



Term 3 Week 3

St. Mary's Primary School Newsletter

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26th July, 2021

Welcome to Week 3

Dear Parents and Families,

A heartfelt thank you for your continued support in working with your children at home. Our families are making a huge commitment and sacrifice at this time in order to keep everyone in our community safe. I know that this is a significant challenge for every family and am thinking of you all as you support your children through this event. As always, I am extremely grateful to our caring and professional staff who work in partnership with you.

We have sent out the learning schedule for this week. The work listed from Wednesday-Friday is simply a precautionary measure because like all at home, we are really hoping to be back to school on Wednesday!

- **Monday 26 July & Tuesday 27 July** - 9:00am Google Meets for all students. Remote Learning for all students, with the exception of students who may be vulnerable or children of permitted workers.
- **Wednesday 28 July** - Return to onsite learning (subject to Government advice).

With the Premier's announcement tomorrow, we hope to have clarity around a return to school date and we will post any details on our Facebook page and send a summary via email.

School Improvement

Every 2 years our school community is required to complete a survey which provides us with data concerning our organisational health. This data is used in the process of assessing growth, setting goals and working towards school improvement. As we have a school review next year, 2021 is a survey year. A selection of parents, chosen randomly from our family list, will receive a survey for completion between Monday 26th July and Friday 6th August. If you receive an invitation to participate please take the time to complete the survey. Staff and senior students are also involved in completing surveys and providing important feedback for our school.

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).

Thrive By Five

You may have seen Molly 's TED talk on how to help your child thrive by five. Underpinned by the latest child development research and delivered as a TED talk, the short film seeks to empower and motivate parents to engage more meaningfully and often with their children.

https://www.ted.com/talks/molly_wright_how_every_child_can_thrive_by_five

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. 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.

▶ **Sleep and School Students - Why it's important and setting good routines**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=I-woUy9SP0c>

RE - Mrs Davies

Gracious and loving God,

*Give wisdom and strength to all those in our community and around the world,
who are responding to the coronavirus – health professionals, government officials,
aged care providers, school leaders.*

May those in our community who are feeling anxious, find peace and reassurance.

May our schools be places of compassion, attentive to those who are impacted by the coronavirus.

May we be communities of empathy, love and care, in all we face.

Through Christ, our Lord,

Amen

Sacraments - Confirmation & Eucharist

Due to current government restrictions, our Year 3 Confirmation last weekend and our Eucharist Celebrations for our Year 4 & 5 children over the next two weekends have been postponed. Once we have updated information of how and when we can hold these celebrations we will share this information with you. Fr James has encouraged children and families to continue working through their preparation booklets in readiness for when we can complete these sacraments in the near future.

Physical Education News - Miss Clark

Regional Cross Country

On Tuesday, 13th of June, 21 students travelled to St Arnaud and represented St Mary's at the Regional Cross Country event. The students braved the cold weather and should be extremely proud of their effort, reaching this level of competition is an outstanding achievement.

Congratulations to Oliver S, Aiden K, Pippa W, Carly S and Sam S who have all qualified for the State Championships to be held in Melbourne at the start of August.

Students who borrowed a school singlet, can you please return them to school when we are back.

Year 5/6 Winter Sports

With the unpredictable environment we are now in, unfortunately the Year 5/6 Winter Sports didn't go ahead on Friday 16th of July. At this stage, I am waiting to hear from the Mallee Primary School Coordinator for more information about the event and will pass this onto the students as soon as I find out.

Key Dates

Monday July 26th &

Tuesday July 27th

Remote Learning continues

News from the Office.....

Staff Update

We now have 2 Emma's working in the office.....although this might be confusing to start with, Emma Brown and Emma Bolger have different roles within the office. If you call, just a brief explanation of what you are calling in regards to, will allow your call to be transferred to the right Emma.

Flying Start - Update

With uncertainty about when we can return to school and commence preschool transition programs, we have decided to postpone starting Flying Start until Friday August 6th. The program will still run for 4 sessions.

We still have limited places remaining in our 9am and 11.30am session so please contact the office to register your preschooler.

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.

Our canteen is a very busy place each lunchtime. Unfortunately, this means we are unable to heat up lunches for students, provide boiling water for noodles/thermos' or toast students sandwiches in the canteen. If you would like your child to have a hot lunch, please select from the many options available through CDF Pay.

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.





Happy Birthday

July 27 - Taeissa T

July 28 - Ella F, Reesha K, Billy L

July 29 - Alisha K, Ellah R-B, Sarah T

July 30 - Xavier M

July 31 - Amelie R

August 1 - Jook M, Ryley Q

We hope you have a lovely day!!!!



2021 GIRLS PROGRAM

AGES 8-14

ALL PLAYERS WELCOME

FRIDAY 27TH AUGUST

5.30 PM START

SWAN HILL RECREATION RESERVE – SWAN HILL

PLAYERS WILL BE PUT INTO TEAMS OF 12 AND PLAY A ROUND ROBIN COMPETITION.
ITS ALL ABOUT HAVING SOME FUN AND FOOTBALL DEVELOPMENT

**REGISTER BY USING THE LINK BELOW
OR SCANNING THE QR CODE!**

<https://forms.office.com/r/Pn5KZBEYn4>

