



Term 3 Week 9 — Tuesday 13 September 2022 436 Moppett St Hay 2711 02 6993 1775 admin.hay@wf.catholic.edu.au

St Mary's Weekly Newsletter

Dear Parents and Friends of St Mary's

Vale Queen Elizabeth II - 1926 - 2022



Like so many right across our great nation I woke up on Friday morning to learn the news of the passing of our head of state, Queen Elizabeth II. By any measure the Queen distinguished herself as a person of great character, constancy and Christianity across the second half of the twentieth century and throughout the first quarter of the twenty-first. As I spoke a few words to the children at last Friday morning's assembly, I reminded them of the historical significance of the occasion. We prayed quietly for the repose of her soul and for her grieving family members on their loss at this time of great sadness for them. We flew our Australian national flag at half mast throughout the day as a symbolic mark of respect at our monarch's passing.

The leader of the Catholic Church, Pope Francis, echoed the sentiment of so many people of faith as he eulogised the queen, uniting with those in mourning across the world, *"in praying for the late Queen's eternal rest, and in paying tribute to her life of unstinting service to the good of the Nation and the Commonwealth, her example of devotion to duty, her steadfast witness in faith to Jesus Christ and her firm hope in his promises."*

On many occasions the Queen herself voiced the strength of her faith in God and the place of the gentle Nazarene in her life, most notably at her Millenium Christmas address, proclaiming, *"To many of us our beliefs are of fundamental importance. For me the teachings of Christ and my own personal accountability before God provide a framework in which I try to lead my life. I, like so many of you, have drawn great comfort in difficult times from Christ's words and example."*

An historic passing indeed and one that is unlikely to be ever repeated, leastways in our own lifetimes on this earth.

"May her soul and the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen."

Our Prime Minister, Mr Albanese, has declared next Thursday, September 22nd, a Public Holiday and a Day of Mourning for the passing of our monarch, Queen Elizabeth II. There will be no school on this day.

God Bless

Vince Campbell
Principal

Week 9 Reminders:

Bicycle Education and Safety: Children can bring in bikes and scooters to school on Thursday for a morning session between 9.00 - 10.00 am with the visiting Police Youth Liaison Road Safety Officer.

Tennis this Thursday: A reminder for children to wear sports uniform tomorrow for their tennis lessons at 11.30 am (Years K - 3) and 12.30 pm (Years 5 and 6)

International Day of Peace Lunch, Liturgy and Ceremony on Friday: Children are invited to wear cultural dress or costume for the day.

Parents, we appreciate your hard work in preparing some tasty cultural treats for us all to enjoy. These can be brought to school on Friday morning and we will organise the set-up of the hall for **lunch to begin at 1.00 pm** with the Years 5 and 6 children doing the serving and hospitality.

The **liturgy will begin at 2.15 pm** in the hall and we will then proceed outside to the Peace Pole area by the vegetable garden for the little ceremony.

Investiture of Hay War Memorial High School Leaders for 2023 this Friday: Years 5 and 6 students and their teacher will visit HWMHS this Friday morning for the ceremony. Students should wear their full school uniform and those students who wish to wear cultural dress or costume for the afternoon International Peace Day celebrations can change into their costumes after their return from the high school.

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What's Coming up in Term 3

14 Sept	First Reconciliation 7pm
15 Sept	Road Safety Day (Bicycle and scooters)
16 Sept	Leap Into Kinder Program
16 Sept	Peace Day Ceremony & Multicultural Lunch (details TBC)
21 Sept	World Gratitude Day
22 Sept	National Day of Mourning (Public Holiday)
23 Sept	Leap Into Kinder Program
23 Sept	Last Day of Term 3
24 Sept	First Holy Communion 6pm St Fergal's

END RACISM. BUILD PEACE.



1pm Friday 16th September



**Wear traditional dress
Parents and Friends most welcome
Bring a plate to share for International Lunch
Peace Day Ceremony 2:15pm**

St Mary's Christmas Tree Fete



**SAVE
THE
DATE**



**MONDAY 28TH
NOVEMBER 2022**

RESOLUTION OF COMPLAINTS

The Catholic Education Office Wilcannia-Forbes (CEO) is committed to providing a harmonious and safe environment for all students, parents and staff. The CEO and the schools in its care strive to be communities of faith, hope and love, where communication takes place in an environment of openness and mutual respect.

The Concerns and Complaints Handling Policy provides guidance on the Complaint management system for students, parents, caregivers and community members who wish to raise a concern or make a complaint about a Diocesan School. It applies to all CEOWF Staff, School Staff and individuals engaged at the school including but not limited to external service providers, contractors, helpers and volunteers.

A Parents Concern and Complaints Brochure is available from our school office and downloadable from our website.

FRIDAY 16/9/22 LUNCH DEAL

Chicken Goujons

\$4.00

The Canteen will be offering the following hot foods everyday until the end of Term 3.

Pies	\$5.00
Sausage Rolls	\$4.50
Dim Sims	\$3.50
Garlic Bread	\$2.50
Goujons	\$4.00



HCS
HAY CHILDREN'S SERVICES

VACATION CARE

The Vacation Care program is child led, with an emphasis on fun, implemented by qualified and experienced Educators.

Who can attend? Children 3 to 12 years inclusive

When? Week days (not including public holidays)
Monday 26th September to Friday 7th October 2022
8.30am to 5.30pm

Where? St Mary's Parish School, 436 Moppet St

Cost: \$25 per day per child

(invoiced in advance and payment terms will apply, HCS are a BASC Provider)

ENROLMENTS CLOSE Wednesday 14th September

Contact HCS Admin on 02 6993 1757
or admin@haycs.com.au
to enquire and lodge your interest!

- ST FERGAL'S CATHOLIC PARISH, HAY -

18+

Music Trivia Night

& COMMUNITY DINNER

6:30pm Saturday, 17th September

HAY SERVICES CLUB (Auditorium)

371 Murray St, Hay NSW 2711

\$20 per person (Tables of 8). Bookings: Text/Call 0418 294 847

Drinks from the bar. Theme: **A splash of green** (points for most creative)