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## St. Mary's School Newsletter

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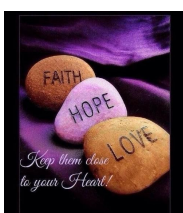
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We acknowledge and pay respect to the Jaara people as the original and ongoing custodians of the land we meet on.

We commit ourselves to actively work alongside Aboriginal people for reconciliation and justice.



*“And now these three remain: faith, hope and love. But the greatest of these is love” - 1 Corinthians 13:13*

### Term 1 - Thursday, 26th March 2020

Dear Parents, Families and Friends,

Wow....what a week this has been. I'm sure that you, like us, are mentally exhausted, trying to deal with the 'what ifs"! I am feeling that things have escalated so fast over the past 5 days that it is no wonder our minds are working around the clock.

I know that I have flooded you with information over the past week with information about school closures, remote learning models, etc. The news is filled with constant updates and added stages of operations. It is really hard to keep afloat with what is going on.

For us, here at St. Mary's, we are planning for the possibility of remote learning but no clear decisions have been made for Term 2 as yet. If, and when it does happen, rest assured that we are well prepared for this situation. This will certainly be a great example of the partnership that school and families hold so dearly.

At this point of time, I am possibly more concerned about the wellbeing of you personally. Although the students are absent from school, I am still thinking of you all. I can see the stress of the situation on the faces of many of you and this worries me. Please take care of yourselves and your families. Now, more than ever, you are going to need one another. You are all in my thoughts and prayers. You know that I am a phone call away if you need anything. Happy holidays and I look forward to seeing everyone again very soon.

*Marg*

### March

Fri 27th	Final Day of Term 1 for staff
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### April

Sun 12th	Easter Sunday
Mon 13th	Easter Monday Public Holiday
Tues 14th	Start of Term 2 Pupil Free Day
Wed 15th	First Day for Term 2 School Photos <b>POSTPONED</b>
Sat 25th	ANZAC Day
Mon 27th	Scholastics Book Fair
Tue 28th	Gr 5/6 Student Leadership <b>POSTPONED</b>

### May

Wed 6th	Ulumbarra Theatre Production - Whole School.
12 - 15th	NAPLAN - CANCELLED

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*Jesus Our Brother,*

*You travelled through towns and villages curing every  
disease and illness among the people. At Your command, the  
sick were made well.*

*Come to our aid now in this health crisis, so that we may  
know your healing love.*

*Heal those who are sick, may they regain their health and  
strength.*

*Heal us from our fear, which prevents us from helping one  
another.*

*Heal us from our pride, which makes us certain of our health  
and life apart from You.*

*Bless healthcare professionals with strength and compassion,  
as they selflessly respond to our needs.*

*We make this prayer in your strong and Holy name.  
You, who with the Creator and the Spirit,  
Live and reign, forever and ever.  
Amen*



#### **RE News & Prayer for the Week with Mrs Brohm**



In Malawi, 18% of the population are undernourished \*

Tawonga is a 10-year-old girl, living with a disability. She lives in a village in northern Malawi in a region plagued by food insecurity and poverty. For most of her life, her parents have struggled to provide food for the family.

Since participating in a Caritas Australia supported program, Tawonga's life has transformed. Her family now grows enough food to provide three meals a day, ending the struggle of malnutrition, and helping her thrive at school.


With your help, this transformational program can continue to empower vulnerable women, men and children, and strengthen the communities around them.

Let's Go Further, Together! [lent.caritas.org.au](http://lent.caritas.org.au)

## PRAYER

God of all peoples and nations,  
As you accompany us on  
our Lenten journey,  
May our fasting strengthen our  
commitment to live in solidarity,  
Our almsgiving be an act of justice,  
And our prayers anchor us  
in love and compassion.  
Awaken our hearts and minds that  
we may be one human family  
As we all go further together.  
We ask this in Jesus' name,  
Amen

**PROJECT  
COMPASSION**  
GO FURTHER TOGETHER

 **Caritas  
AUSTRALIA** End poverty  
Promote justice  
Uphold dignity  
[LENT.CARITAS.ORG.AU](http://LENT.CARITAS.ORG.AU)

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### **Collection Reminder**

A reminder to please call into school before 2.30pm tomorrow to collect some learning resources in case we are conducting remote learning next term. I ask that these resources are put somewhere safe for the holidays and are brought out at the start of Term 2, if they are needed.

### **World's Greatest Shave - Thank you**

MGM Hair Studio would like to thank St Mary's staff and students for their support in raising funds for The Leukemia Foundation's 'World's Greatest Shave' and the support for Ryder Smith's endeavours in fundraising.

Thanks again

Michelle Thornton MGM

### **School Production**

We have postponed our school production, scheduled for July, until further notice. We have now planned to do 'Space' as our Personal Learning unit next term. We will now wait until we know the situation next term to make a decision on this event.

### **Eggs from Sarah Terry**

Sarah Terry has kindly offered to 'home school' the chickens over the holidays. She has asked that if anyone would like some eggs during their stay with her, please text her to arrange a collection.

### **Another case of school sores**

We have had a second case of school sores reported over the past week.

School sores (or Impetigo) is a superficial skin infection, which often appears around the nose and mouth. If your child has any signs of this condition, please seek treatment from your local doctor. Attention to personal hygiene and good hand washing practises are some ways in which such infections can be controlled.

### **Easter Raffle**

Our Easter Raffle has been cancelled. All money and donations have been returned.



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### Awards for 2020

As many of you would be aware, from 3 Way Chats, we are making some slight changes to our awards system this year. We will continue to have our Nano Nagle awards each week, in the newsletter, and these will be presented at our assemblies throughout the year. In regards to the student awards, we are having a real focus on the effort of achieving a goal, rather than the achievement itself. Students may not always achieve their goals but they are to be commended for their efforts along the way. These efforts will be acknowledged through postcards that will be sent home to parents. What a lovely surprise this will be to collect the mail and find a postcard (not a bill) from school!




*Like Nano.....*




*Lucy Morrison*

Is a Person of Faith.  
I am sure that Nano prayed to God every day,  
for those around her.  
Lucy always brings a smile to my face through  
her enthusiasm during prayer time.  
She joins in prayers and  
sings with all her might.  
Thanks Lucy.





*Like Nano.....*



*Jenson Birthisel*

Is a Person of Community.  
Nano always embraced life with a positive  
attitude and outlook on life.  
Despite everything that goes on around him,  
Jenson always manages to find a positive in  
every situation.  
He manages to find a  
shining light.



**PLEASE NOTE:**  
**ALL MASSES HAVE BEEN**  
**CANCELLED UNTIL**  
**FURTHER NOTICE**

*MASS TIMES*

*St Peter's, Bridgewater*

*1st Sunday of the Month,*  
*8:00am*

*St Mary's, Inglewood*

*Thursday's*  
*9.15am*  
*Each other Sunday of the Month,*  
*8:00am*

