



Term 2 Week 4

St. Mary's Primary School Newsletter

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10th of May, 2021

Welcome to Week 4

A mother's love is kept locked deep in our hearts, knowing it will always be there to comfort us.

I hope all our families had a chance to celebrate Mother's Day yesterday and that all mothers, nanas and the special women in our lives had a day of happiness, a day where they felt cherished and where they could share special time with their families. *May you feel special and know how loved you are.*



NAPLAN 2021

The National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) tests for our St. Mary's Year 3 and 5 children will be held this Tuesday 11th May, Wednesday 12th May and Thursday 13th May 2021.

The Year 3 and 5 class teachers and members of the leadership team will be supervising the children. We see these assessments as an opportunity for children to "shine" and to demonstrate their learning and growth. The results of the tests provide diagnostic information for parents and teachers about your child's performance in Literacy and Numeracy. This information can be used to support teaching and learning programs and improve student achievement.

NAPLAN Timetable

	Tuesday 11th May	Wednesday 12th May	Thursday 13th May
Year 3	Language Conventions & Writing (2 tests)	Reading	Numeracy
Year 5	Language Conventions & Writing (2 tests)	Reading	Numeracy

Parents can help their child have a positive NAPLAN experience by ensuring they have a good night's sleep the night before the tests, and a healthy breakfast each morning.

Flying Start and 2022 Enrolments

We are open for 2022 enrolments for Foundation to Year 6 students and are taking registrations for our school transition program - Flying Start. Flying Start is a terrific way for preschoolers to prepare for life in Foundation, get to know teachers and build their familiarity with the school environment. Our parent community is one of our best forms of advertising so please let friends and families know about the great teaching and learning programs and level of care that exists at St Marys, when they are considering school options for their children. Our local preschools, including **Shamrock Park** are also open for 2022 enrolments on the Shine Bright webpage.

Get off to a Flying Start
 St Mary's free school familiarisation program for PRE-SCHOOL CHILDREN
 Our 4 week program starts on Friday July 23rd
 Session times: 9am-10.30am and 11.30am-1pm
 Contact our office on 5033 2541 for further information or to book a place

Let your child experience life at St Mary's enjoying our Phonics, Music, PE, Italian, Art and Technology Programs

2022 ENROLMENTS ARE NOW OPEN
 ST MARY'S PRIMARY SCHOOL
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Colour Fun Run

Our Colour Fun online sponsorship closed on Friday after raising an amazing \$13,489 of which a large percentage goes directly to the school. Again, thank you very much to Renee and Jess from our P & F and Ebony in the office who coordinated such an inclusive and fun filled event! The children absolutely loved the experience and along the way have raised money to build another exciting play area in our grounds.

Senior Cross Country

Our thanks go to Miss Clark for her organisation of the Senior Cross Country last Friday. It was lovely to see the way the children participated and encouraged each other. Congratulations to those children who were successful in going through to the Division cross Country later this term.

St Mary MacKillop Transition Day 1

Our Year 6 students had a fantastic day at St Mary MacKillop College as part of their transition to secondary school program. This was a great opportunity for our students to enjoy the range of experiences on offer and gain confidence and familiarity in the secondary environment and staff that work there. Making slime definitely topped the list!



Year 2 Camp

Talking with staff and the children, it seems everyone had a wonderful time on camp and thoroughly enjoyed all the many experiences on offer. It seems getting locked in the jail at the Kerang Museum was a firm favourite followed closely by the laser show! It was also lovely to see over 100 family members join the campers for tea at St Mary's before they departed for the Pioneer Settlement. Thanks so much to all who came along and who pitched in and helped with the food preparation and cleanup.



Winter Uniform

With the weather cooling down and the onset of winter approaching, all students are expected to be decked out in winter uniform from **today Monday 10th May**. Thank you for your support with this.

I hope you all enjoy the week ahead,

Kate



Wellbeing

Keeping kids active - Anyone who's seen kids on a playground knows that most are naturally physically active and love to move around. But what might not be apparent is that climbing to the top of a slide or swinging from the monkey bars can help lead kids to a lifetime of being active.

As they get older, it can be a challenge for kids to get enough daily activity. This can be due to:

- increasing demands at school
- a feeling among some kids that they aren't good at sports
- a lack of active role models
- busy working families

Benefits of being active - When kids are active, their bodies can do the things they want and need them to do. Why? Because regular exercise provides these benefits:

- strong muscles and bones
- healthy weight
- decreased risk of developing type 2 diabetes
- better sleep
- a better outlook on life



Physically active kids also are more likely to be motivated, focused, and successful in school. And mastering physical skills builds confidence at every age.

What Motivates Kids? So there's a lot to gain from regular physical activity, but how do you encourage kids to do it? The three keys are:

1. **Choosing the right activities for a child's age:** If you don't, the child may be bored or frustrated.
2. **Giving kids plenty of opportunity to be active:** Kids need parents to make activity easy by providing equipment, signing them up for classes or sports teams, and taking them to playgrounds and other active spots.
3. **Keeping the focus on fun:** Kids won't do something they don't enjoy.

When kids enjoy an activity, they want to do more of it. Practicing a skill — whether it's swimming or riding a tricycle — improves their abilities and helps them feel accomplished, especially when the effort is noticed and praised. These good feelings often make kids want to continue the activity and even try others.



RE News - Mrs Davies

The Year 3 & 4 children have started working through their preparation booklets at home for their upcoming Confirmation Masses in a few weeks time. Thank you to those families who have sent their enrolment forms back. If you are yet to do so could you please send these back in this week.



Confirmation

Year 4 - Saturday 29th & Sunday 30th
May

Year 3 - Saturday 5th & Sunday 6th
June

Key Dates

Naplan May 11th - 13th

Year 3 & Year 5

Tuesday May 11th

Wednesday May 12th

Thursday May 13th

Monday May 17th &

Tuesday May 18th

Year 3 Camp

Information has been sent
via PAM

Thursday May 20th

Junior Cross Country

Foundation - Year 2

Friday May 21st

Pupil Free Day

Staff PD

Tuesday May 25th

Flying Bookworm

Performance

Foundation & Year 1

Thursday May 27th

CESH Mass

News from the Office

Flying Start - A school familiarisation program for Preschool Children

Come and experience life at St. Mary's enjoying our Phonics, Music, Italian, Physical Education, Art and Technology Programs for children. This **FREE** program will be run in Term 3 on Friday mornings from (1) 9:00 to 10:30 and (2) 11:30 – 1:00 for all interested families.

Since opening 2022 Foundation enrolments and running our first Open Day, enrolments are steadily coming in for our Flying Start Program. For those of you with a preschooler please contact the school office to confirm a place or for further enquiries phone Kate or Ebony on 03 50332541 or email principal@smswanhill.catholic.edu.au.

Canteen

DAILY SPECIALS - RIVETT'S BAKERY PIE AVAILABLE ON THURSDAYS



Mon May 10	Tue May 11	Wed May 12	Thurs May 13	Fri May 14
Tim Dunstan	need someone	Bree Nalder	Karena Knee	Sally Hammet
Mon May 17	Tues May 18	Wed May 19	Thurs May 20	Friday May 21
Tim Dunstan	Lou Angus	need someone	Mandy Wai	Pupil Free Day

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.

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.



Please also be mindful of gastroenteritis and keep your child home from school if they have any symptoms. Current health advice is for students to be excluded from school until 48 hours after symptoms have stopped.

Town Buses

Most of our Town Buses are at or close to capacity. Please be mindful that we may not be able to accommodate changes or bus passes and our priority is to students who travel to and from their place of residence.



Leave Passes

If you need to collect your child for an appointment or take them home early during the school day, please come to the school office to collect a leave pass. You will then be able to go to your child's classroom to pick them up (it is not necessary to phone the school before picking them up). If the child returns to school after their appointment, they need to collect a pass from the office before returning to their classroom.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY...

MAY 10TH - DARCY MCL, MINH N

MAY 11TH - BENJI A

MAY 12TH - BLAKE D, ZACH R, KNOX T

MAY 13TH - BAYDEN B, FARHAN H

MAY 14TH - DELILAH B, JAMESON B, JESSE C

MAY 15TH - MAYA G





2L'S CAMP HIGHLIGHTS!

