



Term 3 Week 9

St. Mary's Primary School Newsletter

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7th September 2020

Welcome to Week 9

Dear Parents and Families,

I hope all our Dads, Grandpa's and special father figures in our lives had a very happy Fathers' Day on Sunday and were treated to some extra TLC on your special day!

Back to School

No doubt families tuned into the Victorian roadmap announcements yesterday and it was exciting (& quite a relief) to know that we are on the tail end of remote learning!

Key Points :

As per the Premier's announcement on Sunday, there will be no changes to the current regional remote and flexible learning arrangements for the remainder of term 3. The 'Flexible & Remote' learning plan will continue until the last day of this term, Friday 18th September. On this day school will conclude at 2:25 pm for all students.

5 – 9 October (first week of Term 4)

Remote and flexible learning will continue for all primary school students, except in specialist schools in rural and regional Victoria. On-site supervision for children of eligible workers and vulnerable students will continue to be provided consistent with existing guidelines.

Week 2, Term 4: Monday 12 October

We are very keen to have all children back as quickly as possible with all Year levels recommencing full time on Monday 12th October. There will be no staggered school return at St Mary's over this week. 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.

Catholic Education Week

This week is Catholic Education Week in the Diocese of Ballarat giving us the opportunity to celebrate all that is great about being part of our Catholic school system. Our school and parish community has much to celebrate when we consider our facilities, our amazing children, our traditions and the learning opportunities that are offered to us daily. With the theme of Catholic Education Week this year being '**Listen to what the Spirit is saying**', it is a great reminder to consider recognising those moments in our day when we are called to act or speak in a certain way and reflect if our words and actions reflect all that God wants us to be?



Listen

to what the Spirit is saying
Catholic Education Week 2020

Parent Conversations

This week **Monday September 7 to Friday September 11th** 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 final term of school.



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.

The web address for booking is <http://www.schoolinterviews.com.au> and the login code is : **bte9e**

School Closure Day Wednesday September 9th

Just a reminder to all families that this Wednesday, September 9th is a Staff Professional Learning Day at St Mary's so there will be no onsite supervision or Remote Learning available that day.



2021 Enrolments

We are still taking enrolments for Foundation and other year levels for 2021. **This Sunday we have a virtual Open Day commencing at 11 am via Google Meets.** For more information and to obtain the code please phone or email the office.

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.

Early in the week we posted the very popular Teachers Brain break while on Friday, we posted students of the Week and Foundation Purple's Assembly prayer.

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 Advisory Council

The SAC will meet via Google Meet on Tuesday 8 September from 7pm. I look forward to working with all Council members once again as we discuss plans for the school for the remainder of the year.

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.

Have a great week and hope have a chance to join our remote assembly hosted by 1F on Friday

Kate



with Mrs Quin

Wellbeing

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.



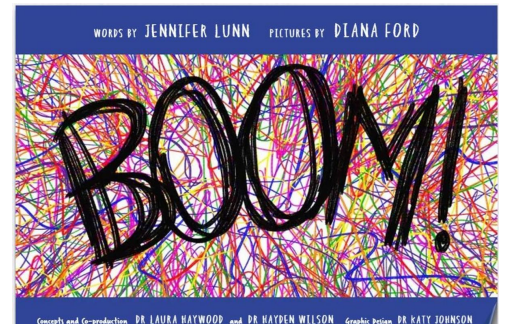
Further to this, although we are living with many restrictions on our everyday life, we can still show our children how to be optimistic about themselves. We all know from experience that what we believe about ourselves affects the way we act. Our children's belief in their own ability to do things is 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/>



St Vincent de Paul Drought support initiative

[St Vincent de Paul](#) is available to assist those who are [eligible](#) for round 2 of the Drought Community Support Initiative funding. Funding of \$3,000 per application is available for these farming households.

COVID-19 has impacted the Society's ability to move around local communities and so we are reaching out to our networks to assist us in promoting this funding. Staff in the National Office are available to assist applicants who need help completing the questions for eligibility or who may not have internet connection. We know there are many families we have not yet been able to reach. For more information call the Drought Team 1300 846 643 or view the [brochure](#).



RU OK day

Our casual dress day this week is Black & Yellow to support R U OK? Day and as a reminder of the importance of asking "R U OK?". Parents are invited to visit the website below for some excellent information for their children and for themselves.

<https://www.ruok.org.au>



Curriculum News with Mrs Hall

Our committed staff are continuing to refine and implement engaging learning opportunities for our students based on feedback from staff, students and parents. With a collaborative approach, staff continue to meet throughout the week to discuss ways to deliver key learning content, while aiming to be creative in its planning as well as flexible to cater for both students and families. Our Junior rooms are continuing to increase Google Meets sessions, redefining the purpose of these sessions and the teaching opportunities that can be created through a Google Meet session ie: Explicit writing sessions, reading strategies and early reading behaviours, the unpacking of Mental Maths/Stepping Stones key concepts and many more.



As a school we are also increasing opportunities for students to meet individually or in small groups with classroom teachers, with a strong focus on guided reading, guided writing sessions, Mental Maths and Stepping Stones support along with wellbeing check-ins. If you would like your child to have an extra Google Meet session with their classroom teacher please feel free to contact them directly to organise a day, time and focus, as we all work together to ensure student engagement and continued motivation as we near towards the end of term.

Seesaw is continuing to provide a strong link with daily home and school learning experiences. This great digital tool provides the opportunity for personalised feedback to our students and parents and continues to be an important focus for our teachers and school during remote learning along with keeping us connected.

All Time for Saint Mary's Primary School

55,912

Posts Added

38,086

Comments Made on Student Work

50,976

Likes of Student Work

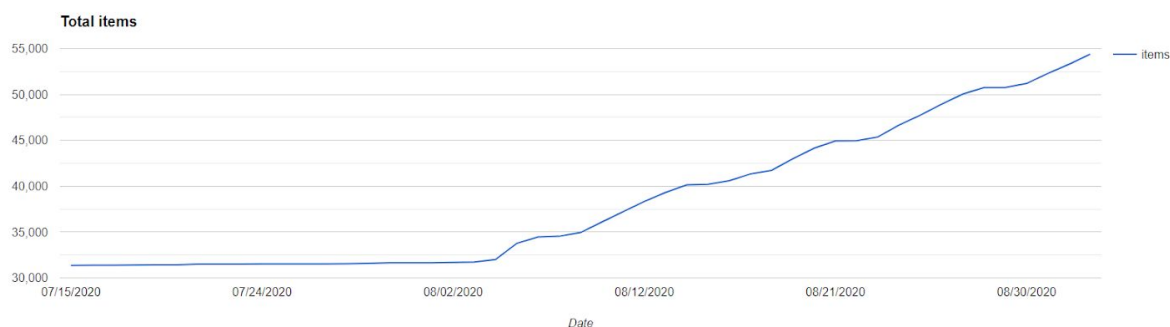
17,069

Visits by Family Members

Start Date:

End Date:

[Download](#)



Digital Technology with Mr Perry

Internet Safety Tips for Parents (How to Help Your Child to be Safe Online)

If you're a parent and you're feeling lost when it comes to guiding your child with technology, you're not alone.

For the first time in history, many parents may feel like they don't have a reference point to navigate digital parenting dilemmas. Technology has changed the way we live, work, play, learn, and interact.

Perhaps you've even experienced guilt, anxiety, or confusion about the role technology is playing in the role of your children or students.

While schools can't be expected to have all the answers for parents, having an open dialogue about all aspects of digital citizenship is essential. Again, it's about having the same messages and support reinforced at both home and school. It's also about a simple willingness to work together to educate, prevent, and solve digital dramas as they arise.

Adults play an important role in helping students become safe, responsible, and productive digital citizens but don't worry — adults don't have to be experts. Over the next few weeks, I will share some tips from Kathleen Morris (A leading Technology Teacher) about keeping your child safe online.

1) Don't ban your child from using technology

The media is full of scary stories about online risks for young people. However, it's important to not let potential problems stop you from letting your child use technology for their education and personal interests.

We live in a digital world and that's not about to change. We need to remember that technology can enrich our lives in many ways when used well. Risks can be minimised when the whole household agrees to some solid strategies.

Excerpt from - <http://www.kathleenamorris.com/2019/05/16/internet-safety-parents/>





Catholic Education Week - 2020

Catholic Education Week in Swan Hill is celebrated annually, usually in the month of May. Due to COVID-19 restrictions at the time this was postponed until September where it was hoped that restrictions may have eased by now. Unfortunately this is not the case and we are celebrating Catholic Education Week in a way different than ever before. Throughout the week of 6-12 September 2020 Catholic Education is being celebrated across our Ballarat Diocese. Catholic Education strives to make a difference in the lives of those in our schools and in the wider community by challenging our students to live out the message of Jesus Christ and to reach their full potential as compassionate, respectful and contributing members of our society. This week teachers will be sharing with their classes about what Catholic Education Week is, the importance of listening carefully to our own selves and to those around us each day, and how this can help guide us to be kind, caring and compassionate people.

*Gracious God,
nurture in us a discerning heart,
to hear the Holy Spirit
in the voices of others,
to challenge our own will,
desires, fears and
prejudices and
to be open to your will.
Amen*



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KEY DATES

Wednesday 9th
September

Pupil Free Day

No onsite supervision
Staff PD Day

Friday 11th
September

Casual Dress Day

Black & Yellow
in support of
R U OK? Day

Thursday 17th
September

Pupil Free Day

No onsite supervision
Term 4 Planning Day

Friday 18th
September

Final day of Term 3
2.25pm finish

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

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

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 8

6O	Milla N	Izzy A
6P	Avneet B	Mitchell A
6Q	Claudia B	Dustyn J
5R	Anna F	Nate K
5S	Ryan S Nirvana JJ	Charlie G
5T	Archie O	Isaiah B
5U	Sarak V	Annabelle F
4A	Chloe N	Harry H
4B	Upkeerat S	Sam B Lenny R
4W	Travis BB	Angus S
4Y	Kruz H	David T
3G	Bohden B	Evie K
3H	Leila K	Lucas O
3I	Leo K	Oscar E
3J	Larni O	Ellah D
2K	Ella S Max F	Milla M
2L	Macey H	Kathleen K
2M	Tarkin B Myles H	Charlotte T
2N	Jax S	Tahlia G
1C	Madison M Lachlan H	Mattaeus C
1D	Hugo B	Jameson B
1E	Patrick K	Milan P
1F	Jack L Heidi H	Mia H
F Blue	Kaleila O	Matilda R
F Green	Angela W	Sonny M
F Yellow	Ben C	Chelsea P
F Purple	Maeve M	Marcus M

Happy Birthday

September 7th-

Jasper R

September 8th- Anton M,
Maddox P

September 10th-

Bonnie W

September 11th-

Audie D

September 12th- Ben H

& Deacon R

St Mary's Virtual Learning Term 3

Year One Paper Aeroplane Challenge!



Fathers Day ❤️



Drumbit music



Rules for my town:

1. Walk to places when you can
2. Don't leave your rubbish on the ground
3. Look after the gardens
4. Turn lights off during the day.
5. All houses need to have solar panels.
6. Showers can only be 5 minutes.
7. Every house needs to make a space for a veggie garden.
8. Rain water tanks for every house.
9. Every Friday is ride or walk to school/work day.
10. Each family must have chooks so they can give them their food scraps and can get eggs.
11. No one is allowed to cut down trees.



"We don't inherit the world from our ancestors, we borrow it from our children."

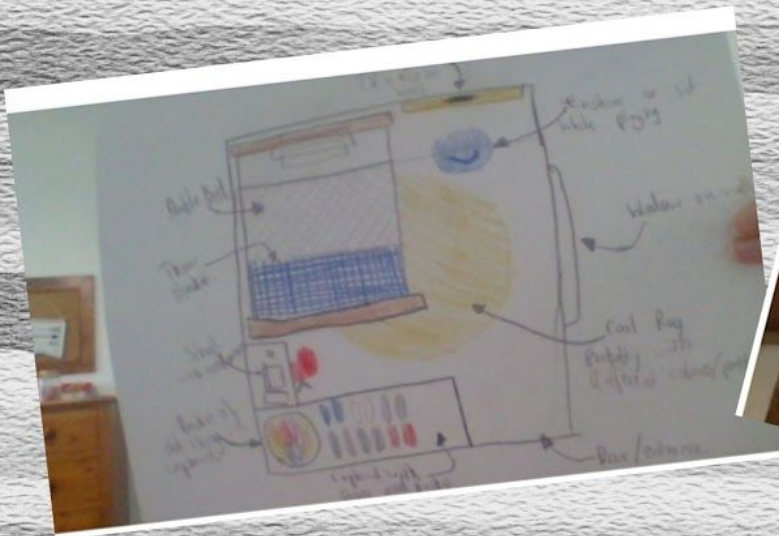
You can help by putting rubbish in the bin, buying eco-friendly products, not using so much plastic and composting at home. So tell your family and become stewards and saviours of this earth!

"The greatest threat to our world is believing that somebody else will save it."

"There is no such thing as 'away'. When we throw anything away, it must go somewhere."



Be sustainable! That means to follow the 4 R's, not use plastic and be more eco-friendly. Take care of the environment and keep it safe. This is God's mission for us!



EVERY ONE MUST HAVE SOLAR PANNELS OR WIND TURBINES

ALL MUST HAVE CHOOKS

ALL MUST HAVE A SUNLIGHT



HAT TOWN



ALL MUST HAVE ELECTICK CARS

EVERYONE MUST HAVE A VEGGIE GARDEN AND COMPOST



EVERYONE HAS TO RECYCLE CORRECTLY

EVERYONE MUST USE WATER RESPONSIBLE AND HAVE WATER TANKS



Spelling

8/8

END OF WEEK REFLECTION

Week:

ROSE (GOOD/PROUD OF)

Fraction worksheets

THORN (CHALLENGE)

Writing everyday

BANANA (FUNNY)

Dad when he played outside with us doing an obstacle course

POSITIVE ACT/KINDNESS

Patted Archie my dog



cupcake art



made by
Paige
Russell