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## MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

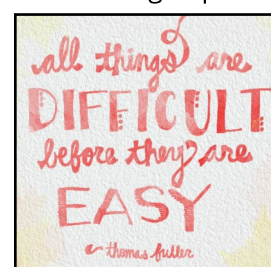
Dear Parents and Guardians,

It was great that we were able to have lots of members of our school learning community join us for assembly last Friday. Unfortunately due to a building site inspection I wasn't able to be present, but the students always appreciate any chance for members of their family to be at school. On that note, next Friday March 10th is one of our most anticipated days of the school year, our annual VIP Day. As part of Catholic Education Week, our VIP Day is a great day for members of our wider school learning community to come together for assembly at 11:30 a.m, followed by classroom visits and then a shared lunch. Courtesy of TH Kitchens & Joinery and the school Parent's and Friends, we will be having a sausage sizzle available, and order forms have gone home for this. I can't wait to see everyone next Friday.

On a more serious note, I need to again remind all parents that **no student at St Mary's should be using any social media spaces**, such as Tik Tok, Snapchat, Facebook, Discord etc. My long time previous work in this space before becoming Principal here has seen me support students and families with many serious and significant situations that have involved students using social media spaces who should not be, some from as young as 8. I can assure you, saying no now, is significantly better than the potential consequences. I repeat, **no child under the age of 13** should be on any social media platform, this includes some gaming sites and platforms as well.

As a school, we have no 'jurisdiction' if any issues in these spaces take place outside of school. Any issues in social media spaces needs to be dealt with via the eSafety Commissioner, the social media platform itself and the police, if it can't be resolved via parents. Unfortunately though, we deal with the aftermath of any issues which have big impacts on student friendships and their learning. Dealing with any flow on effects of these issues, takes up valuable time of school staff which takes them away from their core work of learning and teaching. **The potential for these issues are completely avoidable if parents do not let their students use social media spaces that they are not emotionally mature enough to handle.** I have added some further information on how to deal with social media issues in this newsletter.

Have a fantastic week.  
Regards, Glenn



## KEY DATES

|                       |   |
|-----------------------|---|
| Wednesday 8th March - | Parent and Teacher Interviews                     |
| Thursday 9th March -  | Catholic Schools Week Mass @ the Cathedral 4.30pm |
| Friday 10th March -   | VIP Assembly, School Tour & P&F BBQ               |
| Tuesday 21st March -  | School Council Meeting and AGM                    |

[Click here to access the Term 1 Parent Planner](#)

## ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

We acknowledge and pay our respects to the traditional custodians, past and present of this land of the Wiradjuri people who long before us lived, loved and raised their children on this land.

We also acknowledge all the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander families in our community and acknowledge their deep physical and spiritual connections to their land.

# ST MARY'S SCHOOL NEWS

## CAR PARKING DURING PICK UP

A reminder for all users of our after school pick up zone, it is really important to take care in this space.

A reminder that:

- Students are not to cross the service lane at any time unless accompanied by a parent or guardian
- The drive in pick up lane is for a quick pickup only. If you wish to catch up with other parents for a chat after school (which is great to see), please do not use these parking spots.
- Please take care when exiting the drive in lane spaces.
- Additional car parking can be used outside the front of the church or even in the RSL car park, where students will be escorted over the crossings to meet parents using these spaces.

I appreciate everyone's efforts and patience in ensuring everyone is safe at all times during pick up and drop off.



**WE HAVE  
A DEEP SENSE  
OF COMMUNITY.**

**Catholic Schools Week** 6th - 10th Mar 2023

We all have our own purpose. We all have our own dreams. It starts with an inclusive community that's strong in their Catholic faith.

It's knowing that we make mistakes, but are surrounded by positive, respectful people who will lift us up and love us.

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## CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK

Next week we celebrate Catholic Schools week across all the Wagga Wagga Diocesan schools. We use this week each year for our annual VIP Day assembly.

This year CEDWW have 3 major events over the week:

- "From the HeART" - A Primary School Art Exhibition at the Civic Centre from 2.30pm to 5.30pm on Tuesday March 7
- "A Time to Shine" - A combined Catholic Secondary College Showcase at the Civic Theatre commencing at 7.00pm on Tuesday March 7
- Catholic Schools Week Mass at the Cathedral 4.30pm on Thursday, March 9

All the classes have been involved in creating our collaborative artwork that will be on display as part of the exhibition. A big thank you to Beck Chadwick for organising the artwork, which will look amazing when it is hung up and on display.



**ST MARY'S STAR OF THE SEA  
MASS TIMES**

**Saturday:** 6:00 p.m **Sunday:** 9:00 a.m  
Mid week mass times available via Parish  
Website: [stmaryscorowa.com](http://stmaryscorowa.com)



# ST MARY'S SCHOOL NEWS

## PARENT & TEACHER INTERVIEW - WEDNESDAY 8TH MARCH

### HOW TO BOOK YOUR PARENT TEACHER INTERVIEW

Parent teacher interviews are scheduled for Wednesday 8th March from 12:00 noon to 6:00 p.m. We will be using the COMPASS Parent Portal to make the bookings. These bookings are able to take place face to face, however we do ask that ***if you are at all unwell on the day, do not attend*** and make an alternative time to meet with your child's teacher.

Please note that whilst the interview bookings are visible via the COMPASS app, the booking system currently needs to be accessed via a web browser.

**To make a booking, log into the COMPASS Parent Portal via a computer.**

- In your news feed, you will see the link to the Bookings section, also known as 'Conferences' and can also be found under the 'Community' menu.
- The first time you access this you will be given a quick tour of how to make a booking.
- Simply select your child from the top right of the booking window.
- Then select the teacher from the right hand side by clicking on their name.
- Finally select the time slot you would like the interview for and click on it and make the booking.
- If you have more than 1 child, you will need to repeat the process for each child.

***If you experience any difficulties, please contact your child's class teacher or the Office.***

***Bookings close 5:00 p.m Monday March 6th.***

## AFL AND NETBALLS DEANERY TRIALS

Well done to our students who attended the AFL and Netball Trials in Albury. Congratulations to those that made it through to the next stage.



## HEAD LICE

A friendly reminder to please be vigilant in checking your child/rens hair for head lice on a weekly basis. If you do notice head lice, please treat the head lice immediately and follow the instructions for follow up treatments.

## RESOURCE LINKS



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# ST MARY'S SCHOOL NEWS

## DAVID ENEVER MUSIC CONCERT

St Mary's students were treated to an afternoon of music, fun and dancing last week, when they attended the David Enever Music Concert at St Mary's Church. We certainly saw some amazing musical talent and dance moves from our students. Thank you David for spending an afternoon with us.



## SPARK AWARDS

Congratulations to our 1st SPARK award winners that were presented at our assembly last Friday. The focus for these were: Safe Behaviours and Positive Mindset.



The focus for our next 2 weeks is on '**Always Learning**' which:

***Is understanding you have a right to learn and respecting the right for others to learn*** and consistently demonstrating behaviours and habits that:

- show students are ready and organised for every learning experience
- value all learning opportunities by positive participation
- allow everyone to be able to learn to their best potential.

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## FIRST WEEK OF LENT

(Week beginning 27th February)



We begin our annual Lenten Project Compassion journey by learning about Laxmi, a 16-year-old girl living in Jajarkot, a remote district in Nepal where almost half of the population live below the poverty line. Tragedy struck when Laxmi was 10 years old and her father passed away. Her father worked hard to pay for his children's education and, after losing him, Laxmi was at risk of falling further into extreme poverty.

With the support of our partner Caritas Nepal, Laxmi joined a child's club at her school where she was encouraged to resume her education. Through the child's club, Laxmi developed the skills and confidence to become a leader, advocating for clean water taps at her school.

Laxmi is now excelling in her studies and working towards her dream of becoming a civil engineer. She continues to be involved in the child's club, serving as an advisor and mentoring the next generation of young leaders at her old school.

Watch a short film about Laxmi's story [here](#).

Please support Project Compassion: [www.caritas.org.au/project-compassion](http://www.caritas.org.au/project-compassion).



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## SOCIAL MEDIA - What to do when things go wrong

Firstly, to repeat the message, ***no student under the age of 13 should be using any social media spaces***. Please note too, that lots of gaming platforms and sites are also social media spaces given the ability for real time communication whilst students are playing games.

If your child is using a social media space and things go wrong, below is a list of information from the eSafety Commissioner on how you can support your child. Please note that if this happens outside of school, the school has no 'jurisdiction' to implement anything other than to support those involved and direct them to the appropriate resources.

If something similar was to occur during school time, using school devices and school digital platforms, then the school would become involved via implementing its own and CEDWW policies.

### When things go wrong online:

"Please don't fall into the trap of 'not my child'. It is your child."

#### Listen, think, pause

Gauge the scale of the problem. Does it exist in a peer group or is it more widespread? Is it a few remarks here and there? Or is it more serious? Empathise with your child and let them know that you understand how they feel.

#### Try not to respond immediately.

Take some time to consider the best course of action. Reassure your child you are working on it and will come together again very soon to talk through some options. Let them know you are there if they feel like they need to talk in the meantime.

#### Prevent further contact

Advise your child not to retaliate or respond to bullying messages, as sometimes people say hurtful things just to get a response and it could make things worse. If they have already responded, encourage them not to respond further.

#### Act to protect your child if necessary

If your child is being threatened, or if they indicate a wish to harm themselves, you should get professional help. Call Triple Zero (000) immediately, if their physical safety is at risk. Contact a counselling and support service like Kids Helpline.

#### Collect evidence

Don't delete the posts or abusive material straight away. Instead, start by taking screenshots and collecting evidence including dates and times. The evidence may be useful if the behaviour continues and you need a record of how long it has been going on. You may also need evidence if you want to report it.

However, if the material involves sexualised images, be aware that possessing or sharing images of people under 18 may be a crime, even if you have just taken a screenshot for evidence purposes. For information about relevant laws in Australia, visit Youth Law Australia.

#### Report the online harm

Report the content to the relevant online service provider. Many social media services, games, apps and websites have a simple process to report content posted by other people. The eSafety Guide (link below) has more information about how to report issues to commonly used online services.

If the service provider does not take action after 48 hours, you or your child can report to eSafety. We will ask you to complete our online reporting form and include evidence, such as a receipt, reference or report number from the service provider.

eSafety will determine whether the abuse meets the legal definition of what can be removed. We can then take action to get serious cyberbullying material taken down and provide advice, support and assistance.

**FOR HELP IN NAVIGATING  
THE ONLINE WORLD**

**Visit:** [www.esafety.gov.au/parents](http://www.esafety.gov.au/parents)

**Report online bullying:** [www.esafety.gov.au/report](http://www.esafety.gov.au/report)



# ST MARY'S SCHOOL NEWS

## P&F NOTICES - VIP DAY / P&F AGM

### ST MARY'S PRIMARY SCHOOL, COROWA



## VIP DAY

**PARENTS, GRANDPARENTS & FRIENDS ARE INVITED TO JOIN US FOR VIP DAY!**

STARTING WITH AN ASSEMBLY UNDER THE COLA, FOLLOWED BY A TOUR OF THE SCHOOL & A BBQ LUNCH PROVIDED BY THE P&F

**10/3/2023 @ 11:30AM**



VIP Day Sausage Sizzle Order Forms have been given to the eldest child to be completed and returned to the office. If you have not received one please check your child's bag or contact the office for a replacement form. Forms are due back Monday 6th March. Thank you.



## Leadership planning for 2023

PARENTS & FRIENDS  
ASSOCIATION

## AGM

ALL INVITED TO ATTEND



**3:30pm**

Open to all  
parents &  
friends of St  
Mary's

Wednesday  
**March 15**  
**St Mary's  
School Hall**

### Positions open:

- President
- Secretary

For more information: (02) 6033 1183

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## P&F NOTICE - ST MARY'S 2023 EASTER RAFFLE



 *St Mary's*   
*2023 Easter Raffle*

The P&F are asking for donations of Easter Eggs for our 2023 Easter Raffle.

If all donations could please be dropped at the school by 3pm on Friday 31/3/2023

 ALL DONATIONS, BIG OR SMALL ARE GREATLY APPRECIATED 

  
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ASSOCIATION

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# ST MARY'S SPORT DATES

| ST MARY'S<br>CARNIVALS | SWIMMING                                      | CROSS COUNTRY                                       | ATHLETICS  |
|------------------------|---|---|--|
|                        | School Swimming<br>Carnival date TBC - Term 1 | School Cross Country<br>4th April - RSL Park Corowa | School Athletics:<br>25th May - Morris Park Corowa (TBC)                   |
|                        | Diocesan:<br>8th March - Wagga Wagga          | Diocesan :<br>1st May - Griffith                    | Deanery:<br>TBC- Albury  |
|                        | Mackillop:<br>30th March - Sydney             | Mackillop:<br>13th June - Eastern Creek             | Diocesan:<br>26th July - Albury<br><br>Mackillop:<br>18th October - Sydney |

| DIOCESAN<br>TRIALS | AFL   | CRICKET   | HOCKEY  |
|--------------------|---|---|---|
|                    | Deanery Trial:<br><br>Girls - TBC - Wagga Wagga | Diocesan Trial: (Wagga)<br>Boys & Girls - TBC   | Diocesan Trial:<br>Boys & Girls - TBA                 |
|                    | Mackillop Trial:<br>28th March - Wagga Wagga    | Mackillop Trial: (Wagga)<br>Boys - TBC<br>Girls - TBC   | Mackillop Trial:<br>Boys & Girls 5th May - Lyneham    |
|                    | NETBALL   | SOCCER  | TENNIS  |
|                    | Diocesan Trial:<br>1st March - Wagga Wagga      | Deanery Trial:<br>TBC<br>Diocesan Trial:<br>Boys 27th April - Wagga<br>Girls 28th April - Wagga | Diocesan Trial:<br>TBA<br><br>Mackillop Trial:<br>TBA |

## IMPORTANT INFORMATION REGARDING DIOCESAN SPORTS TRIALS - from the CEDWW Sports Team

Diocesan sports trials are mainly for Year 6 students and some Year 5 students who show a high standard of skill and sportsmanship for the chosen sport, however, if there is an exceptional younger student they may be considered.

Each school in the Diocese is restricted to a certain number of students for each sport, so a school trial may have to be held if we have too many names. We are normally permitted 4 spaces for each boys and girls event. Preference may also be given to Year 6 students if we have too many nominations. Once we have finalised the nominations at school, **parents are responsible for registering their student** via the <https://csnsw.sport/> website


To be eligible, students **MUST** have an out of school commitment to **participation in the chosen sport**. If your child chooses to nominate for a trial and is selected, we will give you further information on the registration process. Parents are responsible for transporting your student to the trial and any associated costs as part of the Diocesan trials process.

| OTHER<br>EVENTS | PAUL KELLY CUP                     | COROWA CRICKET CUP   | JACKIE MURPHY NETBALL  |
|-----------------|------------------------------------|--|--|
|                 | Year 5 & 6 Boys and Girls<br>- TBC | Year 3, 4, 5 & 6 Boys and Girls<br>- TBA usually in Term 3 | Year 4 & 5 - 1st September - Wagga<br><br>Year 6 - 8th September - Wagga |

# ST MARY'S SCHOOL NEWS

Transport for NSW Careers

## We're hiring School Crossing Supervisors



Help protect our vibrant school communities.

Be a road safety hero for school kids, caregivers, and school staff.

Be a second set of eyes for local motorists at busy times.

Earn an income and still have time to live your life to the fullest.

**Casual roles available**  
Corowa LGA-69401

**Does this sound like you?**

- Willing to work outdoors in all weather conditions.
- Able to communicate with different groups and give clear instructions.
- Community-minded.
- Friendly and positive manner.

**Days and hours**

- Shifts will fall between 8:00am - 9:30 am and 2:30 pm - 4:00 pm, Monday to Friday during school terms with a minimum of one hour shift as required


**Apply today**

Applications close Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> September 2022

Visit [jobs.transport.nsw.gov.au](https://jobs.transport.nsw.gov.au) and search for **Reference Number: 69401** or search 'School Crossing Supervisors' for a full list of vacancies or scan the QR code to apply.

For further information, contact Sandhini Chaudhary  
E: [Sandhini.chaudhary@transport.nsw.gov.au](mailto:Sandhini.chaudhary@transport.nsw.gov.au)  
P: 0466 343 704

[jobs.transport.nsw.gov.au](https://jobs.transport.nsw.gov.au)



interreach

## Corowa Open Day



Interreach Corowa is excited to host an Open Day at the Corowa office. Come along and meet the Interreach team and learn about:

- Interreach and what we do
- How to make use of our community and meeting rooms
- Our programs including families and parenting, youth program, aged care, Centrelink agency and the NDIS.

**THURSDAY 9 MARCH**  
**10.30AM - 12.30PM**

**INTERREACH COROWA OFFICE**  
**COROWA ARCADE,**  
**113 SANGER ST**

Morning tea provided.

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**1300 488 226**  
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Photo by Charlie Webb

## Yuluma Plains Wetland Field Day

This is a free event & lunch will be provided

**Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> March 2023**  
"Lakeside " Boree Creek Rd, Urana  
9.00AM to 1.00PM

Please bring sturdy shoes & pack your gumboots!, hat, drink bottle, a chair & binoculars/camera.  
A bus will be also leaving Corowa at 7.30am






Join Corowa District Landcare and the Webb Family for a unique opportunity to visit a high-conservation on-farm wetland at "Lakeside", which provides habitat for an abundance of wildlife, including Brolgas & Australasian Bitterns.

Wildlife Ecologist, Matt Herring will be presenting on wetland ecology, waterbird conservation & management. Charlie Webb will be presenting on wetland conservation management practices on farms.

**Program includes:**

- 9.00am - Introduction & morning tea with the Webb Family
- 9.30am - Walk around wetlands
- 11.00am - Presentation by Matt Herring
- 12.00pm - Presentation by Charlie Webb
- 1.00pm - Lunch

Please RSVP by 28<sup>th</sup> Feb to:  
Judy - [judykirk@corowalandcare.com.au](mailto:judykirk@corowalandcare.com.au)  
Phone or text - 0417 858 533

# COME & TRY

HOCKEY IN COROWA-RUTHERGLEN!




**COME & TRY DAY**  
4.30 PM TO 6.30 PM  
THURSDAY 2<sup>ND</sup> MARCH 2023  
COROWA SYNTHETIC FIELD, BALL PARK  
[PRESIDENT.CRUNITEDHOCKEY@GMAIL.COM](mailto:PRESIDENT.CRUNITEDHOCKEY@GMAIL.COM)



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