



Holy Family Herald

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Volume 1



Incorporating the Catholic Communities of:

Sacred Heart, Culgoa;
St Mary's, Sea Lake;

St Joseph's, Lake Boga;
St Mary's, Swan Hill;

St Michael's, Lalbert;
S's Peter & Paul, Quambatook;

St Joseph's, Nandaly;

Welcome to our Parish Magazine

Welcome to the first edition of Holy Family Herald - our parish quarterly magazine. This humble Herald aims to connect our various parish communities and celebrate and share the goings on in the different church centres and the happenings in our parish schools.

Apologies we were a little late out of the blocks for this first edition and so we are a bit light on content wise. Future editions will hopefully also include photos and brief news items from each church centre in our parish. Various pieces from parish groups or individual parishioners are also gratefully accepted.

Contributions for our second edition (May-June), and any feedback or suggestions, can be emailed anytime to northeastmallee@ballarat.catholic.org.au or dropped in to the parish office by Monday June 10th.



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St Mary's Swan Hill

Sat 6.30pm Sun 10.30am

St Mary's Sea Lake

Sun 8.30am (1st Sun); 5pm (3rd Sun)
9.30am Ass (2nd, 4th); 10am Ecc (5th)

St Joseph's Lake Boga

Sun 10.30am (4th Sun)

St Joseph's Nandaly

Sun 5pm (2nd Sun)
9am Assembly (1st, 3rd, 4th, 5th Sun)

Sacred Heart Culgoa

Fri 5pm (2nd Fri)
9.30am Assembly (1st, 3rd, 4th, 5th)

S's Peter & Paul Quambatook

Sun 8.30am (2nd); Sat 6.30pm (3rd)
9.30am Assembly (1st, 4th); Ecc 5th

St Michael's Lalbert

Sun 8.30am (3rd & 5th)
Sun Assembly (1st, 2nd, 4th)



St Mary's Primary School
Swan Hill
(03) 5033 2542

Principal: Kate Quin



Wellbeing – ‘The St Mary’s Way’

Parents send their children to school to learn how to read, write and be numerate but most of all they want their children to be happy and safe in an environment that supports that learning, both in the classroom and out in the playground.

‘...most of all parents want their children to be happy and safe...’

Our positive behaviour management programs and explicit teaching of ‘kindness’ and ‘compassion’ through our Social and Emotional Learning (SEL) programs, gives our students clear expectations, a sense of belonging and allows them to operate in a safe, secure and inclusive environment. Bullying is significantly reduced and students perform better academically. They also equip students with the social and emotional skills they need to create strong social bonds and supportive communities, and to maintain healthy relationships and responsible lifestyles – skills they’ll need all their lives.

We are proud of our staff and student developed ***St Mary’s Way*** – an explicitly taught and positively reinforced set of behavioural norms– *Be Safe, Be Respectful, Be Responsible* and *Be Your Best*. This framework provides a consistent language that is easily understood and practiced throughout the school. Our SEL emphasis for Term 1 has been teaching kindness concepts by focusing on cooperation, responsibility, self-control, and empathy, together with specific actions to build these skills.



Photos:

*Top:
Foundation Students
enjoying our amazing
new playground area*

*Left: Bella Henderson &
Ellie Woodward*

*Right: Sebastian Cutri
& friend*





Madison Deemario & Olivia Free



Will Parkinson & Will Bennett

PAL Program

Every Foundation (Prep) child is paired with a Year 5 or 6 pal as they begin their school experience to help them better adjust and transition into their new environment. Throughout the year they meet regularly to interact and complete fun, collaborative activities. Their pals become another familiar and friendly face for our Foundation students and our 5/6 pupils relish the responsibility of helping to ensure our newest children feel welcome, safe and happy at school.



Crowd enjoying the dance routines



Zoe & Lana Brooks & Grandparents

Dancing up a Storm!

Back in February we welcomed over 3000 children, parents, grandparents and other family members, along with their special friends to our favourite annual tradition, Grandparents and Friends Evening - the first of our community events we celebrate as a school in partnership with families. Children proudly showed their families and friends around our school, taking them to their classrooms to meet their teachers and to share their learning. With food stalls selling everything from sushi and donuts to pasta and pizza there was something to tempt all taste buds. After a picnic tea each year level performed a special act with the finale being the much anticipated "teachers dance."



St Mary's Primary,
Sea Lake
(03) 5070 1272

Principal: Kate Nunn



9 Foundation students to our school;

Brooklyn May, Gerrin Durie, Ryan MacDonald, Tom McClelland, Jasper Newman-Grant, Charli McClelland, Kaiden Wight, Tana-Mia Barton and Kaden Grist.



This year our Swimming Sports were held in Sea Lake. There were different age groups. It went from between 7-12. That means that the Grade 2 students were able to swim as well. At our school, Judd and Billy were our Individual Medley Champions. Everyone tried so hard, some came home with ribbons and some came home with medals. Overall everyone enjoyed the water and the day. Good luck to our swimmers going to Swan Hill on Monday.

Zarah, Sienna and Jada

On Thursday 25th April we went down to represent St Mary's at the Anzac Day service. We marched and placed a wreath at the bottom of the cenotaph and we read a poem and a story of James Charles Martin that we had to research. After the march we enjoyed a shared lunch at the RSL rooms. It was an honour and privilege to be a part of such a special service.



Jet Newick and Dayna McKenzie

"It was an honour and a privilege to be part of such a special service."

ANDREW LLOYD WEBBER'S SCHOOL of ROCK THE MUSICAL



Dewey, Ned, Miss Mullins & Patty, Sticking it to the Man with St Mary's Primary School children.

Liturgy at Hospital

Grade 3-6 students participated in a Liturgy with the residents at the hospital. Students sang and read during the liturgy. It was a wonderful way to reach out to the community.

Our students will attend these Liturgies and assist on the last Friday of every month.



All families in our school were fortunate to receive a goodie bag that was donated by the Keilor Rotary Club. The bags contained some essential personal items and lots of stationery for the children. Keilor Rotary also donated a \$50.00 Foodworks voucher for each family. We sincerely thank David Bourke and the Keilor Rotary club for their kind donation.



Staff at Penola in the Mary MacKillop School House

3 Sets of Twins!

Jack & Ellie Stacey - Grade 6

Oscar & Ewan Conlan - Grade 3

Charli & Tom McClelland - Foundation





May 2019



St Mary MacKillop College
St Mary's Primary, Swan Hill
St Mary's Primary, Sea Lake





Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
28	29	30	St Joseph the Worker 1	St Athanasius 2	Ss Philip & James 3	St Florian 4
	←.....Great Race.....Great Race.....Great Race.....Great Race.....→	Year 2 Camp GRIP Conference	
3 rd Sun of Easter 5 Mass Sea Lake 8.30am	St Dominic Savio 6	St Rose Venerini 7 School Closure	St Peter of Tarataise 8 Yr 8 Reflection Day X Country	St George Preca 9 Transition Day 1	St Damien of Molokai 10 Mass Culgoa 5pm Staff PD Day Senior X Country Mother's Day Liturgy	11 St Ignatius of Laconi
4 th Sun of Easter 12 Mass Quamb. 8.30am Mass Nandaly 5pm Mother's Day	Our Lady of Fatima 13	St Matthias 14 Yr 10 Reflection Day Foundation Liturgy NAPLAN	Ss Dymphna & Isidore the Farmer 15 ←..... Year 4 Camp NAPLAN	Ss Simon Stock & Felix of Cantalice 16 Year 4 Camp NAPLAN	St Paschal Baylon 17 Year 4 Camp ...→ Open Day	18 St John I Mass Quamb. 6.30pm
5 th Sun of Easter 19 Mass Lalbert 8.30am Mass Sea Lake 5pm Open Day 3 Participation Mass	St Bernadine of Siena 20 School in Action Day	St Christopher Magallanes 21 District X-Country	St Rita of Cascia 22 ←... Year 3/4 Camp ...	St Julia 23 Year 3/4 Camp	OUR LADY 24 HELP OF CHRISTIANS Junior X Country Choir Logan Lodge ... Year 3/4 Camp ...→	25 Ss Bede, Gregory VII, St Mary Magdalene
6 th Sun of Easter 26 Mass Lake Boga 8.30am Year 2 Mass	St Augustine of Canterbury 27 Catholic Education Wk Nexus Arts	St Mariana of Quito 28 Catholic Education Wk	29  Catholic Ed Wk Mass Open Day&Subject Expo	St Joan of Arc 30 Catholic Education Wk	The Visitation 31 Catholic Education Wk Gifts&Talents & Grandparents Day	1 Fr Matt Away - Lay Leads
2 Fr Matt Away - Lay Leads	 <p><i>'Act and God will act, work and He will work.'</i> St Joan of Arc (May 30th) <i>'I am not afraid... I was born to do this.'</i></p>					Swan Hill Masses Sat 6pm Sun 10.30am

June 2019



St Mary MacKillop College
St Mary's Primary, Swan Hill
St Mary's Primary, Sea Lake



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
26	27	28	29	30	31	1
						St Justin (Fr Matt Away- Lay Leads)
THE ASCENSION 2 Mass Sea Lake 8.30am (Fr Matt Away- Lay Leads)	St Charles Lwanga & Companions 3	St Francis Caracciolo 4 Regional X-Country	St Boniface 5 Playgroup Visit	Ss Norbert & Marcellin Champagnat 6	St Anthony Gianelli 7 →.....Year 11 Exams.... Confirmation Mass 6pm Winter Sports	8 St William of York
PENTECOST 9 Mass Quamb. 8.30am Mass Nandaly 5pm	Mary Mother of the Church 10 Queen's Birthday Public Holiday	St Barnabas 11Year 11 Exams.....	St John Gonzalez 12Year 11 Exams.....	St Anthony of Padua 13Year 11 Exams.....	St Andrew Fournet 14 Mass Culgoa 5pm →..Year 8-11 Exams...	15 St Alice Mass Quamb. 6.30pm
HOLY TRINITY 16 Mass Lalbert 8.30am Mass Sea Lake 5pm Participation Mass	St Emily de Vialar 17 →..Year 8-10 Exams... *Baptism Preparation Session 7pm	St Gregory Barbarigo 18Year 8-11 Exams.... Yr5 School Liturgy	St Romuald 19 ..Year 8-11 Exams.. → Italian Day	St Silverius 20 Staff PD Day	St Aloysius Gonzaga 21 Winter Sports	22 Ss John Fisher & Thomas More
CORPUS CHRISTI 23 Mass Lake Boga 8.30am Year 1 Mass	24 THE NATIVITY OF JOHN THE BAPTIST	St Maximus of Turin 25 ←.... Year 11 Camp	St Josemaria Escrivá 26 Year 11 Camp Foundation Camp School Advisory	St Cyril of Alexandria 27 Year 11 Camp	SACRED HEART 28 Year 11 Camp....→ Last Day of Term!	29 Ss PETER&PAUL  School Holidays-15/7
13 th Sun Ord. Time 30 Mass Lalbert 8.30am	 <p><i>'Actions speak louder than words; let your words teach and your actions speak.'</i> St Anthony of Padua (June 13th)</p>					Swan Hill Masses Sat 6pm Sun 10.30am



St Mary MacKillop College
Swan Hill
(03) 5032 9771

Principal: Michelle
Haeusler



L – R: Ms Julie Ryan, Ms Catherine Howison, Mr Anthony Daniher, Mr Joe McCarthy, Mr Nathaniel Winfield, Mr Mark Lynch

Los Angeles Religious Education Congress

Last year I was very privileged to receive the Edna Daniher and Jeanie Lynch Scholarship to attend the Los Angeles Religious Education Congress. I am one of two recipients within the country Diocese of Victoria to be given this opportunity and I am very grateful to our Principal Michelle Haeusler for encouraging me to apply. My patron is Edna Daniher and earlier this month I met with her son Anthony and Mark Lynch, representing Jeanie Lynch.

The Los Angeles Religious Education Congress (RE Congress) is a four-day event held by the Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Los Angeles. This year it ran from March 21st – 24th. The event began in 1956 as an "Institute" of the Confraternity of Christian Doctrine, popularly known as CCD. In 1967, the first three-day "Congress" was held. In 1970, the event moved to the Anaheim Convention Centre in Anaheim, California. It is the largest annual gathering of Catholics in the United States with roughly 40,000 people attending. The focus of the RE Congress is for those in attendance to learn more about the Catholic faith as well as seeking personal growth. It is open to all people of different faiths. I am looking forward to being able to share my experiences with staff, students and our community.

Catherine Howison

Deputy Principal

Photos:

*Left and over page:
Year 12 Retreat – Term 1, Halls Gap*



Year 12 Retreat

In Term 1 Year Twelve students ventured to Halls Gap for our final school camp ever. The teachers assured us the retreat would be relaxing and reflective and they were not wrong! Through bonding activities, where we “took off our masks” and allowed ourselves to be vulnerable and show our true selves, our year level was united. Many of us were able to understand and appreciate each other and our struggles.

The three days included many emotional and reflective activities with a few fun and exciting activities that helped us bond on a shallower level. These included a massive hike, walks into town for delicious ice cream and tense matches of table tennis. We would really like to thank the teachers that came with us on this journey and made us feel so comfortable and supported. We can’t wait to see what the rest of the year has to bring, alongside our new friendships.

Hana, Greta, Jana and Jenna (Year 12 Students)



Liturgy Committee Reflection

End of Term 1 speech delivered by Sienna Haeusler and Emma Hoare , Liturgy Committee Captains, to the school community at our formal assembly

This term has been very busy for the Liturgy Committee. We started with the Beginning of Year Mass where students were commissioned into their leadership roles.

We then had Shrove Tuesday where we cooked pancakes, followed by Ash Wednesday where we participated in Homeroom liturgies and received the ashes. Thank you to everyone for participating and being respectful in the Homeroom liturgies. Ash Wednesday marked the beginning of Lent and kicked off Project Compassion in this year of generosity. We would like to thank everyone who has been generous and donated. In total, we have raised approximately \$700 for Project Compassion.

Each Friday assembly in Term 2, a member of the Liturgy Committee will be leading prayer. Also, early next term we will be participating in a Saturday Evening Youth Mass and we encourage everyone to come along. Let us know if you would like to take part and either read at church, or even just to take the gifts up to the altar, any help would be appreciated.

Holy Family Parish Prayer

We have received a few submissions for our new Parish prayer.
Thank you to the contributors.

Please take some time to prayerfully consider the options below.
Choose your favourite and respond to the office by June 10th.
Our Parish prayer will be unveiled in time for our 1st Birthday.



Jesus, Mary & Joseph
Pray for us.

Parish Prayer (1)

Heavenly Father,
We thank you for our Holy Family Parish.
We pray that we may be blessed by the presence of Jesus within us,
and inspired by the Holy Spirit to do your will.
We pray that we may go forth as Eucharistic people to feed and sustain others;
to foster peace and reconciliation in our families, work places and faith communities;
and to embody Eucharistic charity, taking special care to pray for the poor and minister to their needs.
Amen.

Parish Prayer (2)

God our Father,
Through the intercession of the Holy Family our patron,
we pray that you bless this parish so that we may love you more.
Help parents to be a good example to their children
and our youth to grow in strength as good Christians.
Encircle our families with your loving care; to the sick and the weak grant health;
to the aged bring serenity; and to those in sorrow joy.
May we grow stronger in faith and may our love for one another become deeper in our daily life.
Amen.

Parish Prayer (3)

Heavenly Father, Holy Family Parish is your family committed to praying and growing together as we build on the gifts of our past, the living of our present and our hopes for the future.

Lord Jesus, we are nourished by prayer, the word and sacraments, especially the Eucharist.
May we recognise and trust in each other's spiritual gifts and strive to be a visible sign of God's love for the world.

Holy Spirit, baptized in your name, we accept the challenge to live as Jesus did.
We will celebrate our lives and gifts in service to others, welcoming all people and sharing our talents and resources.

As a parish family, we will endeavour to make present the Kingdom of God, here and now. Amen.

Reflection on Pentecost

by Don Stanner, Lay Minister

*Come Holy Spirit, fill our hearts, enkindle in us the fire of Your love.
Send forth your Spirit and we shall be created and You shall renew the face of the earth.*

For Christians, the Feast of Pentecost commemorates the day on which Jesus' disciples received the Holy Spirit. It was a moment in time when God broke into humanity to fulfil the promise that Jesus made to His disciples: "The Advocate, the Holy Spirit that the Father will send in my name – He will teach you everything and remind you of all that I told you." (John 14: 26). Jesus knew that the gift of the Holy Spirit was the most important gift He could give them because it was the same Holy Spirit that led Jesus throughout His life. "He grew and became strong, filled with wisdom; and the favour of God was upon Him." (Luke 2:40)

It is most fitting that God chose the Feast of Pentecost to send the Holy Spirit because for the Jews the Feast of Pentecost marked another time when God broke into humanity and gave the Ten Commandments. The Ten Commandments were the laws by which the people of God were to live in relationship with their God, families and society. By following these commandments, the people of God would be an example to others as to how they should conduct their lives. Therefore, the whole Pentecost tradition includes receiving both the law and the Spirit. Both are given by God to His people to provide direction for their lives.

All of us have been given the Spirit in Baptism, but for the majority of us who were baptised as infants, we have no recollection of that moment when our godparents spoke on our behalf. As a result we first became acquainted with the law taught to us by our parents, priests, nuns and religious education teachers. Your experiences may be different than mine, but I was under the mistaken notion that God would only love me if I obeyed His laws. Consequently, when I sinned, I knew that I had offended God, and I assumed that I fell out of His love. It wasn't until I became a parent myself that my image of God as "law giver" began to change. I realized that my rules (laws) for my children, such as "Never run into the street" were given for their protection. It was given because I loved them, but I did not have a conversation with them to explain the spirit behind my rules. The fact that they would at times go into the street did not change my love toward them in the slightest. It is not that I had never been taught that God loved me; it's just that I had trouble believing those words until I had an experience to draw upon.

Obviously laws serve a needed place in our lives, whether it is in society or in our relationship with God, but in and of itself it does not have the power to transform a person's heart. It can only modify one's behaviour. Transformation is the work of the Spirit. Law at best creates uniformity whereas the spirit creates unity where love and peace reside. A sign of the Spirit's unity was given on that Pentecost Day when the Spirit descended upon the disciples in the form of tongues of fire and each were filled with the Holy Spirit. The passage in Acts tells us that Jews from many different countries who had gathered in Jerusalem to celebrate Pentecost all heard in their own language what the Spirit proclaimed through the disciples. The miracle is not that each person heard what was proclaimed in his/her own language. The miracle is that each individual heard the word of God spoken to him or her directly. It was no longer only hearing the word of God through someone else, as they were accustomed. Throughout Jewish history, God had spoken through selected people such as Moses and the prophets. Pentecost began a new era in which everyone, regardless of his or her language of origin, could hear the word of God through the Spirit. The evidence that they were open to listening to the message of God is seen in the fact that three thousand of them were baptised that day. Scripture doesn't say that all were baptised, leaving us to understand that others were not willing, at least at that moment, to embrace God's invitation to discipleship.

Whether we are the product of infant baptism or had an adult experience of baptism, the Spirit of God is within each of us. As a Unifier, the Spirit prompts each of us to hear God's word to be one with Jesus who is one with the Father. It is through this relationship that we become one with each other. God is the one who chooses us in the Spirit. It is not about following the "law" to make ourselves worthy first. If it were a matter of our worthiness, none of us would qualify. Paul, a strict follower of the law until he had his Damascus road experience, ultimately came to the conclusion that it was God who first loved us and it is up to us to hear God's call and respond to it. Pentecost is a time for each of us to hear God's personal invitation to live a baptised life. The question is whether we will respond to His message or will His message be drowned out by the languages of the world that we are accustomed to hearing on a daily basis.



Sacramental Snapshot - January – March 2019

We joyfully welcome into our parish family through the sacrament of baptism our newest little brothers and sisters in Christ:

Kaiden Smith, Ryan Hayes, Isabelle Cleeland, Francesca Bird, Oscar Symons, Will Barker, Sylvie Cadd, Angela Infantino, Patrick Maher and Jaycee Prochilo.

Welcome officially also and well done to Daniel Kennedy who was fully initiated into the fold.

We celebrate and wish every happiness and blessing to the couples united through the holy sacrament of marriage. Congratulations to:

Bryce Curnow & Amy Hooper, Christopher Prockter & Megan Berry, Kyle Doran & Shawnee Travaglia, Corey Wight & Lorraine Ralph, Jason Iannucci & Jaclyn Rivett

We pray for the repose of the souls of our brothers and sisters born into eternal life. We remember: Angela Shepherd, Pauline Nolan, Teresa (Audrey) Walsh, Charles Healy, Kathleen Daniels, Francis Howley and Margaret Walsh. *Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them, through the mercy of God, may they rest in peace. Amen.*

We give gratitude to the Lord for our good shepherd, Fr Matt, who celebrated 13 years of priesthood on St Patrick's day this year. *'I will take the cup of life; I will call God's name all my days.'*

Thank you Fr Matt for your tireless support and service. You are greatly appreciated!

We pray for our Year 3 school children who are preparing to receive the sacrament of Confirmation in June.

COME
HOLY SPIRIT

'Some believe that the sacraments are like ladders that God gave to us by which we can climb up to Him. Catholics believe that they are like ladders that God gave to Himself by which He climbs down to us.'

Peter Kreeft, Jesus-Shock