



Term 3 Week 6

St. Mary's Primary School Newsletter

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16th August, 2021

Welcome to Week 6

Dear Families,

Lovely news to start the week with the safe arrival of little Sylvie, a beautiful daughter for Mrs Moloney. This week we also welcome Chelsea Mazzarella and Alexia Mase to St Mary's, both are on teaching placement in our Year One classrooms.

Parker O'Bree Fundraiser-Minus the Mullet Wednesday 18th August

Something fun as well as very worthwhile for our staff and students to look forward to is the **Minus the Mullet** SRC fundraiser on Wednesday. As you know Angus Wilckens has offered to 'cut the mullet' as part of a fundraiser by the SRC for Parker O'Bree (little brother of Ella O'Bree) who is receiving treatment for Wilms disease at the moment. It is a casual dress day with a Wacky Wigs & Crazy Hair theme. The **'Minus the Mullet'** big snip is planned for 12:30pm this Wednesday. We will share all the fun on our Facebook page including before and after photos of Angus as he sports a new look for a very good cause! All gold coin donations will go to fundraising efforts for Parker. Details of Parkers journey can be found on;

<https://au.gofundme.com/f/parker-obrees-fight-against-nephroblastoma>

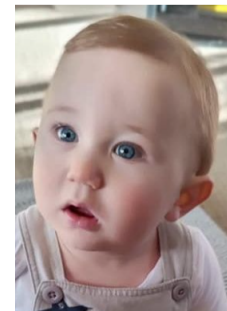
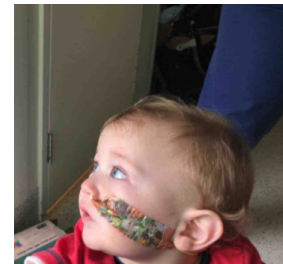
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Ylead

On Thursday, Year 5&6 classes will be participating in an online workshop with Y Lead. This online workshop is a precursor to their rescheduled student leadership program which will now take place in Term 4.

Sacramental Program

This weekend marks the start of our students receiving the sacraments of Confirmation and/or First Eucharist. Due to restrictions, Fr James has set up a Google doc with families selecting their own date and Mass times for this special celebration.

Book Week and Parade

Each year, schools and public libraries across Australia spend a week celebrating books and Australian authors and illustrators often culminating in a day of dressing up as favourite book characters. The theme this year is Old Worlds, New Worlds, Other Worlds which lends itself to many ideas. To celebrate Book Week on **Thursday 26th August** the children can dress as any one of their favourite book characters, or simply wear dress ups you already have at home. Due to COVID restrictions we will film the class parades and share them on our Facebook page so families can join in all the fun.

We thank teachers for the great work they do behind the scenes promoting book characters to children looking for costume ideas and for ensuring that all classes have read and discussed the award winning books. A special thank you to our parents who are so supportive and creative with the costumes for their children.



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.

Parent/ Teacher Conversations: Tuesday 31st August & Wednesday 1st September

Advance notice

We are conducting our second round of parent /teacher conversations later this term. Our school interviews website will open next week and I encourage you to log in and select a preferred interview time. If you have any difficulties please contact the office. The allocated time is 15 mins per interview. We will make a decision about the format for the interviews (face to face or by phone) closer to the date, subject to restrictions in regional areas.

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

Have a great week,

Kate



The Resilience Project

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.

Please find below a link to their Parent and Carers hub which has some wonderful support material around Gratitude, Empathy, Emotional Intelligence and Mindfulness.

<https://the-resilience-project.teachable.com/courses/parent-program-with-martin/lectures/27227841>



Curriculum News - Mrs Hall

CBCA Book Week 2021: 'Old Worlds, New Worlds, Other Worlds'

Each year since 1945 the The Children's Book Council of Australia (CBCA) has brought children and books together across Australia through CBCA Book Week. *The annual CBCA Book of the Year Awards aim to: promote quality literature for young Australians; support and encourage a wide range of Australian writers and illustrators of children's books and; celebrate contributions to Australian children's literature.*

During this term our teachers and students spend time celebrating the shortlisted books and Australian children's authors and illustrators, during our Literacy, Inquiry and Art sessions.

This year award-winning author, illustrator and film-maker Shaun Tan has illustrated the **CBCA Book Week 2021 theme, 'Old Worlds, New Worlds, Other Worlds'**

Book Week presents a time to celebrate favourite characters from classics through to contemporary books. While children are engaged in a range of fun activities to celebrate Book Week, families are reminded of the ongoing benefits of early reading for future success.

Some familiar characters your child might like to consider dressing up as could be:

- Mary Poppins by Pamela Lydon Travers
- Matilda from Matilda, by Roald Dahl
- Tracy Beaker, from The Story of Tracey Beaker by Jacqueline Wilson
- The Mad Hatter from Alice in Wonderland by Lewis Carroll
- Charlotte and Wilbur from Charlotte's Web

As well as popular other characters such as Where's Wally, Captain Underpants, Charlie and Lola, The Very Hungry Caterpillar, Specky Magee, Fly Guy, The Babysitters Club, The BFG, I Spy, Woody & Jessie, Harry Potter, Cat in a Hat, Mr Men characters and the list goes on as long as your imagination !!



RE - Mrs Davies

2021 Sacraments

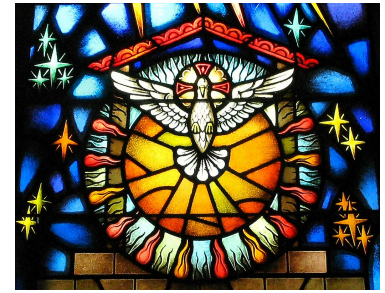
With two postponements of our Sacramental Program so far this year and the likelihood of us not being able to gather in larger groups for some time, Fr James has decided to celebrate the children's sacraments across the next few months in smaller groups with the opportunity to book your date through a shared document. This link was emailed to all families last week



and it has been great to see a number of families book in when it suits them.

At the current time we are able to have three families at each mass, with Fr James holding extra masses each weekend to allow more opportunities for families to book in. This week our Year 4 & 5 children will receive their Eucharist symbol to place on their stole. Year 3 children will be celebrating their Confirmation, Year 4 will have both Confirmation & Eucharist and Year 5 will be completing

their Eucharist. New stoles are to be purchased from the Parish Office. The Office is open from 10-2pm on Tuesday, Thursday & Friday. We are looking forward to seeing our sacramental celebrations begin this weekend.



Physical Education News - Miss Clark

Year 5/6 Winter Sport

Take 3! Year 5 and 6 Winter Sports will take place on Tuesday 17th of August. We will be crossing our fingers that our students will get to participate on the day. Information has been sent out on PAM, parents and guardians will need to log on and give consent for their child to participate on the day. Thank you to those who have done so already.

Senior Athletics Carnival

With an interrupted start to the term, all of a sudden the Senior Athletics is only a few weeks away! The St Mary's Year 3-6 Athletics carnival will be held on **Friday, August 27th** at Ken Harrison Reserve. Information regarding this event will be sent to parents and families via PAM soon.

Junior Athletics Carnival

The Foundation - Year 2 classes have been practicing Athletics in their PE classes in preparation for the Junior Athletics Carnival which will be held on **Wednesday September 8th**. This will be held on the St Mary's school oval. Information will be sent home through PAM in coming weeks about this event.

Key Dates

Tuesday August 17th

Year 5 & 6 Winter Sports
Information sent to families
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Thursday August 19th

Year 5 & 6 Leadership Day
onsite

Friday August 20th

Year 6 Activity Fun Day
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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.

OSHC @ 2 Murlong

The Out of School Hours Care program, @ 2 Murlong, is operating out of the gym hub and provides before and after school care for school age children in the Swan Hill area. Please express your interest via the following link;

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



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 5

6O	Daneaka N	Charlie G
6P	Jasmine H	Matilda M
6Q	Ryan F	Sam S
6R	Archie O'T	Marion D
5S	Stella E Upkeerat S	Jimmy K
5T	Chloe M	Brayden M
5U	Ella W	Owen U
5F	Ruby T	Mason F
4G	Chelsea T	Sienna C
4H	Lola P Evie K	Ryley Q
4I	Maddyn F	Hamy H
4J	Navika S	Dante M
3A	Tyler M	Maddie H
3B	Aidee B	Kevin V
3W	Draylan G	Foley S
3Y	Jax S	Gemma N
2K	Chloe J L	Otto P Farhan H
2L	Jack L	Lily G
2M	Julian P Oliver S	Charlotte M
2N	Mia H	Indy C
1C	All of 1C	
1D	All of 1D	
1E	Dhruv D Raf F	Ruby McD
F Blue	Harrison G	Aaliyah McC
F Green	Di V	Gurlal S
F Yellow	Shelby O'S	Jimmy W
F Orange	Lenny H	Ava H
Art	Charli C, Abhijeet B, Sean C-S	
Music	Sammie H, Archie O'T, Georgia M, All 5S, Emily S, Lola V	
Italian	Cienna McK, Mila W, Milla M, Khang V	
PE	Asha N, Eliza L, Kathleen K, Sadie M	



Happy Birthday

August 16th - Lewis K

August 19th - Adi B, Charlie R

August 20th - Emme H

August 21st - Ben N

August 22nd - Jagger M, Meg Y

We hope you have a lovely day!!!!



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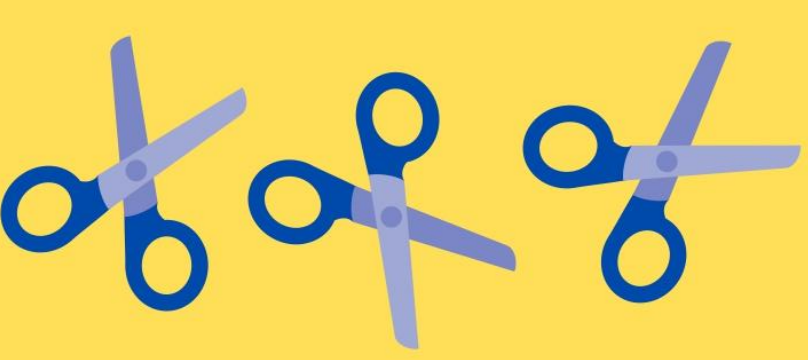
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