



# St. Mary's Primary School Newsletter

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**Date: 19<sup>th</sup> September 2024**

**Newsletter No: 14**

**Term: 3 - Week: 10**

## 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 3

Monday 15<sup>th</sup> July  
Friday 20<sup>th</sup> September

### Term 4

Monday 7<sup>th</sup> October  
Friday 20<sup>th</sup> December

## MASS TIMES

### Myrtleford

Saturday @ 5:00pm  
Sunday @ 9:00am

### Bright

Sunday @ 11:00am

### St Patricks Whorouly

Last Sunday of the  
Month @ 5:00pm



Click on the link

**TOMORROW FRIDAY 20<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER  
LAST DAY OF TERM 2:20PM FINISH**

Congratulations to Gomez who were the winners on the Athletics Day. However, we were all winners as the day was superb. The behaviour and participation by all children was excellent. Thanks to Adam for all the organisation and Leigh as Master of Ceremonies. Awards were given out at assembly. One little Foundation girl came to me telling me she had won an award for the 'Olympics'. She was very proud of herself.

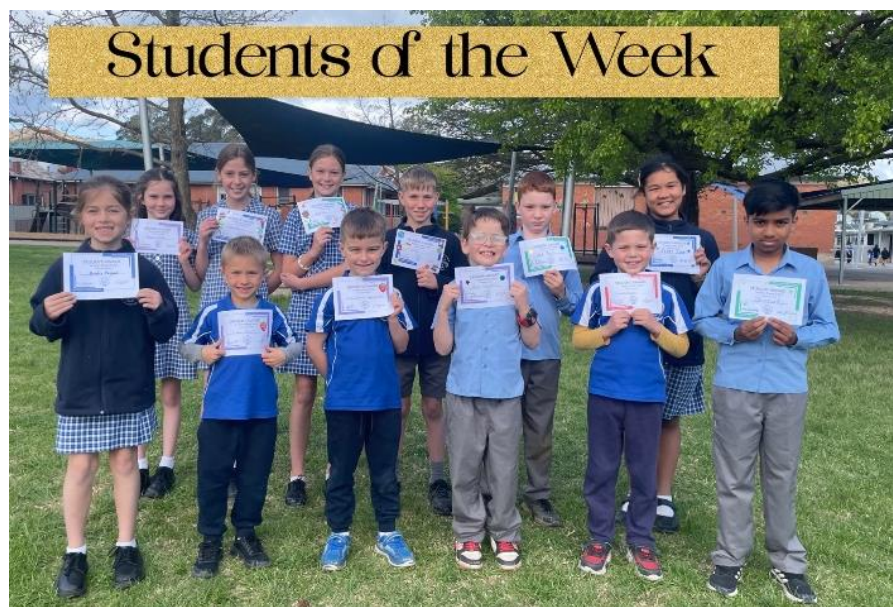
It has been a big week of moving all art supplies as we get ready for the building project which should begin during the holidays. We thank the children for helping teachers with the move, we could not have achieved what we did without their support.

On Friday at 12:30pm inside and outside the Foundation room we have the Junior Unit Expo, which will also include work from the Middle Unit. There are some spectacular robots with flashing lights etc and some great Storm Boy humpies to look at. The expo is representative of the work students have been working on in class. The expo allows children to use their creative abilities to explain what they have been learning about.

We are pleased to announce our new Principal for 2025 and beyond is Andrea O'Connor. Andrea currently works in the Catholic Education Office and is highly skilled in teaching and learning and will continue to further develop the excellent standards we have been working toward for the last five years. I have a high regard for Andrea and I know the school is in very good hands for the future.

Have a safe and happy two-week break.

*Kitty*



*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.*

## ST MARY'S FOOTBALL AND SPORT COLOURS DAY - THIS FRIDAY!

We've got finals fever at St Mary's this Friday, 20<sup>th</sup> September! To celebrate and mark our achievement of reaching our positive behaviour points for Term 3, we're inviting everyone to wear their favourite AFL team or sport colours.

It's not just about showing off your team pride, though—it's a great reminder of how important it is to stay healthy and get involved in team sports. Being active, having fun, and working together are all part of what makes sport so great, and we want to celebrate that too!

So, grab your team colours and join in the fun! Let's make it a day to remember!

## 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). This can be done via a few ways:

- 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 on 57521808

**Why attendance matters**

When your child misses school they miss important opportunities to:

- Learn
- Make friends
- Build skills through fun

**Days missed = years lost**

A day here and there doesn't seem like much, but...

When your child misses just...	they miss weeks per year	and years over their school life
1 day per fortnight	4 weeks	Over 1 year missed
1 day per week	8 weeks	Over 2.5 years missed

## SCHOOL NEWS

SEPTEMBER	
Friday 20 <sup>th</sup>	JLC LETI Expo 1pm in the Year 1/2 Classroom
<b>Friday 20<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Last Day Term 3 (2.20pm Finish)</b>
OCTOBER	
Monday 7 <sup>th</sup>	Start of Term 4
Friday 11 <sup>th</sup>	O & M Division Athletics Wangaratta
Saturday 12 <sup>th</sup>	Confirmation and Eucharist Mass 6:00pm St Mary's Church
Sunday 13 <sup>th</sup>	Confirmation and Eucharist Mass 9am St Mary's Church
Monday 14 <sup>th</sup>	Assembly EMPAC 2:30pm
Tuesday 15 <sup>th</sup>	School Advisory Board Meeting 6pm
Thursday 17 <sup>th</sup>	Foundation 2025 Transition Day 9:30 – 10:45am
Thursday 24 <sup>th</sup>	Foundation 2025 Transition Day 9:30 – 10:45am
Monday 28 <sup>th</sup>	Assembly EMPAC 2:30pm
Thursday 31 <sup>st</sup>	Foundation 2025 Transition Day 9:30 – 10:45am

## CATHOLIC IDENTITY NEWS

"Rivers do not drink their own water; trees do not eat their own fruit; the sun does not shine on itself. Living for others is a rule of nature. We are all born to help each other. No matter how difficult it is, life is good when others are happy because of you".

### SACRAMENTAL INFORMATION 2024

Confirmation and First Eucharist Preparation Program

Please continue to pray for our ten candidates who have prepared to receive the Sacraments of Confirmation and First Eucharist.

*Sarai Barnes, Heidi Barry, Phoebe Cresswell, Skyler Desagon, Freddy Ives, Clare Law, Paddy Millar, Thomas Mullane- Grant, Carlos Rubiano and Luca Zamperoni.*

The candidates will receive the Sacraments on the weekend of the 12<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup> of October.



**PROJECT COMPASSION FOR ALL FUTURE GENERATIONS**

CERTIFICATE OF APPRECIATION PRESENTED TO

St Mary's School Myrtleford  
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**THANK YOU.**

Your generosity during Project Compassion this year will support our neighbours worldwide, empowering the most vulnerable people to build a just future for their families and communities.

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## END OF TERM 3 LITURGY

The whole school came together for a liturgy today to give thanks for all of the blessings that we have received this term. We thank the students and families who attended for helping to end the term in such a lovely manner.

## UPCOMING MAJOR SAINT FEAST DAYS

21<sup>st</sup> September: St Matthew

27<sup>th</sup> September: St Vincent de Paul

18<sup>th</sup> October: St Luke

Have a safe and relaxing holiday,  
Jo Bennett (Catholic Identity Leader)

## MUSIC NEWS

On Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> September the school choir and dance group participated in the Sandhurst Arts on Show performance in Wangaratta.

The students from Year 3 to 6 have been working on and perfecting their performance pieces since Term 2 and had two visits from the ASPA (Australian School of Performing Arts) Education team to help us refine and polish our performance.

We were very lucky to have a full day in Wangaratta participating in singing and dancing workshops with three other primary schools, while Marian students worked in a separate workshop on a musical theatre piece with another secondary school. I was so impressed with our student's enthusiasm, participation and behaviour on the day, they were exceptional.

Some parents were able to join us for the final concert in the afternoon and they were treated to performances from all four primary schools and the secondary schools.

Our dance group performed a 'Moana' dance, while the choir performed 'A Million Dreams' from the Greatest Showman. Both groups combined with the other primary schools for a dance item they learned through the day and a massed choir work, 'Ain't No Mountain High Enough'. They looked and sounded amazing on stage. Congratulations to all participants on an amazing day and concert!

Thank you to Julie Humpheries and Ashley Pasqualotto for joining me on the day and a big thank you to Ashley for helping me prepare the dance group for their piece.

Rachel Campbell (Music Teacher)



## Sandhurst Arts on Show Performers



**GENERAL**

It is hard to believe that we have already come to the end of Term 3!

The JLC students have achieved so much and have such a positive attitude towards their learning, it is a pleasure to be a part of their learning journey. The JLC teachers are currently planning two excursions for next term and the details will be sent out early in Term 4. One excursion will be related to our LETI focus for the term and the other will be the end of term Bright excursion.

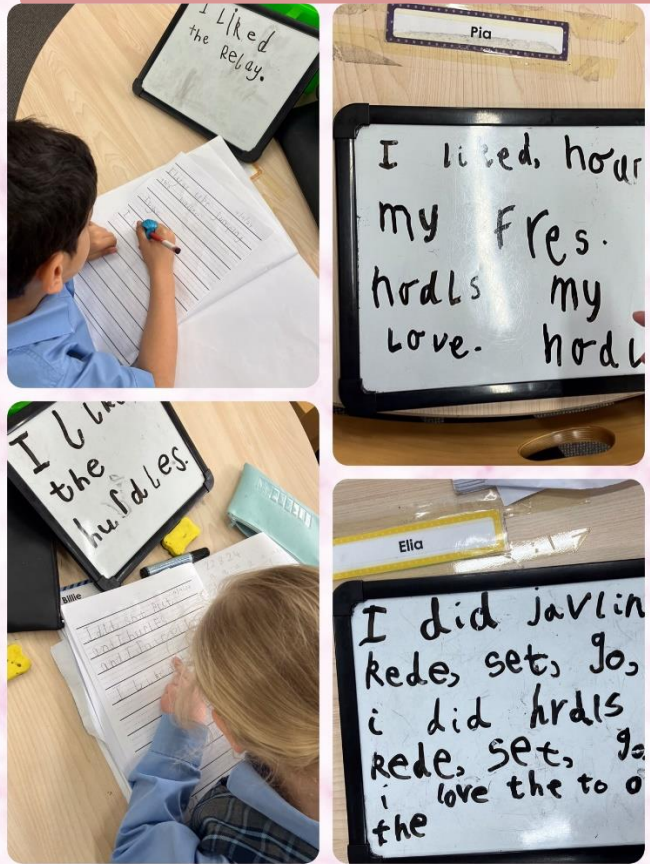
The JLC teachers wish you a relaxing and safe break and look forward to seeing what amazing things the students will achieve next term.

**FOUNDATION**

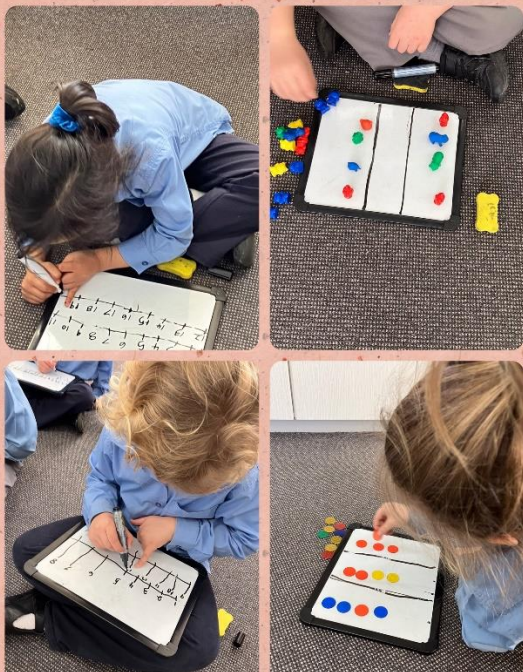
**LETI** - Projects are being completed in preparation for our termly expo this Friday!



**LITERACY** - Students have been learning about middle and ending blends and long vowel sounds and practising this in their reading and writing.



**SHOW AND TELL** - We have a visit from some fluffy bunnies yesterday



**MATHS** - This fortnight we have been learning about number lines and partitioning in maths.

## YEAR 1

On Tuesday afternoon, we had the pleasure of meeting some of Logan's baby bunnies. They were a huge hit and the students couldn't get enough of them. Thank you to Logan and his mum Nat for sharing this experience with us.



## LETI

The Year 1 students have continued to respond to the key understandings on Light, Sound and Motion with creativity and a keen sense of curiosity. This week, they have been writing their explanations of what they have created in response to each understanding and why they responded in this way. We look forward to seeing families at our Expo on Friday.

## LITERACY

The Year 1 students have chosen their favourite Big Write from the term and have edited it and have published it in their best handwriting. The students have also completed some phonemic awareness, reading and writing assessments over the last two weeks. They have all shown fantastic academic growth this semester.

The class has continued focusing on their handwriting in our explicit lessons on letter formation and sizing. They have also been reading decodable readers most days of the week.

## MATHS

The Year 1 students have completed the end of Term 3 Maths assessments and have continued working on our 'Daily Reviews' which reinforce previous learning. They have been investigating location and fractions.

## RELIGION

The students have been investigating the 'Grief and Loss' unit in the Source of Life for R.E. We have picture books on loss and investigated the life cycles of different species. The class has had interesting and informative conversations during this unit.

## HOMEWORK

The students have been completing their 'Word Detective' homework each week, and this week it is 'y=i' as in cry. The rule for this is that y makes the long 'i' sound at the end of short words (one syllable words).

## YEAR 2

We welcome our new student Linuk Wadudthantrige and his family to Year 2 and St Mary's. Linuk has been a great addition to our class. Linuk and his brother have even brought soccer back to our school! Welcome!

## LITERACY

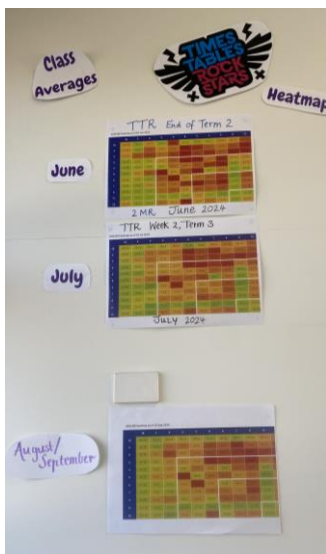
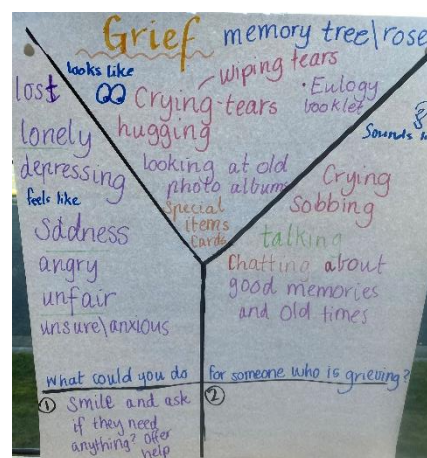
We are currently reading 'Rosie Revere, Engineer.' Which ties in well with the motion part of our inquiry unit Light, Sound and Motion.

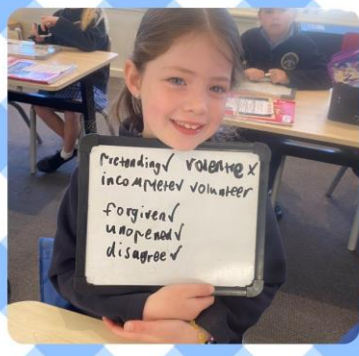
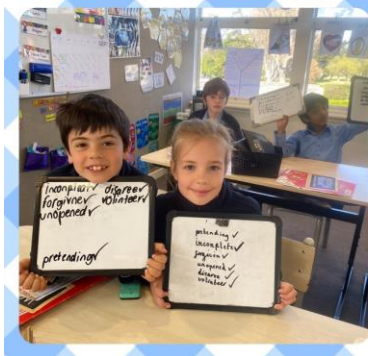
## RELIGION

We have begun our unit on Grief and Loss. This unit looks at the lifecycles in our lives and how God helps us deal with times of loss. We encourage you to talk to your child about how we can deal with our grief and loss, ensure them that everyone handles losses differently and all feelings are valid.

## MATHS

This past fortnight during our number sessions we have been honing in on using bar models when we've been working on different types of worded problems which has led us into revisiting the mathematics strategy of CUBES. CUBES is an excellent way to break a worded problem down and find out what maths we need to use.





## LETI - Light, Sounds and Motion

Our students have been busily preparing for this week's L.E.T.I. Expo. This term we have been focusing on seeing our investigations through and completing work before moving on to something new. We have also been exploring ways we can present our findings.

## HOMEWORK

As mentioned in our class newsletter this term the expectations have increased for our Year 2s. We would like students to continue with reading each night during the school week (Mon-Friday, 4 nights), complete daily Look Cover Write Check with spelling words and now submit 1 spelling activity for the week. We have also included a simple math homework sheet that is optional and can be submitted on Fridays along with spelling homework and reading logs.

Have a good break.

Carolyn, Sonia, Jo, Sandra, Nicole and Kelly

## MIDDLE NEWS

### IRON MAN ROBOTS

*My Pa and I made my robot out of cardboard boxes, spray paint and lights for the eyes - Lui*

*My Mum and I made my robot with cardboard boxes, tin foil and sticky tape. We had fun making it together - Archie*

*I made three robots. A baby robot, a toddler robot and a Mum robot. Their names are Rosie, Ruby and Rebecca. My favourite bit was making the toddler robot with pigtail braids - Maisie*

*I liked making my robot with my Mum. It was really fun because I got to spend time with her - Heidi*



*I liked making my robot on the weekend with my Mum because it was fun - **Pippa***

*My robot is a girl. She is ready to party - **Maddie S***

*Making the robot was fun. My dad made most of the robot. Thanks Dad! - **Javier***

*It was fun making the robot, but also challenging - **Madi R***

*My robot was handcrafted by Dad and I. The lights were made from a birthday present - **John***

*My robot's name is Susie the disco robot. She has lights for eyes, can play music and moves around by a remote control car - **Zoe***



#### **YEAR 4**

It has been a wonderful term of literacy as we have focussed on the text, *Storm Boy* by Colin Thiele. We were fortunate to read the book and to watch the two films, made in 1976 and in 2019. The students will be showcasing their humpies which they have been planning and constructing over the term and they are very proud of their workmanship.

Here are some thoughts the children had about the book:

*Storm Boy was sad when Mr Percival got shot and died and when Storm Boy left the humpy at the Coorong to go to school. **Thomas Mullane-Grant***

*Storm Boy made me feel very emotional when Mr Percival died and when Storm Boy had to free the birds. **Freddy Ives***

*I felt good when Storm Boy found the pelicans and when he nursed Mr Percival to good health. **Paddy Millar***

*I liked Storm Boy because it taught me not to be mean to animals. **Kristna Quintana***

*Storm Boy was a great book because it had a lot of different scenes. I learned that you should take care of wildlife. **Skyler Desagon***



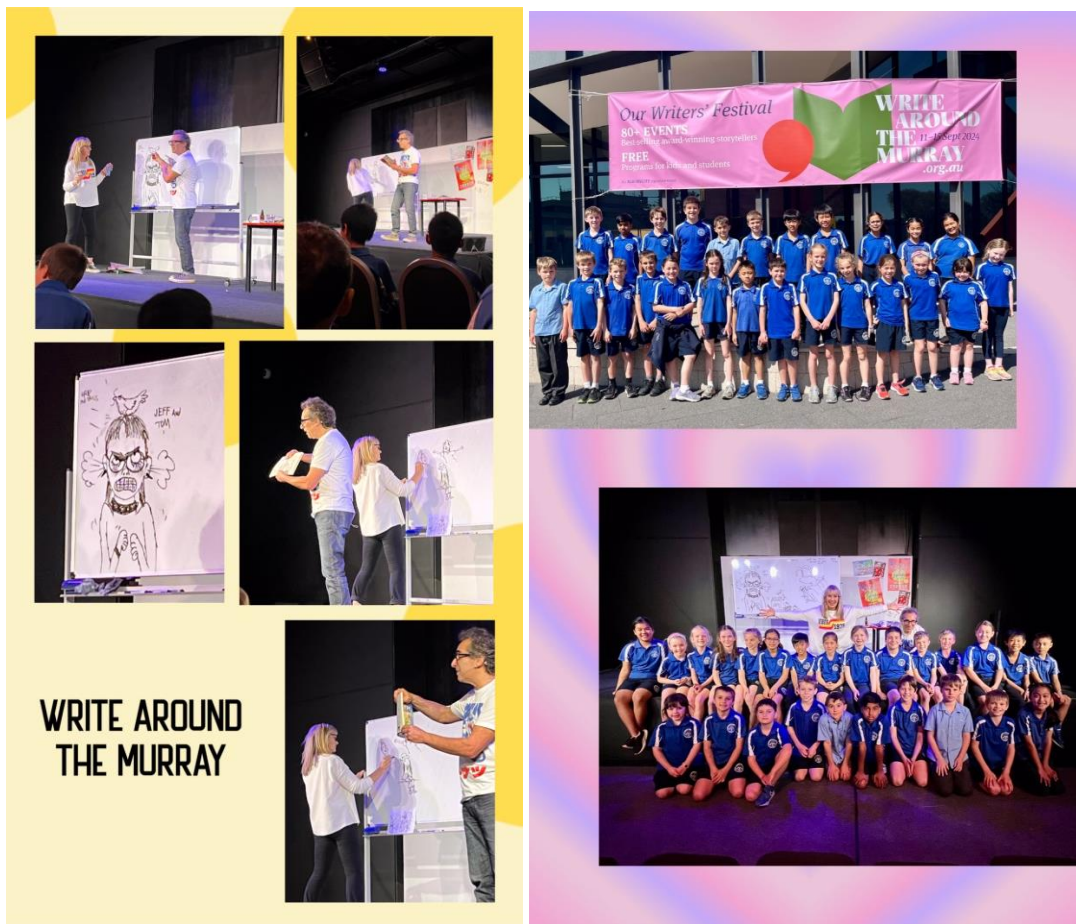
## Storm Boy



### LITTLE LUNCH

Last Friday we went to the Albury Library to meet Danny Katz and Mitch Vane from Little Lunch. Danny read a chapter of Little Lunch, whilst Mitch illustrated it. It was amazing! We then got to describe a character, that we named Jeff for Mitch to draw on the whiteboard. Jeff, the character had a mullet, one big eye and had an angry expression on her face. Jeff also had a chicken on her head called Tom. There was time for us to ask questions and listen to another chapter of Little Lunch. Danny and Mitch are married and made the books together based on the stories that their children would share with them from school. We also got to go to Oddie's Park. Thank you to Mrs Humphreys for organising such a brilliant experience for us through the Albury/Wodonga Write Around the Murray.





## WRITE AROUND THE MURRAY

## SENIOR NEWS

Another term down and we have accomplished so much. This term the students have carried out science experiments documenting their results and discussing their findings. They have participated in discussions about acceptance and the effects of bullying in studying the book *Wonder* and they have participated in a Liturgy, acknowledging what they are thankful for. In mathematics the students have worked on decimals, area and perimeter, BODMAS and patterns and algebra.

Congratulations to GOMEZ, the Athletics Day winners!! Congratulations to Ben, Amelia, Aimee and Hunter S for being awarded age champions. We wish all the athletes competing at the next round of competition, the best of luck.

A big thank you to Ms Penny for stepping into 5/6JI while Mrs Jackson is away, we are very lucky to have her in the SLC!

### SCIENTIST OR INVENTOR ORAL PRESENTATIONS

SLC students had the task of choosing an inventor or scientist, then developing a 2-minute oral presentation about this person. Miss Penny and I were blown away by the effort that was applied to creating and practicing the speeches and also the 'have a go' attitude in which they approached the daunting task of speaking in front of over 40 people. Well done to all those students who gave it their all!!

### THE LAST BEAR

This week we have decided to begin our Term 4 novel study, 'The Last Bear' by Hannah Gold, to orientate the students with how our literacy blocks will work going forward. They will comprise of a daily review, a literacy presentation and then an English presentation, within these there will be focus on revision, grammar, handwriting, spelling, vocabulary, writing and reading skills. We have read the first 2 chapters and been exposed to vocabulary such as unkempt and dubiously. The Sentence-level writing activity for lesson 1 was expanding our sentences using the 5 W's who, what, where, when and why to provide rich details for the reader. Some of our wonderful sentences are below.



*In the morning, after the letter was slid under the front door April picked it up curiously and placed it on the kitchen bench so her father would see it later. **Iza***

*At 12:00pm, April was in the garden because she was feeding the family of foxes while her dad was studying. **Ben***

*Almost every day, April calmly spent her days in the garden near her backyard to stay motivated while her dad was working. **Hazel***

*In the morning, April rapidly sprinted to the door of the cabin because she thought Granny Apples sent her a letter. **Cooper***

*After writing in her journal, April placed the letter on the seat for Granny Apples. **Kaylee***

*April always plays in the garden outside, reading to the foxes, while her dad works so she has something to occupy her. **Grace***

*While Edmond had his breakfast, April acquired a business letter at her front door, so she quickly handed it to him and he then looked rather squeamish. **Camie***

*During the Spring days, April was gardening to make the flowers and vegetables neat and tidy. **Aimee***

## **PARTNER FLUENCY READING**



Have a relaxing break and hopefully we can all enjoy lots of sunshine!!

Hannah and Penny

**ATHLETICS DAY**

Wow! What a day! We were blessed with beautiful sunshine and mild temperatures! Perfect conditions for the 2024 St Mary's Athletics Day. Well done to all the students who participated on the day, you all did a fantastic job competing in track and field events, supporting one another, and showing what St Mary's sportsmanship is all about. Thank you all so much!

Thank you to all the St Mary's staff who helped preparing and facilitating the event. It's a big job and you all rose to the challenge. A special thank you to James Davis, our IT man, who stayed back until 9:00pm with me to put our new hurdles together. They looked and functioned brilliantly on the day. Thanks Jimmy, you're a legend.

Thank you to all our parents and volunteers who helped on the day, from measuring throws and jumps, helping to record results, organising students into their running heats, fetching, and returning field event equipment, you name it, our volunteers were doing it. Your help is very much appreciated, and the athletics day simply would not happen without your support.

A very special thank you goes out to Helen McNamara for her work at the score table. Helen was asked to do this job at the last minute. We had IT challenges and a backlog of event results that needed to be collated and entered, but Helen just knuckled down and got the job done perfectly. Thank you so much for offering your time and expertise.

The results were announced at this week's assembly, as were Age Group Champion certificates. These results are as follows:

**2024 AGE GROUP CHAMPIONS**

Foundation Girls - Billie Carroll

Foundation Boys - Emmett Phillips & Bill Howman

Year 1 Girls - Summer Sacco & Hazel Mirt

Year 1 Boys - Archer Harris & Bill Kirk

Year 2 Girls - Madelyn Cresswell & Molly Mullane-Grant

Year 2 Boys - Ed Millar

9 Years Girls - Maisie Fitzpatrick

9 Years Boys - Spence Reynolds

10 Years Girls – Lexi Piazza

10 Years Boys – Paddy Millar

11 Years Girls – Amelia Gallo

11 Years Boys – Ben McLean

12/13 Years Girls – Aimee Pozzan

12/13 Years Boys – Hunter Szaraszek

**2024 Athletics Day Scores**

1st – 1046 points – Gomez

2nd – 935 points Romero

3rd – 850 points – Nagle

Thanks,  
Mr Davis (PE Coordinator)





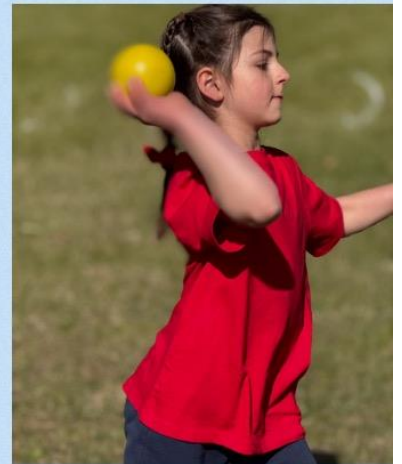


TEAM

GOMEZ











Team  
Romero





# Team Nagle





**MDBA JUNIOR DOMESTIC  
BASKETBALL REGISTRATIONS  
NOW OPEN  
2024-2025 BASKETBALL SEASON**

**SEASON TO COMMENCE IN TERM 4  
MONDAY 7TH OCTOBER, 2024  
REGISTRATIONS CLOSE  
SUNDAY 15TH SEPTEMBER, 2024.  
PLEASE REGISTER VIA PLAYHQ:  
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REGISTER HERE



**Carnival Of Girls' Cricket**

**Girls, JOIN  
THE TEAM!**

**Wednesday,  
25th September 2024  
10:00am-2:30pm**



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