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2023 College Theme

'THROUGH SERVICE WE RECEIVE'



St Mary's College Seymour is a Child Safe School. We promote the safety, wellbeing and inclusion of all children.

Newsletter No .4 Term 1 24 March 2023

Dear Parents and Carers.

Today the College was fortunate to receive a visit from **Dr Edward Simons** the Acting Executive Director of MACS.



St Mary's is one of 300 MACS governed Schools and this is the first visit from a MACS leader.

Dr Simons shared morning tea with staff. College Captains Caleb Baumann & Bella Hargreaves met Dr Simons and he had 'the honour' of presenting 'Rosey the Wombat' to a Year 2 student.

College Prayer

Lord God
Bless St Mary's College.
Let your life be our example to follow.
Through the gifts we receive from you,
we will love and serve one another
with gentleness and compassion.
Mary Our Mother, pray for us
Catherine McAuley and St Anthony of
Padua, pray for us.
Amen







Dr Simons was given a copy of the College's Educational Brief and Supporting Evidence application to fund the *Construction of a VCE and Senior Learning Centre*. I was left in no doubt that Dr Simons wants the best for the St Mary's College community and for Catholic education across the archdiocese. He met with students, staff and Fr Eugene and shares a true desire for Catholic education to be known for its service to all.





Staffing

Rick Callow will begin next week as the new *Visual Arts teacher*. Rick was teaching in Melbourne for ten years then moved to Asia where he taught in Malaysia, Japan and more frequently China. Rick has a Bachelor of Education majoring in Art and a Diploma Early Childhood Education. Rick has some familiarity with Seymour having had family in Benalla.

Jayne Hill will begin at the College in Term Two. Jayne will begin with *supporting classroom teaching* and teach a specific class in Semester Two. Jayne is an experienced educator having taught both in Australia at Sacred Heart Yea; St Mary's; State schools, overseas in Bali and Brunei and currently St Anne's Kialla. Jayne's qualifications include Diploma of Teaching (Primary); Bachelor of Education; Certificate of Reading Recovery; Specialist and post Graduate Certificate of Leadership; Master of Education by Research and a Certificate IV Training & Assessment.

We welcome Rick and Jayne, and having two experienced educators joining the College is very welcomed considering the desperate shortage of teachers.

Much has been written in digital print and over the airwaves about the teaching profession. Why is there such a desperate void in filling advertisements for teachers? The reasons are no doubt many. The pendulum will swing back, yet at the present time our staff like so many other schools are going above and beyond.

Enjoy the weekend.

Best wishes



Wayne Smith

- Monday 24th April-

Please be aware and mark on your calendar that

Monday 24th April is a Staff Development

Day for work on Curriculum.

There will be no school for F-10 on that day.

Principal, St Mary's College Seymour

DipEd (ACU) DipREd (ACU) BEd (ACU) GradCertEdAdmin (Edith Cowan) GradDipREd (ACU) MEdAdmin (Charles Sturt) MTheoStudies (BBITAITE)

Deputy Principal – Operations

The Opening College Mass was celebrated on Friday 10th March. The Mass concluded with the induction of the 2023 student leaders. The following is an extract from the presentation of the student leaders:



"Schools come in different shapes and sizes and with various resources, but there is one resource that every school has: students. You, our student leaders and all students at our College are a great asset in shaping the St Mary's College culture. Never underestimate or misjudge the influence and effect you can have on our school community. The student leaders standing before you have shown throughout the first six weeks of term that they are excellent role models who embrace positive values, attitudes and seek a climate for learning at St Mary's which is respectful, trusting and collaborative. They have expressed and feel an enormous amount of pride being the students to lead our College as it returns to Year 11 & 12.

We thank our student leaders who have shown a willingness to share their gifts and talents to bless the lives of our St Mary's College community. May you be servant leaders who are shining lights to others and leaders who let your actions speak and capture the Mercy values of compassion, justice, respect, hospitality, service and courage."

College Captains & Vice Captains >

Caleb Baumann **Bella Hargreaves** Andrew Bree Finn Hargraves



Primary Leaders Harvey Smith, Lilly Fanning





Annie, Ethan



Finn, Marion



Logan, Olivia

McAuley Leaders

House Leader: Ethan Fisher

Sports Captains:

Issac Smith, Chloe Butterworth, Logan Shearer,

Olivia Cleave

Padua Leaders

House Leader: Annie Dignam

Zac Brown, Coco **Sports Captains:**

Wessels, Finn Melville,

Marion Sellars





Charles

Year Level Leaders:

Year 7 Olivia Hamilton;

Year 8 Baxter Loweke;

Year 9 Felix Muscovich.



Year 7 camp is fast approaching...

Our Year 7 students head off to **Noval House & Lodge** in the **Grampians** from <u>Wednesday 3rd May</u> to <u>Friday</u> 5th May. On Wednesday the 3rd the bus will stop at *Kryal Castle* on the way to Halls Gap.

- Students will be involved in Kryal Castle's Education Discovery Program which explores the intriguing world of medieval madness through hands-on activities.
- Students will explore the world of the nobles and courtly etiquette in a simulated, costumed, royal court role play where the students are the stars of the show.
- Students will tour the torture chamber and learn about the severe punishments that were handed down to maintain order in this period of unrest. Students will participate in a mock court where they will conduct their own trial and execute their own medieval punishment.
- Students will participate in sword training and learn the proper use of a sword and shield (students will not be using real swords).
- Students try their hand at writing with quill and ink, while learning about who was likely to be literate.
 They learn about medieval illness and medicines and will be disgusted and awed by remedies used in the dark ages.
- Students will explore our herb garden and learn about the healing properties within. They will put their new-found skills to use in the making of a "medieval band aid" with mortar and pestle.

End of Term:

To ensure St Mary's is in-line with Seymour Coaches Bus schedule for the last day of Term One, **Thursday 6th April**, students will be <u>dismissed</u> at the <u>earlier time</u> of **2.25pm**.



Term Two:

Please note: **Monday 24th April** is a <u>Staff Professional Development</u> Day and therefore a <u>student free</u> <u>day</u>. <u>Students</u> return for **Term 2** on **Wednesday 26th April**.

Mrs Genevieve Gordon

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Learning Diversity Leader





The Program Support Group (PSG) Meeting:

Catholic schools value diversity. They strive to provide equitable access and opportunity for all learners. They do this through inclusive practices, including high-quality instruction and quality differentiated teaching practices adapted to meet the needs of students. Some students also require adjustments and interventions



to address academic, social, emotional, behavioural, cultural, health and/or wellbeing needs.

A personalised Learning Plan (PLP) can be used to record these adjustments and interventions and to record annual and short-term goals that help teachers and students to target specific areas of need and monitor progress.

Catholic schools recognise the importance of working in collaboration with families. For students with diverse needs, such partnerships between family and school are critical in supporting the student. As parents, you have a depth of knowledge and can make valuable contributions about additional practices and processes that will support your child at school. For students with diverse needs, the main way that schools and families work together is through the PSG.

PSG meetings can be held in person at St Mary's, online, or via a phone call, depending on the availability of the parent/s.

The link below provides parents, carers and guardians with information about the Program Support Group (PSG), including what the PSG does and the role of participants.

Parent Guide to Program Support Group Meetings CECV

Nationally Consistent Collection of Data (NCCD) On School Students with Disability:

Schools must complete the Nationally Consistent Collection of Data on School Students with Disability (NCCD) every year in August.



It counts the number of students who receive additional adjustments at school because of a disability. The NCCD helps governments plan for the needs of students with disability.

For more information, click below for the Catholic Education Commission of Victoria (CECV) NCCD Information Sheet for Parents, Carers and Guardians.

CECV NCCD Information for Parents, Carers and Guardians

Mrs Claire Kelly

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F-4 Pastoral Care Coordinator

It has been such a busy time in PLC classrooms. You only have to look at our collages of pictures to see all the learning that has been happening (and a bit of fun!)











1A had a wonderful trip to the **Garden of Assisi** on Thursday afternoon with Mr Allen's agriculture students.

Students picked and munched on carrots, tried figs and ate delicious, juicy watermelon.

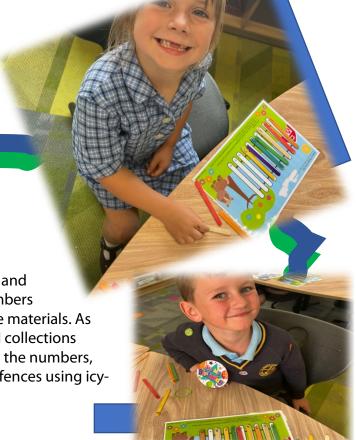








Foundation classes have been busy in **Maths** representing and ordering numbers with concrete materials. As they counted collections and matched the numbers, they created fences using icypole sticks.



Wednesday Wheelie was hoot! So many students participated and it was fabulous! The roller skates, wheelie sneakers, scooters, bikes, a hover board and a 4 wheeled go kart to name but a few. Kids were hot and worn out by the end of lunchtime but their smiles said it all. What a great way to spend lunchtime. This week we have **Year 4** showcasing their wheels.

Whacky Wednesday was a colourful display of craziness! Coloured hair, crazy socks, clothing, shoelaces, hats, scarves and beanies were everywhere! Thank you to all those who





contributed with a gold coin donation towards Caritas.

Our House Lap Tally stands at Padua 8 and McAuley 7. Year 4's had their Wheelie Wednesday this week and they added another 6 laps to Padua and 5 to McAuley.

That gives Padua



(14) a lead over McAuley



(12) of 2 laps!

We also had a bit of fun on Friday for **St** Patrick's Day... we had green hair, hair ties, socks and flags. Students learnt that St Patrick was born in the fourth century, spent time as slave and wanted become a Priest. After being ordained, St Patrick returned to Ireland and for the next 60 years, he used the shamrock to teach people about the Blessed Trinity - God the Father, God the Son and God the Holy Spirit. Students finished the day with a drink from the

past - a lime spider.













Years 2A and 2B have been learning about History this term. Each child was asked to bring in for sharing, an artefact from their home.

We have had pictures of past family, old cars, Grandma's medals, brooches and necklaces, cups and saucers and lots more.

Students presented their item with the following criteria - what history about the item could they share and why it was special to them. Their skill focus was projecting their voice so their audience could hear.





Our **TAG** - Respect, Excellence & Integrity - recipients have received their certificates for many and varied reasons - all very positive.

Congratulations to:- Safari, Kassidy, Indianna. Nate, Danil, Zayden, Vincent, Paddy, Morgan and Luke.











Year 1 has been studying Living Things. They made bird feeders for our playground trees and we have seen birds several green grass parrots, lorikeets and galahs enjoying the softened seeds due to the rain. Students determined that wild bird seed would be best so that all the birds in area could our have something to eat.



Rosey has had a busy fortnight visiting both Mayson and Isabel. The smile on student's faces when they know they are taking Rosey home is a delight to see. Mayson loves motorbikes and Isabel loves being outside so Rosey has had wonderful weekends! I wonder who will receive Rosey this week...



Have a wonderful fortnight



Mrs Anne Spencer anne.spencer@smseymour.catholic.edu.au

3-6 Pastoral Care Coordinator

I wish them luck and look forward to seeing them grow into their positions. They are all eager to contribute

I am pleased to announce our Primary Leaders for 2023:-

Primary Captains: Lilly Fanning + Harvey Smith

McAuley House Leaders: Olivia Cleave + Logan Shearer

Padua House Leaders: Finn Melville + Marion Sellars

to our school community which is fantastic to see.

See Mrs Gordon's article for photos.





TAG Awards:

Qourra, Isla, Amelia, Billie, Ellie, Adele, Gabby, Justin, Laila, Willow



Online Space Design: HUMANS ON THE MOON!

On Tuesday, our Year 4 students spent the morning talking to physicists from Scienceworks and Latrobe University about features of Space and the Moon's environment, including radioactivity and other obstacles humans would face if they were to live on the Moon. They were then set a challenge to design and make a prototype of a Moon Base that is able to absorb radiation in order to sustain life!

Students were completely engaged as they worked in small teams to complete their mission. Once complete, they uploaded images of their designs and their prototypes onto a Padlet in order to share their work.



Students were then able to meet again, online with scientists after lunch to share their prototype solutions before sharing peer to peer with the class next door.





The Year 3
students visited
the Garden area
with Mr. Allen
and the
Year 9 Ag
Science
students today
to check on the
beans they
planted late last
year.





The Year 3's were most impressed with the growth of their beans and enjoyed a delicious carrot and cantaloupe snack along the way!

Mr Ed Harding

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Director of Faith and Mission



SACRAMENT of RECONCILIATION

Yr 3 is traditionally our year for the Sacrament of Reconciliation but we know that we may have new students in other year levels or students who may have missed the Sacrament last year due to illness.

An <u>information meeting</u> for the Sacrament of Reconciliation will be held next <u>WEDNESDAY 29th MARCH</u> at <u>6.30pm</u> in the <u>Library</u>. The celebration of the Sacrament of Reconciliation will be held next term on WEDNESDAY 26th APRIL at 10.00am, with a Liturgy later that night where families can join at 6:30pm in the church. More will be explained at the meeting.

Please contact:-

Rochelle Gough, Director of Faith and Mission <u>rochelle.gough@smseymour.catholic.edu.au</u> or the Year 3 classroom teachers for further information.

- Jade Osborne <u>jade.osborne@smseymour.catholic.eud.au</u>
- Cath Evans <u>catherine.evans@smseymour.catholic.edu.au</u>

MEAT PIE MONDAY - 3rd April

Our last Caritas Project Compassion fundraising event is our Meat Pie Monday.

Your child should have received a pie order form to use if they want to enjoy a pie in the last week of term. Orders need to be given to homeroom teachers by Monday 27th March, so that we can order the pies, ready for the following Monday. If you have lost the form, please just use an envelope with child's name and class and what they would like to order:-



- **F-2** Party pies \$1.50 (Large pies \$4)
- Yr. **3-10** Large Pies \$4

HOLY WEEK LITURGY - Thursday 6th April at 11:30am



This year our Year 5/6 students will be leading the College Holy Week Liturgy. They will be presenting the Stations of the Cross assisted by our new College choir. Parents and carers are most welcome to join us. A great way to start the Easter weekend!

HARMONY WEEK

This week was Harmony Week which is the celebration that recognises our diversity and brings together Australians from all different backgrounds.

Mrs Rochelle Gough

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Good and gracious God,
who loves and delights in all people,
we stand in awe before you,
knowing that the spark of life within each person
is the spark of your divine life.

Differences among cultures and races are multi-coloured manifestations of your light.

May our hearts and minds be open to celebrate similarities and differences among our sisters and brothers.

Please send your healing and reconciling Spirit in order to bind the wounds created by racism and racial hatred, and to promote understanding, justice, and love.

We place our hopes for racial harmony in our committed action and in your living presence in our neighbour.

May all peoples live in peace!

Amen.

adapted from the Sisters of Mercy

Our next Parents and Friends meeting is on MONDAY 3rd APRIL at 5.30pm in the PLC.

Items on the agenda will include the free Easter Raffle for all students (to be drawn on the last day of term) as well as preparing for the Mother's Day stall in May.

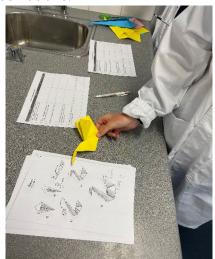
~ Everyone is welcome to come along and find out more about the Parents and Friends ~

We hope to see you there.

Please contact **Megan Lomax**: 0415 151 474 (President) or **Cath Evans**: 57 922611 (Staff Rep) for any queries.

Secondary Science

Year 8 have been busy exploring the differences between physical and chemical changes. They carried out a safety review before carefully following the instructions to complete a range of experiments with some surprising results. Students then checked their understanding by writing word equations that explained their observations.







St Mary's College have partnered with Native Fish Australia as part of a new 'Fish Tanks in Schools' program.

A new aquarium has been set up in the Science Wing, which is now home to a school of Southern Pygmy Perch. This species is endangered within the local catchment, providing an excellent case study for our students. We look forward to working with Tim and the Native Fish Australia team to develop programs that

support conservation education in our region.

Fish tank set up by Tim (Native Fish Australia) and Seth (Aquariums by Design), First feed by Brandon Fearn (Y9) and Will Joyce (Y8)





Mrs Rebecca Scollen Science Leader

Year 7/8 Visual Arts/Technology

Year 7/8 Textiles:

Textiles as a Design technology incorporated the building of skills



and techniques to be able to produce a product.



The year 7's

and 8's have started with the basics of threading a needle, tying a knot, sewing on a button and learning to blanket stitch. We had frustrations, annoyance, some resistance then suddenly it all fell into place and students were happily hand stitching their felt animal that they had designed.

The sewing machine came next, we threaded the machine and another type of needle and started working on straight stitching and zigzag. As a teacher these are the rewarding days with the initial resistance resulting in enjoyment and hand making something.



Yr.8 Grow and Make:

Grow and make is having the time of their life in sunshine, days in the garden, weeding, propagating new plants, and worm farming.



The

season started with an influx of weeds in the vegetable garden and produce to pick.

This week we started preserving by making jams and relish, Rosehip jelly, marmalade jam, tomato relish and tomato sauce. The rosehips were from the front garden, the citrus was left over from another cooking session, the figs

are from our vegetable garden and the tomatoes were a donation from a parent. These products will be for sale at a future food harvest day.

Year 7 Food Technology:

Year 7's work through a term of cooking skills to build up confidence and skillset. These students are talented, competent and love to present their plates of food. We have made muffins, pancakes, biscuits, mueslis, and eggs in a variety of ways. They are provided with recipes and then design how they want their food to look.



Each week a guest judge comes into choose the best looking plate.

Your children are lovely cooks.

Mrs Amanda Hard
Visual Arts/Technology Teacher

Defence School Mentor

Kids Club Foundation – Year Four looked the part by making leprechaun masks as their Saint Patrick's Day activity. An easy fun craft which everyone enjoyed.





Morning Hot Chocolate and Kids Hangout Year 5 – 10 has been steady. I have been talking to some of the students about our upcoming Anzac Liturgy to be held first day back of Term Two and asking expressions of interest to participate in some way.

This week was **Harmony Week** and it made me look closely at all the students attending Kids Club, Hot Chocolate morning and Kids Hangout. It is so good to see students interacting and treating each other with respect as well as sharing their ideas and games, and it brings a little "Harmony" to every one of us.

Janice Kerris

Defence School Mentor janice.kerris@smseymour.catholic.edu.au

Dates To Remember

Term 1		
Week 9	Wednesday 29th March	Reconciliation Info Night 6.30pm
	Thursday 30th March	Term One Round Robin Secondary Students
	Sunday 2nd April	Palm Sunday
Week 10	Monday 3rd April	College Photo Catch Up Day
		5.30-7pm Parents & Friends Meeting
		Caritas Fundraiser Meat Pie
	Thursday 6th April	11.30am Holy Week Liturgy Multipurpose Hall
		Term One Concludes 2.25pm
		Holy Thursday
	Friday 7th April	Good Friday
	Sunday 9th April	Easter Sunday
Term 2		
Week 1	Monday 24th April	Staff Commence Term Two - Student Free Day
	Tuesday 25th April	Anzac Day Public Holiday
	Wednesday 26th April	Students Commence Term Two
	Friday 28th April	School Sports Victoria State Swimming
		(Specific Primary & Secondary Students)

St Mary's College

90 High Street, Seymour Telephone: (03) 5792 2611 PO Box 269, Seymour 3661 Office Hours: 8:15am-4:30pm

St Mary's Parish Seymour ~ St Joseph's Tallarook

Parish Priest: Father Eugene Ashkar

Telephone: (03) 9412 8406 / 0455 123 509

Mass Times: St Mary's - SAT 6:00pm, SUN 10:00am;
St Joseph's - SUN 8:30am

Before & After School Program

We had a wonderful time making turtles for 'Save The Turtle Week'. This week is Dinosaur Week we have dug up dinosaurs and looked at fossils.

Next week is Art Week followed by Easter Week.



Don't forget to book for our wonderful Holiday Program this is fantastic opportunity for other children to participate and in turn keep the program running long term.

See the attached flyers.

Lynne Fulton (Patch Leader)

T: 0475451524 www.ourpatch.education



HOLIDAY PROGRAM

Our Patch St Mary's College - Seymour 7.00am - 6.00pm

Monday

10 April 2023

Tuesday

11 April 2023

FREE PLAY

Come join us today as we relax and catch up with our friends for the first day of the holidays.

Closed Public Holiday



Mindful Drawing Painting



Active Hall Play olden Child

Wednesday

12 April 2023



Today is all about Disney! Who is your favourite Disney character? Join us for a fun filled Disney Day.



Cooking Popcorn





Thursday

13 April 2023



Let's give our favourite stuffed toy a day out at Our Patch!



Cooking Dip & Biscuits Honey Joys

DIY Stuffed Creation Teddy Drawing



Friday

14 April 2023

Sri Lanka Day



Join us today as we discover and celebrate the Sri Lankan culture.







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HOLIDAY PROGRAM

Our Patch St Mary's College - Seymour 7.00am - 6.00pm

Monday

17 April 2023

≶Career Dau

Come dressed as what you would like to be when you grow up. Do you want to be a police officer, a doctor, a lawyer, an astronaut, a zoo keeper, or







Tuesday

18 April 2023

YAQ 40H 41H

Wear your most colourful clothes and ger ready to dance the day away!



Artist Posters Disco Ball



Dress up in bright colours

Wednesday

19 April 2023

MEGRAFT

Let's bring Minecraft to life at Our Patch.



Cooking **Biscuits**



Minecraft Tiggy Obstacle Course



Thursday

20 April 2023

HISTORY DAY



Let's turn back the clock to a year before 2023!



Cooking Scones





Bring in something old

Friday

21 April 2023



Today we are pirates! What will your pirate name be? Can you find the hidden treaure?











Community Notices

Mitchell Youth Services and Wallan Gateway Youth are excited to announce that the Term 1 school holiday activity is a trip to Funfields theme park with pick up and drop offs in the designated areas of Seymour, Broadford, Kilmore, Wallan and Beveridge.

Who: Young people 12-18

Where: Funfields Theme Park, Whittlesea

Cost; \$15 includes transport and ticket to the theme park- parents and/or guardians will need to

register via the QR code on the flyer

BYO: Lunch, water bottle, towel, hat and bathers

Spots are limited! Get in quick! Bookings close Tuesday 11th April (or when spaces have been filled). Please see the flyer and tiles attached for promotion on social media. Alternatively feel free to share our post on instagram (@mitchellyouthservices) and facebook (@ Mitchell Youth Services).

Jess Watts

Youth Development Officer- Leadership & Participation Mitchell Shire Council - 113 High Street, Broadford 3658 T 5734 6418 | M 0437 530 803





Children and families welcome!

- Clay Creations, Tuesday 11 April, 2pm 3.30pm
 Wallan Library
- Glant Bubble Party, Wednesday 12 April, 2pm 3.30pm Seymour Library
- Rock Painting, Thursday 13 April, 2pm 3.30pm
 Beveridge Micro Library, Greater Beveridge Community Centre
- Lego Masters, Friday 14 April, 2pm 3.30pm
 Broadford Library
- Food and Fairles Gardening Workshop, Monday 17 April, 10.30am 11.30am
 Kilmore Library
- Lego Masters, Friday 21 April, 2pm 3.30pm
 Wallan Library

All events as part of Love Your Library Month

Scan QR code for all April Love Your Library events, including school holiday events listed above

For more event info visit mitchellshire.vic.gov.au/events



Register now and don't miss out!



Community Notices cont...



We are Jemma Wilson events, running off-road motorcycling events, tailoring to ladies and girls of all ages and abilities. We have an upcoming event in Seymour Vic, 28-30 April, and as a promotion to the event we have designed a colouring in competition (for all ages and genders).

The winners would receive free tickets to the event and if they're not into riding (or a boy) we have some really cool Dritimes Beach and Gym Towels up for grabs.

please find information about the competition as well as the artwork attached and the direct link to the competition on Jemmawilson.com below.

https://jemmawilson.com/pages/coach-camp-ride Adventure is out there!

Thank you and be sure to check out upcoming JW Events here. Bree Davies 0400 235 703 www.jemmawilson.com



COLOURING COMP

Win tickets to Coach/Camp/Ride
or
Dritimes Towels

How to enter:

Print the colouring in page
 2. Get creative!

3. Send a copy to bree@jemmawilson.com

Include artists name and age.

1st Prize
2 event tickets
or

JW x Dritimes Beach
towel & Gym towel

2nd Prize
1 event ticket
or
Or
Or
JW x Dritimes Beach
or Gym towel

Entries close- Thurs 13th April Winner announced - Fri 14th April

For more information on the event head to jemmawilson.com or scan the QR code on the artwork

*What if I don't win but I still want to buy a ticket but it's sold out? Easiest way to stop this from happening is book your ticket asap and if you win we will refund your ticket purchase.

