



Term 2 Week 1

# St. Mary's Primary School Newsletter

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19th April, 2021

## Welcome to Week 1

Dear Parents and Families,

Welcome back after what I hope has been a restful and enjoyable break. As a school community we are looking forward to another term of working and learning together. The students were very excited to share many examples of their work on Seesaw at the end of last term and we hope you enjoyed sharing the wonderful work they had completed.

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### School in Action Tours Thursday April 22nd

**This Thursday** we are holding our first of our School in Action tour for families with preschool aged children looking to enrol in Foundation in 2022. School in Action mornings give families the chance to see how our school operates in real time by visiting different classrooms as they go about their daily work. They really are a great opportunity for prospective parents to look around our beautiful school, particularly our vibrant junior classrooms and to gather information about St. Mary's. Thanks to all the staff in the Foundation area who make these mornings such a positive experience for those who come along.



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### Holiday Updates

If you drive your children to school I'm sure you got a surprise this morning! It's been all action here over the holidays and Maree has done an amazing job of coordinating all the many tradesmen who have been in and out working on different projects at school.

The Roses and Agapanthus have had their day! Instead the front of the school is looking fantastic with Peter Clarke completing the block work for the front garden and Stephen Pearse and his crew finishing off the Cross garden at the front. Our new plants are set to arrive this Wednesday to complete the office garden upgrade.

The preschool also obtained funding to update the building and surrounds and there is an amazing new yard currently under construction and some wonderful updates inside underway.



### ANZAC Day

This weekend we pause to pay respect and honour to those who have given so much to the peace of our nation.

Students are learning about the meaning of ANZAC Day in a variety of ways this week through art and literature! Due to COVID restrictions the local ANZAC Day march and service has been scaled down, with only our School Captains and a member of the Senior Leadership Team able to be present to represent us at the ANZAC Day service on Sunday.

## School Uniform

The beginning of Term 2 is a transition period from Summer to Winter uniform. At the moment, students can wear either Summer or Winter uniforms based on the weather for that day. Further notice will be given in the newsletter when the full transition to Winter uniform is required. Hat or beanies are both acceptable as we transition into Winter uniforms.

## Great Race - Monday April 26th - Friday April 30th



This is one of our favourite times of the year...the ever popular Great Race begins next week as a lead up to the Senior and Junior Cross Country. Children can earn points for their House Team by doing laps of the oval at lunch time. The Great Race is a fun way of getting exercise not just for the children but for our teachers to get their steps up while chatting to students and colleagues on the way. It is a wonderful sight to see so many children involved in this activity and parents are very welcome to come and join us each day. Children are allowed to wear their runners to school each day of the Great Race week so that they can participate fully at lunchtime.

On Friday April 30th from 12:00-1:00pm, we are doing something a little different to conclude the Great Race Week .....Our fabulous P & F have organised a **COLOUR RUN**. You will have already received information about the Colour Run and there will be further information sent out via PAM this week. **It looks like a fundraiser that provides a lot of fun as well as promoting the benefits of physical activity.**

## The Kindness Blitz

The Kindness Blitz continues with Year 2 leading the way having amassed almost 40 tickets for being kind or displaying care to others on the playground. For the next 2 weeks we move our attention to students being kind and displaying kindness to each other as they go about our work in the classroom.

Meet some of the recipients of Kindness tickets in Week 10.....



Joseph



Ella



Coco



Mohitaz



Harry



## Enrolments for 2022

Enrolments are now open for children who start Foundation in 2022. Interviews for new and existing families will take place later in Term 2 and continue in Term 3. Parents of existing families who have a child to start in 2022 please ring the office so an enrolment form can be forwarded to you.

Hope you all have a lovely week as you ease back into routine,

Kate



### Sacraments - Parent Information Sessions 24th/25th April 2021

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!

At the end of last term parents received a letter via email detailing the Sacramental process for 2021. This week 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**



## Key Dates

### Monday April 19th

First Day of Term 2

### Thursday April 22nd

School in Action Tour  
9.30am - 11am

### Saturday April 24th

Sacramental Parent Meeting  
after 6.30pm Mass

### Sunday April 25th

Sacramental Parent Meeting  
after 10.30am Mass

### Monday April 26th -

#### Friday April 30th

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 Explosion Fun Run**

More information attached  
to newsletter

## **Administration News**

### News from the canteen

*CHICKEN TENDERS AVAILABLE EVERYDAY - \$1.50 each*

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. Please contact the office if you are able to assist.

### ANZAC Day Appeal 2021

We have ANZAC Day Appeal badges, keyrings etc for sale in the office priced from 50 cents to \$5.00.



### 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.

### CAMPS, SPORTS & EXCURSIONS FUND (CSEF)

If you hold a valid means-tested concession card or are a temporary foster parent, you may be eligible for CSEF. The allowance is paid to the school to use towards expenses relating to camps, excursions or sporting activities for the benefit of your child. The annual CSEF amount per student is \$125 for primary school students.

#### **HOW TO APPLY:**

New applicants should contact the school office to obtain a CSEF application form or download from

[www.education.vic.gov.au/Documents/about/programs/health/CSEF-Application-Form-2020.pdf](http://www.education.vic.gov.au/Documents/about/programs/health/CSEF-Application-Form-2020.pdf).

If you applied for the CSEF at your child's school in 2020, you do not need to complete an application form in 2021 unless there has been a change in your family circumstances.

You only need to complete an application form if any of the following changes have occurred:

- new student enrolments; your child has started or changed schools in 2020 or you did not apply in 2020
- changed family circumstances; such as a change of custody, change of name, concession card number, or new siblings commencing at the school in 2021.

If you are unsure please contact the school office on 50332541. If you are eligible for CSEF you are also eligible for the Family Fee Assistance Scheme. The FFAS amount for 2021 is \$850.00. This amount is credited against your school fee account once your CSEF application has been validated.



**FOR  
SALE**

Various Tables \$10 each. Please contact the office on 50332541.



AFL CENTRAL VICTORIA

# FOOTBALL

## GIRLS PROGRAM 2021

Ages 8 – 13 Years of Age

**4 WEEK PROGRAM**

Tuesday Nights 5.00 PM – 6.00 PM  
SWAN HILL RECREATION RESERVE

SESSION 1 – 4<sup>TH</sup> MAY  
SESSION 2 – 11<sup>TH</sup> MAY  
SESSION 3 – 18<sup>TH</sup> MAY  
SESSION 4 – 25<sup>TH</sup> MAY

Focus is introduction to the game.  
Fundamental Skills.  
Small, sided Matches



Attend all 4 Sessions and receive a Synthetic Sherrin Football  
Program is at **NO CHARGE.**



Any questions please contact.

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**REGISTRATION LINK - REGISTER TODAY!**

Proudly Supported by the following





# Happy Birthday

**APRIL 19 - Ryan A, Tao F**

**APRIL 21- Wilhem F**

**APRIL 22 - Ella S**

**APRIL 23 - Charlize B, Lily N**

**APRIL 24 - Spencer G, Peyton G**

**We hope you have a lovely day!!!!**



Dear Parents and Guardians,

In Term 2, in conjunction with our Parents & Friends Committee, we are hosting a **Colour Explosion School Fun Run** to help us fundraise to create a sensory garden, in what is currently known as Brenda's garden.

**When is the Colour Explosion School Fun Run?** We will be hosting our Colour Explosion School Fun Run on Friday April 30th, from 12pm – 1pm. Please make sure your child bring a large old WHITE shirt (maybe one of Dad's or Grandad's) to wear during the Fun Run. They will be covered in non-toxic, biodegradable colour powder from head to toe!

**Is the powder safe?** The non-toxic colour powder is made of high-quality corn starch and permitted food colours, so it's safe for skin and eyes. The powder is gluten free, non-toxic, environmentally friendly and non-flammable.

**Options for Asthmatics?** If your child has been flagged on PAM as being Asthmatic, they will wear a coloured vest for easy identification on the oval. We will set up a separate running lane when approaching the colour powder stations. They will be diverted around the powder station so they don't receive the powder directly. Teachers will put coloured powder on their hands and press the powder onto their shirts. This way it avoids the powder dust in the air.

**How does my child fundraise?** Fundraising for our sensory garden is easy – simply follow the instructions outlined in your child's sponsorship booklet. Your child can accept donations online by creating a cybersafe fundraising profile at [myprofilepage.com.au](http://myprofilepage.com.au). You can also collect cash donations with your sponsorship booklet. Please return your donations by Friday May 7<sup>th</sup>.

**Can my child still participate without fundraising?** Yes, all children will participate on the day and receive sunglasses and a headband to wear during the event.

If you need any further information regarding the Colour Explosion School Fun Run, please contact our friendly office staff on 03 50332541.

Yours Sincerely,

Kate Quin  
Principal

Renee Hirst  
Parents & Friends Committee



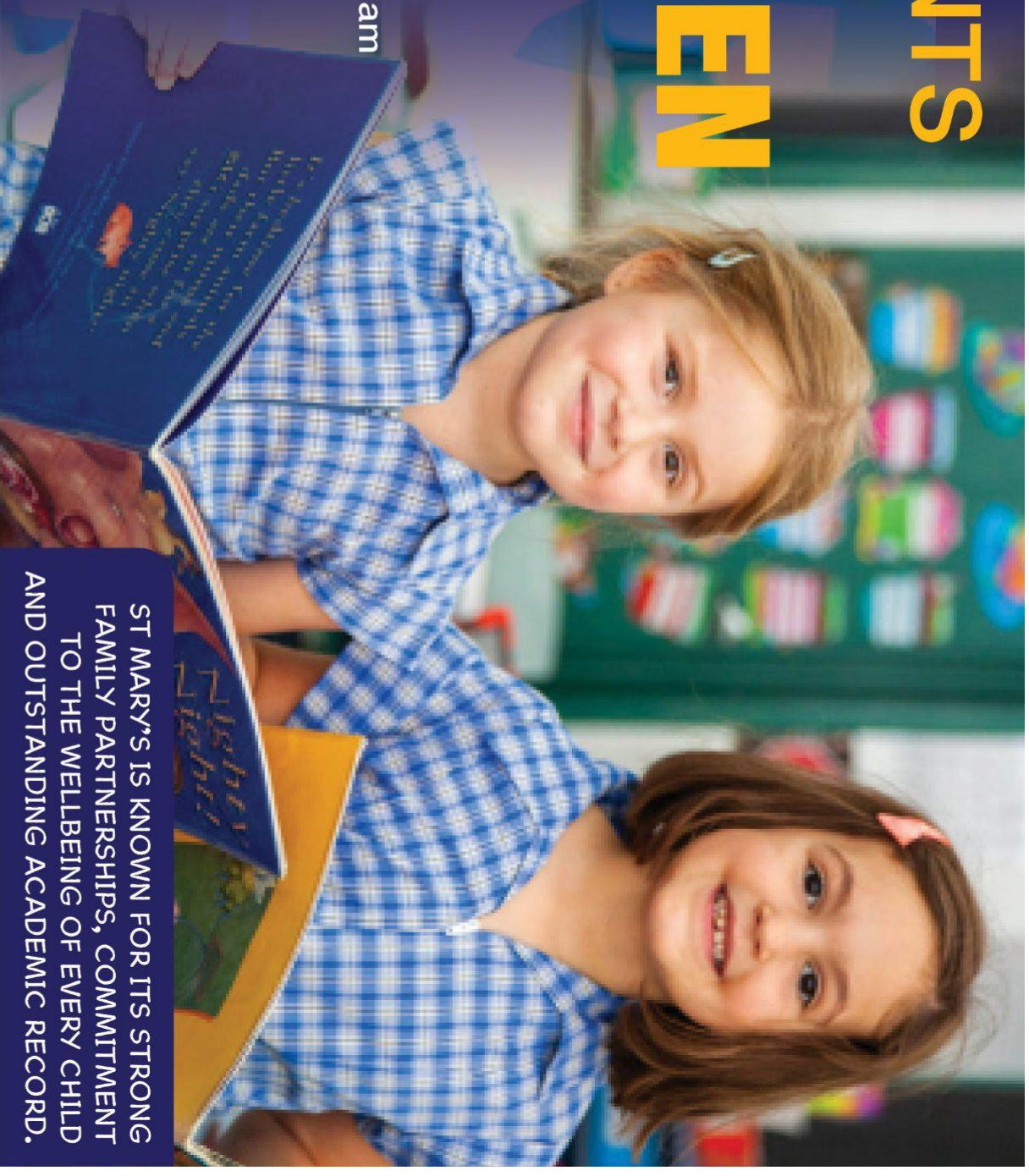
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## 6R'S FAVOURITE PART OF TERM 1

<p><b>Max</b> My favourite part of Term 1 was Summer Sports because we got to see kids from other schools.</p>	<p><b>Nate</b> I like playing Summer Sports because we got to play cricket against other schools.</p>	<p><b>Scarlett</b> My favourite part of Term 1 was meeting my PAL and doing my role of School Captain.</p>	
<p><b>Isabella</b> I liked Summer Sports because I liked playing Tennis against other schools. I also really liked spending time with my friends and meeting my PAL.</p>	<p><b>Kyra</b> My favourite part of Term 1 was playing cricket with my friends at the Summer Sports.</p>	<p><b>Charlie</b> My favourite part of Term 1 was leadership day because I got to work with people who I usually wouldn't work with that aren't in my class.</p>	<p><b>Marion</b> My favourite part of Term 1 was PALS and 5/6 Sport because I liked playing sport with my friends. We came second overall.</p>
<p><b>Knox</b> My favourite part of Term 1 was Summer Sports, we came 2nd in Softball.</p>		<p><b>Ryder</b> My favourite part of Term 1 was Summer Sports because I got to go out and play Cricket with my friends all day.</p>	<p><b>Blake</b> My favourite part of Term 1 was going to Summer Sports, I couldn't play so I scored and cheered on my team.</p>
	<p><b>Eliza</b> My favourite part of the term was when we got to meet our PALS for the first time.</p>	<p><b>Isabel</b> I liked hanging out with friends at Recess and lunch.</p>	<p><b>Annabelle</b> My favourite part of Term 1 was spending time with my friends.</p>
<p><b>Brealle</b> I really enjoyed Summer Sports because I liked learning how to play tennis and playing against other schools.</p>	<p><b>Louis</b> I liked Leadership Day, History Box and the first day of school because I got to see my friends after not seeing them for a while.</p>		<p><b>Holly</b> My favourite part of Term 1 was Summer Sports and being with our PALS. I also enjoyed Leadership Day.</p>
<p><b>Archie</b> I liked Summer Sports because I got to play against other schools. We won all our games and we get to go to the next level. I have also enjoyed seeing my PAL.</p>	<p><b>Vin</b> I liked Summer Sports, I played Cricket, it was fun and we won one game.</p>	<p><b>Reesha</b> I enjoyed Summer Sports because I got to play cricket and I love cricket, I also got to support my teammates.</p>	<p><b>Charlotte</b> My favourite part of Term 1 was meeting my PAL and doing Summer Sports with my friends.</p>
<p><b>Sarah</b> I liked playing basketball in Summer Sports because I got to play against other schools.</p>			<p><b>Carly</b> My favourite part of Term 1 was Summer Sports because I really enjoyed playing cricket.</p>