



Term 2 Week 11

St. Mary's Primary School Newsletter

website: www.smswanhill.catholic.edu.au



22nd June 2020

Dear Parents and Families,

We have almost reached the end of a very different term and it is hard to believe we are halfway through the school year. This week you will receive your child's mid-year reports. Due to COVID-19 and Remote Learning, adjustments have been made to school reports based on Government and CECV guidelines. This semester there will be no progression points or outcomes. You will find overviews of what has been taught, achievements, and a summary comment for your child. They have been a delight to read and I want to commend the efforts of our fantastic teachers who have worked very hard to produce descriptive and meaningful reports about your children.

I would also like to thank the many families who have called or emailed to pass on their best wishes to Mrs Gook. She has been so appreciative of all your kind messages. As many of you are aware, Ginny tripped and fell at school 2 weeks ago and underwent surgery for a shoulder replacement in Melbourne over the weekend. She is in good spirits and we hope she will fly through her rehab and be back with us soon.

Parent Conversations

Many parents took the opportunity to book in for a Parent Conversation with their child's teacher last Wednesday. These are running again tomorrow, Tuesday June 23rd. They are a great chance to book a time to check in with your child's teacher, share insights gained about their learning over the remote experience and set goals together going forward for the new term.



Book School Interviews Online

This phone conversation is 10 minutes. Your child's teacher will call at your scheduled time. Please ensure you list the best contact number on your booking. Teachers may use their own phone, so the call may come up as 'No Caller ID' if they have switched their settings to private.

If you have any further inquiries please contact the school office on 03 50332541.

Parent Conversations run throughout the school day on Tuesday 23rd June and then from 3.40pm – 4.50pm.

The web address for booking is <http://www.schoolinterviews.com.au> and the logon code is : **8hpjt**

2021 Enrolments

You have probably heard our ads on the radio, seen virtual tours on Facebook and seen ads in The Guardian...it's that time of year when we are open for enrolments and take names for Flying Start. Our parent community is one of our best forms of advertising so please let your friends and family know about the great teaching and learning programs and wonderful pastoral support that exists at St Mary's, when they are considering school for 2021.

This week we will post the next virtual tour of our school on Facebook. It highlights the benefits of Flying Start and I would really encourage you to look at these and share them with friends and family as *they are a great snapshot of the strengths of St Mary's.*

<https://www.facebook.com/stmarysswanhillvictoria/videos/3958047184237873/>

Remote Learning Survey

The period of remote learning has been a challenging time for us all, but despite the major disruptions to normal activities, there will be many valuable lessons derived from this period that we as a school, wish to take forward. Below is a link to a survey in order to help capture the learnings from the remote learning period. Your feedback will be valuable in learning from the experience and improving education outcomes.

Here is the link to the survey: <https://forms.gle/urqN5elfrmwpaiU47>

The survey should take approximately 5 minutes to complete and is available until Sunday July 12th

St Mary's Getting Ready For School Program
Our free school familiarisation program for PRE-SCHOOL CHILDREN
Starting Friday July 24th 2020



Sessions times:
9am - 10.30am
and
11.30am - 1pm
Phone: 5033 2541
for further
information
or to book a place

Let your child experience life at St Mary's enjoying our Phonics, Music, PE, Italian, Art and Technology Programs

2021 ENROLMENTS ARE NOW OPEN
School Open Days planned for Term 3 and individual tours available in June and July

**CHOOSING A SCHOOL FOR YOUR CHILD IS A VERY IMPORTANT FAMILY DECISION
ST MARY'S SWAN HILL IS MAKING IT A SIMPLE PROCESS!**



We have a fantastic new website complete with a range of videos that give virtual tours of the school and allow prospective parents to meet our staff, hear from our talented students and see for themselves our amazing school grounds and facilities.

WHY NOT HAVE A LOOK TODAY?

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Flying Start

We are open for 2021 enrolments and it has been fantastic to see names coming in for our very popular school transition program - Flying Start. With restrictions in place we were not able to conduct Open Days in April and May, but we have new dates in place for School Open Days and Come and Try mornings for prospective families and 2021 Foundation students next term.

New St Mary's School website

We have had lots of positive feedback about our new website and it certainly gives a great snapshot of our school. If you haven't had a chance to check it, click on the link below - you may even see your own child starring in a video !

<https://smswanhill.catholic.edu.au/>

SAC Meeting

The School Advisory Council welcomed Fr James to our school and parish when we met on Tuesday 16th June. Discussions centred around the new preschool, Shamrock Park opening in 2021, the schools newly formed family engagement team, current building and outdoor projects and the refurbishing of the library to include a technology hub and large breakout room suitable for whole year level gatherings. The SAC also provided feedback about the remote learning experience and discussed how to build on the high levels of engagement in their child's learning witnessed when the children were learning from home

Assembly Prayer & SOW

If you can be anything, be kind was the theme behind the 2N Assembly prayer last week and I'm sure we all learnt a great deal about the power of kindness from the students in that class. If you have not yet had a chance to watch this it is on our school facebook page

<https://www.facebook.com/stmarysswanhillvictoria/>

This week we look forward to our digital assembly being hosted by 1E.

St Vincent de Paul Winter Appeal - Casual Dress Day Friday

As a part of our Catholic mission here at St Mary's we are holding our yearly St Vincent de Paul Winter Appeal all week, finishing off with a **casual dress** day on Friday. The theme for this day is '**PJ Day**' where children can come dressed in their pyjamas, onesies, dressing gowns, beanies and scarves! Instead of our regular gold coin donation we are asking for donations of items such as non-perishable foods. You may send your donation in at any stage throughout this week and the SRC will be collecting this to pack into hampers to be taken to the Parish centre for distribution to those in need over the winter months. This is a great way for our children to make connections with our Catholic faith and reach out to make a difference in the lives of others just as Jesus did.



I hope you all enjoy the last few days of term and a reminder that **school finishes at 2:25** on Friday. Have a great week and enjoy a safe and happy holiday with your family and I really look forward to seeing you all again next term.

Kate





The new normal: Michael Grose's tips for families navigating this next stage - The Parents Website

Some kids are finding the return to the classroom challenging, while for older kids, it's an opportunity for change. Parenting expert Michael Grose talks with Peter Hanlon about how families can navigate this next stage. Just as no one has been immune to the threat of Coronavirus, nor our lives untouched by its presence, so does 'the new normal' lump us together

<https://theparentswebsite.com.au/nearly-normal-michael-grozes-tips-for-families-navigating-this-next-stage/>

PE

SSV Virtual Cross Country

School Sport Victoria has launched their Virtual Cross Country event so you can now have the opportunity to include your own time for a run/walk in your correct age group division and then compare it to other runners in the State!

1. 5 - 8 year olds can run 1,000m (2KM)
2. 9 - 10 year olds can run 2,000m (2KM)
3. 11 -13 year olds - run 3,000m (3KM)

Click on the following link to fill in a form and submit it online. You can enter as many times as you like!

<https://www.ssv.vic.edu.au/Pages/VirtualCrossCountry.aspx>

Feel free to send us any photos of you and your child having a go at this Virtual Cross Country.

SSV Update - Interschool sport – current status

Some interschool sporting events and competitions have been cancelled and will not run in 2020. These include:

- Local district or division events which cannot be rescheduled to later in the year. This may be due to the seasonality of the sport, access to venues or availability of schools to participate.
- Region and State Championships for cross country and winter team sports due to be held in Term 3, meaning that progression to a Region or State Championship will not occur for the following sports: Australian Football, badminton (secondary only), bowls (secondary only), cross country, hockey, netball, soccer and tee ball (primary only).
- State Championship competition for swimming is cancelled. The remaining Division and Region Championships may be delivered in Term 4, where possible.



**SCHOOL HOLIDAY
NETBALL CLINIC
SWAN HILL STADIUM**



Thursday 2nd July 2020
9am - 11.30am: 7 - 11 yrs
12.30pm - 3pm: 12 - 15 yrs
Cost: \$45 per participant



Limited spaces available due to COVID-19 restrictions

Every participant receives a Netball
Book Online: www.juliecorletto.com



[Curriculum News with Mrs Hall](#)

Online Subscriptions:

At St. Mary's we are very fortunate to have many online subscriptions for students to access at home to support their learning in the areas of Literacy and Numeracy, especially for families looking for extra resources over the school holidays.

Literacy

Sunshine Online which is a wonderful website containing hundreds of levelled texts. Children can log in and read along to stories and then complete associated interactive games and activities.

Username: [smswanhill](#)

Password: [smswanhill](#)

Sunshine Classics is another digital literacy program with over 300 E-books and 1000 interactive language activities to enjoy.

Username : [murlong](#)

Password : [murlong](#)

Foundations are supported by the **Phonics Hero** subscription with individualised codes with the focus on phonics, reading and spelling online interactive games. Our Year 1 children have individualised log in codes for **Reading Eggs**. With the Year 3-6 children having access to **Epic Reading**.

Numeracy:

Yr 1's have access to **Mathseeds**. Mathseeds teaches kids aged 3-9 core math and problem solving skills with fun online math games and activities.

The Year 2-6 students have individualised logs in for **Mathletics**. Students have access to relevant content set by their teachers that will reinforce their learning and challenge them to go to the next level.

RE News with Mrs Davies

Sacraments

Early next term, our Year 4 children would have normally been preparing to receive the Sacrament of First Eucharist. Due to COVID-19 and restrictions still in place at this time we are looking at holding this Sacrament later in the year. We will be in liaison with Fr James next term to look at some different possibilities of how this will look for our children and their families. Similarly, our Year 3 children I know will be looking forward to completing their Sacrament of Confirmation hopefully later this year as well. We will keep parents informed throughout next term as to what will happen with this process.



Key Dates

Tuesday 23rd June

Parent Conversations

Friday 26th June

Last Day of Term 2, **School concludes at 2:15pm**

Monday 13th July

First day of Term 3

Sunday July 19th

St Mary's Open Day
Tours 10 am & 11am

Monday 20th July

Come and Try Morning

Tuesday 21st July

School Liturgy Year 1

Friday 24th July

Flying Start Session 1

Saturday 25th July

Year 4 Eucharist Mass
6:30 pm

Sunday 26th July

Year 4 Eucharist Mass
10:30am

Tuesday 28th July

St Mary MacKillop
Transition Day

Wednesday 29th July

Come and Try Morning

Monday 10th August

Come and Try Morning

Administration News

CDF pay - For Canteen Orders

Attached to today's newsletter is instructions for families to download the app. If you have any queries or require assistance in setting up the app please contact the office and we will be happy to assist.

School In Action Tours

We have our next **Open Day on Sunday July 19th** (restrictions permitting) with personalised tours provided at any time during Term 3. Please contact the office 50332541 to arrange a tour today.

Come and Try Mornings

A chance for you and your child to come in and join a Foundation class for the morning and see our school in action in real time.

Monday 20th July 9:30-11:00

Wednesday 29th July 9:30-11:00

Monday 10th August 9:30-11:00



ABSENCES

Absence Notification

PAM is our preferred form of notifications for absences

To use PAM- Log onto your PAM account, directly under your student's name is a box "Parent Notified Absence" click here to enter or alternatively use the three line (hamburger) in the top right hand corner to go to "Parent Notified Absence".

Alternatively : Message: 0409968162, Email: office@smswanhill.catholic.edu.au,

Phone: 50332541 from 8.30 am.

Health reminder

A reminder that, in order to do our best to protect our community from contracting any virus, it is important to ensure that any unwell staff and students remain at home. If a child presents to the office expressing that they are unwell, or if their teacher feels that a child is displaying unwell symptoms, parents/carers will be called to collect them from school. It is important that in this current climate we are vigilant with the health of the community and take measures to make good decisions.

Student of the Week - Week 10

6O	Andi M	Jett B
6P	Avneet B	Ava O
6Q	Maddison B	Will H
5R	Tyler B	Scarlett B
5S	Jules M	Brealle L
5T	Matilda M	Dakota Z
5U	Holly L	Cienna M
4A	Lilian H	Callum M
4B	Saly N	Zyma A
4W	Brayden M	Miela R
4Y	Jedd M	Meg Y
3G	William M	Jett G-D
3H	Emily L	Archie B
3I	Emett W Archer J	Max M
3J	Larni O	Seth H
2K	Tyler M	Minh N
2L	Sacha L	Kevin V
2M	Charlotte T	Joseph B
2N	Mac B	Agamjot K
1C	Braith C	Indianah P
1D	Memphis T	Leo E
1E	Oliver K Steffany S	Ivy P
1F	Heidi H	Tilly S
F Blue	Judd O	Matilda R Delilah B
F Green	Sonny M	Lana R
F Yellow	Arlee P	Wilhem F
F Purple	Hayley K	Violet G
Music	Anna F Max P	Pippa W Ella O
Italian	All of 3H Ruby G	All of 4W Gracie Z
PE	All of 3I Tyler M	Lily S Anna H
Art	Eliza K Dash W	Kur M Jasmeen B



22nd June - Tomika P

24th June - Mia H

25th June - Myles H

26th June - Braith C,

Agamjot K

27th June - Grace G

28th June - Mayla C, Leo K

Happy Birthday to the following during the holidays!

29th June - Novak D

30th June - Ekamdeep K

1st July - Jagger F, Gracie H, Oliver M

2nd July - Jackson H, Zed H

4th July - Lachlan L, Oliver S

5th July - Colby D

6th July - Brayden M, Thomas R

7th July - Jax S

8th July - Ella W

9th July - Kenzie C, Lily G, Amaya H, Jack L, Gurjot S

10th July - Issy C, Ava C, Austin F,

Isabel F, Scarlett F

11th July - Oscar R

12th July - Maddie H



Foundation Yellow

Foundation Yellow have really enjoyed being back at school, seeing all of their friends and having fun with their learning!

I really like colouring in with my friends in the morning.

By Titalia

I love building things with the 'Mobile' blocks.

By Spencer

I love seeing my friends and playing with them inside the classroom.

By George

My teachers make me happy at school and I missed seeing them.

By Jayla

I love playing with my friends and the toys inside the classroom.

By Raf

I missed learning with my teacher and writing numbers.

By Kenzie



I love to playing on the playground and in the sandpit again.

I love seeing my friends a lot more and making things with them.

By Frankie

My teacher has been teaching us very good things about writing.

By Chelsea

I love playing games with Luca and Dustin.

By Ben

I love school because it is just fun and you can even do messages on the Smartboard!

By Dustin

I like playing with my cousin Rory and my friends in the classroom.

By Wilhem

I love playing 'Cops and Robbers' with my friends on the playground.

By Arlee

I love playing 'Lava Monsters' with my friends.

By Maya

I love doing more work with writing and learning about

'Story Grammar'.

By Willow

I love playing 'Tiggy' with my friends outside on the hill.

By Estelle

I love seeing my friends and teachers.

By Harrison

I am new and I like making lots of new friends.

By Mark

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

What is the Nationally Consistent Collection of Data?

Schools must now complete the *Nationally Consistent Collection of Data on School Students with Disability (NCCD)* every year. It counts the number of students who receive additional adjustments or “help” at school because of a disability. The NCCD helps governments plan for the needs of students with disability.

Who is counted in the data collection?

To count a student in the NCCD, schools must think through some key questions:

1. Is the student getting help at school so that they can take part in education on the same basis as other students?
2. Is the help given because of a disability? The word ‘disability’ comes from the [Disability Discrimination Act 1992](#) (DDA) and it can include many students.
3. Has the school talked to you or your child about the help that they provide?
4. Has the school kept records about the help they provide, the student needs and the reasons that the student needs this help? The school will need to keep copies of tests, student work, assessments, records of meetings, medical reports or other paperwork and information about how the student’s learning is moving along over time.

Once the school decides that the student should be counted in the NCCD, they then choose a disability group and one of four levels of help that has been given to the student.

What does the word ‘disability’ mean in the NCCD?

In the NCCD the word ‘disability’ comes from the [Disability Discrimination Act 1992](#) (DDA). There are four types of disability that the school can choose from: sensory, cognitive, social-emotional and physical.

Many students that need help at school can be counted in the NCCD. For example, students with learning problems, e.g. specific learning disability or reading difficulty (sometimes called dyslexia), health problems (e.g. epilepsy or diabetes), physical disability (e.g. cerebral palsy), vision/hearing loss and social-emotional problems (e.g. selective mutism, Autism Spectrum Disorder, anxiety).

Letters from doctors or specialists can be very helpful for schools as they plan how to support students with their learning. Schools do not need to have these letters before they can count a

1. Setting-Up your Account

STEP 1

- Browse to your school's CDFpay portal (this can be found on your school's website, recent newsletter or email communication).
- Select **New Parent Account**.



STEP 2

- Enter your full **Name**, **Email** and desired **Password** in the relative fields.
- Click **Next**.

STEP 3

- Check your inbox for an **Email Verification**.
- Click the link in the email to verify your email address and navigate to the log in page.
- Click **Log In**.

STEP 4

- Log in using your **Email** address and **Password**.

STEP 5

- To add a student to your account, type their **First and Last Name** and select their **Class** from the drop down list provided.

STEP 6

- Click **Add Another Student** should you need to add another child.
- Press **Continue** once complete.
- You are now logged in a ready to order.

STEP 7

- Select your student from list (if on a mobile) or from the top left of your screen (if on a desktop computer).

2. Adding Students and Editing Details after Account Set-Up

STEP 1

- Once logged into your account, click the 3 bars icon on the top left of the screen to open the menu.

STEP 2

- Select **Edit Child Account** from the Menu if you'd like to add another student or change the student details.
- Alternatively, select **Edit Your Account Details** if you would like to make changes to the Parent details.

STEP 3

- If adding a student, select **Add Another Student** or Edit/Remove current student/s.
- Enter the student's details

STEP 4

- Click **Finish** to complete the process.
- Then click **Cancel** to go back to ordering screen.



3. View or Cancel Previous Orders

STEP 1

- Once logged into your account, click the 3 bars icon on the top left of the screen.

STEP 2

- Select **See / Manage Paid Orders** from the Menu

STEP 3

- This will allow you to see what orders are lodged against your linked students.
- It will also allow you to cancel a paid order to receive an automatic full refund.
- NOTE: refunds will be processed onto the student's account. These funds can be used for a future order. Refunds are not issued onto credit cards or into bank accounts.

