



Term 3 Week 1

St. Mary's Primary School Newsletter

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13th July, 2021

Welcome to Week 1

Dear Parents and Families,

We hope you all had a great break and a chance to rest, relax and enjoy over the holidays.

Our school closure day was a very thought provoking day with staff making many practical links with Catholic Social Teachings and the ways students can respond to these within the context of our everyday lives.

Staff Update

We are very excited for our two proud grandmas - Deanne Dacey, proud Nannie of Solomon and Nanny Susan Domaille who welcomed Amelia (granddaughter number 4) into their families over the break. We also welcome Mrs Palwinder Kaur on staff. Palwinder will be joining our bilingual team working with students whose first language is Hindi or Punjabi. Finally, we send our warmest congratulations to Janelle Hogan. Janelle has been an LSO at St Mary's for almost 8 years while studying for her teaching degree. Recently she has obtained her NSW teachers registration and has headed to Tooleybuc Primary School to take up a position for the remainder of the year. We are really proud of Janelle and wish her all the best and look forward to her return to St Mary's in 2022.



Out of School Hours Program

Our plans for an Out of School Hours Care Service have become a reality with the new service opening TODAY! The program is operating 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 very fortunate to have been approved as the third party provider for Swan Hill North Primary School who successfully applied for, and were granted out of school hours program establishment funding. This means that students from both Swan Hill North Primary

School and St Mary's will access and benefit from this new service. The OSHC program will operate in the mornings from **7:00-8:30am** & after school between **3:25-6:00pm**. 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. I am extremely appreciative of the support and encouragement we have had from Swan Hill North Primary School, the Swan Hill Rural City Council OSHC staff and Tom Sexton, our Director of Catholic Education, Ballarat who have collectively all worked with us to bring this project to fruition. I would also like to acknowledge the enormous amount of work behind the scenes that Maree McLean our Business Manager has done to assist me with the establishment of this new program. Next week we will introduce the team of educators who work at the OSHC program.

<https://prodadmin.myxplor.com/enrollment/index/dHdBOThsSW9JeHUxYTEwaHNxZIMrdz0>

Canteen and Brekky Club



You may have seen our plug on Facebook, but we can now have parents back on site and we would love to have parents, carers and grandparents come along to help out in the Brekky Club or canteen. Brekky Club runs from 8:30-9:00am each morning and is a lovely way to



It is open for all students each morning

meet and interact with students. Jo runs a great team and there is always a positive vibe in the canteen when the Brekky Club crew are in the swing of toast and milo making! Our canteen is a busy place and Trudy, Lou and Emma really appreciate whatever help comes their way, as they prepare lunches and serve over the counter sales each day. Canteen volunteers normally work from 11:30am-1:30pm but whatever time you can spare is greatly valued. What's more, your children absolutely love to see you there, especially if they think you may let them have a treat while you're working!



St Mary's Primary School
COME & TRY MORNING
Wednesday, July 14
9.30am - 11am

A chance for you and your child to join a Foundation class for the morning and see our school in action

OTHER COME AND TRY DATES:
Friday, August 20, 9.30am - 11am
Friday, September 10, 9.30am - 11am
Friday, October 15, 9.30am - 11am

Register your interest



Another popular way many new or prospective families found out a little more about how we do things in Foundation are our Come and Try Mornings. These mornings provide opportunities for new families to essentially 'come and try' what life and learning is like in real time in our Foundation rooms. Due to district preschool protocols, these can only run in the second half of the year with our first session this Wednesday July 14th from 9:30-11:00am.

Flying Start and Come and Try Mornings

Numbers have built up slowly but steadily for Flying Start. Thank you to our parent community who have been talking about Flying Start to their school mates, mothers group or friends made through preschool, as your recommendation and positive talk about our school has encouraged many prospective families to enquire about enrolling in the school in 2022.



1, 2, 3...
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



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St Vinnies Winter Appeal

We had a wonderful response to the St Vinnies Winter appeal and thank Belinda and the SRC team for their organisation with this event. It took a ute and a car packed to the rafters to transport this all to the St Vinnies centre over the holidays with over 1800 items being distributed to families in need in our local community.

I hope you all have a great week and look forward to seeing you out and about in the yard or office.

Kate



20 Ways Kids Can Be Kind

- Smile and say 'hi' to other kids
- Hold the door open for someone behind you
- Use manners without being reminded
- Include others to join in by asking, "do you want to play with us?"
- Share or turn take
- Stand up for your friends when they need it
- Help out before you're asked to help
- Check on a friend who's sad or hurt
- Offer a sincere apology when needed
- Write a note or card or picture
- Play a game everyone can play
- Ask a friend what they want to do
- Listen to your friends' words when they ask you to stop
- Avoid secrets and whispering
- Don't talk about parties or playdates in front of people who are not invited
- Let others go first
- Use kind words-no teasing or name calling
- Pick up trash when you see it
- Offer someone a compliment
- Do a sibling's chore "just because"



Kindness
is
Magic



Curriculum News - Mrs Hall

Next week your child will bring home a copy of their Term 3 Curriculum Newsletter, which outlines the key learning that will take place in our school environment this term, both within the classroom and our 4 specialist areas.

To find out more about your child's everyday school life, you might like to try one of these conversation starters:

- Can you tell me an example of kindness you saw/showed today?
- Did you tell anyone "thank you?" How did that make you feel?
- What made you laugh? What made you smile?
- Did you learn something you didn't understand?
- Who inspired you today? How could you inspire others?
- What was your least favorite part of the day?
- What is something you heard that surprised you?
- What is something you saw that made you think?
- Who did you play with today?
- Tell me something you know today that you didn't know yesterday.
- What is something that challenged you?
- How did someone fill your bucket today? Whose bucket did you fill?
- What did you do that was creative?
- What is the most popular game during recess?
- How did you show you were 'Being Your Best' today?
- What was the hardest rule to follow today?
- Teach me something I don't know.
- If you could change one thing about your day, what would it be?

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 this 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 letter explaining these changes and for families to choose which Mass they will be attending. If you could please send these back as soon as possible and make contact with me at school if you need to discuss this further. We have also sent home preparation booklets last term for our Year 4 & 5 children undertaking their First Eucharist in the next few weeks.

Within the preparation packs it is broken up into 4 sessions to work through -

Session 1 - Celebrating Being Christian

Session 2 - Remembering Jesus

Session 3 - Jesus Present

Session 4 - Called and Sent Out

Hopefully over the holidays your child had the chance to work through Session 1 which focused on different celebrations that we celebrated together with our families. This week the focus for your child might be to work through Session 2 which explores the theme of the 'Eucharist' - A special meal recalling the events of the Last Supper. Jesus often shared meals with his friends and on the night before he died he shared a very special meal with his disciples, giving them the gift of his life through the form of bread and wine.

St Vinnies Winter Appeal

Wow what a great success this was! We would like to say a very big thank you for all of the donations that we received in the last week of Term 2. We collected over 1800 items that were used by the SRC to make up into over 120 food packages to donate to local families around Swan Hill.



Physical Education News - Miss Clark

Regional Cross Country

Today, St Mary's have 21 students travel to St Arnaud who will represent our school for the Regional Cross Country event. Good luck to all the students involved and a reminder to be ready at least 30 minutes before the start of your event.

Year 5/6 Division Winter Sports

This week on Friday 16th of July students in Year 5 and 6 will participate in the Division Winter Sports event held in Swan Hill. Students compete in Football, Netball, Soccer and T-Ball. **Parents and guardians please check PAM for permission for your child/ren to attend.** Thank you to the Mackillop students who coached our students and also to our classroom teachers who had to step in to coach during COVID restrictions. Good luck to all students involved.

News from the Office.....

Key Dates

Tuesday July 13

Students return for
Term 3
Regional Cross Country
Information sent via PAM

Wednesday July 14

Come and Try Morning
for prospective
Foundation families

Friday July 14th

Year 5 & 6 Division Winter
Sports
Information sent via PAM

Tuesday July 20th

Foundation Level Liturgy

Thursday July 22nd

Literacy Classroom
Helper Workshop
9.15am

More information attached

Friday July 23rd

Flying Start commences

Saturday July 24th & Sunday July 25th

Year 3 Confirmation

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 July 12	Tues July 13	Wed July 14	Thur July 15	Fri July 16
Pupil Free Day		Andrea O'Reilly	Leah Merritt	Anna Steicke
Mon July 19	Tues July 20	Wed July 21	Thur July 22	Fri July 23
Bec Anderson	Lisa Brady	Kath Elston	Tiffany Bennett	Ursula Sparks Lynne Lawry

Book Club Issue 5

Scholastic Book Club Issue 5 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 Tuesday July 27th.

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



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.



CAMPS, SPORTS & EXCURSIONS FUND (CSEF)

Applications for CSEF close on Friday 13th August.

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.

HOT SHOTS BASKETBALL PROGRAM!

**U10 & U12 Boys and Girls
basketball program..**

5 weeks of basketball
Starting Wednesday 28th July - Wednesday 25th
August
\$25

Age groups;

**U10's born 2013 - 2014
U12's born 2011 - 2012**

**Please email;
shba@bigpond.net.au
with your child's name & DOB**



Student of the Week - Term 2 Week 10

6O	Isaiah B	Angus W
6P	Jules M	Amber B
6Q	Cienna Mck	Tara F
6R	Brealle L	Knox J
5S	Gracie H	Saxcen C
5T	Indi H	Miela R
5U	All of 5U	
5F	Anton M	Meg Y Jack K
4G	All of 4G	
4H	All of 4H	
4I	Lincoln C	Adi B
4J	Sonic H	Molly D
3A	Harvey H	Mackenzie S
3B	Daisy M	Jook M
3W	Sony H	Tristan Y
3Y	Pacey T	Ayva W
2K	Jameson B	Levi C
2L	Vincent C	Margie T
2M	Patrick K	Katie A
2N	Rubi K	Deacon R
1C	Angela W	Aria C
1D	Willow C Max G	Maya S
1E	Amelie R	Mark H
F Blue	Spencer H Billie G	Isaac D
F Green	Florence T	Anthony F
F Yellow		All of Foundation Yellow
F Orange	Gussie B	Angela B
Art	All of 1C, Gracie Z, Sailor S	
Music	Ellie W, Caleb M, Matilda T, April G	
Italian	Laine Mck, 6P, Angus S, All of 5T	
PE	Charlotte L, Oliver S, Jayla P, Oliver A	



Happy Birthday

July 12 - Maddie H

July 13 - Chelsea T

July 14 - Alexia L

**July 15 - Anthony F, Heidi H,
Laine McK**

July 16 - Jack K

July 17 - Sebastian C

July 18 - Kaleila O, Mila W

We hope you have a lovely day!!!!

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.





LITTLE SHOP OF HORRORS

Book And Lyrics By

Howard Ashman

Music By

Alan Menken

12th, 13th August 7.00 pm

15th August 2.00 pm

The Jubilee Centre

Splatt St, Swan Hill

Tickets on sale from

St Mary MacKillop College

Front Office

Phone: 50329771

Adults \$20

Child/Student \$10

Family \$65

Based on the film by Roger Corman, Screen Play by Charles Griffith
Originally produced by the WPA Theatre (Kyle Renick, Producing Director)
Originally Produced at the Orpheum Theatre
New York City by the WPA Teatre, David Geffen, Cameron Mackintosh and
the Shubert Organisation

Licensed exclusively by Music Theatre International (Australasia)
All Performance materials supplied by Hal Leonard Australia



Foundation Green

Our highlights from Term 2!

Evie A- The Colour Fun Run

Alira- Playing Gaga ball

Zac- The Cross Country

Leni- Learning how to read

Anthony- Italian Day

Asha- The Colour Fun Run

Jimmy- The Colour Fun Run

Ardaas- The Colour Fun Run

Joseph- The Colour Fun Run

Archer- The Cross Country

Ezra- The Colour Fun Run

Tia- The Colour Fun Run

Ivy- The Cross Country

Lawson- Sharing our 'ME' bags

Gurlal- Italian Day

Florence- The Colour Fun Run

Di- The Flying Bookworm

Evie W- The Colour Fun Run



By Foundation Green and Miss Forster