



Term 2 Week 10

St. Mary's Primary School Newsletter

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21st of June, 2021

Welcome to Week 10

Dear Parents and Families,

Lovely news to share with the safe arrival of little Ollie Rae, another beautiful daughter for Jessi and Locky Gleeson. We are sure she is getting lots of love and attention especially from her siblings Billie and Lonnie! In other staff news, we say goodbye to both Toni and Dilpreet. We will miss them both and the gifts and strengths they have brought to our school. We wish Toni all the best as she returns to the world of accounting and to Dilpreet as she returns to Melbourne to study.

We are now officially halfway through the school year and it is hard to believe that five months have passed by so quickly. This week you will receive your child's mid-year reports through the mail. They have been a delight to read and we want to commend the efforts of our wonderful teaching team who put in so much effort writing detailed and descriptive reports about your children. We are sure you will enjoy taking some time to reflect on and to acknowledge the great things your children have achieved this term.

Thank you for giving to the
Vinnies Winter Appeal.



St Vinnies Winter Appeal

Lots of donations of non-perishable food items have started to stockpile in classrooms with families being very generous in their support of the St Vinnies Winter Appeal. Items can be sent through all week with hamper bags being organised and distributed to those in need in our community on Friday. As a finale to the appeal, we are holding our **'Winter Pyjamas' casual dress** day on Friday 25th June (last day of term). Due to all the fantastic items already donated, we will not be having a gold coin donation for this day.

Out of School Hours Program

Our plans for Out of School Hours Care onsite, starting in Term 3 are gathering speed with staff appointed and the organisational aspects well in hand. The program will operate out of the gym hub and will provide **before and after school care** for school age children for children in the Swan Hill area. We have been working with the Swan Hill Rural City Council establishing this program and hope our families and others in our local community will utilise this service. This service will operate in the mornings from **7:00-8:30 am** & after school between **3:25-6:00 pm**. To register an expression of interest please follow the link below after reading the accompanying information on registering, located in the administration section of the newsletter

<https://prodadmin.myxplor.com/enrollment/index/dHdBOThsSW9JeHUxYTEwaHNxZIMrdz09>

2022 Enrolments and Flying Start

We had lots of positive feedback about our new ads on 3SH Radio, Facebook and in the local newspaper and considerable interest in Flying Start and in families wishing to enrol in Foundation in 2022 which has been terrific. Our parent community is one of our best forms of advertising so please let your friends and family know about the great teaching and learning programs and wonderful pastoral support that exists at St Mary's, when they are considering 2022 school options for their children. Flying Start places are filling steadily, especially in the 9.30am session, so don't forget to contact

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FLY WITH ME!

ST MARY'S FREE SCHOOL
FAMILIARISATION
PROGRAM FOR PRESCHOOL CHILDREN

Starts Friday, July 23 with sessions at:
9am - 10.30am and 11.30am - 1pm

Let your child experience life at St Mary's
in a fun and supportive environment

2022 Enrolments are now open!

Register your interest!

ST MARY'S PRIMARY SCHOOL
2 Murlong Street, Swan Hill | (03) 5033 2541

Email: office@smswanhill.catholic.edu.au | Website: www.smswanhill.catholic.edu.au
Facebook: [stmaryswanhillvictoria](https://www.facebook.com/stmaryswanhillvictoria) | Instagram: [stmaryswanhill](https://www.instagram.com/stmaryswanhill)

the school to confirm a place for your preschooler. 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 for both 3 & 4 year old preschool with more information available on the Shine Bright webpage.

Staffing Update

We farewell Dilpreet Sandha who is returning to Melbourne to commence studies as a teacher and thank her very much for her work with the junior children and with teaching the Punjabi Languages class. We welcome Melinda Graham to our LSO team and also Mrs Lou Angus who will be working one day a week in the canteen for the remainder of the year.

Onsite Information

We are fortunate to have continued relaxation of restrictions last week, We can now have

- Parents back onsite
- Helpers in the canteen and brekky club

Restrictions still in place:

- Assemblies restricted to the staff and students
- No food sharing between students

School Closure Day - Social Justice

The first day of Term 3 ([Monday, 12th July](#)) is a school closure day (no students at school on this day). This will be a Professional Development day for our teachers about social justice. This will make some great links into our Term 3 concept of Justice across the whole school. The day will be facilitated by Belinda Davies and Kim Hawkes, RE Leader from the Catholic Education Office, Ballarat.

Early finish for last day of Term

A reminder that school finishes one hour earlier than normal for the last day of Term this Friday.

Bell times:

2.15 - Town Bus travellers and students walking or riding home

2.20 - Country Bus travellers

2.25 - Students being picked up by family or friends

I hope you all enjoy the last few days of term and have a great week and enjoy a safe and happy holiday with your children.

Kate



RE News - Mrs Davies

New Sacramental Dates for Confirmation & Eucharist

Now that restrictions have eased to a point where we are able to gather together in the Church again we are very excited to share our new Sacramental Dates with families. Please find below Sacramental Dates for next term:

Year 3 Confirmation - 24th/25th July

Year 5 Eucharist - 31st/1st August

Year 4 Confirmation & Eucharist (combined) - 7th/8th August

This week we will be sending home a new letter explaining these changes and for families to choose which Mass they will be attending. Please make contact with me at school if you need to discuss this further. We will also be sending home preparation booklets for our Year 4 & 5 children undertaking their First Eucharist next term.

St Vinnies Winter Appeal

This week we are celebrating our annual St Vinnies Winter Appeal where we are called to remember Jesus' love for everyone. Teaching children the concept of charity through donating items to help others is a wonderful way to develop their sense of compassion. We are asking that over the next two weeks for children to bring in donations of **any non perishable food items** to help those in our own local community who are in need of our help. We will be holding our 'Winter Pyjamas' themed casual dress day this Friday 25th June (last day of Term 2). The SRC are very excited to be involved in this event and are preparing posters to advertise this around the school.

Below are some ideas of non perishable food items to donate:

- *Boxes of Cereal
- *Dry Pasta/Jars of Pasta Sauce
- *Rice
- *Tinned soup/vegetables/fruit/meals (in cans)
- *Muesli Bars/Dry Biscuits
- *Long Life Milk



News from the Office.....

Key Dates

Thursday June 24th

Year 5 Liturgy

Friday June 25th

Last day of Term 2

Finish one hour earlier

Casual Dress Day

Theme: Pyjama Day

Donation: Non perishable food items

Monday July 12

Pupil Free Day

Staff PD

Tuesday July 13

Students return for Term 3

Thursday July 22nd

Literacy Classroom

Helper Workshop

9.15am

More information attached

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 start on Friday July 23 and continue on Friday July 30, Friday August 6 and Friday August 13 with two session times (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

If you would like to be added to our Term 3 roster, please contact the office by phone or email with the days or dates you are able to assist.

Mon June 21	Tue June 22	Wed June 23	Thur June 24	Fri June 25
Tim Dunstan	Lisa Brady	Bec Anderson	Lynne Lawry	Stacey Lawry Brigette Nunez
Mon July 12	Tues July 13	Wed July 14	Thur July 15	Fri July 16
Pupil Free Day	Need someone	Andrea O'Reilly	Leah Merritt	Need someone

Out of School Hours Care

We are very excited to be providing an Out of School Hours Care on site, starting in Term 3. The program will be offering before and after school care for school age children.

If you are interested in using this service please follow the link below, and enter your details in our Waitlist. You will need to enter each child on the waitlist. To assist us with planning if you could use the 'Customer Reference Number' field to advise us if you would be looking for care before school (am), after school (pm) and if you are looking for both (both).

With Xplor you can only be registered with one service per email address. So if you already use Xplor for daycare you will need to use an alternative email address when using this service. If you are no longer using the other service you could contact Xplor and they can remove the email address from the previous profile. If you have any questions, please contact the ladies in the office.

Waitlist Link:

<https://prodadmin.myxplor.com/enrollment/index/dHdBOThsSW9JeHUxYTEwaHNxZIMrdz09>

Xplor contact details:

Ph: 03 8652 1963

Website: ourxplor.com

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.

Bus changes via PAM must be made by 2.30pm. Need assistance, please call the office on 50332541.

DINOMANIACS

Tuesday 21 September 10.30am

DINOMANIACS is a highly interactive dinosaur adventure which is suitable for the whole family!

At this 'family show spectacular', let your imagination run wild as you embark on an awe

inspiring, exhilarating and gripping journey with Toby the T-Rex, Razor the Raptor, Tara the Dino Queen, Shaun the Dino Doctor, plus special guests!



Early bird Prices before Friday 3 September 2021 11.59pm

Adult \$20

Child \$15

Family 4 – \$55.00 (\$13.75 pp)

Full price tickets

Adult \$25

Child \$20

Family 4 – \$60.00 (\$15.00 pp)

MIK MAK'S MUSICAL ADVENTURES

The Swan Hill Town Hall PACC is gearing up to take local children on a Mik Maks musical adventure during the upcoming school holidays.

The Mik Maks will perform their hit show Mik Maks Musical Adventure at the Swan Hill Town Hall PACC on Tuesday, 29 June at 10.30am with some very special guests joining Joel, Al and Drums the Panda on stage.

Swan Hill Town Hall Performing Arts and Marketing Officer, Sharon Brinkman said the Mik Maks are an award winning independent children's act.

"The Mik Maks write and perform their own songs that focus on engaging children through colour, actions and movements.

"Their music is now enjoyed by millions of young children all around the world," she said.

Ms Brinkman encouraged all local parents and carers to bring their families along to see this quirky band of brothers.

"This 50 minute show is perfectly designed for maximum interaction and engagement for children aged 1-8 years of age," Ms Brinkman said.

This will be a covidsafe event and current COVID-19 restrictions will apply. Seating plans are subject to change with COVID 19 capacity restrictions.

For more information about the show, visit www.swanhilltownhall.com, call the Swan Hill Town Hall bookings office on 5036 2384 or visit our facebook or Instagram page.

Event details:

The Mik Maks Musical Adventures

Date: Tuesday, 29 June at 10.30am

Where: Swan Hill Town Hall

Tickets:

Adults: \$20 (over 13 years)

Children: \$18 (13 years and under)

Family of 4: \$60

Book: Online: swanhilltownhall.com,

In person: Swan Hill Town Hall Bookings Office - Monday to Friday 9.00am to 2.30pm Phone:5036 2384

Or at the Swan Hill Region Information Centre, phone: 1800 625 373.

*Seating plans are subject to change with COVID 19 capacity restrictions



Student of the Week - Term 2 Week 9

6O	Lily S	Ben R
6P	Nirvana J-J	Jasmine H
6Q	Jasper R	Ryan S
6R	Sarah V	Annabelle F
5S	Zoe D	Charlie B
5T	Luca Z	Knox T
5U	Indie Mcl	Oliver M
5F	Kruz H	Abhijeet B
4G	Sienna C	Tommy N
4H	Indigo P	Emily L
4I	Gurjot S	Emett W
4J	Martin N	Ananya J
3A	Lucas F	Ella F
3B	Evie S	Lily N
3W	Nhan P	Belle L
3Y	Cooper H	Ellainie L
2K	Skyler M	Oscar R
2L	Ellie W	Caleb M
2M	Mary D	Oliver K
2N	Milan P	Emme B
1C	Maeve Mcl Logan K	Georgie M
1D	Frankie M Jagger F	Charlie R
1E	Luca B Spencer G	Wilhem F
F Blue	Kur M	Sophie K
F Green	Zac D	Ardaas K
F Yellow	Maverick C	Eva R
F Orange	Elijah R	Freddy P
Art	April G, Gypsi O'B, Willow V, Oliver A	
Music	Sienna A, Angus W, Mary C, All of 4H	
Italian	The Whole School for Italian Day	
PE	Mary D, Jai P, Ryan F, Indie Mcl	



HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO...

**JUNE 21 - AYDEN A, HENRY D, SONY N,
CHELSEA P, DAKOTA P**

JUNE 22 - ASHA H, TOMIKA P

JUNE 23 - ELIJAH R

JUNE 24 - MIA H

JUNE 25 - JIMMY H

JUNE 26 - BRAITH C, AGAMJOT K





HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO...

JUNE 28 - MAYLA C, LEO K

JUNE 29 - NOVAK D, YASMIN H

JUNE 30 - EKAMDEEP K

**JULY 1 - JAGGER F, GRACIE H, LENNY H,
OLIVER M**

JULY 2 - JACKSON H, ZED H

JULY 3 - HAYLEY K





HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO...

JULY 4 - LACHLAN L, COCO N, OLIVER S

JULY 6 - BRAYDEN M, THOMAS R

JULY 7 - JAX S, LACHLAN H

JULY 8 - KIMBER G, ELLA W

**JULY 9 - KENZIE C, LILY G, AMAYA H, JACK L,
GURJOT S**

JULY 10 - AUSTIN F, SCARLETT F, ISABEL F

JULY 11 - OSCAR R



NETSTARS

NETBALL CLINICS

Hosted by Julie Corletto - 3 x World Champion
& Commonwealth Games Gold Medalist



KERANG

DATE: Tuesday 29th June 2021
TIME: 9am - 3pm
AGES: 7 - 14 years old
VENUE: Kerang Stadium,
Maxwell Street, Kerang
COST: \$85 per participant



Every participant receives a Netstars T-shirt

Bookings essential & close 24 hours prior to the clinic, unless sold out.
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LITERACY CLASSROOM HELPER WORKSHOP

For all parents/family members wishing to assist in our classrooms during the literacy block, this workshop is for you!

Thursday July 22nd
at 9.15am

This workshop covers instructions on how to assist children with reading. The information will also assist parents with supporting your child at home.

Please book via the office and bring along your WWCC and Driver's Licence.



Nationally Consistent Collection of Data (NCCD) On School Students with Disability

What is the Nationally Consistent Collection of Data?

Schools must now complete the *Nationally Consistent Collection of Data on School Students with Disability (NCCD)* every year. It counts the number of students who receive additional adjustments or “help” at school because of a disability. The NCCD helps governments plan for the needs of students with disability.

Who is counted in the data collection?

To count a student in the NCCD, schools must think through some key questions:

1. Is the student getting help at school so that they can take part in education on the same basis as other students?
2. Is the help given because of a disability? The word ‘disability’ comes from the [Disability Discrimination Act 1992](#) (DDA) and it can include many students.
3. Has the school talked to you or your child about the help that they provide?
4. Has the school kept records about the help they provide, the student needs and the reasons that the student needs this help? The school will need to keep copies of tests, student work, assessments, records of meetings, medical reports or other paperwork and information about how the student’s learning is moving along over time.

Once the school decides that the student should be counted in the NCCD, they then choose a disability group and one of four levels of help that has been given to the student.

What does the word ‘disability’ mean in the NCCD?

In the NCCD the word ‘disability’ comes from the [Disability Discrimination Act 1992](#) (DDA). There are four types of disability that the school can choose from: sensory, cognitive, social-emotional and physical.

Many students that need help at school can be counted in the NCCD. For example, students with learning problems, e.g. specific learning disability or reading difficulty (sometimes called dyslexia), health problems (e.g. epilepsy or diabetes), physical disability (e.g. cerebral palsy), vision/hearing loss and social-emotional problems (e.g. selective mutism, Autism Spectrum Disorder, anxiety).

Letters from doctors or specialists can be very helpful for schools as they plan how to support students with their learning. Schools do not need to have these letters before they can count a

student in NCCD. Teachers can use all that they know about the student's learning and the records that they have collected over time to decide if a student can be counted in the NCCD.

What sort of help does the school give students?

Students need different types of help at school. Some students need a little help sometimes while other students need a lot of help nearly all the time. The type of help given depends on the needs of the student. The help can include changes to the school buildings or grounds (e.g. ramps or things like special desks or chairs), extra teacher help in classes, special learning programs, changes to the work they give the student or extra adult help.

How will the NCCD be different this year?

All schools have been counting students in the NCCD since 2015. The government will use the NCCD data as part of the funding to schools.

What will the school need to know about my child for the NCCD?

Schools work together with families to understand the needs of each child. It is helpful if families give their child's teacher a copy of any letters or reports they have. The letters or reports will help the school understand the child and the help that they might need. Letters from doctors, psychologists, speech pathologists, doctor, and occupational therapists etc. can be very helpful for schools. These reports along with information that the teacher has (i.e. school based tests, your child's work and learning plans) helps the school to understand and meet your child's needs.

What happens to the NCCD data? Who will have the NCCD information?

Each school principal must check the NCCD data in August of each year. The school will give the information to the Catholic Education Office. The school will work with the Catholic Education Office to make sure that the NCCD data is OK before they give the data to the government. The government will not be given the names of any students or any letters or records. Please ask your school for their privacy policy if you need to know more.

Does the school need me to agree with them about counting my child in the NCCD?

Amendments were made to the [Australian Education Act 2013](#) and [Australian Education Regulation 2013](#). Schools do not need you to agree to let them count a child in the NCCD. You cannot ask the school not to count your child.

Where can I find out more?

Please contact your child's school if you have further questions about the NCCD and/or refer to the national [NCCD Portal](#).

Highlights of Italian Day 2021

ITALIAN DAY

