



Term 3 Week 8

St. Mary's Primary School Newsletter

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30th August, 2021

Welcome to Week 8

Dear Families,

Although we would much prefer to have all of our students here with us onsite, it is heartening to see the quality remote learning program being carried out on a daily basis. The way we are currently working is very different to what our normal practice looks like! Teachers and Learning Support staff are often working with students in Google Meets. Staff are working from home, running Google Meets, monitoring and responding to the fantastic Seesaw and Google tasks, making videos, preparing lessons, marking work and contacting families. Throughout the week teachers are also busily preparing the following week's learning schedule and getting organised for Parent Teacher interviews. They are working onsite at times on the supervision roster, and also ensuring that we are meeting Government policy obligations under our School Operations Guides. Equally too, life is different for families and we are so appreciative of the way parents are doing an extraordinary job of supporting their children whilst at the same time being able to meet their own work commitments. This community can be extremely proud of the way the parents and staff are working in an authentic partnership to ensure continuity of learning.

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As positive as our learning program is, we also know that there are many people in our local community that are doing it really, really tough. This must be acknowledged. Many people in our society at the moment are suffering and the wellbeing of many people, adults and children, is being affected. I think that one of the ways we can support our own wellbeing is by having things to look forward to. Even the smallest of positive things that we can look forward to, can help us maintain a positive

outlook. With this in mind we are working on some events that are a bit of fun that we can roll out remotely. More about these to be revealed over the next few days!

Parent Teacher Conversations Tuesday 31st Aug & Wednesday 1st Sept

This week on **Tuesday August 31st and Wednesday September 1st** staff will conduct Parent Conversations over the phone for children in their 2021 class. Interviews commence at 2pm and run throughout the afternoon.

This is an opportunity for parents to book a time to check in with their child's teacher, discuss progress and set goals together going forward for the remainder of the year.

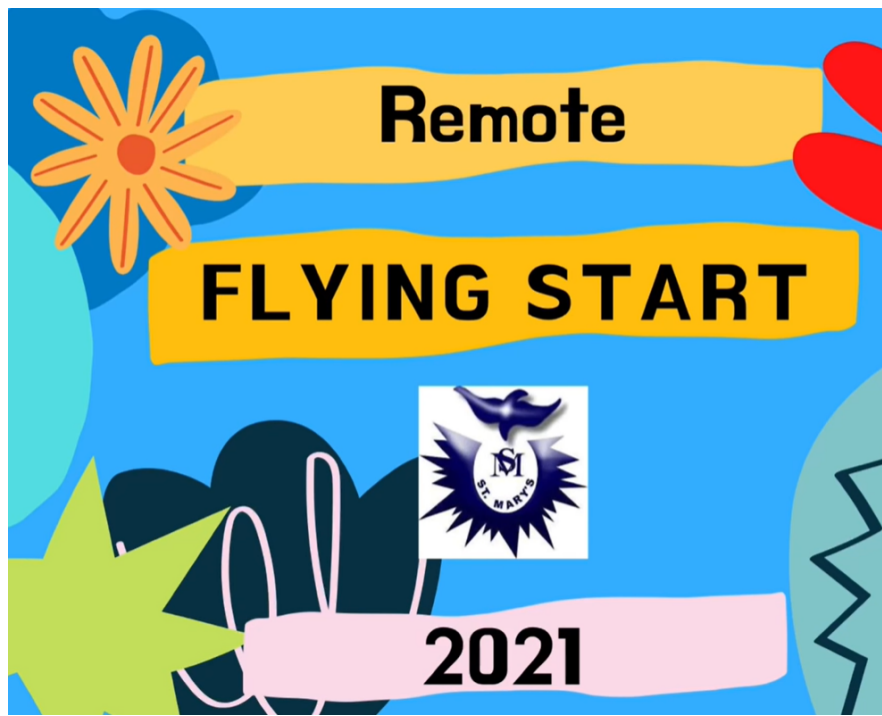
This phone conversation is 10 minutes. Your child's teacher will call at your scheduled time. Please ensure you list the best contact number on your booking.

Teachers may use their own phone, so the call may come up as 'No Caller ID' if they have switched their settings to private.

Parent – Teacher
Learning
Conversations



Parents need to book through PAM . Anyone requiring help, please call the office 50332541.



Check out the fun had by some of our 2022 Foundation students as they enjoyed participating in remote Flying Start.
https://www.facebook.com/stmarysswanhillvictoria/videos/150319477168642/?so_channel_tab&rv_all_videos_card

Naplan Results:

We have received word that the 2021 Naplan results are scheduled to arrive anytime from Monday August 30th. Once they arrive they will be posted to all families with a child in Year 3 and Year 5.

Enrolments for 2022

We have been conducting interviews via Zoom for our 2022 Foundation students and have really enjoyed meeting many new families throughout the week. However, via a computer is not the best way to build a relationship and we are looking forward to when restrictions are lifted and we can commence some Flying Start sessions and have families onsite to see our beautiful school in action.

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.



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.

As always in these uncertain times, we are here to support you and your family. Both Jason and I are onsite at St. Mary's and we are available each day to answer questions, clarify information and be a listening ear.



Kate

Wellbeing

Our wonderful Wellbeing team continues to look for ways to support families through Remote Learning. Below is the link to a video that you can watch with your children as it focuses on looking after ourselves and looking at the positive things in our lives. This is also posted on our St Mary's Facebook page

Jordan and Krishell are also putting together some practical wellbeing ideas that they will share on Google Meets for many of our year levels. Look out for these as they will provide some fun things for children to do to promote wellbeing.



https://drive.google.com/file/d/1Od8YwyuUKZXzdh8Pgo7yoNvYq6qWwY1Y/view?usp=sharing_eil_m&ts=61256379

Physical Education News - Miss Clark

Division Winter Sports

We were lucky enough to go ahead with the Division Winter Sports day on Tuesday 17th of August. The day was a great success for all of the Year 5 and 6 children who represented their school with a great attitude and should be proud of their efforts.

We had some great results across the sports that St Mary's competed in:

Football: Winners in Division 1 Boys

Netball: Winners in Division 2 Girls

Runners Up in Division 3 Girls

Teeball: Runners up in Girls

Soccer: Runners up in Girls

Runners up in Division 1 Boys



The Division 1 Football team may progress to the Regional level if a new date is rescheduled. Many thanks to the Year 5/6 teachers and the St. Mary MacKillop students for their support on the day.

News from the Office.....

Key Dates

**Monday August 23rd -
Wednesday September 1st**
Remote Learning

**Tuesday August 31st &
Wednesday September 1st**
Parent/Teacher
Conversations
via Phone
Book now via PAM

Thursday September 2nd
School Closure Day
No onsite supervision

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/dHdBOThsSW9JeHUxYTEwaHNxZlMrdz0>

How to use PAM for student absences

You can now begin to use PAM (Parent Access Module) as part of your communication with our school office. PAM is our preferred notification method for absences.

On PAM, you can add an absence if;

- Your child is going to be absent for the day (All Day)
- Your child is going to be late to school (Arriving Late)
- Your child is going to be leaving early from school (Leaving Early)
- Your child will be leaving school and returning eg. for an appointment (Partial)
- Your child is going to be absent for more than one day (Multi-day max of 7 days)

Absences must be entered prior to 9.25am on the day your child will be absent. Absences can also be entered in advance.

To add an absence;

- Log in to your PAM account <http://pam.smswanhill.catholic.edu.au>

Save this link to your home screen for quick access

- Select "Parent Notified Absences" listed under "Students". This can also be accessed by selecting the 3 line menu bar on the top right hand corner of the screen and selecting "Parent Notified Absence".
- Select "Add Absence"
- Select the child who will be absent
- Select the reason for your child's absence
- Select the appropriate absence period
- Select the absence date
- Notes can be added if required
- You can edit or delete current and future absences, by clicking on your child and amending it if required.



Second Hand Jumpers

Our second hand cupboard is overflowing with jumpers!!! Jumpers are available for a donation. Please remember to clearly label all school items so that they can be easily returned.



Student of the Week - Term 3, Week 7

6O	Lily S	Patrick E
6P	Chad O'S	Joel S
6Q	Charlize C	Novak D
6R	Charlie F Ryder C	Marion D
5S	Saly N	Jack H
5T	Elliott W Max R	Zoe B
5U	Ella W Paige R Skye P	Owen U Isla G
5F	Isla B Abhijeet B	Bailey R
4G	Lucas O'R	Sammie H
4H	Aiden K	Hattie M
4I	Mayla C	Maverik B
4J	Kaitlyn S	Brody S
3A	Max F	Isla B
3B	Hamish L	Scarlett F
3W	Marley B	Myles H
3Y	Sarah L	Jagger M
2K	Yazmin R Emme H	Leo T
2L	Rory P	Tilly S
2M	Souhayla J	Indianah P Inayat S
2N	Brodey C	Gurbaj S
1C	Leo W Violet G	Eve G
1D	Kenzie C Estelle H	Arlee P
1E	Kaylynn F Adonis S	Aiden C
F Blue	Charlotte L Evie S	Ingrid C
F Green	Tia P	Joseph K
F Yellow	Sailor S	Chase S
F Orange	Parks K	Maya G



Happy Birthday

**August 30th - Jedd M, Pearl N,
Charlotte O'C**

September 1st - Scarlett F, Max P

September 2nd - Tamika B

September 3rd - Martin N

September 5th - Zaidee A

We hope you have a lovely day!!!!