



Term 1 Week 10

# St. Mary's Primary School Newsletter

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## Welcome to Week 10

Dear Parents and Families,

It is hard to believe that there is only one week left until the Easter break. This term has flown and both our staff and students are to be commended on the way they have worked to make their classrooms exciting learning communities. There are so many students who should be proud of their efforts as they reflect on their progress and individual achievements, no more so than our amazing bunch of Foundation students. Although only heading into their 10<sup>th</sup> week of school, these little ones are organised, very clear about their place in the school, extremely caring of each other and very settled in the St. Mary's school environment.

### Holy Week Liturgy

Holy Week is one of the highlights on our religious calendar for the year and this Thursday we are looking forward to the Year 5 students leading our Holy Week Liturgy together with Fr James. This will be held in our Gymnasium at 9:15 am.

### Casual Dress - Thursday 1st April

This Thursday is our first casual dress day to be run by our newly elected SRC team. The children held a meeting last week to discuss and decide on a theme and some Easter activities that will take place. Our theme for Thursday is 'Colours Galore' where the children can wear as many different colours as they can. A gold coin donation will be supporting the Royal Children's Hospital Good Friday Appeal. There will be a couple of activities running throughout the week - the very popular 'Guess the Easter Eggs' running at recess and lunchtimes and a colouring competition in class. Guesses will be 20c each so please feel free to send along any spare change you have to support this very worthy cause. Winners will be announced on Thursday.

### Learning Walks : Foundation & Year 1

We had an absolutely fantastic turnout at our Foundation and Year One Learning walks last week with over 50 families participating in small groups walks to experience the learning that is taking place in the junior classrooms. The children love their families joining in the fun in classrooms and parents were genuinely amazed at not only actual quality of the work their children were capable of producing but of the opportunities to learn in such personalised ways and of the inclusive and positive language they heard used by all staff they encountered.



## Guide to Holy Week



### Palm Sunday

Sunday before Easter. Celebration of Jesus' triumphal entry into Jerusalem. Observed with palm branches, parades, and celebration.



### Maundy Thursday

Thursday before Easter. Commemorates the Last Supper. Often observed with foot washing, stripping of the altar, and overnight prayer vigil to keep watch with Jesus in the garden.



### Good Friday

Friday before Easter. Most solemn day of the church year. Observes the day Jesus was crucified. Observed by praying the Stations of the Cross and three hours of silent prayer while Jesus was on the cross.



### Holy Saturday

Saturday before Easter. Observes the day Jesus was in the tomb. This is a day of somber reflection, reflecting on what we'd miss in a world without Jesus.



### Easter Sunday

Hallelujah! Christ has risen! This day we celebrate the resurrection of Jesus. Sing hallelujahs and celebrate with great joy.



## P&F Meeting

There was a great deal of enthusiasm and some lively discussion at our first Parents and Friends Meeting at Spoons last week. As our first fundraiser for the year, the decision was made to incorporate a Colour Fun Run into the last day of The Great Race, traditionally held in week 2 next term.

This week your child will receive information about the Colour Run. As a family, you will also receive instructions on how to sign up online. This sounds like a really fun way to promote physical activity and have a great time along the way!



## Harmony Day

Everyone had a ball on Harmony Day last Thursday in their community groups. It was fantastic to see lots of children in national dress and to witness the "Vietnamese Cool Kids" group dancing their Facebook famous Corona dance for the community at the Harmony Day Celebrations at the park on Saturday.



## The Kindness Blitz

The Kindness Blitz continues with Year 2 leading the way having amassed over 30 tickets for being kind or displaying care to others on the playground. 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.

Meet some of the recipients of Kindness tickets in Week 9.....



Zac



Lizzie



Belle



Jimmy



Kruz

## Year 5-6 Cyber Safety Session March 24th

Senior Constable Andrew Downes ran a very informative session with our Year 5-6 students and teachers on using social media in a responsible and appropriate manner. Andrew discussed a wide range of topics and the issues involved when young people fail to use the internet responsibly. He will be back again in Term 2 to run an information session for parents.



A reminder that Thursday is the end of Term 1, which means an early finish (first bell at 2.15pm). Wishing you all a blessed Easter and a safe holiday,

Kate





## Kindness Tips

*Here are three more kindness tips that can be incorporated into our everyday lives. Teaching kindness to our children will have a lasting impact on their social and emotional wellbeing and on those around them*

**Smile more often** - In a study conducted in Sweden, when people looked at others who were smiling, their muscles twitched into smiles involuntarily. Play a smiling game with your kids to show them how smiling truly is contagious. The simple act of smiling can spread the warmth of kindness far and wide, as others smile in return and continue to pass the smile on.

**Play the compliment game** - It feels good to receive a compliment. In fact, researchers at the National Institute for Physiological Sciences in Japan found that the same area in the brain, the striatum, is activated when a person receives a compliment as when they are given money. In my mindfulness class, students toss a ball around the classroom, giving a compliment to someone each time they make a throw.

**Practice random acts of kindness** - Random acts of kindness can be anything that will make someone's day a little brighter. They don't even have to know who did it. I challenge my students to perform random acts of kindness for other students and teachers at school. To make sure no one gets left out, we draw names out of a hat.



## Curriculum News - Mrs Hall

Teachers are often asked to send extra books and material for children to read over the holidays. A friendly reminder for those interested, the school has many subscriptions for our students and families to access over the holiday period.

### [Sunshine Online/Classic, Reading Eggs and Phonics Hero](#)

At St. Mary's we are very fortunate to have many subscriptions to support our students in the area of Literacy and Numeracy which are great engaging resources to utilize out of school hours.

Sunshine Online which is a wonderful website containing hundreds of levelled texts. Children can log in and read along to stories and then complete associated interactive games and activities. Students enjoy using this website and it is a fun and motivational way to keep the "reading miles".

**Username : smswanhill Password : smswanhill**

We also have a subscription to [Sunshine Classics](#) which is another digital literacy program with over 300 E- books and 1000 interactive language activities to enjoy

**Username : murlong**

**Password : murlong**

Our Year 1 children have individualised log in codes for [Reading Eggs](#). Designed by literacy experts, Reading Eggs makes learning essential literacy skills easy and fun for younger children. Foundations are supported by the [Phonics Hero](#) subscription with the focus on phonics, reading and spelling online interactive games.

### [Mathletics and Mathseeds](#)

In the area of Mathematics, the Year 2-6 students have individualised logs in for [Mathletics](#). Mathletics provides learners with the chance to put their mathematics skills to use through activities and challenges. Students have access to relevant content set by their teachers that will reinforce their learning and challenge them to go to the next level. Yr 1's have access to [Mathseeds](#). Mathseeds teaches kids aged 3-9 core maths and problem solving skills with fun online maths games and activities.

## RE News - Mrs Davies

### [Sacraments - Important Information for Year 3, 4 & 5 Parents](#)

We are really looking forward to children and their families having the opportunity to be involved in our Sacramental Program this year. Obviously with things being impacted by the pandemic last year we have a massive year ahead with our sacramental journey!

This week parents will receive a letter via email detailing the sacramental process for 2021. Following this there will be two Sacramental Information Sessions for both the children and parents after Mass on **Saturday 24th April at 6.30pm and again on Sunday 25th April at 10.30am**. Families will need to attend ONE of these sessions as an introduction to the program. We look forward to seeing everyone there.

**Sacraments to be held this year -**  
**Year 3 - Confirmation & Reconciliation**  
**Year 4 - Confirmation, Eucharist & Reconciliation**  
**Year 5 - Eucharist**





# Physical Education News - Miss Clark

## Regional Swimming

On Thursday March 18th, 13 St. Mary's students competed in the Regional Swimming held at the Swan Hill Outdoor swimming pool. The day was a great success with 2 of our students progressing through to the State Primary School Championships to be held in Melbourne on Wednesday, April 26<sup>th</sup>. Well done to Jules M who made it through in Freestyle and Breaststroke and Sam S for Backstroke. It is a great effort to simply make it to the Regional Championships and all children should be proud of their efforts.



## Summer Sports

The weather really turned it on last week on Friday for the Year 5/6 Summer Sports. Well done to all students who competed in the sports on the day. Your behaviour and attitude was excellent. A very big thank you to the Mackillop College students who coached our St Mary's teams and supported them on the day. Thank you to the Year 5/6 teachers, other staff members and parents who helped to support our children on the day.

### Results

Basketball	Cricket	Softball	Tennis
Division 1 Boys Team 1- Winners	Division 1 Boys – Winners	Boys – Runners up	Ben N and Ryan A- Winners
Division 1 Girls Team A- Winners	Division 1 Girls – Winners		Charlotte S and Emily P- Winners
Division 1 Boys Team 2- Runners up	Division 2 Girls – Runners up		
Division 2 Girls Team C- Winners			

## Bluearth

Last Wednesday I was very fortunate to work alongside Gavin Raccanello from Bluearth in my PE classes for the day. Bluearth is a Government initiative program that focuses on building resilience and self confidence in children through positive participation in physical activity. Gavin showed myself and the students some new games as well as teaching them the importance of 'checking-in' with ourselves and the class. The students and myself would like to thank Gavin for sharing lots of fun new games and we are hoping to invite him back to work with more classes next term. Teachers also participated in a staff meeting centered around Bluearth games.



## Key Dates

### Thursday April 1st

Casual Dress Day

Therme: COLOURS GALORE

Gold Coin Donation towards  
to RCH Good Friday Appeal

Holy Week Liturgy 9.15am

Last Day of Term 1

Early finish - first bell 2.15pm

### Monday April 19th

First Day of Term 2

### Thursday April 22nd

School in Action Tour

### Monday April 26th

Great Race Week

### Monday April 26th

RE Incursion

### Tuesday April 27th

Year 5 Leadership Workshop

### Wednesday April 28th

Year 6 Positive Peers  
Workshop

### Friday April 30th

Great Race Finale  
Colour Run

## Administration News

### News from the canteen

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

*CHICKEN TENDERS AVAILABLE EVERYDAY - \$1.50 each*

Mon March 29	Tues March 30	Wed March 31	Thur April 1	Fri April 2
Tim Dunstan	Lisa Brady	Stacey Keefe	Amanda Atkinson	SCHOOL HOLIDAYS
Mon April 19	Tues April 20	Wed April 21	Thurs April 22	Fri April 23
Tim Dunstan	Moriah Ierace	Andrea O'Reilly	Leah Merritt	Stacey Lawry Brigette Nunez
Mon April 26	Tue April 27	Wed April 28	Thurs April 29	Fri April 30
Tim Dunstan	Halima Hussain	Kath Elston	Megan Bye	Erin Decker

Thank-you to those who have volunteered to help in our canteen this year. We still require more volunteers in our school canteen. 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.



### Medication at school - update

#### **Non-Prescribed Medication**

We are no longer able to store or administer non-prescribed medication, like panadol. This is because analgesics and other non-prescribed medications can mask signs and symptoms of a serious illness or injury. This may affect those students with an injury (like a broken bone, dental work etc) that in order to get through the school day need panadol.

#### **Prescribed medications**

If a student is required to take prescription medication then if possible it would be taken outside of school hours. If medication is required 3 times a day, they could be taken before school, after school and after tea. However if this is not possible (for example during a school camp) then the school will support the student to take the medication safely.

A Medical Authorisation form would need to be completed and signed by the parent/guardian giving the school permission to administer the medication. The medication needs to be provided in its original packaging with a pharmacy label on it matching the information on the form.

Also for new medication, students are not permitted to take their first dose at school.

### 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.

## Country Buses

Now that we are getting into the Football/Netball season, just a reminder that Bus Passes will not be given to students for after school activities ie sport, dance, visiting friends. Country buses are to be used for travel between school and home only.

## Bus changes now available on PAM

You are now able to make bus changes via your PAM account. This includes bus passes, not on bus, change of bus etc. **SkoolBag is no longer to be used for Bus Changes.**

- Log in to your PAM account.
- From the hamburger menu in the top right hand corner, select "Transport Passes".
- Ensure the date is correct, displayed above the student schedule table.
- Click on the "Edit" button of the child you wish to add/remove from a bus.
- "Select New Route" will allow you to add your child to a bus, add your child to a different bus or select "No transport needed" if your child is not to travel on the bus on that particular day.

Scheduled Transport - this is for children who are on a regular bus schedule. It is the bus that your child would usually catch on that day.

Actual Transport - the bus that your child is catching on that particular day eg. if a change has been made.

Bus changes via PAM must be made by 2.30pm. For last minute changes, contact the office on 50332541. You can action bus changes up to 7 days in advance. If your child requires a permanent schedule change, please contact the office. Need assistance? Please contact the office 50332541.



## Community News

### **Tyntynder Football Netball Club NAB AFL Auskick**

Season starts - Thursday 15th April at 4.45pm sharp

Contact - Marcus Nalder (Auskick Co-ordinator) 0417 594 004

Visit [play.afl/auskick](http://play.afl/auskick) to register

### **Mallee Eagles Auskick Centre**

Swan Hill Primary School Oval, Gray Street Swan Hill

Come & Try Sessions Wednesday 31st March at 4.30pm

Season commences on Wednesday 21st April

Contact Allastair Wells on 0407 308 844 for more details

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I'm in, are you? **2021** I'M COMMITTED

**AFL** **play.afl**

**COMMUNITY FOOTBALL**

**CENTRAL MURRAY FOOTBALL NETBALL LEAGUE**  
11 Clubs  
Under 12 – Boys and Girls – 9 – 12 Years of Age  
Under 14.5 – Boys and Girls – 12 – 14.5 Years of Age  
Colts/Under 17.5 – Boys 14.5 – 17.5 Years of Age

**GOLDEN RIVERS FOOTBALL NETBALL LEAGUE**  
8 Clubs  
Under 14.5 – Boys and Girls – 12 – 14.5 Years of Age  
Under 17.5 – Boys – 14.5 – 17.5 Years of Age

Get involved with your local club today!  
Check out all the clubs through [play.afl](http://play.afl)

**nab AFL Auskick**

NAB AFL Auskick is one of the best, first experiences kids aged 5-12 will have learning Australian Football. In weekly sessions, Auskickers and their families will run, jump, kick, laugh and create their own special moments playing footy. No matter their skill level, ability or knowledge of the game, Auskick is for everyone!

Registration is this simple!

1. **WWW** Visit play.afl
2. **SELECT** Select "Where to play"
3. **ENTER** Enter your suburb
4. **REGISTER** Find your local club and register

[play.afl/auskick](http://play.afl/auskick)



### Student of the Week - Term 1 Week 9

6O	No Student of the Week due to Summer Sports	No Student of the Week due to Summer Sports
6P	No Student of the Week due to Summer Sports	No Student of the Week due to Summer Sports
6Q	No Student of the Week due to Summer Sports	No Student of the Week due to Summer Sports
6R	No Student of the Week due to Summer Sports	No Student of the Week due to Summer Sports
5S	No Student of the Week due to Summer Sports	No Student of the Week due to Summer Sports
5T	No Student of the Week due to Summer Sports	No Student of the Week due to Summer Sports
5U	No Student of the Week due to Summer Sports	No Student of the Week due to Summer Sports
5F	No Student of the Week due to Summer Sports	No Student of the Week due to Summer Sports
4G	Wajiha E	Archer J
4H	Archie B	Milla P
4I	Jasnoor K	Mayla C
4J	Tyler P	Kaitlyn S
3A	Emma W	Landon M
3B	Kevin V	Joseph B
3W	Jesse C	Laine McKenzie
3Y	Domi C Josh K	Pearl D
2K	Otto P	Farhan H
2L	Charlie H	Vann N
2M	Julian P Sebastian C	Oliver S
2N	Max P	Isabel F
1C	Violet G	Nate P
1D	Marcus Mcl Max G	Sohiel H
1E	Dakota P	George M
F Blue	Spencer H	Tamika B
F Green	Anthony F	Asha H
F Yellow	Lewis K	Maddison S
F Orange	Jye B	Gussie B
Art	All of 5S, Martin N, Sammie H, Milli L	
Music	Oliver S, Isabel, Tahlia G, All of 4J, Leo W	
Italian	Emmy B, Charlie F, Evie C, Hamish L	
PE	Saxcen C, Angela B, Oliver S, Rory D	

# HAPPY BIRTHDAY

MARCH 30 - Ava G

MARCH 31 - Kathleen K

APRIL 1 - Kruz H

APRIL 2 - Henry O'B

APRIL 3 - Shiloh C, Levi P

APRIL 4 - Arlee P

APRIL 6 - Dakota Z

APRIL 7 - Malakai M, Nhan P,  
Charlee W, Tristan Y

APRIL 8 - Flynn B, Parker N, Agamjot S

APRIL 9 - Ranfateh B, Aiden K

APRIL 10 - Ardaas K, Lola V

APRIL 15 - Leo E

APRIL 16 - Nate K

APRIL 17 - Harvey H

We hope you enjoy your special day







In 6Q we have been looking at key events in Australia's history that have contributed to our identity; historical reasons people have migrated to Australia; the countries & cultures people have migrated from; & how this has shaped the culture and identity of Australia. We researched, designed and presented our posters to the rest of the class.

