



Term 2 Week 2

St. Mary's Primary School Newsletter

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26th April, 2021

Welcome to Week 2

Dear Parents and Families,

We are very fortunate to have Gen Bryant, a Melbourne based singer/songwriter and her band here this morning playing for our students. Gen played at Mass over the weekend and generously offered to perform before heading home to Melbourne later today.

ANZAC Day

Yesterday we stopped as a nation to pay respect and honour to those who have given so much to the peace of our nation. Our school captains Ben Nelson and Scarlett Benham did a wonderful job of laying a wreath and representing our school at the 11am service at the cenotaph.

School in Action Tours

We had a great response to our first School in Action tour with several families joining us to see how Foundation operates in real time by visiting different classrooms as they go about their daily work. Thanks to our Foundation team for opening up their rooms and having them set up so the families could see how a typical Foundation classroom operates at St Mary's.

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

This is one of our favourite times of the year...the ever popular Great Race begins today 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. 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 lunchtime. Children are allowed to wear their PE uniform and /or 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 a hard copy letter all about it has been sent home today. It is a major fundraiser for the school with all money going to create a new child friendly sensory garden near the year 4 rooms.



This week please send your child along with an old white /light coloured shirt or TShirt to protect their clothes in the fun run and a plastic bag to put it in afterwards. Friday is casual dress ...send them in something old and comfy as despite our best efforts it may come home a different colour than it started!

Parents are very welcome to come and join us on Friday and join in all the fun!

NAPLAN 2021

Our Year 3 & 5 teachers have been preparing their children for the National Assessment Program- Literacy and Numeracy [NAPLAN] tests. These test knowledge and skills in Literacy and Numeracy. The results of these tests provide information to teachers and parents which can be then used to support the teaching and learning programs. By analysing results, teachers can adjust teaching strategies to provide appropriate support or identify students who would benefit from enrichment activities. The dates for testing are 11th, 12th & 13th May. Students who are funded under Special Needs may be exempted from completing the NAPLAN tests. Parents/Guardians who do not want their child to sit the test, please contact the school for an Exemption form. If your son/daughter is not a funded student, a parent/guardian may withdraw the student from one or all of the NAPLAN tests. Parents/ Guardians need to contact the school if they wish to withdraw their child from any of the NAPLAN tests.

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.

Curriculum Newsletter

Curriculum Newsletters. This week your child will bring home a copy of their Term 2 curriculum newsletter which outlines the key learning that will take place in their classroom and when they attend specialist classes. The curriculum newsletters are produced to assist you to know what is happening at school so you can chat more knowledgeably with your child about the many exciting things they are involved with at St Mary's.

The Kindness Blitz

The Kindness Blitz continues with Year 2 amassing over 50 tickets which means they have a whole level reward! These rewards are negotiated as a group and normally consist of something fun such as session of free time or some games outside. There are some other levels hot on their heels and it is wonderful to think that across our school so many children are demonstrating kindness and care to each other as they go about their work in the classrooms.

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.

Have a great week and I look forward to seeing many of you at the Colour Run on Friday.

Kate

“ Kindness is
a gift everyone can
afford to give. ”

- Unknown



RE News - Mrs Davies

Over the weekend Fr James ran Sacramental Information Sessions for both the children and parents after Mass. These were very well attended with Fr James explaining the way the sacramental program would run this year. The Year 3 & 4 children received their Preparation Booklets to start working through at home before they complete their Sacrament of Confirmation. The Year 4 & 5 children will receive their Eucharist Preparation Booklets around the middle of June. Please send in your enrolment forms as soon as possible to enable us to start preparing for the Masses. If you have any questions please contact me at school.

Confirmation

Year 4 - Saturday 29th & Sunday 30th May

Year 3 - Saturday 5th & Sunday 6th June

Eucharist

Year 5 - Saturday 31st & Sunday 1st August

Year 4 - Saturday 7th & Sunday 8th August

Reconciliation

Year 3 & 4 - Tuesday 19th October - 7pm



Physical Education News - Miss Clark

Regional Tennis

Towards the end of last term we had several St Mary's students represent our school in the Regional Tennis competition held at Swan Hill Lawn Tennis Club. I would like to congratulate Scarlet G, Zoe B, Oliver S and Ryan F for their efforts on the day.



The Great Race

The much anticipated Great Race begins this week! Both staff and students are encouraged to participate and collect laps for their house. Students can wear their sports uniform for the week.

Great Race Finale!

On Friday April 30th from 12:00-1:00pm, we are doing something a little different to conclude the Great Race Week. The students are very excited to participate in 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.

State Swimming

On Monday, 26th of April, St Mary's had 2 students representing the school at the State Swimming Championships. Well done to Jules M who is competing in the 12/13 boys Freestyle and Sam S in the 12/13 boys Backstroke. It is a fantastic achievement to compete at this level and we can wait to hear how you both go.

Senior Cross Country

The Senior Cross Country will be held on Friday, 7th of May for the Year 3 – 6 students at Riverside Park. The top students for their age group qualify to represent the school at the Division Cross Country on 18th May. The 9 and 10 year olds will run 2km and the 11, 12 and 13 year olds will run 3km. All families are welcome to attend this event and support the students. The first race will be starting at 11:30am. Information regarding this event has been sent home via PAM.

Key Dates

Monday April 26th -

Friday April 30th

Great Race Week

Monday April 26th

RE Incursion

Friday April 30th

Great Race Finale

Colour Explosion Fun Run

More information attached to newsletter

Thursday May 6th

Year 6 Transition Day to St Mary MacKillop College

Thursday May 6th

Year 1 Liturgy

Friday May 7th

Senior Cross Country
Information has been sent via PAM

Friday May 7th

Year 2 Camp
Information has been sent via PAM

Naplan

Tuesday May 11th
Wednesday May 12th
Thursday May 13th

Monday May 17th &

Tuesday May 18th

Year 3 Camp
Information has been sent via PAM

News from the Office

Canteen

CHICKEN TENDERS AVAILABLE EVERYDAY - \$1.50 each

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
Mon May 3	Tue May 4	Wed May 5	Thurs May 6	Fri May 7
Tim Dunstan	need someone	need someone	need someone	Melissa Robertson

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.

Book Club Issue 3

Scholastic Book Club Issue 3 is now available. We will not be accepting cash payments for orders. Please order online following the instructions below.

Issue 3 orders are due by Wednesday 5th May 2021.

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. Mary's SWAN HILL)

If you have any questions or are having trouble with the LOOP ordering system, please contact the office via email - office@smswanhill.catholic.edu.au

St Mary's Beanies & Scarves

Beanies (\$15) and Scarves (\$18) are available to purchase through CDF Pay or by coming into the office. Just remember to name these items so that they can be easily returned.

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.

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.



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 – 4TH MAY
SESSION 2 – 11TH MAY
SESSION 3 – 18TH MAY
SESSION 4 – 25TH 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.
David Alderuccio 0437 558 971 or david.alderuccio@afl.com.au

REGISTRATION LINK - REGISTER TODAY!

Proudly Supported by the following

SCAN ME!

2021 LOCAL COMPETITION

KINDER KICK — AGES 4-5

JUNIORS (BOYS & GIRLS) — AGES 6-14
JUNIORS GUARANTEED A GAME EVERY WEEK OF THE SEASON
PLAYING SATURDAY MORNINGS 9AM - 11AM

YOUTH (BOYS & GIRLS) — AGES 15-18
PLAYING IN THE BENDIGO AMATEUR SOCCER LEAGUE

WOMENS — AGES 16+
PLAYING IN THE BENDIGO AMATEUR SOCCER LEAGUE

MENS — AGES 16+
PLAYING IN THE BENDIGO AMATEUR SOCCER LEAGUE

MORE INFO? CONTACT US ON OUR FACEBOOK PAGE
SWAN HILL SOCCER LEAGUE

Student of the Week - Term 2 Week 1

6O	Amaya H	Isaiah B
6P	Monique P	Marty C
6Q	Novak D	Milla P
6R	Charlotte S	Annabelle F
5S	Harper W	Charlie B
5T	Ava G	Max R
5U	Sam B	Skye P
5F	Meg Y	Kruz H
4G	Charlee W	Kayla Mcl
4H	Hugh A	Hattie M
4I	Natalia B	Flynn O'B
4J	Charli S	Vicky D
3A	Ella O'B	Indi M
3B	Hamish L	Madison McL
3W	Miah H	Bailey McF
3Y	Zach R	Ruby G
2K	Yazmin R	Sophie M Van N
2L	Jakobe T	Will O'B
2M	Henley M	Angela W
2N	Milan P	Will P
1C	Johannes O	Koa W Leni W
1D	Lochlan C Titalia C	Sonny M
1E	Luca B	Mila W
F Blue	Billie G	Crystal M
F Green	Lawson R	Evie A
F Yellow	Quinn L	Maddy McM
F Orange	Isabel I	Lola V
Art	Mia H, Laine Mck, Ha My H, Harry B	
Music	Henry O'B, Bohden B, Emily P, Patrick E	
Italian	Saxcen C, Crystal M, Sophie W, Emma W	
PE	Sarah L, Lenny H, Tristan Y, Milla M	



HAPPY BIRTHDAY

APRIL 26 - SAMMIE H

APRIL 27 - ANNABELLE F, ISABEL I

**APRIL 28 - SARA C, RUEBEN C,
FOLEY S**

**APRIL 29 - HOPE A, MATILDA T,
WILLOW V**

APRIL 30 - COOPER G

MAY 1 - NATE P

MAY 2 - ZIMING X

HAVE A GREAT DAY!

THE BEST PART ABOUT OUR EASTER HOLIDAYS!

NATALIA: I WENT TO MY COUSINS HOUSE IN MERIMBULA AND PAMBULA.

MAVERIK: I WENT TO MILDURA TO SEE MY COUSINS AND WE DROVE THE LAWN MOWER AROUND.

MADISON: ALL MY AUNTIES AND UNCLES CAME OVER FOR EASTER FOR AN EGG HUNT AND TEA.

DILSHEEN: I HAD AN EASTER EGG HUNT WITH MY COUSINS AND MY COUSINS ATE ALL MY CHOCOLATE!

ADI: THIS YEAR WE HAD AN EASTER EGG HUNT AT MY HOUSE AND WE HAD BUNNY MARSHMALLOWS.

MAYLA: MY COUSINS CAME TO MY HOUSE. WE WATCHED A MOVIE AND WENT TO THE PARK WITH MY UNCLE'S ELECTRIC SKATEBOARD.

LINCOLN: GOING CAMPING WITH MY FAMILY.

ELLAH: I WENT TO MY FRIENDS HOUSE AND WE FED THEIR GUINEA PIGS AND WE GOT TO HOLD THEM.

MADDYN: WE WENT TO ANGLESEA AND TO THE BEACH. WE WENT TO HALLS GAP AND WENT ON LOTS OF WALKS.



HAMY: I WENT TO MELBOURNE AND I BOUGHT 33 BOOKS. I WILL READ THEM ALL!

JASNOOR: I STAYED HOME AND WATCHED LOTS OF MOVIES, ATE CHOCOLATE AND TOOK SOME TIME TO RELAX.

TAJ: I GOT A PET KANGAROO TO LOOK AFTER AND FEED.

ELIZA: WE WENT CAMPING AND WE GOT TO GO SWIMMING IN THE RIVER.

RORY: I WENT CAMPING AND WENT FISHING. I CAUGHT A CARP!

FLYNN: I WENT FISHING. SOME OF MY FAMILY CAME OVER AND WE HAD AN EASTER EGG HUNT WHICH WAS EXCITING!

LOLA: I WENT TO QUEENSLAND AND WENT TO WET AND WILD. I ALSO WENT TO DREAMWORLD!

GURJOT: I WENT TO MELBOURNE AND I WENT TO 3D ART.

ELLI: I WENT CAMPING. I ALSO WENT TO SYDNEY. WE WENT TO MADAME TUSSAUDS, FROZEN AND THE AFL.

EMETT: GOING CAMPING WITH MY COUSINS AND FAMILY FRIENDS.

CHARLI: MOVING MY SISTER TAYLAH INTO HER NEW HOUSE.