



Term 3 Week 2

St. Mary's Primary School Newsletter

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Welcome to Week 2

Dear Parents and Families,

While returning to remote learning is becoming an all too familiar feeling, my key advice remains the same - focus on what matters most, do your best, encourage your children to have a go at the learning tasks provided by our teachers and pick your battles at home!

Our amazing staff worked hard on Friday to ensure that families will feel connected and that tasks to be completed at home over the next few days will be user friendly and well supported by their presence either online or through Seesaw. On Friday you would have received a letter via email from your child's classroom teacher explaining the learning schedule for Monday - Tuesday and advising families classroom teachers are working from home and available to support you throughout the lockdown period.

This letter also invited you to watch a short video from each year level located on our school website that details how the next few days will unfold.

With the news this morning that the lockdown has been extended you will receive another email and an updated learning schedule for the remainder of the week by 3pm tomorrow (Tuesday).



Staff and Student News

Today we welcome Dante and Kiera Moran to St Marys and hope their time with us is an enjoyable and positive one. On Friday, we farewelled Mrs Rachael Moloney who is heading off on maternity leave. We thank Rach, for the enthusiasm, expertise and passion she brought to the job and we hope she won't stay away too long. Congratulations are also on the cards for Rach Moroney who is working at Lake Boga Primary school for Term 3 in Year 5-6. It is a very exciting opportunity and we are very proud of Rach and wish her all the best with her new class. Congratulations also go to Teagan Deveruex who was the successful applicant for a junior position at Swan Hill Primary. Teagan has been keen for a chance to teach the younger students and with our full support and encouragement to pursue this career move, she will be taking up her new role later this term.

Confirmation

Confirmation Masses scheduled for this week have been postponed (further information in the RE Section of the newsletter and sent via email to families).

Attendance while in remote Learning

This week if your child is unwell and unable to participate in remote learning or attend on-site learning as arranged, please contact the school for attendance purposes. The easiest way is to use PAM.

PAM - Log onto your PAM account, directly under your student's name is a box "Parent Notified Absence" click here to enter or alternatively use the three line (hamburger) in the top right hand corner to go to "Parent Notified Absence".

Alternatively:

Message: 0409 968 162 Email: office@smswanhill.catholic.edu.au Phone: 50332541 from 8.30am

School Office Hours

During remote learning, we will have reduced staff onsite in the office due to the lockdown restrictions. For this reason the school can be contacted via phone during the modified hours of **8:30 am - 3:45pm** each day. We encourage families to phone during school hours or direct emails to office@smswanhill.catholic.edu.au

Emails will then be directed to an appropriate staff member to respond to. If parents wish to contact me directly please email kquin@smswanhill.catholic.edu.au

Onsite Information

This information is relevant for the small number of families who are both essential workers, who cannot work from home and who require onsite supervision.

Country buses will run as normal. Please be aware that with very few students using them, they may arrive at your stop earlier than normal. There will be no town buses running until we return to school. We will only be using the office car park until we return from remote learning. Please note that supervision is only available from **8:30-3:15** with a staff member on duty from **8:30am**. During this lockdown period facemasks must be worn at all times when dropping off/collecting your children. Children attending onsite supervision must wear their school uniform, bring a clearly labelled refillable drink bottle and recess/lunch.

Please continue to look out for updates from the school via your email and on our Facebook page throughout the week as these tools are our key ways to stay in touch. We are absolutely committed to working with our families as we move through these challenging times. Both Jason and I are onsite all week, so please don't hesitate to email or call the school if you have any concerns.

Kate



The Resilience Project---The importance Of Sleep

As we continue our journey as a whole school working through the Resilience Project lessons and guidelines, we love to share with our parent community some of their wonderful videos.

The one we are sharing today is a short clip about 'the importance of sleep'. Martin the presenter is well known to the children as they work through the lessons each week. He is a vibrant, engaging and funny man who captures the children's attention.

MEET THE OSHC TEAM.....



Amy



Nikki



Tanya



Natasha



Helen

Jessica



Kerrie



Jenna



Rose



Out of School Hours Program

It's been amazing how quickly enrolments have rolled in for the new service and we are delighted that students from both Swan hill North and St Mary's are on board and loving the program. The OSHC 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. The OSHC program operates 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.

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

A separate email will be sent this week to all families giving additional information about the service.



RE - Mrs Davies

Sacraments

Thank you to all our families for your patience as we awaited further updates on restrictions. There are still no clear directives from the government, but it seems certain now that we won't be able to celebrate our Confirmations this weekend. We will have to postpone them again.

It is looking likely the lockdown restrictions will also affect the First Communions/Confirmations planned for the first two weekends in August. Once we have a better idea of what is allowed under any ongoing restrictions, we will come up with a new plan and let families know. Thank you once again for your understanding.

News from the Office.....

Key Dates

**Monday July 19th &
Tuesday July 20th**
Remote Learning

Thursday July 22nd
Literacy Classroom
Helper Workshop
POSTPONED

**Saturday July 24th &
Sunday July 25th**
Year 3 Confirmation
POSTPONED

Flying Start - Update

Flying Start was due to commence this Friday July 23rd. All families who have registered for the program will receive a letter this week if we need to reschedule any sessions due to current restrictions.

There are still limited places remaining in the 9am and 11.30am session. Please keep an eye on your emails and our Facebook page for any updated information.

Canteen

Our canteen won't be operating during remote learning, however if you would like to volunteer in our canteen when we are back to normal learning, please email the office with the day/date you are available.

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



PAM Tip of the Week

Is your child going on a camp, sporting event or excursion and you can't remember the details, need to give consent 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

The consent permission will appear as a "bell notification" until after the consent due date. You can still give consent after this time, you will need to just follow the steps listed above



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.



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HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO...

JULY 19 - CALEB M, MATILDA A, BODHI S

JULY 20 - VANN N

JULY 21 - JOBE C, LOUIS R, ARCHER T

JULY 22 - RAMEL A, KAYLYNN F,

LOLA P, PIPPA W

JULY 24 - MADDY MCM, FLYNN O'B



How can we live a healthy lifestyle?

In class we have been learning about how we can live a healthy lifestyle. We have been researching information about healthy eating, exercising, mindfulness and sleep.

	I live a healthy lifestyle by going for a run with my dog Jett.		I live a healthy lifestyle by playing footy and basketball.		I live a healthy lifestyle by doing acrobatics and dance.
	I live a healthy lifestyle by swimming every Saturday at the Leisure Centre.		I live a healthy lifestyle by doing pilates with my mum.		I live a healthy lifestyle by playing footy at school and at Auskick and also riding motorbikes.
	I live a healthy lifestyle by doing gymnastics.		I live a healthy lifestyle by playing soccer and spending time outside.		I live a healthy lifestyle by eating 2 pieces of fruit and exercising each day.
	I live a healthy lifestyle by playing footy, doing Auskick and riding motorbikes.		I live a healthy lifestyle by going to netball training and taking the dogs for a walk.		I live a healthy lifestyle by playing basketball and dancing.
	I live a healthy lifestyle by playing soccer.		I live a healthy lifestyle by doing gymnastics and eating healthy.		I live a healthy lifestyle by eating 2 pieces of fruit each day.
	I live a healthy lifestyle by doing gymnastics training and eating fruits and vegetables.		I live a healthy lifestyle by eating lots of vegetables and exercising everyday.		I live a healthy lifestyle by going to acrobatics and taking my dogs for a walk.
	I live a healthy lifestyle by doing gymnastics and eating healthy.		I live a healthy lifestyle by playing footy and riding my bike.		I live a healthy lifestyle by doing acrobatics and going for runs.
	I live a healthy lifestyle by doing gymnastics and playing footy.		I live a healthy lifestyle by doing exercise.		I live a healthy lifestyle by always eating 2 fruits each day and staying active.