



Term 4 Week 3

St. Mary's Primary School Newsletter

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19th October 2020

Welcome to Week 3

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

We have a short week coming up as Friday is a public holiday in Victoria for the AFL Grand Final. Despite the weather, the kids were all very happy to get outside and make the most of the Footy Colours day activities. Thanks to this event, the SRC raised almost \$495 for the Kids with Cancer Foundation.



Bluearth

This term our focus is on providing continuity in learning and support for every child to the fullest extent possible and prioritising both their wellbeing and academic needs. As we navigate our way out of the COVID-19 pandemic there has never been a more relevant time to nurture and optimise the physical and mental health of our students. We were successful in obtaining a \$10,000 grant to embed physical literacy across our whole school environment and have used it to partner with the Bluearth Foundation. Bluearth is a very well credentialed organisation who run staff PD and student workshops around incorporating mindfulness and movement into the school day. We are incorporating many aspects of this program into our curriculum throughout the week and look forward to seeing working with the Bluearth team for the next 12 months.



Class Structures 2021

We are constructing class groups for next year over the next few weeks. In doing this, academic, social and emotional considerations of all students are taken into account to inform decisions. Any parental considerations regarding your child's 2021 placement must be emailed to principal@smswanhill.catholic.edu.au or delivered to the office in an envelope marked **Att: Principal by Friday October 26th**. Please do not assume previous requests are ongoing as we begin each year afresh at St Mary's. I would ask any family who believes that they will not be here at St Mary's in 2021 to let me know, as we are about to commence possible class structures for next year. Thank you for your consideration.

Book Week Parade

To celebrate, Book Week on Thursday the 22nd of October the children can dress as any one of their favourite book characters, or simply wear dress ups you already have at home. Due to COVID restrictions we will film the class parades and share them on our Facebook page so families can join in all the fun.



SAC

On Tuesday night at our SAC meeting we discussed ways to continue to engage families in the life of the school while we are in our current restrictions and strategies to action this. Feedback had been collated by the Family engagement team and this was shared. Next week a short online survey will be available for families to complete which audits our current strengths and prioritise areas we could do even better.

Have a great week and let's hope Richmond come home with the flag!

Wellbeing



As everyone would be aware a large emphasis has been placed on student wellbeing as they return to school. It has been published in news stories and has indeed been a focus for us at St Mary's. We appreciate your positive support with this too. Well-being means feeling good and strong in our minds and bodies, having energy, getting along with, and helping others, knowing our strengths and feeling proud because we are doing our best. It means we can cope with the little problems and disappointments of life. All feelings are ok and teachers will be

checking in and looking at how we can deal with these feelings in positive ways. You know your children better than anyone so if you are noticing anything that you are concerned about please do let us know. It is ok to look back at the difficult times and it is also important to look forward to what is ahead and be grateful for what we have

RE News - Mrs Davies

Term 4 Mission Month - Operation Christmas Child Appeal

For a number of years, St Mary's have been involved in reaching out and helping others by participating in the Samaritan's Purse Operation Christmas Child Shoebox Appeal. This is where children from each class bring in a small present to put into their shoebox. Once it is full we pack them all up and send them overseas to brighten the lives of children who are less fortunate than ourselves. A note has been sent home from each year level outlining more details and dates for this. It has been fantastic to see items coming in already. Please note that this is optional due to the ongoing effects of COVID-19 and we thank everyone for their involvement with this very special appeal.



KEY DATES

Thursday October 22nd

Flying Start Session 3

Thursday October 22nd

Book Week Parade

Friday October 23rd

AFL Grand Final Public
Holiday

Monday November 2nd

Pupil Free Day

Tuesday November 3rd

Public Holiday

Administration News

2021 Enrolments

With schools returning to normal we have had some prospective families call. *If you know of anyone who is considering St Mary's next year could you please let them know that enrolments are open for Foundation and other year levels for 2021 and they are warmly welcome to make contact with the school for further information.*



School pick up times and locations?

There are additional staff on duty in the afternoons to ensure that children progressively leave the school over a 15 minute period. Our three bell system at the end of the day will remain in place;

3.15 First bell - dismissal of town bus children and walkers

3.20 Second bell – dismissal for country bus travellers

3.25 Third bell – dismissal of remaining children and After School Care bus travellers

As per our previous arrangements when we returned to school, families who are picking up their children by car have been allocated a student collection location-based on family surname;

A to L Families - collection from the front of the school (front carpark)

M to Z Families - collection from outside the gym (gym carpark)

Please wait in or by your car and the staff on duty will help your child find you and safely cross them over.

Summer Uniform

The first two weeks of Term 4 are a transition to full, correct Summer Uniform. We should see all students in full summer uniform by this week. **Please ensure all clothing items are clearly labelled with your child's name.**

Shoes

Black school shoes or totally black runners can be worn with Summer Uniform. We understand that some children may have grown out of their school shoes but as it is a 10 week term it is important that suitable shoes are purchased for the term.

Sports Uniform

Just a reminder students only wear their PE uniform on their designated classroom sports day and the day they have PE specialists.

Hats, Hats, Hats

And finally, our children need to have their school hats from the beginning of Term 4 until the end of Term 1 next year!

Poppy Appeal 2020

Poppies are available to purchase from the school office. Prices range from 20 cents to \$5.



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.

Book Club

Issue 7 Book Club catalogues have been sent home with the students, with online orders being **due by Tuesday 27th October, 2020**. All orders will need to be placed via LOOP as we will **NOT** be accepting cash payments this term for book orders.

This is the link for LOOP, which will allow you to make an online order and payment - <https://mybookclubs.scholastic.com.au/Parent/Login.aspx>

If you are not registered for LOOP, click on the link above and create a new account. You will need to enter your details, add children and select our school (St. Marys SWAN HILL)

If you have any questions or are having trouble with the LOOP ordering system, please contact the office.

CSEF Funding application period extended

The CECV has advised that eligibility for the state government Camps, Sports and Excursion Fund (CSEF) program has been extended to Monday 5 October, with the closing date for applications now being Friday 27 November. If you have recently been granted a Health Care Card (HCC) by Centrelink please contact the school office for an application form. Please see below for further information regarding the CSEF Program.

Fee Support for Families

Do you have a valid Concession Card or Health Care Card (HCC)?

If so, you could be entitled to financial support in the form of:

1. Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund (CSEF)

The CSEF is a state government funded scheme to assist eligible families with payments for their child's camps, sports, and excursion activities run by their school. To be eligible, parents must hold a valid means-tested concession card, see further information on the flyer below.

- Families who received CSEF support in 2019 do not need to re-apply as the application will remain active for 2020. However, if you have an additional student who has commenced school this year, you will need to contact the office to add them to your application.
- If you have not received CSEF support in the past and are unsure as to whether you qualify please contact the school office to discuss eligibility and/or to request an Application form.

2. Health Care Card Holder Discounts

Please note holders of valid and current Australian Government Health Care/Concession Cards may also be eligible for fee relief of \$500 towards school fees/levies for the current year. If you have any queries or feel you may be eligible, please contact the school office.

The Catholic System also provides additional funding to the school, per eligible child. The funds for this additional support are provided by Catholic Education Melbourne and can be used to provide a portion of additional fee relief for eligible families.

| Student of the Week - Term 4 Week 2 | | |
|-------------------------------------|---|--------------------|
| 6O | Izzy A | Jett B |
| 6P | Deklin K | Dash W |
| 6Q | Maggie M | Cody Mcl |
| 5R | Max C | Nate K |
| 5S | Chloe L | Eliza K |
| 5T | Ruby M | Oliver A |
| 5U | Charlize C | Marion D |
| 4A | Lilian H | Abhijeet B |
| 4B | Zoe D, Ryan H | Sam B |
| 4W | Miela R | Angus S |
| 4Y | Will O'B | Malakai M |
| 3G | Bohden B | Hugh W |
| 3H | Cooper G | Michaela McM |
| 3I | Taj K | Leo K |
| 3J | Ellah D | Charli S |
| 2K | Olivia R | Ruby E |
| 2L | Laine McK | John Ken N |
| 2M | Indi L | Jesse C |
| 2N | Bailey McF | Evie C |
| 1C | Maggie O'C / Simran K | Tyler B |
| 1D | Lizzie T | Van N |
| 1E | Ollie K | Eliza M |
| 1F | Vincent C | Mary D / Charlie H |
| F Blue | Koa W | Amelie R |
| F Green | Kye T | Adonis S |
| F Yellow | Wilhem F | Arlee P |
| F Purple | Hayley K | Panav K |
| Art | All of 1F, Brody S, All of 5U, All of 4Y, All of 4W | |
| Music | Sienna S, all of 6P, Nirvana J, Dakota P | |
| Italian | Deacon R, Sabrina V, Rydar M, Dustin M | |
| PE | All of 3H, Lilly W, Ruby , Bohden B | |



HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO YOU

OCT 19 - ISAAC R

OCT 21 - ELLE T

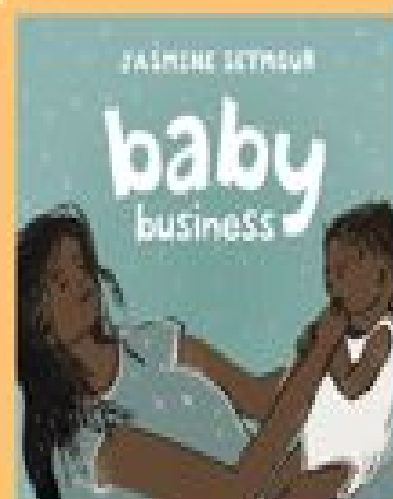
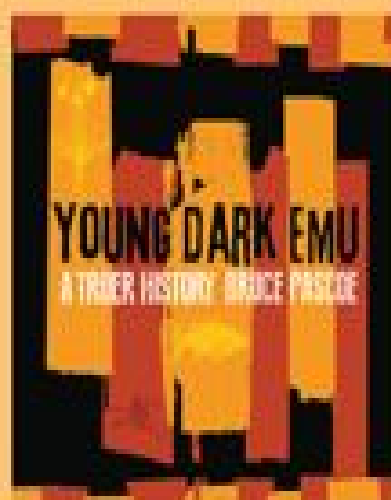
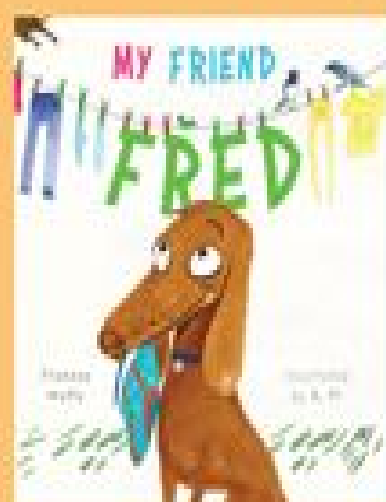
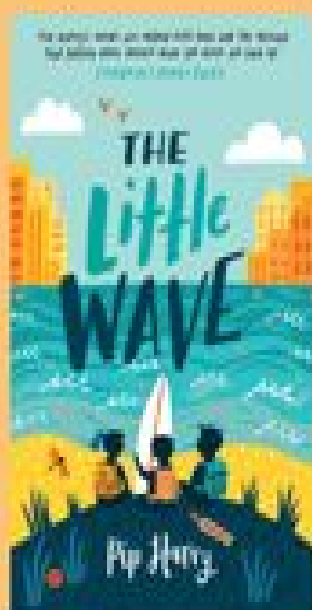
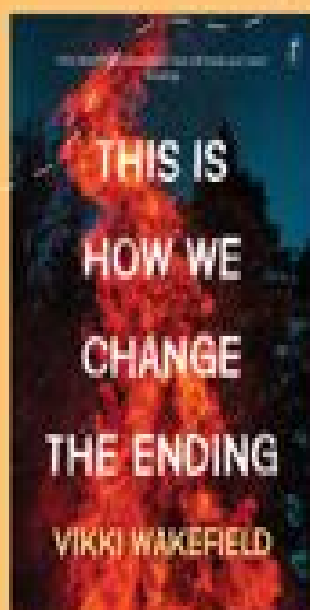
OCT 22 - BENJAMIN C


OCT 25 - AYVA W

**WE HOPE YOUR SPECIAL
DAY IS MAGICAL**

CBCA 2020 Book of the Year Award Winners

CONGRATULATIONS!



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| <p>Rueben</p> <p>My favourite part about learning from home was finishing early.</p> <p>I'm excited to be back at school because I can borrow library books.</p> | <p>Milla</p> <p>My favourite part about learning from home was that I could ride my bike at recess.</p> <p>I'm excited to be back at school because I get to see my friends</p> | <p>Hugh</p> <p>My favourite part about learning from home was being able to make jelly for Science.</p> <p>I'm excited to be back at school because I get to see my friends.</p> | <p>Lola</p> <p>My favourite part about learning from home was getting to wear whatever I liked.</p> <p>I'm excited to be back at school because I get to see my friends and teachers.</p> |
| <p>Vicky</p> <p>My favourite part about learning from home was drawing for brain breaks and making jelly in Science.</p> <p>I'm excited to be back at school because I get to see my teachers and friends.</p> | <p>3H</p> | | <p>Mici</p> <p>My favourite part about learning from home was that I got to wear my pjs all day.</p> <p>I'm excited to be back at school because I get to see my friends.</p> |
| <p>Martin</p> <p>My favourite part about learning from home was doing maths.</p> <p>I'm excited to be back at school because I can see all my friends.</p> |  | | <p>Blake</p> <p>My favourite part about learning from home was not having to wear a school uniform and finishing early.</p> <p>I'm excited to be back at school because I get to see my friends.</p> |
| <p>Kaitlyn</p> <p>My favourite part about learning from home was wearing my pjs and slippers.</p> <p>I'm excited to be back at school because I get to see my friends and teachers.</p> | <p>Cooper</p> <p>My favourite part about learning from home was having hot chips.</p> <p>I'm excited to be back at school because I get to see my friends.</p> | <p>Finn</p> <p>My favourite part about learning from home was finishing early.</p> <p>I'm excited to be back at school because I get to see my friends.</p> | <p>Archie</p> <p>My favourite part about learning from home was I could eat anything.</p> <p>I'm excited to be back at school because I get to see my friends.</p> |
| <p>Mossy</p> <p>My favourite part about learning from home was because at break time I could jump in the pool.</p> <p>I'm excited to be back at school because I get to see my bff.</p> | <p>Kayla</p> <p>My favourite part about learning from home was not having a sandwich for lunch.</p> <p>I'm excited to be back at school because I can see my friends.</p> | <p>Ryley</p> <p>My favourite part about learning from home was finishing early.</p> <p>I'm excited to be back at school because I get to play with my friends.</p> | <p>Hattie</p> <p>My favourite part about learning from home was I could ride to Spoons for recess and I could wear my slippers all day.</p> <p>I'm excited to be back at school because I get to see all my friends.</p> |
| <p>Leila</p> <p>My favourite part about learning from home was being able to play with my dogs during breaks.</p> <p>I'm excited to be back at school because I can see my friends.</p> | <p>Emi</p> <p>My favourite part about learning from home was getting to finish early.</p> <p>I'm excited to be back at school because I get to see my friends in real life and not on a screen.</p> | <p>Addison</p> <p>My favourite part about learning from home was playing with my bunny at recess and lunch.</p> <p>I'm excited to be back at school because I get to see all my friends.</p> | <p>Lucas</p> <p>My favourite part about learning from home was not having to wear a uniform.</p> <p>I'm excited to be back at school because I can see my friends.</p> |