



Term 4 Week 2

St. Mary's Primary School Newsletter

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11th October, 2021

Welcome to Week 2

Dear Families,

I hope you all enjoyed the weekend weather and opportunity to be out and about and connect with family and friends in a covid safe way. Working remotely has inspired many of our regular presenters to think outside the square so this week we are looking forward to a virtual performance for our Year F-4 students by Tony Bones from Books To Life. Tony's performances are always funny and extremely energetic so we are sure there is lots of fun to be had for all!

Remote Learning

As you know, the Victorian Government has made a number of announcements regarding the safe return to school for Term 4. This week sees:

- Prep - Year 2 onsite learning from Monday-Friday
- Year 3/4 students back attend onsite on Tuesdays & Wednesdays
- Year 5/6 students back onsite on Thursday & Friday
- Year 3-6 students will continue Remote Learning on the days not specified in the information above.
- All students will return to onsite learning from Tuesday, October 26th
- We have limited information about the mask mandate for Year 3-6 with a letter to be sent home to parents once the Catholic Education Office provides further details

Can adults come onsite?

Current restrictions mean that parents and visitors are not able to come onsite at the moment. We would respectfully ask that wherever possible communication with the school should be conducted through phone or email and if it is necessary to come onsite eg. to pick up your child for an appointment please phone the school office ahead of time and the office staff will assist you. Your child's teacher is always happy to chat by phone or email or may walk out to the car park after school if it is a matter you would prefer to discuss in person.

Class Structures 2022

St Mary's will run 27 straight classes in 2022. We are finalising our staffing needs and will share our classroom teacher placement for the next school year later in the term.

We will commence constructing class groups for next year over the next few weeks. In doing this, academic, social and emotional considerations of all students are taken into account to inform decisions. Any parental considerations of a serious nature regarding your child's 2022 placement must be emailed to kquin@smswanhill.catholic.edu.au or delivered to the office in an envelope marked Att: Principal by Friday October 22nd. Please do not assume previous requests are ongoing as we begin each year afresh at St Mary's and only written considerations to the principal can be factored into class decisions for 2022.

With planning for the 2022 school year now gathering momentum, I would ask families that are aware that they will not be returning to St Mary's next year, to promptly inform the school.

Summer Uniform & Sports Uniform

The first two weeks of Term 4 are a transition to full, correct Summer Uniform. We should see all students in full summer uniform by October 18th. Please ensure all clothing items are clearly labelled with your child's name. Just a reminder students only wear their PE uniform on their designated classroom sports day and the day they have PE specialists.

Sunsmart School

It is very important to protect our children against the harmful effects of the sun's UV rays. St Mary's is proud to be a 'Sunsmart' school. This means that hats are worn during Term 1 and Term 4. Please ensure that your child has a school hat for Term 4 as all students at St Mary's are required to wear their school hat during playtime breaks and outdoor school activities such as sport.

Curriculum Newsletters

This week, your child will bring home a copy of their Term 4 curriculum newsletter which outlines the key learning that will take place in their classroom and when they attend specialist classes. The curriculum newsletters are produced to assist you to know what is happening at school so you can chat more knowledgeably with your child about the many exciting things they are involved with at St Mary's. For our Year 3-6 families, this will be sent home this week when they are onsite.

Foundation Health Assessments

Kerrie McCosh continues her annual screening of Foundation children on **Tuesday, 12th October** and will continue to be here regularly throughout Term 4 to conduct eyesight and hearing tests on all children in their first year of 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.



End of year events

This term there are usually a number of key events that mark the end of the school year. Through the year we have had to adjust and consider how we can do things a little differently. With many events that are seen as highlights and essential on our calendar approaching, please know that staff are working on how we can ensure that we continue to honour what is important - in a COVID safe way. We will communicate information regarding such events as we make arrangements and decisions.

Looking Forward to Term 4

Term 4 will be a critical time for the re-engagement of our children, the re-establishment of school routines and undertaking the steps necessary to prepare for and complete successful transitions into 2022. This term our focus is on providing continuity in learning and support for every child to the fullest extent possible and prioritising both their wellbeing and academic needs. Staff have focussed their efforts into ensuring that gaps in essential curriculum areas will be covered over the remainder of this year, while making sure their classrooms are safe, supportive and positive learning spaces for all children. This will make sure that every child in our care is supported in their wellbeing, learning and transition needs. We are really looking forward to being back together again!

Have a great week and hope you have a chance to join our remote assembly hosted by Foundation Green on Friday.

Kate



Wellbeing

Wellbeing Programs at St Mary's

Last week I wrote about some of the Wellbeing Programs that we run at school. Adding to this list are the following;

'Peaceful Kids' Program

Krishell and Jordan run this program on a needs basis for children who need some extra support in understanding and managing their emotions. This program uses a combination of positive psychology and mindfulness and provides children with the necessary skills to build resilience and reduce anxiety.

Lunchtime Activities

These activities will ramp up again as we start returning to onsite learning. The wellbeing team coordinates and sets up the following to give children positive things to do and help build and maintain friendships.

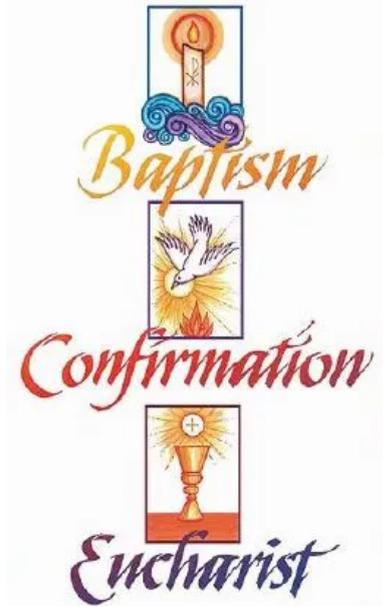
- An assortment of fun and engaging equipment set up in the Passive Play area each day
- Lego Club every day in the Gym foyer
- Colouring Club each day in the Art room
- Monday--Year 5 & 6 Yoga in the Gym
- Tuesday--Year 3 & 4 Meditation in the Gym
- Tuesday--Strings in the Music room
- Wednesday--Dance in the Gym
- Thursday --Year 1 & 2 Yoga in the Gym



RE News - Mrs Davies

Sacraments

Well what another crazy year it has been for our families involved in our Sacramental Program! Covid-19 restrictions have had a major impact on not being able to hold these special celebrations. With the current capacity number of 20 for a religious gathering at the moment it is still not possible at the moment to gather together for these occasions. With the current roadmap in place for Victoria, things should start to ease over the coming weeks. We will keep you updated with any news on when you will be able to schedule your child's Confirmation or Eucharist celebration - hopefully this will begin to happen throughout November.



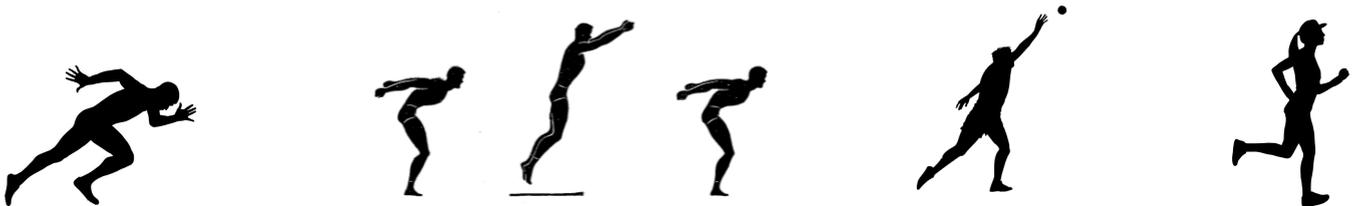
Physical Education News - Miss Clark

Due to COVID restrictions we missed out on our Athletics Carnival but School Sport Victoria has created an exciting opportunity for a [Virtual Track and Field](#) event to take place.

Victorian primary students are encouraged to take part in this great opportunity. School Sport Victoria is not looking for the best performance, we are looking for students to give it a try.

The events are; 100m sprint, standing long jump, tennis ball shot put and 800m run. More information can be found on the SSV website <https://www.ssv.vic.edu.au/Pages/SSVVirtualTrackandField.aspx>

Students can give these events a go at home and have the opportunity to submit their performance on the website <https://form.jotform.com/212501964059859>



Key Dates

Monday October 11th

Foundation Health Assessments begin

Tuesday October 12th &

Wednesday October 13th

All Year 3 & 4 students at school

Thursday October 14th &

Friday October 15th

All Year 5 & students at school

Thursday October 14th

Tony Bones: Books to Life performance

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/dHdBOThsSW9JeHUxYTEwaHNxZIMrdz0>



Bus Schedules

With so many changes to after school activities this year, please take the time to confirm your child's/children's bus schedule with the office. A reminder that day to day bus changes can be done on PAM, however if you require a permanent change, you will need to contact the office.



Book Club - Issue 7

Scholastic Book Club Issue 7 will be sent home this week. We will not be accepting cash payments for orders. Please order online following the instructions below.

Issue 7 orders are due by Monday October 25th.

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

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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



Bus changes on PAM

We encourage you to make bus changes via your PAM account. This includes bus passes, not on bus, change of bus etc.

- Log in to your PAM account.
- From the three line menu in the top right hand corner, select "Transport Passes".
- Ensure the date is correct, displayed above the student schedule table.
- Click on the "Edit" button of the child you wish to add/remove from a bus.
- "Select New Route" will allow you to add your child to a bus, add your child to a different bus or select "No transport needed" if your child is not to travel on the bus on that particular day.

Scheduled Transport - this is for children who are on a regular bus schedule. It is the bus that your child would usually catch on that day.

Actual Transport - the bus that your child is catching on that particular day eg. if a change has been made.

Bus changes via PAM must be made by 2.30pm. For last minute changes, contact the office on 50332541. You can make bus changes up to 7 days in advance. If your child requires a permanent schedule change, please contact the office. Need assistance? Please contact the office 50332541.

Foundation Health Assessments

Nurse Visit Kerrie McCosh, primary school nurse, will be visiting our school in October and November this year. Foundation Health Assessments: All parents/guardians of Foundation grade children will be asked to complete a Health Questionnaire and return the form to the school before October 8 th 2021. If you do not wish your child to be seen by the school nurse, please sign the non consent section and return the form to the school. Information was sent home to Foundation families at the end of Term 3.

Student of the Week - Term 4, Week 1

6O	All of 6O	
6P	Anna H	Angus T
6Q	Emily P	Maddox W
6R	Isabella C	Kyra C
5S	Harrison McC	Jobe C
5T	Luca Z	Jovi P
5U	All of 5U	
5F	Rayne E	Will O'B
4G	All of 4G	
4H	Michaela McM	Milla P
4I	Rory M	Taj K
4J	Navika S	Hugh W
3A	Peyton G	Milla M
3B	John Ken N	Braxton W
3W	Grace L Nhan P	Sadie M
3Y	Ayva W	Sean C S
2K	Cleo M Hugo B	Jameson B
2L	Elouise McC	Khang V
2M	Mary D	Katie A
2N	Will P	Ivy P
1C	Tawney McN	Hayley K
1D	Titalia C Spencer S	Chelsea P
1E	Amelie R	Delilah B
F Blue	Kimber G Kur M	Spencer H
F Green	Evie W	Joseph K
F Yellow	Grace McC	All of Foundation Yellow
F Orange	Heidi S	Elijah R
Art	Caleb M, Raf F, Joseph K	
Music	Joseph K, All of 1D, Jameson B, Grace McC	
Italian	Memphis T, Parks K, Max L, Zac D	
PE	Wilhem F, Maya S, Shelby O'S, Hugo B	



Happy Birthday

October 13th - Eliza K

October 14th - Haydon M

October 15th - Charlie H, Luciana S

October 16th - Isaiah B, Kevin H

We hope you have a lovely day!!!!

3W ARE EXCITED TO COME BACK TO SCHOOL THIS WEEK....

SOME OF THE THINGS THAT WE HAVE MISSED AND ARE LOOKING FORWARD TO:

Marley - seeing my friends and seeing my teachers

Sadie - learning at school with my teacher and playing with my friends

Tarkin - see all my friends in person

Mac - seeing my friends and playing with them

Ava - friends and being back with my teachers and class

Arie - play games at recess and lunch with my friends and learning at school

Paige - being back to normal

Jesse - playing with my friends

Ruby - playing with more friends and the school will be filled up

Draylan - seeing friends

Myles - missed seeing my friends and PE classes and looking forward to things getting back to normal

Tristan - seeing friends

Sony - playing with my friends and being back to normal school

Miah - seeing my friends and teachers again

Grace - seeing friends and everyone in person and learning in the classroom

Belle - seeing my friends

Bailey - I missed my friends and looking forward to book week

Laine - seeing jo and my teachers and my friends

Max - seeing my friends and playing with them

Pearl - being back to normal and also playing with friends

Nhan - playing with my friends

Foley - playing with friends

Emily - seeing everyone face to face

Willow - looking forward to learning as a class with my teachers in person and seeing friends