



Term 2 Week 5

St. Mary's Primary School Newsletter

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17th of May, 2021

Welcome to Week 5

Dear Parents and Families,

This week we farewell Mrs Jessi Gleeson as she begins maternity leave and we are looking forward to hearing some exciting baby news soon. Jessi has left 3W in capable hands with Mrs Christine Free joining Mrs Deb Parsons to teach 3W for the remainder of the year. Also, just a reminder for all families that this **Friday, 21st May** is the second of our pupil free days for the year.

Year 3 camp

The Year 3 students, teachers and helpers headed off to Echuca this morning for 2 days of fun-filled activities. Thanks to Mark, and the team for all of their organisation. We will post photos to show you what the Year 3 campers are doing each day on our Facebook page.

GRIP Leadership

Our Year 6 leaders together with Mrs Davies and Mr Cruickshank also departed early this morning to Bendigo to participate in the GRIP leadership conference. Designed to enhance student leadership capabilities, this is a great opportunity for our senior students to gain self-confidence as well as leadership skills and strategies to enhance their role.



This Sunday 23rd May is the next of our scheduled Open Days. These have been very successful with many new families taking the opportunity to look through our school, meet staff and ask questions about aspects of school life at St Mary's and about our preschool transition program we run in Term 3- Flying Start.

Enrolments and Flying Start

Places are filling fast, especially in the 9.30am session, so don't forget to contact the school to confirm a place for your preschooler. They love the chance to experience sessions of Phonics, Music, Italian, Physical Education, Art and Technology and to meet many of our teachers along the way. Flying Start runs in Term 3 on Friday mornings from (1) 9:00 to 10:30 and (2) 11:30 – 1:00 for all interested families. 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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Junior Cross Country

The St. Mary's Junior Cross Country (Foundation to Year 2) will be held this Thursday, May 20th on the school oval between **2.00pm and 3.00pm**. Family and friends are very welcome to come along and cheer the kids on.

Please contact the office if you will be taking your child home from the event.

You can take your child off the bus via PAM - Transport Passes.

Division Cross Country

This will take place on Tuesday, May 18th at Riverside Park and we wish all those children who are representing St Mary's all the best. They will be competing against local schools and have done extremely well to make it to this level.

Winter Uniform

Our uniform transition period finished last week with all students expected to be decked out in full winter uniform going forward. Thank you for your support with this.

Have a terrific week and let's hope the weather stays kind to us on Thursday for the Junior Cross Country.

Kate



Seasons For Growth Program

This year we intend to run a 'Seasons For Growth' program facilitated by Brenda Ford who is specially trained to run this wonderful program.

Seasons For Growth is an educational program which explores the effects of **change, loss and grief**. Using age appropriate and engaging activities the facilitator works with a small peer group exploring feelings, memories, loss and grief in a safe and creative way.

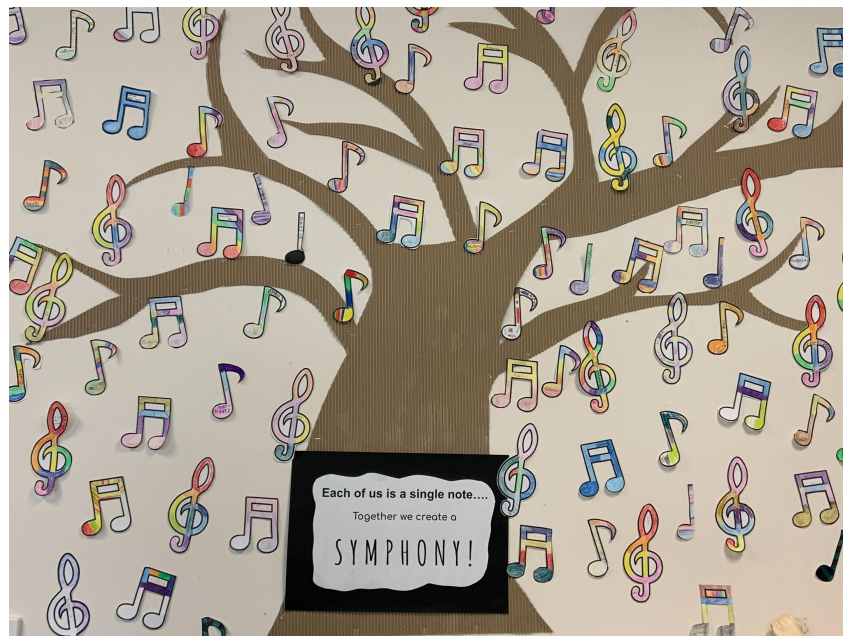
If you are interested in your child or children being involved in this program please ring the office to indicate an expression of Interest and either Ginny or Brenda will make contact.

Kind regards,

Ginny Gook and Brenda Ford

Each of us is a special note--Together we create a symphony

Our amazing Music teachers have created this beautiful display. We love the message it conveys as all childrens 'notes' are part of the display. Such a lovely way to celebrate that each and every child is special and together we are a wonderful community.



Curriculum News - Mrs Hall

National Simultaneous Storytime (NSS) is an annual event that aims to engage children of all ages to enjoy books by creating a sense of excitement around reading. Reading ignites a spark of adventure that a child can carry within their heart well into their adult life.



GIVE ME SOME SPACE!

"Give me some Space" by Philip Bunting is the official story chosen for ALIA National Simultaneous Storytime 2021. On May 19th 2021 (11am AEST), this book will be read simultaneously to over 1 million children across Australia and New Zealand. Better still, *Give Me Some Space!* will be read live – by NASA astronaut Shannon Walker – from the International Space Station!

This week at St. Mary's, *"Give me some Space"* will be a key focus in many classrooms, supporting a range of reading, writing and art activities.



"Una dreams of a life in Space. Life on Earth is just so so-so. But how will she get there? And will she complete her mission to discover life in Space? And did she remember to feed Neil the goldfish?"

PAT: Progressive Achievement Tests

"More than two-thirds of all Australian schools use PAT to improve learning outcomes for every student"

Progressive Achievement Tests, commonly known as **PATs**, are one of the main sets of tests schools use. PATs are multiple-choice tests designed to help teachers determine achievement levels of students in Mathematics, Reading Comprehension and Vocabulary, and Listening Comprehension. During the month of May our Year 1-6 students complete PAT Reading, Maths, Spelling and Year 3-6 also complete the PAT Vocabulary, Grammar and Punctuation tests. These tests are completed online using Chromebooks and iPads. Data gathered will inform teachers of students' current strengths and areas for improvement which can be used for planning teaching and learning, and monitoring progress over time with PAT testing also conducted again in October

RE News - Mrs Davies

Our Confirmation Masses are fast approaching and we are looking forward to celebrating this special sacrament with our Year 3 & 4 children. 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 asap. Everyone was able to get their preferred date - please be mindful that the Sunday Masses are a lot bigger in numbers and therefore will most likely run a little longer than usual. Confirmation symbols to iron onto stoles will be sent home with the children next week.

Confirmation

Year 4 - Saturday 29th & Sunday 30th May

Year 3 - Saturday 5th & Sunday 6th June

Physical Education News - Miss Clark

Division Cross Country

Thank you to all parents, friends and families who attended the Senior Cross Country on Friday the 7th of May, the atmosphere and support you provided was outstanding. Following the Senior Cross Country, there are 33 students that will represent St Mary's at the Division Cross Country **this Tuesday at Riverside Park**. They will be competing against local schools for their chance to move on to the Regionals. The 8/9 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 begins at **11.00am**. We wish all those children who are representing St Mary's all the best!



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The St. Mary's Junior Cross Country (Foundation to Year 2) will be held **Thursday, 20th of May** on the St. Mary's School oval between **2:00pm and 3:00pm**. All family and friends are welcome to attend to support their child/ren. All children are encouraged to participate with the aim of having fun and trying your best are the main objectives of the event.

Key Dates

Monday May 17th &

Tuesday May 18th

Year 3 Camp

Tuesday May 18th

Division Cross Country

Information has been sent via PAM

Thursday May 20th

Junior Cross Country

Foundation - Year 2
School oval from 2pm

Friday May 21st

Pupil Free Day

Sunday May 23rd

School Open Day
Tours at 10am & 11am

Monday May 24th

Division Girls Football
Year 5 & 6

Tuesday May 25th

Flying Bookworm
Performance
Foundation & Year 1

Thursday May 27th

CESH Mass
Foundation, Year 5 & Year 6
Information has been sent via PAM

Saturday May 29th &

Sunday May 30th

Year 4 Confirmation

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 17 | Tues May 18 | Wed May 19 | Thurs May 20 | Friday May 21 |
|-------------|-------------|--------------|-----------------|----------------|
| Tim Dunstan | Lou Angus | need someone | Mandy Wai | Pupil Free Day |
| Mon May 24 | Tue May 25 | Wed May 26 | Thur May 27 | Fri May 28 |
| Tim Dunstan | Lisa Brady | need someone | Amanda Atkinson | Kellie Farley |

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

Beanies (\$15) 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.

PAM Tip of the Week

Is your child going on a camp or excursion and you can't remember the details or what they need to bring?

- Simply log into your PAM account
- Select the child who is going on the camp, excursion etc
- From the Profile Menu, select "School Activities"
- Click "View" on the appropriate camp or excursion
- You will be able to see all details, attachments etc in relation to the camp or activity



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. **Just a reminder to please arrange appointments outside of school hours wherever possible.**

Student of the Week - Term 2 Week 4

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|----------|--|-------------------|
| 6O | Luciana S | Daneaka N |
| 6P | Joel S | Chad O'S |
| 6Q | Jackson H | Jake F |
| 6R | Carly S | Max C |
| 5S | Zoe D | Jimmy K All of 5S |
| 5T | All of 5T | |
| 5U | All of 5U | |
| 5F | All of 5F | |
| 4G | Charlee W | Ayden A |
| 4H | Blake S | Michaela McM |
| 4I | Ekamroop K Dilsheen B | Charli W |
| 4J | Morrissey M | Henry D |
| 3A | Minh N | Evie C |
| 3B | Ken N | Jook M |
| 3W | All of 3W | |
| 3Y | All of 3Y | |
| 2K | Steffy S | Lilly W |
| 2L | Esha K | Khang V |
| 2M | Inayat S | Katie A |
| 2N | Eliza M Xavier L | Mac H |
| 1C | Lana R Zed H | Mitchell B |
| 1D | Estelle H | Kye T |
| 1E | All of 1E | |
| F Blue | Darcy McL Helen S | Charlotte L |
| F Green | Tia Power | Ezra N |
| F Yellow | Shelby O'S | Ziming X |
| F Orange | Eveleen K | Millie S |
| Art | 4J, Dex M, Ruby G | |
| Music | Archer J, Will P, Isabella C, Kenzie C | |
| Italian | Lachlan H, Paige R, Daisy M, Brody S | |
| PE | Eva D, Harry B, Amahlia M, Harrison B | |



Happy Birthday

MAY 17 - Ellah D

MAY 18 - Vincent C, Draylan G

MAY 20 - Ivy P

MAY 21 - Milan P, Max R

MAY 22 - Harrison B, Kit C, Zoe D,

Harper F, Sonny M, Angela W

MAY 23 - Madison B, Sehbaz S

We hope you have a lovely day!!!!

Foundation Blue finds their season!

Kimber

My favorite season is summer because I go swimming.

Ranfateh

My favorite season is winter because I like the rain.

Crystal

My favorite season is summer because I go swimming with my cousins.

Spencer

My favorite season is autumn because the leaves fall of the trees.

Tamika

My favorite season is autumn because I get to wear warm clothes.

Darcy

My favorite season is spring because all the flowers bloom.

Helen

My favorite season is winter because I like snowboarding.

Evie

My favorite season is winter because it snows.

Isaac

My favorite season is summer because I can go swimming.

This term we have been completing the unit 'What's the weather like today?'. In this unit the students have been looking at the four seasons. Foundation Blue students have determined the season in which they were born and what the weather's like in that season. We are now looking at our favorite season and why.



Charlotte

My favorite season is summer because you get to swim.

Billie

My favorite season is autumn because you get to play in the leaves.

Flynn

My favorite season is winter because I like to play with snow.

Harrison

My favorite season is spring because I like laying in the Sun.

Dillon

My favorite season is spring because I like to wear shorts.

Kur

My favorite season is spring because it is my birthday.

Aaliyah

My favorite season is summer because I get to go to the pool.

Sophie

My favorite season is summer because I can go to the beach.

Ingrid

My favorite season is summer because it is my birthday.