



Term 3 Week 10

St. Mary's Primary School Newsletter

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Welcome to Week 10

Dear Parents and Families,

With holidays just around the corner, I really want to take the opportunity to sincerely thank you for your hard work and efforts this term with remote learning. It's been another unprecedented term, with lots of different rules and regulations to follow and I am so grateful for the way everyone has embraced the many changes we have had to make to the way we normally operate. It's exciting to think we are back to onsite schooling very soon! Unless the government announces any further easing of regional restrictions, St Marys will return to onsite schooling for all year levels **Monday 12th October**. It is Tarsha's last week with us with Baby Ward due in early October and we wish her and Tom all the best as they begin another exciting chapter of their lives. While they are big shoes to fill, I'm sure Mrs Gretchen Skinner and Mrs Lauren Martin will do a wonderful job teaching 5T for the remainder of the year.

There was a strong take up from families for the end of term Parent Conversations and staff appreciated the opportunity to partner with families around the learning needs of their children, discuss the return to school and set goals for Term 4.



Virtual Open Day & 2021 Enrolments

It was lovely to meet a number of new families yesterday as we hosted our first ever virtual Open Day and while not quite the same as an onsite tour we were able to show them around our school grounds and facilities and provide an opportunity



to meet staff and join a live FAQ about St Marys. 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.**

School Planning Day

To facilitate planning for our return to school and Term 4 learning priorities we have a whole school planning day on **Thursday, 17th September**. There will be no onsite supervision available that day.

School Advisory Council

The SAC met via Google Meet on Tuesday 8 September from 7pm. Main topics of discussion was the decision to leave any school fee increases on hold throughout 2021, to increase the FFAS scheme from \$800 to \$850 to assist eligible families impacted by Covid and to investigate costs to extend the school staffroom area.

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.

Finishing time for end of Term 3

Please note that due to changes in the bus runs the finishing time for this Friday is one hour earlier.

Times are as follows:

2:20 - Country bus travellers

2:25 - Children being picked up

Have a great week and hope you have a chance to join our remote assembly hosted by 6P on Friday.

Kate



Wellbeing

With Mrs Quin

It can be quite a challenge at this time to maintain our positive, 'growth' mindset. This does not mean suggesting that everything is always fantastic, but where we can, model a positive outlook to others.

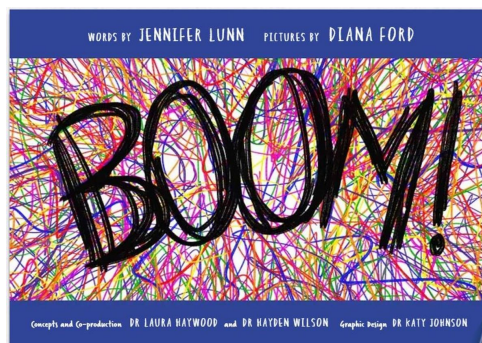
Further to this, although we are living with many restrictions on our everyday life, we can still show our children how to be optimistic about themselves. We all know from experience that what we believe about ourselves affects the way we act. Our children's belief in their own ability to do things is of great influence on their motivation, perseverance and success. The more our children believe they can do, the more likely they are to generalise that self-belief to other areas of their life. They then believe they have the ability to attempt, persevere and succeed in a whole range of activities.

Each Friday the teachers upload their learning schedules for the following week. Throughout that week, I regularly visit Seesaw and see the learning 'coming to life'. All of our families should be so proud of what their children are achieving. The work being uploaded is extremely impressive and the staff are very appreciative of your support. Keep up the amazing work at home and at school and keep encouraging our students to give their all. Stick with your growth mindset and with only a short time until the holidays, hang in there everybody! I am incredibly proud of all we are achieving together.

BOOM!

Simply copy and paste the link below to read this story about managing life and our emotions whilst 'staying at home' during lockdown.

<https://online.flippingbook.com/view/939871/>



KEY DATES

Thursday 17th September

Pupil Free Day

No onsite supervision or
remote learning
Term 4 Planning Day

Friday 18th September

Casual Dress Day
Theme: Comfy & Casual

Friday 18th September

Final day of Term 3
2.25pm finish

Monday October 5th

Term 4 Commences

Monday October 5th -

Friday October 9th

Remote Learning
continues

Monday October 12th

All students recommence
back onsite

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.

PAM User Guides

This term, we have run a series of PAM user guides to help you use PAM effectively and efficiently. 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

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!



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 9

6O	Maddox H	Sienna S
6P	Olivia C	Jessica L
6Q	Indi G	Max O
5R	Tara F	Vin M
5S	Joel	Jules M
5T	Blake M	Sabrina V
5U	Reesha K	Chad O
4A	Zoe C	Mohitaz G
4B	Jasmeen B	Kevin H Jack H
4W	Kit C	Luca Z
4Y	Ruby T	Jasmine H
3G	Indigo P	Sienna C
3H	Lola P	Archie B
3I	Rory M	Chelsea T
3J	Reve O	Charli W
2K	Samantha P	Harvey H
2L	Cooper H	Miah H
2M	Scarlett F Indianna M	Peyton G
2N	Zach R	Ana D
1C	Will P Braith C	Lilly W
1D	Otto Poltrock	Hope A
1E	Noah O Ivy P	Oliver K
1F	All of 1F	
F Blue	Judd O Delilah B	Kaylynn F
F Green	Max G	Georgie M
F Yellow	Kenzie C	Spencer G
F Purple	Thea T	Beau H



Happy Birthday

September 14th - Cooper H, Sophie N

September 15th - Travis BB, Milly H

September 16th - Rayne E, Scarlet E

September 17th - Harry H

**September 19th -
Tahlia G, Callum M,
Spencer S**

**September 20th -
Bailey B, Bohden B,
Oscar E & John Ken N**

Happy Holiday Birthdays

to

September 21st- Isla B, Emily P

**September 23rd - Madison McL,
Madison McM**

**September 24th - William O,
Judd T, Luca Z**

September 25th - Macey H

September 26th - Kyra C, Charlotte M

September 27th - Vaughan O

September 28th - Isabella C

September 29th - Lana B , Zoe B

September 30th - Isla B, Brodey C, Ruby G

**October 1st - Wajiha, Dex M, Steele W,
Stella W**

October 2nd - Eliza M

October 3rd -

Jack C, Mason F & Cody G

