



Term 3 Week 9

# St. Mary's Primary School Newsletter

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6th September, 2021

## Welcome to Week 9

Dear Families,

I hope families found creative ways to reach out and celebrate the wonderful roles Dad's play in our lives over the weekend and that all Dads, Grandads and the special men in our lives had a day of happiness, and an opportunity to share some special time with their loved ones.



### Remote Learning

Like many in the community, I had hoped last week's press conference would bring a reprieve in Regional Victoria and an opportunity to return to school. However, the Victorian Government has extended the latest lockdown and as a result, remote and flexible Learning will continue until we receive advice about easing restrictions. Please know that I will communicate information regarding any changes to our current way of operating, if an announcement is made before the school term concludes.

Thank you for your continued support of the remote learning plan and the encouragement you give to your children to do their best. Families have been incredible with supporting the school in keeping the momentum of learning going, and with the last couple of weeks of term ahead of us we have planned some virtual activities to inject some fun and things to look forward to, for our students.

### Magic Show & Workshop -Tuesday September 7th

The show includes a 30 minutes of magic fun for the junior students while our Year 3-6 students have a show followed by a 15 minute workshop where they learn 1-2 magic tricks to practice! Each classroom teacher will provide the Zoom links, so ensure you tune in so you don't miss any of the action!



**Virtual Magic Show & Workshop**  
**Tuesday September 7th**

**Year 3 & 4 Show & Workshop:**  
10am-10.45am

**Year 5 & 6 Show & Workshop:**  
11.30am-12.15pm

**Foundation, Year 1 & 2**  
**Show only: 12.30pm-1pm**

*The classroom teachers will share the Zoom link with students and parents next week. To follow along with the workshop you will need: cotton buds, scissors, sticky tape and an A4 piece of paper*

## Wednesday 15th September - Virtual Disco

Usually one of the highlights of Term 3 is the school disco. While virtual disco won't be quite the same as dancing to DJ Joe (Dorigo) in the Jubilee Centre, we hope it is a close second until we can host the real deal next term. Bop till you Drop will be an end of term celebration for students with 3 separate discos running throughout the day. Details of times and how to log in will come via the classroom teachers early next week. I hope this gives our students and families something else to look forward to while we are still in remote learning and with this advance notice there is time to practice some impressive dance moves before the 15th!



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## Parent Teacher Conversations

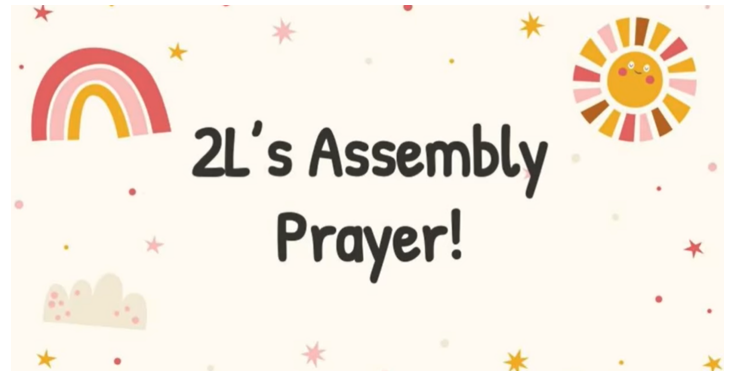
We had a terrific turn out to Parent Teacher Conversations with almost 100% of our families booking a time to talk with staff about their child's learning strengths and jointly plan goals for the remainder of the year.

## Facebook & Instagram

Our school Facebook and Instagram pages are a great way for us to keep families 'in the loop' about what is happening while we are remote learning.

On Friday, we posted 2L's assembly prayer and over the weekend a tribute to Father's Day.

Check them out, they showcase some of the creative and interesting learning happening across the levels and you never know as you may see one of your own children starring!



## Naplan Results

We were very pleased with our 2021 Naplan results, with both Year 3 and Year 5 doing very well across the board. The disruption to learning that has taken place over the past 18 months did not seem to impact results which is a great testament to the hard work and combined efforts of teachers and families who have supported the children's learning journey together throughout 2020-2021.

## 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.





## Home Readers and Library loans

It's been fantastic to hear so many families changing over readers. **If your family requires more readers feel free to phone ahead and we will have a packet of levelled readers ready for you and will run it out to the school gate for you.** If you are unsure which level you need to collect for your child please just contact their classroom teacher. If you would like a pack of books for your family from the library please email Lisa at [landerson@smswanhill.catholic.edu.au](mailto:landerson@smswanhill.catholic.edu.au) and she will organise these and email you when they are ready for collection from the office. Happy reading!

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**



## R U OK? DAY Thursday 9th September

### Are they *really* OK? Ask them today.

R U OK? has developed FREE resources to help you encourage everyone in your school, workplace and community to think about who in their world might need to be asked how they're really going and how to make a moment meaningful by asking "are you OK?"

<https://www.ruok.org.au>



## RE - Mrs Davies

Last week marked the beginning of *The Season of Creation*. This is the annual Christian celebration of prayer and action for our common home. Together, the world unites to pray and protect God's creation. The season starts 1 September, the World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation, and ends 4 October, the Feast of St. Francis of Assisi, the patron saint of ecology beloved by many Christians.

### Season of Creation Prayer

Creator of Life:

Earth is full of Your creatures, and by Your wisdom you made them all.

At Your word, Earth brought forth plants yielding seed of every kind and trees of every kind bearing fruit, the waters teemed with swarms of living creatures of every kind, and the world was filled with every kind of winged bird, walking animal, and creatures that creep upon the ground.

Mountains, plains, rocks, and rivers shelter diverse communities, and through the changing seasons Your Spirit renews cycles of life.

During this Season of Creation, open our eyes to see the precious diversity that is all around us. During this first week of The Season of Creation, we praise and thank you especially for the vastness of the oceans that reveal your beauty, power, and peace. Inspire us with ways to protect and keep the oceans healthy. Enlighten our minds to appreciate the delicate balance maintained by each creature. Inspire us to conserve the precious habitats that nurture this web of life.

In the name of the One who came to proclaim good news to all creation, Jesus Christ. Amen

- from *The Sisters of St. Joseph*

## Caring for God's Creation



## Key Dates

### Tuesday September 7th

Virtual Magic Show  
Teachers will email  
Zoom link

### Friday September 10th

Casual Dress for  
students onsite  
Theme: **Touch of Yellow** in  
support of R U OK?Day

### Wednesday September 15th

Virtual Disco  
Information to come

### Friday September 17th

Last Day of Term 3

## *News from the Office.....*

### 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 we communicate with you through 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. 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 will 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** – 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 letters by clicking on the student, profile menu, "School Activities".

### 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 8**

6O	Oliver C	Luciana S
6P	Sabrina V	Amber B
6Q	Jackson H Milla P	Harper F
6R	Eliza K	Blake M
5S	Sara C Charlie E	Harper W
5T	Noah F	Emmy B
5U	Zara P	Lenny R
5F	Pippa W	Anton M
4G	Kayla S	Chelsea T
4H	Hugh A	Finn H
4I	Elli S	Eliza L
4J	Tyler P	Charlize B
3A	Minh N	Evie C
3B	Sienna A	Archie O'B
3W	All of 3W	
3Y	April T	Zach R Macey H
2K	Lilly W Van N	Sophie M
2L	Charlie H	Will O'B
2M	Mary D	Oliver K Hadisa E
2N	Mac H	Steele W
1C	Mitchell B Rubi S	Alisha K
1D	All of 1D	
1E	Mark H Kali O	Harrison B
F Blue	Darcy Mc Tamika B	Flynn B
F Green	Lawson R	Asha H
F Yellow	Nylah K	Jasper B
F Orange	ALL OF FO	



# HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO...

SEPTEMBER 6TH - ANGUS W

SEPTEMBER 7TH - JASPER R

SEPTEMBER 8TH - TRAVIS D, ANTON M,  
MADDOX P

SEPTEMBER 10TH - GUSSIE B

SEPTEMBER 12TH - BEN H, DEACON R

