



Term 1 Week 7

# St. Mary's Primary School Newsletter

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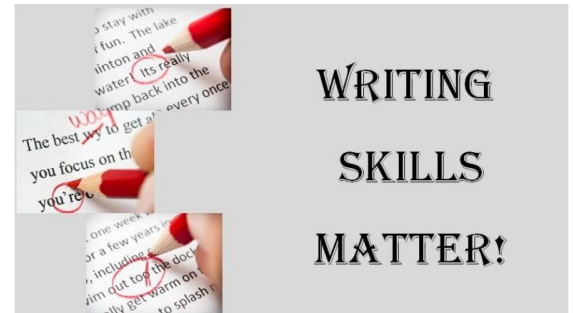
## Welcome to Week 7

Dear Parents and Families,

I hope everyone had a great long weekend and a chance to relax and enjoy yourselves. The extra day was really timely and a great chance to recharge the batteries for the next few weeks of term. It was lovely to have a number of parents come to our morning assembly to witness the SRC representatives for their class receive their badges and be presented to the school. It has also been terrific to see parents joining us for lunch on Friday after assembly.

### Writing PD - School closure day

The focus for all school closure days at St Mary's is grounded in analysis of our school data. In 2020, our staff identified that they wished to further improve their confidence and skills in teaching and moderating student writing as a strategic move to further improve our students writing. Our school closure day on Tuesday was a very practical and informative one with staff learning many new tools and strategies to assist with lifting our writing standards.



### School Wide Positive Behaviour Support (SWPBS)

At St Mary's we believe that by helping students practice good behaviour, we will build a school community where all students have an environment where they can succeed and grow. For the remainder of the term we are

having a sustained focus on "Being Kind" with teachers giving St Mary's Way tickets to students they see or hear being kind to others on the yard or when they are participating in one of our many lunch time activities. Why not ask your children about the kindness blitz and how it works at school?

### SAC

Our School Advisory Council met last night. The main topics for discussion were the timeline for building our new learning hub, ways to allow families to connect with each other in our school community and our application to become a provider for before and after school care.

We are currently preparing plans and tender documents for the building of our new junior learning hub. This 2 million dollar project is a very exciting one for us and will see the establishment of an 8 classroom hub, complete with an internal learning street where year levels can gather and work together.

The other topic for discussion was our application to become a registered outside school hours care provider, offering before and after school care to both students from St Mary's and surrounding schools. The current after hours program, run by the Swan Hill Rural City Council is having difficulty meeting the demand by

families for this service and have actively encouraged schools to consider addressing this need. We have been working on this project for some time and believe that we will have this service up and running by Term 3.

### **Save the Date**

There was discussion at SAC around the fact that the restrictions placed on us in 2020 meant many of our new families had limited opportunity to meet each other at school or in the kindergarten setting.

[Thursday March 18th](#) is a welcome picnic and chance for families from the Foundation and Year 1 area to meet each other. Families are warmly invited to bring the picnic rug, a picnic tea and enjoy time at school from 5:15pm-6.45pm, mixing informally, having a look around our school and enjoying some music by Tony Haley in the passive play area.

### **Whole School Assembly**

Due to Covid related indoor density limits, unfortunately parents are not able to attend Friday assembly at the moment. However we will video the class running the assembly prayer each week and also SOW and post these via Seesaw or on our Facebook page until restrictions ease. The good news is that parents are very welcome to attend our outdoor assembly each Monday morning at 9am or to come onsite for lunch with their children in the Passive Play area on a Friday. Just a reminder that if you are on the school grounds for more than 15 minutes you are required to sign in at the table set up outside the office.



Look forward to seeing many of you out and about in the yard this week,

**Kate**



## The Resilience Project: Mindfulness.

Today's presentation from [The Resilience Project](#) is all about Mindfulness.

Mindfulness is about practising a moment-to-moment awareness of thoughts, feelings, bodily sensations, and surrounding environment – with curiosity, and without judgement. Thousands of studies have proven benefits include reduced stress, reduced rumination, increased memory, increased cognitive function and physical health benefits through improved immunity.

View Part 4: Mindfulness of the series here:

<https://theresilienceproject.com.au/parent-and-carer-hub/>

Mindfulness can be practiced through meditation, yoga, flow-states and daily activities such as cooking.



## Key Dates

### Tuesday March 9th

Pupil Free day  
Staff PD

### Thursday March 18th

Foundation & Year 1  
Welcome Picnic from  
5.15pm

Loddon Mallee Region  
Swimming Carnival  
Information sent via PAM

### Friday March 26th

Year 5 & 6 Division  
Summer Sports  
Information sent via PAM

### Thursday April 1st

Holy Week Liturgy 9.15am  
Last Day of Term 1

### Monday April 19th

First Day of Term 2

## Administration News

### News from the canteen

*NEW TO THE DAILY SPECIALS - RIVETT'S BAKERY PIE THURSDAYS ONLY!*

Mon March 8	Tues March 9	Wed March 10	Thur March 11	Fri March 12
Public Holiday	Pupil Free Day	Andrea O'Reilly	Halima Hussain	Brigette Nunez
Mon March 15	Tues March 16	Wed March 17	Thur March 18	Fri March 19
Tim Dunstan	Heather Evans	Need someone	Halima Hussain	Emma Bolger
Mon March 22	Tues March 23	Wed March 24	Thur March 25	Fri March 26
Tim Dunstan	Need someone	Need someone	Halima Hussain	Belinda Free
Mon March 29	Tues March 30	Wed March 31	Thur April 1	Fri April 2
Tim Dunstan	Lisa Brady	Need someone	Halima Hussain	SCHOOL HOLIDAYS

Thank-you to those who have volunteered to help in our canteen this year. If you would like to be added to the roster, please contact the office on 50332541 or office@smswanhill.catholic.edu.au

### Enrolments for Foundation 2022 are now open

Enrolments for Foundation 2022 are now open. If you require an enrolment form, please contact the office and we will send one home.



### Late Passes

If your child is going to be late for school, please enter this via PAM or phone the office to inform the school of an estimated time of arrival. When arriving at school, please come via the office for a "Late Pass" which is to be given to the teacher.



### Health Reminder

It is important that we all continue to monitor our own and the health of our children daily during this time. If you or your child develops any symptoms such as a fever, cough, sore throat or shortness of breath:

- Stay at home and do not attend school
- Seek medical advice
- Call the school to let us know of any important outcomes
- If you or your child has a health condition or complex health needs, please discuss this with your medical specialist.
- Information about coronavirus (COVID-19) is available on the [DHHS](#) and [CEM](#) websites.

## TYNTYNDER AUSKICK

*COME AND TRY - FREE CLINIC*

**FRIDAY 19<sup>TH</sup> MARCH**

**5.00 PM - ALAN GARDEN RESERVE**

**CONTACT: MARCUS NALDER 0417 594 004**

**for further information**



Great way to get involved. Information about the program will be available on the night.

## GET ACTIVE KIDS

# VOUCHER PROGRAM

The Get Active Kids Voucher Program helps eligible families get their kids involved in organised sport and recreation activities by reimbursing the cost of membership and registration fees, along with uniforms and equipment essential for participation. Eligible children may be able to receive up to \$200 each.



### WHO IS ELIGIBLE?

To be eligible for a voucher your child/dependant must be:

- aged 4 to 18 years
- a resident in Victoria
- named on a current (at the time of your application) Australian Government Health Care Card or Pensioner Concession Card, and
- named on a valid Australian Government Medicare card

You can apply for more than one voucher if you have more than one eligible child/dependant.

### FUNDING DETAILS

You can be reimbursed up to \$200 for costs related to:

- membership, registration or general fees to participate at an affiliated sport or active recreation club, association or program
- equipment (new or second hand) required to participate in the nominated activity
- uniforms and clothing (new or second hand) required to participate in the nominated activity

You will then be reimbursed for part or all of the cost up to the value of \$200.

### ELIGIBLE ACTIVITIES

- the activity or program must be affiliated to a Victorian Government recognised Victorian State Sporting Association or Victorian State Sport and Recreation Body
- activities or programs should be a minimum of four sessions
- organised sport or outdoor recreation programs or camps involving multiple sessions of activities that may be conducted over one or more days will be eligible

### WHEN CAN YOU APPLY?

There are specific dates (claim periods) when you can apply. You must have incurred your expenses within specific dates too. Please refer to the table below:

ELIGIBLE EXPENDITURE DATES	CLAIM PERIODS (applications open)
1 January 2021 – 11 April 2021	1 March 2021 – 11 April 2021
11 April 2021 – 11 July 2021	31 May 2021 – 11 July 2021
11 July 2021 – 14 Nov 2021	4 Oct 2021 – 14 Nov 2021
14 Nov 2021 – 17 April 2022	7 March 2022 – 17 April 2022



### MORE INFORMATION

w. [www.getactive.vic.gov.au](http://www.getactive.vic.gov.au)  
p. (03) 1800 325 206  
e. [getactivekids@sport.vic.gov.au](mailto:getactivekids@sport.vic.gov.au)



## Registrations for City Netball are now open!

**Wednesday nights from 4pm (exact times to be advised)**

**Starting Term 2 - 28 April 2021**

**NETSETGO: Preps to Grade 2 - \$110.** Includes netsetgo pack and tee shirt from Netball Victoria and club coaching /skills and introduction to positions and game play at the courts.

**NETSETGO: Grades 3 & 4 Modified competition - \$145.** Includes netsetgo pack and tee shirt from netball Victoria and coaching / unscored team match weekly at the courts.

**SENIOR COMP: Grades 5/6/7 - \$179.** Includes dedicated coach, scored match, finals series, court umpires.

Catering for all levels; 2 great value terms of fitness, skills, fun, friendship and competition!

Head to [www.mynetball.com.au](http://www.mynetball.com.au) to register. Either fill in your current log ins, click on forgotten password if needed, click on new user if it's your first time registering with Netball Vic. You can also do a postcode search of 3585 Swan Hill in mynetball which will bring you to the City and District registration page. Note: If you are a current user, once logged in and you have selected your child the registration form may be at the bottom of the page under my forms and purchases. Any problems please email [shammet14@gmail.com](mailto:shammet14@gmail.com) with as much detail as possible.

**Student of the Week - Term 1 Week 6**

6O	Angus W	Emily P
6P	Jasmine H	Laura D
6Q	Elle T	Maddox W
6R	Holly L Isabella C	Knox J
5S	Mary C	Charlie E
5T	Chloe M	Thomas K
5U	All of 5U	
5F	Bailey R Lachlan H	Ruby T
4G	Tommy N	Noa Bella W
4H	Bohden B	Leila K
4I	Maverik B	Maddyn F
4J	Asha N	Brody S
3A	Max F	Tomika P
3B	Charlotte T	Luke P
3W	Marley B	Myles H
3Y	Olivia R	Jax S
2K	Cleo M	Leo E
2L	Rory P	Sophia N
2M	Sarah T	Madison Mc
2N	Ivy P	Mia H
1C	Maeve Mc	Judd O
1D	Beau H Lachie L	Jayla P
1E	Adonis S	Ben C
F Blue	Charlotte L Ingrid C	Evie S
F Green	Gurlal S	Di V
F Yellow	Jimmy W	Rosie A
F Orange	Agamjot S	Matilda M
Art	Bohdi S, All of 2L, Max F, Tyler B	
Music	All of 6R, Yazmin H, Max M, Willow A	
Italian	Abhijeet B, All of 6Q, Bella S, Charli C	
PE	Thea T, Rylan G, Mia H, Patrick K	



# **HAPPY BIRTHDAY**

**MARCH 8 - EVA D, ELLERY M**

**MARCH 9 - EVIE C**

**MARCH 10 - DILSHEEN B, INDIE MC**

**MARCH 12 - AROU M, BAILEY R**

**MARCH 13 - SOPHIE M**

# **HAVE A GREAT DAY!**

# Foundation Yellow

*Foundation Yellow have really enjoyed their first term at school with their friends and having fun with their learning!*

I like going on the playground with my friends.  
By Jasper

I like working with my PALs and playing with my friends.  
By Rosie

I like making things with paper and glue.  
By Maverick

I like learning to spell words and make them with magnetic letters.  
By Maddy

I like having fun and playing with my friend from golf.  
By Lewis

I like playing out on the oval with Jimmy.  
By Travis

I like drawing with my friends in the classroom.  
By Nylah

I like playing on the orange and blue playground with my friends.  
By Quinn



I like to play with my PALs outside. They help me to learn.  
By Menaal

I like playing on the playground with my friends.  
By Parker

I like playing in the sandpit and writing stories.  
By Shelby

I like having lots of fun with my teachers.  
By Abigail

I like playing with my PALs and friends on the playground.  
By Eva

I like when my PALs come to my classroom and help me read.  
By Maddison

I like writing the 'Days of School' on the big chart on the wall.  
By Chase

I like playing 'Duck, Duck, Goose' and other games with our PALs.  
By Sailor

I like building things with the large Lego in the classroom with my friends.  
By Jimmy