



St. Mary's Primary School Newsletter

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9th June 2020

Term 2 Week 9

Dear Parents and Families,

I hope you had a lovely but also restful long weekend. It was fantastic to welcome our Year 3,4, 5 & 6 students back and there certainly were some very happy children in the playground and in class this morning! All the staff at St Mary's have really missed our students so it is wonderful to have our whole school community back at last! It has been almost 11 weeks since these students have been on site for face to face learning and teaching so excitement and a few nerves were very understandable.

Once again, a sincere thank you to all families for the fabulous support you have provided the children throughout the 'Learning from Home' period and please continue to keep an eye on your emails and our school Facebook page for updates. This week we have 3 students who joined us during remote learning- Ryan and Hamy Hoang and Jasmeen Brar and a new student starting in 5S on Wednesday- Joel Schneider so we hope they will settle in happily and enjoy their new classes at St Mary's.

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 2021 school options for their children.

Flying Start

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.

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 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 later this term

On Thursday we launched the first of a series of virtual tours of our school 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.*

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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New St Mary's School website

It's official.....Our **new school website went live last week!** Complete with lots of videos that give virtual tours through the school and allow our current families and prospective parents an opportunity to meet our staff, hear from our talented students and see for themselves our amazing school grounds and facilities. It is a massive improvement on our current website so we would encourage you to have a look at it and watch some of the videos with your children as many of our students star in the videos and photo galleries.



Book School Interviews Online

Parent Conversations

On Wednesday June 17th and Tuesday June 23rd staff will conduct Parent Conversations over the phone for children in their 2020 class.

This is an opportunity for parents 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.

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 or would like us to make the booking for you please contact the school office on 03 5033254

Our school interviews website will open on Wednesday 10th June at 3 pm for you to log a time for your child's **Parent Conversations**. You can log on yourself and choose your preferred time or alternatively contact the office and we can do this for you.

Parent Conversations will be held at:

- 3.40pm – 4.50pm Wednesday 17th June 2020
- 3.40pm – 4.50pm Tuesday 23rd June 2020 and throughout the day on Tuesday 23rd June.

The web address for booking is <http://www.schoolinterviews.com.au>

and the logon code is : **8hpjt**

Assembly Prayer & SOW

Thanks 5R for a terrific reflection on remote learning last week and we look forward to prayer from 3G this week.

Winter Uniform

The weather last week was a timely reminder that winter has arrived. All students should now be in full winter uniform with sports uniforms to be worn only on PE or level sports days.

COVID 19-Update

Today we have attached a FAQ which provides responses to commonly asked questions and additional information about COVID-19.

Gratitude Video

And finally... the student leaders organised a short video message to express our gratitude to parents, staff and students. It is well worth watching - it has been posted on our school Facebook page.

<https://www.facebook.com/watch/?v=306581477006758>

Have a great week and hope to see you out and about.

Kate



Administration News

No sharing of food

Just a reminder that there are a number of children at St Mary's with severe food allergies. Please encourage children not to share their food with others, nuts or nut products are not recommended at school.

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:

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 attend on-site learning, 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

9th June - Landon M

10th June - Laura D

11th June - Aidee B,

Knox J, Yazmin R

12th June - Charlotte S

13th June - Maximus R,

Prue O

14th June - Arna C

Student of the Week - Week 8

6O	Ava C	Bodhi K
6P	Mitchell A	Archie G Seamus D
6Q	Mikaela M	Dustyn J
5R	Tara F	Harper F
5S	Charlie G	Isabella C
5T	Amber B	Sabrina V
5U	Charlize C	Ellah R-B
4A	Zoe C	Elliott W
4B	Levi P	Upkeerat S Owen U
4W	Lowan G	Jake O
4Y	Arou M	Ryan D
3G	Evie K Bohden B	All of 3 G
3H	Blake S	Martin N
3I	All of 3I	All of 3I
3J	All of 3J	All of 3J
2K	Ella S	Ava M
2L	Arie W	Jook M
2M	Indi L	Evie S
2N	Max M	Tomika P
1C	Cleo M	Adrian T
1D	Hadisa E	Van N
1E	Oliver S Shiloh C	Jai P
1F	Brodey C	Esha K
F Blue	Koa W	Zed H
F Green	Leni W	Angela W
F Yellow	George M	Maya S
F Purple	Mitchell B	Eve G
Music	Rylan G	Dakota P Otto P
Italian	Olivia R	Caleb M
PE	Indianah P	Lachlan L
Art	Thea T	Kalena G

Thank you to all Staff, Parents & Students



A Thank You to all
Parents and Carers
who became Teachers
in the time of COVID from our children

On behalf of all of us, we wanted to say a big thank you for all that you have done and are doing for us during the COVID-19 emergency.

- Thank you for taking on yet another role in your life at very short notice.
- Thank you for installing a school in your home.
- Thank you for persisting with online classroom applications and programs.
- Thank you for listening and being encouraging when school work felt too hard.
- Thank you for offering to find out the answers together.
- Thank you for sharing motivation when the days felt so long.
- Thank you for balancing this on top of so much that has changed for you.
- Thank you for the hot meals and the full fridge at lunch time.
- Thank you for bringing some fun to home-school.
- Thank you for reading books together and sharing ideas about them.
- Thank you for the late nights that you are working to fit everything in.
- Thank you for continuing to try.
- Thank you for turning up every day.
- Thank you for not giving up.
- Thank you for being a teacher to us not just now, but throughout our lives.

Years from now, we probably won't remember much of what you said or tried to teach us. But we will remember that you were there, beside us, day after day. We will remember how you looked after us. We will remember the laughs we shared. We will remember that it was so different to what normal school was like. We will remember how much you tried. Most of all, we will remember how much you loved us and cared about our education.



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*Being Back at School is
Lots of Fun in 1F!*

