



St. Mary's Primary School Newsletter

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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 15th July
Friday 20th September

Term 4

Monday 7th October
Friday 20th 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

This time of year tends to get a little bit hectic but it is important we maintain routines to ensure high quality learning continues.

It can also be an anxious time of year, awaiting where your child will be in 2026. I can confirm that we will continue to have the same structure as this year - Foundation through to Year 4 will continue to be straight classes and the Year 5/6 classes will again be combined. Classroom teachers will be announced later in the year, after I am back from long service leave. Thank you for your patience.

Ashley Pasqualotto and classroom teachers have been meeting with a number of parents to ensure we support all our students in developing comprehensive support plans. We thank parents for taking the time in coming along to these meetings.

Congratulations to the girls' and boys' basketball teams who represented St Mary's at Hume Region and will now go on to represent St Mary's at the State Championships in Melbourne. Well done to all the children.

Swimming Water Awareness Program will begin soon. We will also begin to rehearse for the end of year concert.

Our refurbishment in the old building will begin in November and by the end of Term 1, 2026 we should have a new library and art spaces. This will be very exciting for our school.

I will be on long service leave from today and will return on the 18th November.

Thanks,
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.

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

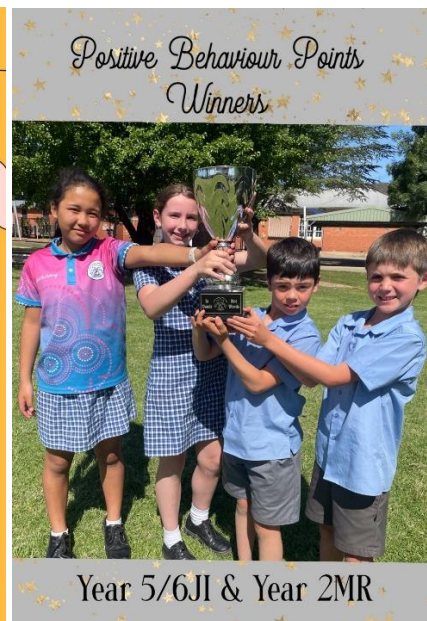
SCHOOL NEWS

NOVEMEBR

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| Monday 4 th | Pupil Free Day (Teacher Report Writing Day) |
| Tuesday 5 th | Melbourne Cup Public Holiday |
| Wednesday 6 th | JLC Design and Technology Excursion Wangaratta |
| Thursday 7 th | MLC Camp Valley Homestead |
| Friday 8 th | MLC Camp Valley Homestead |
| Monday 11 th | Assembly 2:30pm EMPAC |
| Tuesday 19 th | Foundation Transition Morning 9 – 11am |
| Monday 25 th | Assembly EMPAC 2:30pm |
| Tuesday 26 th | Foundation Transition Morning 9 – 11am |
| Thursday 28 th | School Concert Performance EMPAC 1:30pm & 5:30pm |

DECEMBER

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| Wednesday 4 th | Swimming Program Day 1 |
| Thursday 5 th | Swimming Program Day 2 |
| Friday 6 th | Swimming Program Day 3 |
| Monday 9 th | Swimming Carnival |
| Tuesday 10 th | State Wide Transition Day |
| Thursday 12 th | Whole School End of Year Liturgy 9:15am |
| Friday 13 th | JLC Bright Excursion |
| Monday 16 th | Assembly EMPAC 2:30pm |
| Wednesday 18 th | Year 6 Graduation Mass 6:30pm St Mary's Church |
| Wednesday 18 th | Last Day of School for Students 3:20pm Finish |
| Thursday 19 th | Staff Planning Day |
| Friday 20 th | Staff Planning Day |



Students of the Week



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LIBRARY NEWS

Congratulations to the following students who completed the Victorian Premiers Reading Challenge program:

Foundation: Bill, Billie, James and Oscar

Year 1: Bailey, Eve, Harper, Shayla and Victoria

Year 2: Isabelle, Matilda, Mavis and Sophie

Year 3: Archie, Brodie, Heidi, Ivy Javi and John

Year 4: Luca, Sarai and Skyler

Year 5: Phoebe



ST MARY'S CHRISTMAS CONCERT - "THE CHRISTMAS STAR BY JOHN BURLAND"

We are excited to announce we are busy getting ready for our annual Christmas concert!

November 27, 2024

Two shows to be held at 1:30pm and 5:30pm

Ticket information will be released at a later date.

Please take note of the costume your child will need. Please do not go out and buy anything! We do have some costume pieces from previous years and will be showing these to the students next week to see how we can supplement items you may already have at home. Simple is always better and shorts/t-shirt with an accessory is absolutely perfect!

Foundation – Angels (with halos to be made in class)

Year 1 – Shepherds or animal*

Year 2 – Citizens of Bethlehem**

Year 3 – Visitors/kings – (with crowns to be made in class)

Year 4 – Citizens of Bethlehem**

Year 5/6 Jackson – Shepherds or animal*

Year 5/6 Wall – Innkeepers

*We kindly request that animal costumes be approved first

**Citizens of Bethlehem – please note we have a range of scarves and cloth that we will look through with these students to use, if needed

There are a few students who will have specific roles (Mary, Joseph, Year 5/6 Narrators) and we will source costumes or get in touch with families directly. If your child has a particular and appropriate costume that may be suitable and not listed above, please have them speak to Mrs Campbell.

Please let us know if you have any questions!

Rachel Campbell & Ashley Pasqualotto

OVENS & MITTA ATHLETICS - WANGARATTA

Congratulations to the St Mary's Athletics squad who represented our school recently at the Ovens & Mitta Division Athletics in Wangaratta. It was a fantastic day in Wangaratta, and we achieved some great results. Well done to the following students who qualified for the Hume Region Athletics championships in Albury:

Clay Corcoran: 80 Meters Hurdles & Triple Jump

Amelia Gallo: 80 Meters Hurdles

Ben McLean: 800 Meters

Niamh McManus: Triple Jump

Aimee Pozzan: Discus

Ben, Amelia and Aimee in action:

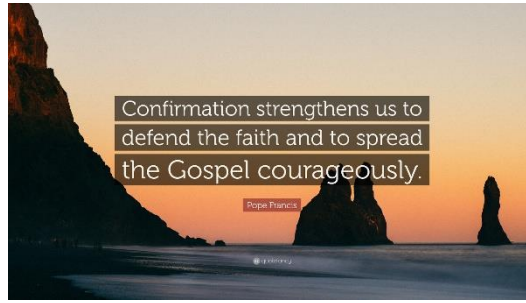


HUME REGION BASKETBALL - SHEPPARTON

St Mary's competed at the Hume Region Basketball champs in Shepparton recently. We entered one team in the boys/mixed division and one girls' team in the girl's division. Both teams played flawlessly in all their games, winning 4 out of 4, winning by 20 points or more in each game they played. Both of our teams finished on top of their respective divisions, earning them a place at the state championships in Melbourne. Thank you to Leigh Corcoran for driving the boys team bus and coaching them on the day, and a big thank you to Jayne Pozzan for her help with scoring at the event, you do an amazing job, and we appreciate your support. This is the first time in my 11 years teaching at St Mary's that we have qualified for state championships in basketball, and our teams are to be congratulated for their efforts. What an amazing achievement for our tiny country school. Look out Melbourne, here we come!



Thanks,
Mr Davis (PE Coordinator)



TERM 4 AREA MASSES

JLC: Friday November 15th at 2:30pm

MLC: Friday November 29th at 2:30pm

Family members and parishioners are more than welcome to attend these Masses.

SACRAMENTAL INFORMATION 2024

Congratulations to the candidates who received the Sacraments of Confirmation and First Eucharist on the 12th and 13th October. *Sarai Barnes, Heidi Barry, Phoebe Cresswell, Skylar Desagon, Freddy Ives, Clare Law, Paddy Millar, Carlos Rubiano and Luca Zamperoni.*

We are so proud to have witnessed you taking this major step in your faith journey. You all showed great maturity and it was beautiful to have so many family and parish members there to support you.



END OF YEAR LITURGY AND GRADUATION MASS

Our End of Year Liturgy will be on Thursday December 12th at 9:30am.

Year Six Graduation is on Wednesday December 18th at 6:30pm.

Families are welcome to attend.

PLEASE NOTE THE CHANGE OF DATE FOR THE GRADUATION MASS - We have had to change the date, due to clashes of availability.

Have a wonderful week,
Jo Bennett (Catholic Identity Leader)

YEAR 1 - LETI

The JLC students have continued to study 'Design Technology Theatre' by having an online incursion called 'Trash Puppets'. Trash Puppets is a group that teaches students how to create different types of puppets using trash/ recyclable materials. They explain the importance of the 6 R's: Recycle, Reuse, Reduce, Refuse (additional packaging), Rot (composting) and Rethink (disposal choices).

We investigated different types of puppets, how to make them and puppetry techniques. The different types of puppets that they taught us about were: synchronised hand puppets, rod puppets and marionettes. The students have made the synchronised hand puppets and rod puppets over the last two weeks.



In the next two weeks, the students will be making a hand puppet and a marionette. These experiences will prepare the students for when they will design and create a puppet for their puppet show.

LITERACY

The students have been reading decodable readers each day and have been answering questions on what they have read. They understand that they may need to reread to gain a strong understanding of what they have read. In Handwriting, we have been practising the correct formation and position on the line of 'p, q and g'. The students' handwriting has continued to improve each week.

The students have been writing summaries of a chosen book and writing their Big Write each week. The Big Write focus this week is 'The Show'. It has been fantastic to see how much their writing has improved and their ability to write complex sentences without prompting.

MATHS

We have continued to review concepts taught in our 'Daily Review' and have been working on bundling numbers into tens and ones. We have also looked at different ways to tell time and have made a sundial.

RELIGION

In Religion, we have investigated how and why the four Gospels have slightly differing versions of events. We have looked at the fact that we could watch the same movie, but focus on different things from the movie. The differing versions of events in the Gospels are just like this, the key information is the same, but they have a different focus.

YEAR 2

We welcome our new student Hudson Murphy-Dale and his family to Year 2 and St Mary's. Hudson has been a great addition to our class and has made so many new friends already. Welcome Hudson!



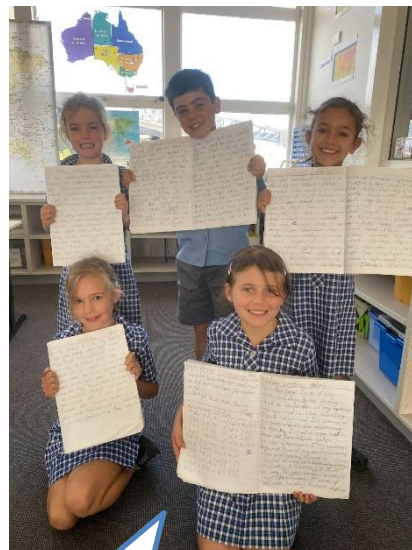
MYSTIC BIKE PARK'S JUNIOR AMBASSADOR PROGRAM

Meet one of Mystic Bike Park's youngest Junior Ambassadors for 2024-25 - Lewis Mathews!

Congratulations Lewis! Awesome to see you put in an application for this and be selected out of lots and lots of applicants. Lewis had a fantastic chat last week with the Year 2 class about his new role as a Junior Ambassador. So, if you want to ask anything about Mystic or mountain biking Lewis is your expert.



NEW TABLE TEAMS

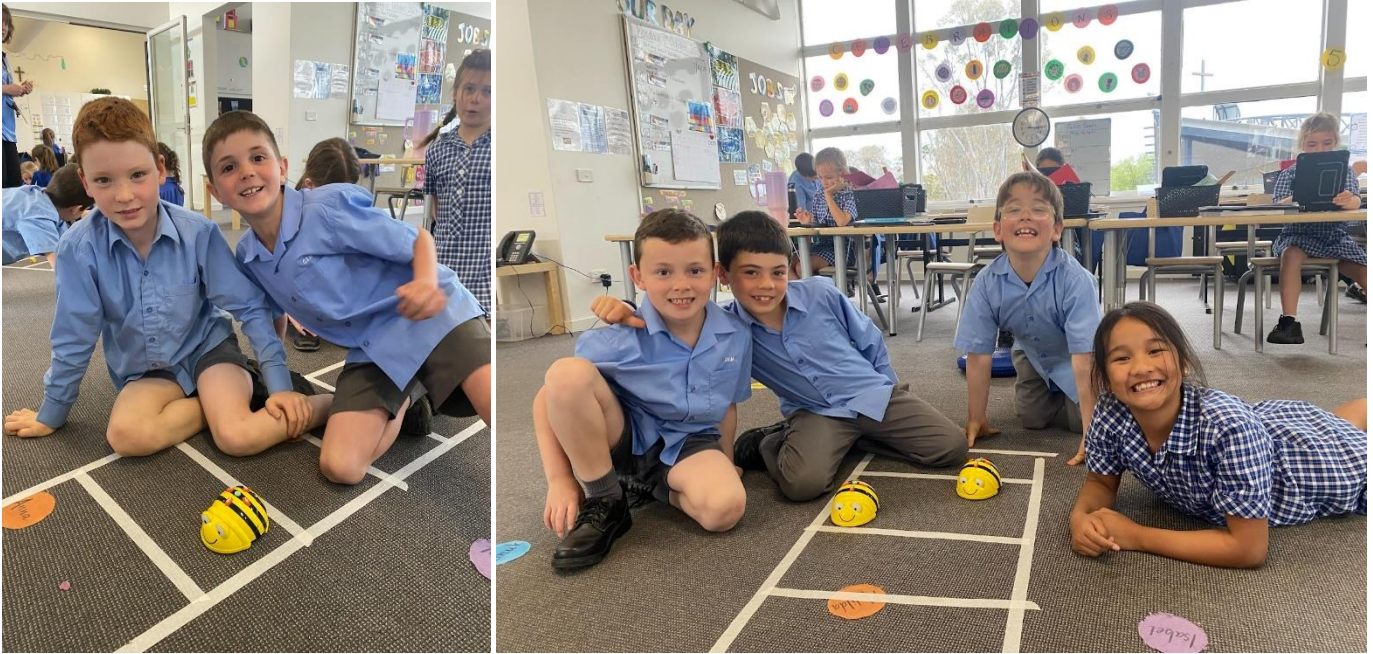


LITERACY

We are currently reading 'The Most Magnificent Thing' and 'Ada Twist-Scientist'.

DIGITECH

Beebot races! We had some fun last Monday afternoon with the Beebots and coding. We had to get into teams and roll a dice and program our Beebots to go forwards on an even number that many paces or backwards on an odd number that many paces. We had heaps of fun! Looking forward to more coding opportunities this term.



RELIGION

We have been learning about 'Good News' and how the bible shares 'Good News'. We have also discovered that the bible is actually a library! It is made up of 73 books. We've been reading some stories from the New Testament from Mark.

MATHS

This past fortnight during our number sessions we have been learning about fractions. Our goal is to be able to recognise and interpret common uses of halves, quarters and eighths with different shapes and collections. We are still using our CUBES strategy for when we work with worded mathematics problems. It is the best way to break down a worded problem and find out what maths we need to use.

We have also continued our work on Location and Transformation by looking at birds eye view and how things look different from how we usually see them. We then developed a legend and symbols for maps of a bedroom.



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 submit 1 spelling activity for the week. We have also included a simple maths homework sheet that is optional and can be submitted on Fridays along with spelling homework and reading logs.

L.E.T.I. RECYCLED OBJECTS REMINDER

Earlier this week we sent home a letter asking for recycling objects that we can use in our L.E.T.I. designs. If you have some things that you think might be useful please see a Junior Unit teacher.

LETI: DESIGN TECHNOLOGY/THEATRE

Our students have been busily learning about the design process. Last week we were given a Rosie Revere design challenge. Rosie's uncle needed a hat that could deliver snacks on his visit to the zoo.

We looked at the first three steps of the Design Process to design our hats -

1. What's the Problem?
2. Brainstorm Ideas
3. Design

Our students worked very hard on their designs and then had to present their ideas to a partner.



Have a great weekend,
Nicole, Kelly, Sandra, Jo, Carolyn & Sonia.

MIDDLE NEWS

SACRAMENTS

Recently, some of our Year 4 students received the Sacraments of the Eucharist and Confirmation. They were beautiful ceremonies and we'd like to thank Mrs Bennet for all her dedication and the hours of work put into preparing our students for this special occasion. Our thanks to Father Tony for always being so caring and helping to make the Mass so meaningful and special.

Thanks to the initiative of Jenny Zamperoni, most of the families celebrated this special event by having a shared lunch at Lupo's afterwards. Thanks to Heidi's sponsor, Kerry Versteegen from Heiner's Bakery, who provided a beautiful cake to top off the celebrations!

***Paddy:** I was so excited to receive the Sacraments. My sponsor was my uncle and it was the same as Xaviers.*

***Luca:** I used to ask my Nonna if I could have some of the Eucharist and now I don't have to.*

***Sarai:** I liked receiving the Sacraments of the Eucharist and Confirmation.*

***Freddy:** I was so excited to read at the Sacraments. My sponsor was my Godmother.*



BLUEARTH

Students have been enjoying their Bluearth activities and last week one of the activities was a partner toe-tapping game! Heaps of fun and laughs!

TIMES TABLE ROCK STARS!

Congratulations to Sarai and Thenuk who showed improvement in recent weeks in their recall of times tables!

Congratulations to Poppy Montgomery who has shown the biggest improvement in her accuracy of the recall of her times tables!



LITERACY

Students are enjoying reading their texts.

Year 3: The One and Only Ivan by Katherine Applegate

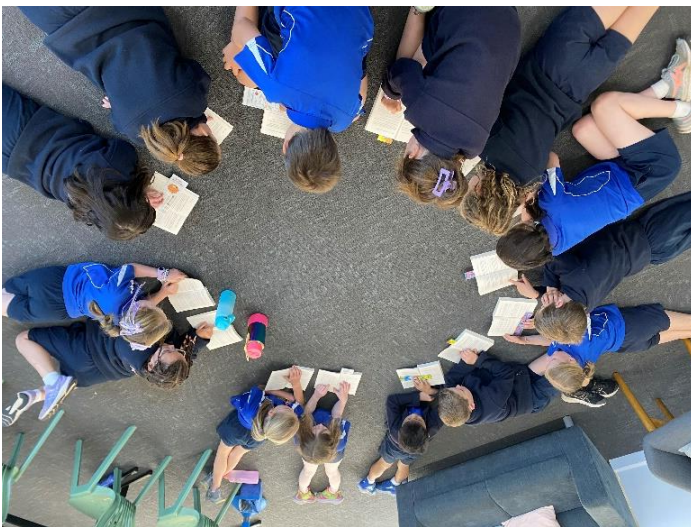
The One and Only Ivan is our class novel for the term. Ivan is a silverback gorilla. His friends are Stella the Elephant and Bob the Dog. We have just read about a new character, Ruby – Archie

The One and Only Ivan is a heart warming book about a gorilla named Ivan in the Exit 8 Big Top Mall and Video Arcade - **Ivy**

Year 4: The Wild Robot by Peter Brown

We've been reading The Wild Robot and the robot's name is Roz. She landed on a little island because she was on a cargo ship that sank and she was in a crate. She knows the animal language of every animal she meets. – Rylan

The Wild Robot is a great book to read. Roz learns to camouflage after looking at a stick insect and she learns the language of the animals. - Year 4JH students



TOUCH TYPING

Congratulations to Maisie, Ivy and Spence who are currently our most active typers. Keep it up!

SWIMMING

Only the fastest swimmers got to meet Matt Welsh in Wodonga. We got to see and hold his silver medal from the Olympics. It was the first Olympic medal that we have ever touched. He taught us about tumble turns and dives - **Maisie & Spence**

Maisie and Spence also went to Melbourne on the weekend and swam at MSAC representing the Ovens and Murray in the Country Junior District Competition. Spence came first in his two relays and Maisie came third in her two relays.



SENIOR NEWS

Welcome back, we are on the home stretch, Term 4. The year has gone by so quickly and yet the students still have plenty of work and learning to get through. Remember to look at Team App to check out the bulletin which contains dates and learning intentions for the week.

Congratulations to the students who participated in Zone Athletics and Basketball and represented St Mary's so well. Thank you to Mr Davis, you always put so much work into organising these days. Good luck for the next stages of competition!!

Thanks to Mitch, Izzy, Lucy and Chayse for doing a great job sharing their holiday experiences with us.



TERM 4 CURRICULUM

This term we are working on the book *The Last Bear* by Hannah Gold, continuing to look at sentence structure and persuasive writing. In Mathematics we are analysing data and how this can be presented in graphs, we will also work on revising areas covered earlier in the year. In Religion we are looking at the Scriptures but also the stories of the Old Testament. We have been exploring the bible references and watching the stories online. We have watched *The Prince of Egypt*, rated G to get a sense of the story of Moses. We will also cover a unit on The Presentation Order, as we celebrate Nano Nagle later in the term on Presentation Day. Our Inquiry unit is based on geography.

READING

We ask that all students have a novel to read either from the library or their own. Year 6 students should be reading novels with a more challenging plot and exposing them to a wider vocabulary. Those students who find it challenging to choose a book can read the novel on Classroom - *Hatchet* by Gary Paulsen.

HOMEWORK

Students are to read their novel. This will be the main focus for homework this term.

BLUEARTH

We have been playing different games for Bluearth. This term we have played T-ball and Continuous cricket, just to mix things up, along with Up and Adam and Survivor.



YEAR 5

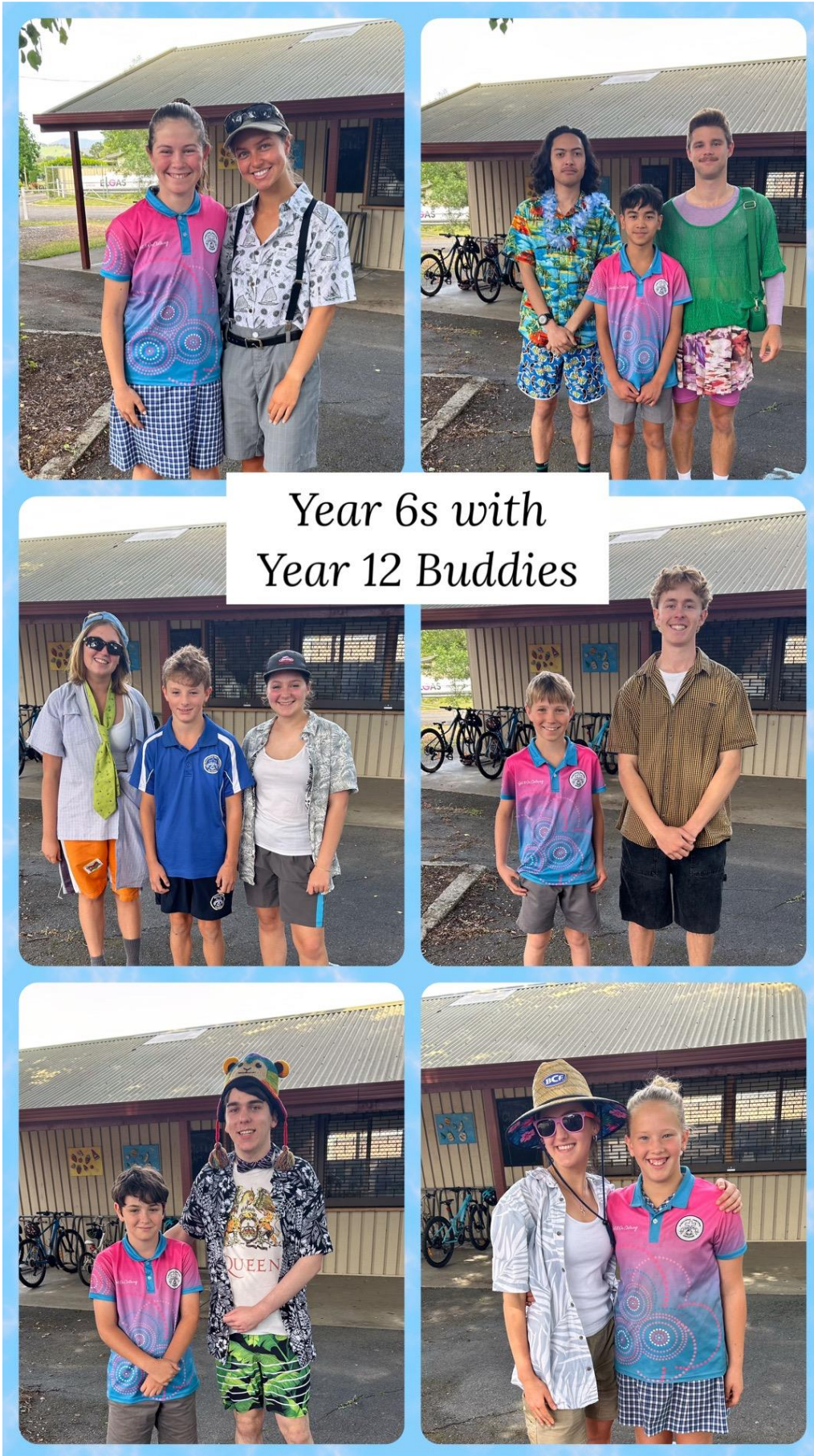
The Year 5 students have already met many of the kinder children and as the new Foundation students begin their transition to St Mary's, the Year 5's will get to know them and we will work with the Foundation teacher to sort buddies.

Ms Wall has been working with the Year 5's on the design of their Year 6 T-shirt. It would be great to have these ordered before the end of this year so please bring your order forms in ASAP!!

This term some of the year 5's will begin to present assembly alongside a Year 6.

YEAR 6

Year 6 students were able to have a photo with their Year 12 buddy and wish these students all the best in their exams.



Reflecting, we have also had the opportunity to sit with the Foundation buddies and read picture story books. It is amazing to see how well the Foundation students are reading.



The Year 6 students have begun to work on their end of year tasks. They have started filling in their work on 'Get to know the Grads' statements as well as End of Year Mass for Year 6 responsibilities. If the students could organise **to bring in or email 3 photos** of themselves: one as a baby, a photo during kinder and first day of school photo. If your student didn't attend St Mary's during Foundation could you also please email in their Foundation school photo. This can be a bit of a task to find but well worth the effort for the end of year presentation and graduation book. These can be emailed to hwall@smyrtleford.catholic.edu.au or jackson@smyrtleford.catholic.edu.au

DATES TO REMEMBER

- November: Monday 4th & Tuesday 5th Pupil free
 Thursday 21st Presentation Day Mass
 Thursday 28th School Concert
- December: Wednesday 4th Thursday 5th and Friday 6th Swim program
 Monday 9th Swimming Carnival
 Tuesday 10th State-wide Transition Day
 Thursday 12th End of year school Liturgy
 Tuesday 17th Year 6 Big Day Out
 Wednesday 18th Graduation Mass 6:30pm

Have a great week and enjoy the spring weather,

The SLC Teachers



Publications, Communications & Reception Officer

We require a fulltime Publications and Communications Officer covering all aspects of College publications, print and online media, social media and website maintenance.

The successful applicant will also assist in administration, including maintaining family and student records, census, and providing reception support for busy periods and absences.

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For a position description and in order to apply, please scan the QR code below or visit <https://careers.ceosand.catholic.edu.au/jobs/search> and search the job number below. Please include a cover letter that addresses the key selection criteria.

For more information, please contact the Business Manager on (03) 5752 1596.

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Job Number 492703

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