

St. Mary's Primary School Newsletter

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Welcome to Week 10

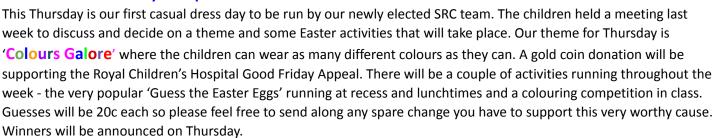
Dear Parents and Families,

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 10th 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



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.











Cruide to Holy Week









Holy Saturday



faster Sunday



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 "Vietnemese 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.....











Belle



Jimmy

Kruz



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,









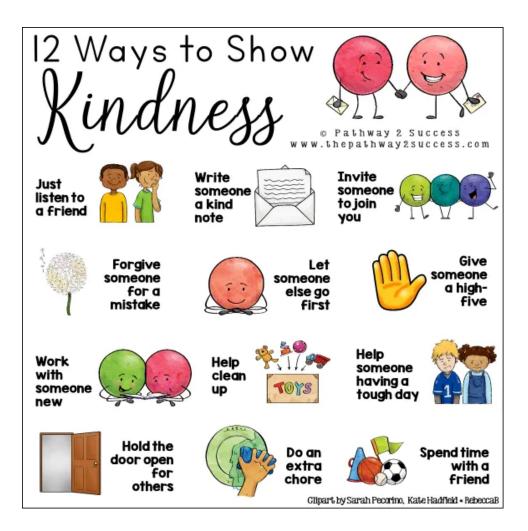
Kindness Tips

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".

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We also have a subscription to <u>Sunshine Classics</u> which is another digital literacy program with over 300 E- books and 1000 interactive language activities to enjoy Username : murlong

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Our Year 1 children have individualised log in codes for <u>Reading Eggs</u>. Designed by literacy experts, Reading Eggs makes learning essential literacy skills easy and fun for younger children. Foundations are supported by the <u>Phonics Hero</u> 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 <u>Mathletics</u>. 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 <u>Mathseeds</u>. Mathseeds teaches kids aged 3-9 core maths and problem solving skills with fun online maths games and activities.

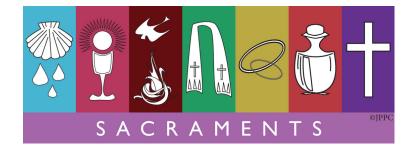
RE News - Mrs Davies

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.

<u>Sacraments to be held this year -</u> 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 26th. 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	Ben N and Ryan A- Winners
		ир	
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

<u>Thursday April 22nd</u> School in Action Tour

Monday April 26th Great Race Week

Monday April 26th RE Incursion

<u>Tuesday April 27th</u> 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

<u>NEW TO THE DAILY SPECIALS - RIVETT'S BAKERY PIE THURSDAYS ONLY!</u> <u>CHICKEN TENDERS AVAILABLE EVERYDAY - \$1.50 each</u>

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 lerace	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 <u>DHHS</u> and <u>CEM</u> 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 is 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.

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

<u>Actual Transport</u> - 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 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



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		
41	Jasnoor K	Mayla C		
4J	Tyler P	Kaitlyn S		
3A	Emma W	Landon M		
3В	Kevin V	Joseph B		
3W	Jesse C	Laine McKenzie		
3Y	Domi C Josh K	Pearl D		
2К	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

