



Term 3 Week 8

St. Mary's Primary School Newsletter

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Welcome to Week 8

Dear Parents and Families,

With Father's Day just around the corner, I hope all families find creative ways to reach out and celebrate the wonderful roles dad's play in our lives this weekend and that all Dads, grandads and the special men in our lives have a day of happiness, and where they can share some special time with their loved ones.

Many of our teachers have remarked on how well our students are doing with meeting work expectations and submitting tasks on either Seesaw or Google Classroom. We have also had comments from parents about student success with Google Meet connections. As a staff we believe that students gain great benefit from connecting with their teacher and each other, using this conferencing platform and thank you for supporting your child to attend these with their teacher and classmates.

I once again pass on my appreciation to each of you for the effort you are putting in at home whilst also juggling families and work. This is a challenge many staff are also facing. Our teachers agree that this period is unlike any other we have faced in education in our time, but I am proud of how well everyone in our community has adapted to this challenge.

At this stage, the same arrangements for remote learning will stay in place until the end of Term 3. No doubt there will be questions emerging about the organisation of upcoming events and activities that are usually key features of Term 4. At this stage, we have little clarity about guidelines going forward, but it is safe to say that there will be changes to the way we do things given the current environment and if necessary, we will come up with alternative ways to organise activities.

Parent Conversations

Throughout the week starting **Monday September 7 to Friday September 11th** staff will conduct Parent Conversations over the phone for children in their 2020 class.



Book School Interviews Online

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 50332541.

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

and the login code is : **bte9e**

Open for bookings Wednesday September 2

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Remote Flying Start

We have had such a positive response to this initiative with photos starting to come in already as families have tuned in at home to Flying Start. Melita, Rach, Kate and Barb did a fantastic job putting this together and our Foundation helpers also enjoyed the chance to show the

preschoolers what to do! We are still taking enrolments for Foundation and other year levels for 2021. **If you know of anyone who is considering St Mary's next year could you please let them know that enrolments are open and to make contact with the school for further information.**



Facebook, Instagram & 2021 Enrolments

Our school Facebook and Instagram pages are a great way for us to keep families 'in the loop' about what is happening while we are remote learning.

On Friday, we posted students of the Week and 1C's assembly prayer and our virtual pet parade.



Check them out, they showcase some of the creative and interesting learning happening across the levels and you never know as you may see one of your own children starring!

School Closure Day Wednesday September 9th

Just a reminder to all families that next Wednesday is a Staff professional Day at St Mary's so there will be no onsite supervision available that day.

Home Readers and Library loans

It's been fantastic to see so many families changing over readers last week. If your family requires more readers feel free to phone ahead and we will have a packet of levelled readers ready for you and will run it out to the school gate for you. If you are unsure which level you need to collect for your child please just contact their classroom teacher.

If you would like a pack of books for your family from the library please email Lisa at landerson@smswanhill.catholic.edu.au She will organise these and email you when they are ready for collection from the office. Happy reading!



School Fee Assistance

We are very conscious and respectful of the economic times we find ourselves in. Covid 19 is having an impact on many people's livelihoods and if you are at all concerned about school fees, please contact me or Maree in the school office. We are here to listen and assist in any way possible.

St Mary MacKillop College Online Transition

St Mary MacKillop College will be running an online information session on Wednesday, September 2nd 7:00pm – 7:45pm via Google Meets. The session will include some key information about starting secondary school and the life of a year 7 student at the college will be played.

As always we are only a phone call away.

Have a great week and hope you enjoy the Teachers brain break on Facebook and a beautiful tribute to our Dads put together by Foundation Purple as part of their assembly prayer on Friday

Kate



KEY DATES

Friday September 4th

Casual Dress Day

Theme: Active wear in support of STEPtember

Wednesday 9th

September

Pupil Free Day

No onsite supervision

Staff PD day

Administration News

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.

Absences during remote learning

Just a reminder that during remote learning, you still need to inform the office via PAM, phone or email if your child will not be in attendance on a particular day. This applies to both onsite students and remote learning students.

PAM User Guides

Keep an eye out on our weekly newsletter for our PAM user guides. These step by step instructions will help you use PAM more effectively. If you are having difficulty with PAM, please call our office on 03 50332541.

Netfit Holiday Fun

Check out the Athlete's Foot webpage for more information on Netfit clinics running regionally and on line.

<https://netfitnetball.com/netfit-school-holiday-clinics/>



BOOK NOW



PAM – Round Up

Throughout the term, we have run a series of PAM user guides to ensure you are able to use PAM in an efficient and effective manner to communicate with St Mary's. If you are still to verify your email address and create your child's/children's medical profiles, it is important that you do this as soon as possible to ensure you don't miss out on important school information.

Now you should be able to:

- o Notify the office via PAM that your child will be absent from school for one day or multiple days
- o Notify the office via PAM that your child will be arriving late to school, leaving school early or will be leaving school and returning eg. for an appointment
- o See that your child has been treated in the sick bay
- o Receive the weekly newsletter and other general school information
- o Receive letters that relates directly to your child
- o Receive school activity/excursion information relating to your child and give consent
- o View past letters and Excursions and School Activity permissions

There are still more features of PAM that will be available soon, including Bus Passes, so check the newsletter for updates.

Please contact the office on 03 50332541 if you require any assistance with PAM or refer back to the users guides featured on this terms newsletters.

Student of the Week - Term 3 Week 7

6O	Rory B	Audrey D
6P	Seamus D	Deklin Kiel
6Q	Willow C	Will H
5R	Harper F	Reese P
5S	Charli C	Miley S
5T	Oliver C	Alahni E
5U	Holly L	Ben N
4A	Bailey R	Isla B
4B	Ryan H	Stella E
4W	Thomas K	Skye P
4Y	Anmol K	Charlie E
3G	All of 3G	
3H	Kaitlyn S	Kayla S
3I	Georgia M	Tao F
3J	Seth H	Flynn O
2K	Will R	Ella O
2L	Ayva W	Sarah L
2M	Evie S	Rylan G
2N	Mac B	Ellainie L
1C	Cleo M Inayat S	Max P
1D	Archer T	Khang V
1E	Ollie S	Shiloh C
1F	Lily G	Deacon R Jakobe T
F Blue	Nikolas G	Mila W
F Green	Jagger F	Aiden C
F Yellow	Maya S	George M
F Purple	Mitch B	Eve G



Happy Birthday

September 1st

Scarlett F, Max P

September 2nd

Tyler B, Tess T

September 3rd

Martin N

September 5th

Zaidee A

September 6th

Cody M & Angus W

Virtual Pet Parade



