



St. Mary's Primary School Newsletter

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1st June 2020

Term 2 Week 8

Dear Parents and Families,

It has been wonderful to see our Foundation, Year 1 and Year 2 students back at school enjoying playing and learning together and we thank all parents for your support with the quick morning drop offs and the zoned afternoon pick up. It has really made our transition back to school very smooth. Our focus for the return to school has been on getting back into a routine and reconnecting with staff and friends. Please know that we are mindful of how our junior children are settling into school life and have put many supports into place to assist them. Our Year 3-6 teachers are all working onsite. The remote learning program will continue to be delivered in Week 8 and we are busily planning for our students to return in Week 9. Once again, we are so impressed with the efforts that students are putting into their remote learning and ask them to keep up the great work for a few more days. ...we are on the home stretch now!

We are all getting used to the new regime of continually cleaning and sanitising, and have to say both our students and staff have been great at accepting this new way of living.

Last week children were able to transition from summer uniform. Today heralds the start of Winter and with this the expectation that all students are decked out in winter uniform on Monday, June 1st.

Fr Matthew

We have been very lucky to have Fr Matt for a little longer due to the COVID-19 restrictions, however he heads off to Sacred Heart Parish in Mildura today. We are still hoping to have an official farewell for him when our whole school community is allowed to be all together!

Flying Start and 2021 Enrolments

We are open for 2021 enrolments and taking names for our school transition program - Flying Start. We have revised dates for School Open Days and Come and Try mornings for prospective families and 2021 Foundation students. Our parent community is one of our best forms of advertising and in this current climate when we are forced to be so distant with each other, more than ever we are relying on you to let friends and families know about the great teaching and learning programs and level of care that exists at St Marys, when they are considering school options for their children.

Get off to a Flying Start
 St Mary's free school familiarisation program for PRE-SCHOOL CHILDREN
 Starting Friday July 24th 2020 and continuing each Friday until September 4th 2020
 Sessions times: 9am - 10.30am and 11.30am - 1pm
 Phone: 5033 2543 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 later this term

Assembly Prayer & SOW

Thanks to Mrs Patney and 4B for sharing their Assembly prayer with us last week about 'being kind'. This week it is 5R's turn to create a digital Assembly Prayer. We will continue to share our Assemblies each week through Google Classroom, Seesaw and Facebook.

National Reconciliation Week

This week is an important week for our nation as we commemorate National Sorry Day and the start of National Reconciliation Week. The theme for 2020 is "this together" which is very apt given our current situation.



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Return to school

Thank you to the many families who have taken the time to read the Return to School Guide or watched the Return to school video. I have just summarised some key information as we have had a few queries about the following:

Adults Onsite

Restrictions will continue on parent and visitor access to the school site for anyone other than immediate school staff, social distancing rules apply for all adults onsite. We would respectfully ask that wherever possible communication with the school should be conducted through phone or email and if it is necessary to come onsite eg. to pick up your child for an appointment please phone the school office ahead of time and come to the office side window for assistance.

Water bottle - our water bubblers have been disabled for safety reasons so all children should bring a clearly named refillable water bottle.

Illness - students should stay home if they are unwell. Families will be contacted to pick up children if they present as unwell on arrival or become unwell through the day.

Canteen

The canteen will operate with a modified menu for the remainder of the term. Recess and lunch orders can be ordered using CDF Pay. If you haven't set up CDF Pay just give the office a call and they will assist you. There will be no over the counter sales or Brekky Club for the remainder of this term.

Semester 1 Reports

Despite the recent health crisis, all schools are required to write Semester 1 reports for each student before the end of this term. Teachers have been busy working on these and while the format will look a little different this year we will still report on Maths, English, Religious Education and Personal and Social Capabilities. We are not taking a school closure day to work on reports. Instead, all junior teachers are being released to work on reports throughout the week, while our Year 3-6 teachers will provide school work on Friday June 5th, but will not be available online as they take some time to continue to work on writing reports.

Have a great week everyone and look forward to seeing you out in the carpark or on Google Classroom.

Kate



Wellbeing with Mrs Gook

Dealing with Disappointment

The Coronavirus is impacting families around the world and changing how we do things on a daily basis. In many cases, it has resulted in the indefinite postponement of many special, and often long-awaited events, such as milestone birthdays, sporting competitions, school trips and family holidays.

Disappointment can be a tricky emotion to deal with at any age, but particularly for young people whose world has been turned upside down in a matter of weeks. Although disappointment is a normal part of growing up, adults need to remember that kids have a lot of choice regarding how they respond to it. Their response will determine the impact on their future happiness.

Disappointment is considered a healthy and positive emotion that is essential to a child's emotional, intellectual and social development. It is important to help kids manage their disappointment in order to avoid stronger emotions such as anxiety and depression. Although your first reaction may be to fix the problem, it is better to encourage them to find the words to express how they feel.

In this Special Report, parents and caregivers will be provided with some tips on how to help a child process disappointment and look at the problem objectively. We hope you take time to reflect on the information offered in this Special Report, and as always, we welcome your feedback. If you do have any concerns about the wellbeing of your child please contact the school.

https://schooltv.me/wellbeing_news



Curriculum News with Mrs Hall

There is no doubt about it, technology has certainly helped us achieve some amazing learning experiences in the past few months! From Google Docs, Google Meets, Google Chat, Seesaw and Zoom, technology is increasingly becoming a key enabler and driver of education. We acknowledge how strongly our staff, students and families have embraced technology this term and thank you for all the new technology learning that has occurred for both students and adults.



It has been inspiring to see how quickly our F-2 students are adapting to their new routine after returning to onsite learning this week. They are confidently coming to class with an "I can" attitude, as our staff continue to build and encourage a 'growth mindset'. As we move forward to having all our students onsite in another week, our school continues to take proactive steps in prioritising connections, calmness and familiar routines to continue to support the wellbeing of our children. As educators we know that good teaching and learning begins with strong relationships and feeling safe.

RE News with Mrs Davies

SEASON OF PENTECOST - THE BIRTHDAY OF THE CHURCH

Yesterday marked the second biggest feast in the Church Year! Pentecost is when the Holy Spirit came to the disciples and the Church was formed. The Apostles went out and began to preach the Gospel and baptise thousands of people, receiving them into the new Church.

The Holy Spirit is God. He is the third person of the Holy Trinity, after the Father and the Son. Before Jesus came to Earth, the Holy Spirit inspired the men who wrote the Old Testament part of the Bible. It was the Holy Spirit who brought baby Jesus to the world through Mary. Jesus told his followers that He would send the Holy Spirit to them after He went into Heaven. We all need the Holy Spirit. The Spirit gives us the strength we need to do good and to be the best person we can be.



Administration News

Book Club

Issue 4 is due Friday 12th June.

The catalogue has been issued to students in Foundation to Year 2, and it will be provided to year 3 to 6's students when they return on 9th June, 2020. The catalogue is also available on the loop, and online orders are preferred.

Dates to be aware of:

Monday 8th June – Queen's Birthday Holiday (public holiday) **Tuesday 9th June** – Year 3-6 return to onsite learning.

Friday 26th June – Last day of Term 2, school concludes at 2:15pm

Flying Start and 2021 Enrolments

Open Days

Sunday 14th June - Tour Times: 10am & 11am (TBC confirmed closer to the date)

Sunday July 19th -Tour Times: 10am & 11am

School In Action Tours

-personalised tours provided at any time, 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

Medication

Most families collected medications housed onsite at the end of the term. Please return these medications with your child on their first day of school so they are on hand in Sick Bay if required.

ABSENCES

Absence Notification in Term 2

During Term 2 if your child is unwell and unable to participate in on-line remote learning or attend on-site learning as arranged, please lodge a Parent Notified Absence.

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.

School Office Hours

The school can be contacted via phone during the modified hours of **8:30 am - 3:45pm** each day. We encourage families to phone during school hours or direct emails to office@smswanhill.catholic.edu.au. If parents wish to contact Kate directly please email principal@smswanhill.catholic.edu.au

Happy Birthday

1st June - Reese P

3rd June - Anmol K

5th June - Vicky D,

Carly S, Angus T

6th June - Jasmeen B,

Archie B, Maeve M,

Gemma N, Charli S

7th June - Rubi K

8th June - Noah O



Student of the Week - Week 6

6O	Sienna S	Bonnie W
6P	Kiah P	Jonah C
6Q	Claudia B	Darcy U
5R	Milli L	Reese P
5S	Chloe L	Jackson H
5T	Anna H	Archie O
5U	Monique P	Ryan A
4A	Maddox P	Mohitaz G
4B	Ramel A	Saly N
4W	Kit C	Angus S
4Y	Ruby T	Jasmine H
3G	Alden K Prue O	Noa Bella WCL
3H	Rueben C	Kaitlyn S
3I	Asha N	Tao F
3J	Molly D	Flynn O
2K	Will R	Samantha P
2L	Sarah L	Cooper H
2M	Emma W Indi M	Braxton W
2N	Jax Sp	Domi C
1C	Will P	Madison M
1D	Cherry N	Hayden M
1E	Cody G	Eliza M
1F	Will O	Jack L
F Blue	Johannes O	Dakota P
F Green	Jagger F	Kye T
F Yellow	Harrison B	Estelle H
F Purple	Thea T	Marcus M
Music	All of 1F	All of Foundation Purple
Italian	Sonny M	Emily S
PE	Samantha P	Jagger M
Art	Hugo B	Wilhelm F



Farewell and thank you Father Matt

