU RECYCLE  
CAN EARN 10c FOR OUR CAUSE

**We are raising funds for:**  
**GARDEN GREEN HOUSE**

#### Your Donation Partner ID & next steps

Now you've received a Donation Partner ID, you're on the way to raising funds from CDS Vic. Please take note of these important details and follow the steps below to complete the process of activating your Donation Partner ID with Zone Operator/s.

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