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MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents and Guardians,

This week we celebrate Catholic Education Week a time of the year when we get to enjoy our annual VIP Day assembly. This is always one of my favourite days, as we come together with all the members of our wider school learning and Parish community. We will start with an assembly under the COLA at 11:30 a.m and following the conclusion we will have the chance for our special visitors to experience our classrooms. These visits will take place until lunchtime. All are welcome to stay for a shared lunch together. I can't wait to see everyone.

A huge thank you to the PnF who are coordinating a sausage sizzle to take place for lunch on VIP Day. Based on all the orders received we are looking at over 400 sausages to be cooked! Please note no more orders can be accepted as all the ordering for the day has been completed.

This week also marks another important day of the year. Marked annually on March 8th, is International Women's Day it's an important day to:

- celebrate women's achievements
- raise awareness about women's equality
- lobby for accelerated gender parity
- fundraise for female-focused charities.

On International Women's Day - and every day - we celebrate the many women who make a difference across our system of schools and in particular the women of our St Mary's learning community.

Finally after some feedback on my message in last weeks newsletter re social media and online use by students, I am looking at organising a parent information night on those topics. Keep an eye out for a date to be announced as it is a really important topic for all parents to explore and find out more about.

Have a fantastic week.

Regards, Glenn



KEY DATES

Wednesday 8th March -	Parent and Teacher Interviews
	International Womens Day
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

GOOD BYE & GOOD LUCK DANA

Last year we welcomed Dana to our school from the Ukraine after her family were forced to leave given the conflict that was taking place in their home city.

Tomorrow will be Dana's last day with us as her family are now able to return home to the Ukraine.

It has been amazing and a great privilege to have had Dana with us.

We've loved seeing the progress she has made since joining us. Dana arrived unable to speak English, to now being able to communicate, learn and interact with the many great friends she has made here at St Mary's.



We are aiming to keep in touch with Dana on her return home to Ukraine to keep up to date and continue to learn together.

THANK YOU & GOOD LUCK MISS BROWNE

As you would be aware Mrs Gabi Browne will be heading on maternity leave at the end of this week. While we will miss her here at school, we are so very excited for Gabi at this important and special time.

We have been advertising her Maternity Replacement position since the end of the 2022 school year. Given the significant shortage of teachers available nationwide and particularly in NSW, at this point in time we have not been able to secure a replacement teacher for this position. We will continue to advertise this position ongoing.

In the interim, Mrs Sonya Lane, who is currently our school Literacy Instructional Teacher and Mrs Roslyn Howard who is our Maths Instructional Teacher, will fill Gabi's position in a job sharing capacity across the school week working alongside Dannielle Schmidt.

Both Sonya and Roslyn are incredibly experienced classroom teachers and we are so thankful for them being able to support the Kinder classroom and students.

We look forward to hearing the exciting news of a new arrival.



DIOCESAN SWIMMING

We would like to wish Belle Hicks all the best at the Diocesan Swimming Carnival in Wagga tomorrow.

We look forward to hearing about your day.

TOYS

We ask that students **do not** bring any toys, especially expensive toys, to school.

Thank you.

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

ST MARY'S SCHOOL NEWS

PARENT TEACHER INTERVIEWS

Parent Teacher Interview bookings are now closed. All teachers are now preparing for their interviews.

To allow for the day to run smoothly for everyone involved, please be mindful to arrive prior to your booked interview time. Each interview has been allocated a 15 minute time slot.

If you were unable to secure a booking, or not available on the day and are still wishing to organise a time to meet, please contact your child's teacher directly.

VOCAL ENSEMBLE

Vocal Ensemble rehearsals will

NOT be held this week

(Wednesday 8th March) due to

Parent Teacher Interviews.

All back to normal next week !

YEAR 3 NEWS

- Please continue to encourage your children to read for 20 minutes and learn their words each night, along with the multiplication facts of the month. We will be working on the 5X tables during March.
- Our table's champions for February were Rusull, Hugh, Elsie, Evan, Jack, Kobe, Mason and Riley. Congratulations to the 2X tables overall champion for February, **Hugh Hicks**.
- This Term in Geography we have been learning about Australia's States, Territories, Capital cities and the Murray River. They have been learning about the Daintree Rainforest and have researched information about rainforests and made a poster to present to the class.
- We have also been working on our writing skills. The children have written a persuasive text on the topic "Dogs make better pets than cats" and a narrative in preparation for the NAPLAN next week. They are showing improvement with regular practice.
- Yesterday, the Year 3 & 4 students took part in a wellbeing program focusing on "Peer Relationships." This session was run by Emma and Paige, our Centacare Wellbeing Practitioners. The children enjoyed the session and learnt skills to help with their own peer relationships.

Have a nice week.

Regards, Mrs Milthorpe

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NAPLAN - YEAR 3 & YEAR 5 STUDENTS

The National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) is a point in time assessment of literacy and numeracy skills. Each year students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9 participate in tests for writing, reading, conventions of language (spelling, grammar and punctuation) and numeracy.

From 2023, NAPLAN is moving to Term 1 and will take place from Wednesday 15 March to Monday 27 March. The reason for this change is so that results can be returned to schools earlier in the year which will support teachers to understand the learning needs of their students and plan accordingly.

NAPLAN tests are just one part of our school learning assessment program and questions are primarily based on knowledge, understanding and skills gained from the prior year of schooling.

In preparation for NAPLAN 2023, our school will undertake activities to help students to become familiar with the format and functionality of the online tests. These activities are not an assessment of student ability and will not be marked.

Excessive preparation for NAPLAN is not required nor recommended.

If you have any questions about NAPLAN, please contact your child's teacher.

43RD ANNUAL COROWA SWIM-IN & MILITARY VEHICLE GATHERING

The students at St Mary's have been invited to attend the 43rd Annual Corowa Swim-In & Military Vehicle Gathering which is taking place next week.

As part of this experience, the students involved will walk to Ball Park to experience:

- A demonstration of amphibious vehicles entering and exiting the river;
- A variety of different military vehicles to investigate and explore;
- Hands on experiences with a variety of items such as helmets, uniforms etc.

Given the combination of the walk and being near the river to watch the demonstration, it has been decided **that only students from Years 2 to Year 6 will attend this event.** There will be one group attending a morning session while the other group will attend an afternoon session.



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SECOND WEEK OF LENT**(Week beginning 6th March)**

This week through Project Compassion we learn about Tereesa, a Gamilaroi woman from Western Sydney who struggled with homelessness while raising her four children. At just 16 years old, she had to leave school after falling pregnant with her first child. A single mother struggling with homelessness, Tereesa's only concern was finding stability for her children.

Seeking a better future for her family, Tereesa joined Baabayn Aboriginal Corporation's Young Mums and Bubs Group, supported by Caritas Australia. Baabayn helped Tereesa access housing and psychological support. Through Baabayn, Tereesa was also able to hear stories from Indigenous Elders and reconnect with her culture.

Today, Tereesa is studying a certificate in Community Services so that she can strengthen her skills and give back to her community. Tereesa now works at Baabayn, providing support to young mothers and mentoring the next generation of young people.

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

Please support Project

Compassion: www.caritas.org.au/project-compassion

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P&F NOTICES



Leadership planning for 2023

PARENTS & FRIENDS
ASSOCIATION

AGM

ALL INVITED TO ATTEND

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

Positions open:

- President
- Secretary

For more information: (02) 6033 1183

3:30pm

Open to all
parents &
friends of St
Mary's



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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ST MARY'S SPORT DATES

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

DIOCESAN TRIALS	AFL	CRICKET	HOCKEY
	Deanery Trial: Girls - TBC - Wagga Wagga	Diocesan Trial: (Wagga) Boys & Girls - TBC	Diocesan Trial: Boys & Girls - TBA
	Mackillop Trial: 28th March - Wagga Wagga	Mackillop Trial: (Wagga) Boys - TBC Girls - TBC	Mackillop Trial: Boys & Girls 5th May - Lyneham
	NETBALL	SOCCER	TENNIS
	Diocesan Trial: 1st March - Wagga Wagga	Deanery Trial: TBC Diocesan Trial: Boys 27th April - Wagga Girls 28th April - Wagga	Diocesan Trial: TBA Mackillop Trial: 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 EVENTS	PAUL KELLY CUP	COROWA CRICKET CUP	JACKIE MURPHY NETBALL
	Year 5 & 6 Boys and Girls - TBC	Year 3, 4, 5 & 6 Boys and Girls - TBA usually in Term 3	Year 4 & 5 - 1st September - Wagga 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 14th September 2022

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

For further information, contact Sandhini Chaudhary
E: sandhini.chaudhary@transport.nsw.gov.au
P: 0466 343 704

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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.

WANT TO KNOW MORE?
1300 488 226
www.interreach.com.au

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COROWA CIVIC BOWLS CLUB

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DINGLE & CO CHARTERED ACCOUNTANTS

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Sunday 26th March 2023
Corowa Civic Bowls Club
Bridge Road, Corowa
3pm for 3:30 start

Bowls & coaching supplied
Novelty Events ~ Raffles
Facepainting ~ Kids Fun
Bar & BBQ available

Big Bowlers - \$10 entry (10 yrs and over)
Little Rollers - \$5 entry (3 - 10 years)
Under 3 years - free

This is a family-friendly event - no experience needed
Children aged 10 and over can bowl under supervision
Fun, entertainment and modified bowls for younger kids.
Tickets available online at
shoutforgood.com/event-ticketings/corowagfabowls
or email corowagoodfridayappeal@outlook.com



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Registrations are now open!

Visit our Facebook page

Come & try night- All welcome!

Friday 24th March
530pm
John Foord oval,
Corowa

Free BBQ for all attendee's

Season kick off March 31st Ages 4.5 to 10 years

KEEP CONNECTED

