



Term 3 Week 5

St. Mary's Primary School Newsletter

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Welcome to Week 5

Dear Families,

What a week we have had! As I write this the news is hot 'off the press' and also very exciting- we will be back to school tomorrow! We are all relieved and I am sure excited to hear that regional Victoria is moving out of lockdown tonight with school returning onsite for all students! It will be wonderful to have all the children back at school and get back to some normality. As yet, we have no new guidelines about what restrictions will be in place for schools, but I'm envisaging they will be the same as when we emerged from our previous lockdown.

Please keep an eye on your emails and any changes will be communicated to you as this information comes to hand.

Bus Services: Both town and country buses are running tomorrow as normal.

Canteen: Open for recess and lunch orders through CDF pay only. No over the counter or cash sales.

School Improvement Survey

Just a reminder to families who have been chosen randomly from our family list, and have received an invitation to participate in the Improvement survey, that it closes this Friday and it would be fantastic if you could find the time to participate.

Staff and senior students also complete this survey which provides important feedback for our school.

Flying Start Goes Remote!

As the latest COVID-19 restrictions do not allow us to run transition programs onsite at the moment - Flying Start went "remote" on Friday!

We have had such a positive response to this initiative with photos starting to come in already as families have tuned in at home to Flying Start. Thank you to our wonderful Flying Start team, with the help of some of our students, have put together some fun filled remote sessions which we know our 2022 Preps will love until we can hold onsite Flying Start sessions back at school.



Enrolments for 2022

We are still taking enrolments for Foundation and other year levels for 2022. If you know of anyone who is considering St Mary's next year could you please let them know that enrolments are open and to make contact with the school for further information.

Year 5 & 6 Parent Cyber Safety Information Night

Last week we were fortunate to have Leading Senior Constable Andrew Downes present a very frank and informative session for our Year 5 & 6 parents and their children outlining the legalities around Internet Use and Cyber Safety. We had a great response with **74 families** joining us online to hear from Andrew and also from Mr Jason Perry, our Technology Leader who explained the school's proactive approach in educating our students about safe use of the internet.

This evening was in response to parental concerns about their children's use of social media and devices outside school hours and to clarify the schools position in regard to this. As a follow up, parents may wish to register for a free live webinar run by the eSafety Commissioner titled "Taking a look at Tiktok, Instagram, Snapchat and Youtube", which is designed for parents/carers of young people aged 8-13 years of age. To register follow the link

Webinars for parents and carers | eSafety Commissioner - <https://www.esafety.gov.au/parents/webinars>

Thanks for your continued understanding, cooperation, flexibility and support this coming week.

Kate



Book Week *Just some advance notice that restrictions permitting on Thursday, 26 August we will hold our annual Book Week parade. On this day we invite students to dress up as their favourite book character, dress up as a person from an old world, a new world, or an 'other' world! The costume can be as simple or as elaborate as you like! You can find some costume ideas on sites such as Pinterest or doing a Google search*

More information next week!



Wellbeing

Our amazing and creative wellbeing team have put together a video for all of us as we went into another lockdown. This video can also be accessed on our St Mary's Facebook page.

Please take the time to view this and share with your children as it has some lovely messages and some wonderful strategies to use at home.

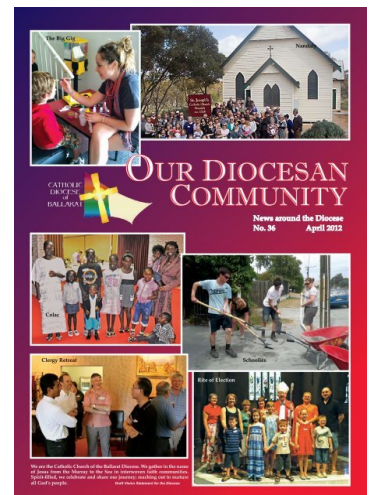
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RE - Mrs Davies

Our Diocesan Community Magazine

The aim of Our Diocesan Community is to provide a selection of initiatives, stories and pictures showing the richness and diversity of life in the communities of the parishes, schools and other agencies of our diocese. New publications are released each March, August & November. This magazine in the past was printed and circulated to all schools and parishes throughout the diocese. Moving forward as a more sustainable practice, the magazine will be shared electronically with all communities. Please find below the link to access our latest magazine:



<https://www.ballarat.catholic.org.au/wp-content/uploads/2021/08/ODC-July-2021-web-hr.pdf>

Key Dates

Monday August 9th

Remote Learning

Tuesday August 10th

School returns for all students

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.

Canteen

Our current COVID 19 guidelines don't allow parents onsite so at this time, this means we can't have our wonderful parent helpers in the canteen. **Also a reminder that there is currently no over the counter sales at recess or lunch time.** 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.

Parent Access Module - How do we communicate with you via PAM

PAM is St Mary's main communication platform. All school related information is sent through PAM, so it is important to check your emails regularly, especially during Lockdowns and Remote Learning periods. All communication via PAM will be sent to the email address linked to your PAM account. Please also check your spam/junk mail as sometimes these emails will go to this folder. Just mark the email "not spam/junk" and emails should then begin to appear in your inbox.

Here is an overview of the different types of communication you may receive through PAM;

noreply@smswanhill.catholic.edu.au – General school information/announcements/updates or information we need to communicate to all families or a large percentage of families. Please note that this information may not always be relevant to your family.

Newsletter – **noreply@smswanhill.catholic.edu.au** emailed weekly to the email address linked to your PAM account.

Letters – you will receive an email notification advising you have a new letter available to view. These letters could be in regards to additional support programs, appointments, administration matters etc. There will be a link to access this through PAM.

Click on this link, this will take you to PAM, log in and in the top right hand corner on the "bell" will be a red dot with a number inside. These are your notifications. Click on this to view any letters/attachments. The red numbered dot will disappear once the letter has been opened.

You can view past letters by clicking on the student, profile menu, "Letters".

Excursions & School Activity Permissions - you will receive an email notification advising you have a new "school activity permission" available to view. There will be a link to access this through PAM.

Click on this link, this will take you to PAM, log in and in the top right hand corner on the "bell" will be a red dot with a number inside. These are your notifications. Click to view school activity permission details. Consent is given by scrolling to the bottom of the school activity details. The red numbered dot will disappear once the school activity permission has been opened.

You can view past school activity permission by clicking on the student, profile menu, "School Activities".

Please phone the office on 03 50332541 if you require any assistance with PAM and our office staff will be happy to assist you.

Student of the Week - Term 3, Week 4

6O	Miley S	Willow A
6P	Sabrina V	Ryan A
6Q	Anna F	Dakota Z
6R	Charlotte S	Louis S
5S	Zyma A	Jobe C
5T	Harry H	Matilda T
5U	Carisa D	Oliver M
5F	Kruz H	Lana B
4G	Oscar E Tommy N	Georgia M
4H	Leila K	Kell P
4I	All of 4I	
4J	All of 4J	
3A	Will R	Keira M
3B	All of 3B	
3W	Pearl N	Ava M
3Y	Zavier F	Ellainie L
2K	Hugo B	Leo E
2L	Harry B	Sophia N
2M	Angela W Sebastian C	Austin F Madison Mc
2N	All of 2N	
1C	Thea T	Aria C
1D	Beau H Marcus Mcl	Sonny M
1E	Mila W George M	Sukhleen K
F Blue	All of Foundation Blue	
F Green	Evie A	Archer M
F Yellow	All of Foundation Yellow	
F Orange	All of Foundation Orange	
Art	Mitchell K, Levi C	
Music	Lewis K, Sailor S	
Italian	Mila W, Cienna Mck, Thea T, Alahni E	
PE	All of 4J, All of 6O, all of 6Q, all of 3Y	



HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO...

AUGUST 9 - RYAN D, SEBASTIAN M,
HATTIE M, ZARA T

AUGUST 10 - MILEY S, KEIRA M

AUGUST 11 - INDY C, LUKE P

AUGUST 13 - ZYMA A

AUGUST 14 - JOSEPH B, MOHITAZ G,
JAXON N, BRAXTON W





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>





Taking a look at TikTok, Instagram, Snapchat and YouTube

Join the **eSafety Commissioner's** expert education and training team for a FREE live webinar.

It is designed for parents and carers of young people aged 8 - 13.

This webinar focuses on popular apps used by young people. It will include case studies, research, and targeted advice so you can support the young people in your life to have safe, enjoyable online experiences.

Register now

Monday 16 August 12:30 pm – 1:30 pm

Tuesday 31 August 7:30 pm – 8:30 pm

[Register](#) or for more information please visit esafety.gov.au/parents/webinars



5F-Body Systems

In year 5 we have been learning about the different systems in the human body. Here are some of the things that we have learnt.

<p>Lachlan- The deoxygenated blood is blue</p>	<p>Isla- The body has 206 bones in their body our hearts beat around 100,000 times a day</p>	<p>Pippa- There are at least 10 times as many bacteria in the human body as cells.</p>	<p>Ryan- I have learnt that the left lung is smaller than the right lung so that the heart can be held in place.</p>	<p>James- Your heart beats about 100,000 times a day.</p>	<p>Abhijeet- The human body contains nearly 100 trillion cells</p>
<p>Maddox- Your heart beats about 100,000</p>	<p>Ruby- I learnt that the acids in your stomach break down your food.</p>	<p>Rayne- The heart pumps up to 7,200 litres</p>	<p>Mason- I learnt that your highest blood flow is in your kidneys</p>	<p>Meg- Every second, your body produces 25 million new cells</p>	<p>Jack- Every second your body produces 25 million new cells</p>
<p>Gypsi- The body has 206 bones in your body and the smallest bone is in your ear and is the size of a rice</p>	<p>Anton- That we have a little bone in our ear that makes us hear</p>	<p>David- A person has 206 bones</p>	<p>Lana- I have learnt it takes 6 to 8 hours to digest your food</p>	<p>Cal- Our body is made up of 80 percent water</p>	<p>Arou- I learnt the names of different bones.</p>
<p>Mohi- The smallest bone is in your ear</p>	<p>Chloe- You use more muscles in your face to frown</p>	<p>Rory- Muscles make up about 40 percent of your weight</p>	<p>Will- The highest blood flow is in your kidneys</p>	<p>Bailey- I have learnt that the body contains 100 trillion cells.</p>	<p>Kruz- I learnt that when we are born we have 300 bones!</p>

