



Term 4 Week 6

St. Mary's Primary School Newsletter

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8th November, 2021

Welcome to Week 6

Dear Families,

COVID Update

In a letter sent to all families yesterday, you will be aware that we have had a case of COVID 19 reported on Friday afternoon in 1C. Following testing of close contacts to this student, Mrs Crowe and another 1C student tested positive on Sunday. Mrs Crowe and a number of students from 1C are in isolation and have returned to remote learning while in quarantine. As explained in the newsletter last week, there are new streamlined closure guidelines in place if a case is detected. We have had the school extensively cleaned on Friday evening and have been advised we are clear to open for all year levels and classes who were not affected by the case.

I am very mindful of the distress and impact this news has had on families across our school community and ask you to please keep the children and staff from 1C in your thoughts as this is a time of considerable angst and worry for everyone involved.

Currently, parents are only permitted onsite for essential reasons. If you do need to come onsite, we ask you to sign in using the QR Code and report directly to the office. Any parents who do need to come are limited to our grounds, with only staff and students permitted in classrooms. We will continue with our current A-L families using the front carpark and M-Z using the gym car park as per our normal arrangements.

Please ensure you seek medical advice and/or have your child receive a Covid test if they are presenting with even the mildest of Covid like symptoms.

The Canteen is open for orders placed via CDF Pay only. Counter sales will not be available until further notice.

Staffing Update

A loss for us and a gain for Brunswick East, with Miss Caddie Palmer obtaining a position at Our Lady Help of Christians and heading to Melbourne at the end of the school year. We are all going to miss Caddie's deep commitment to her students, her lead in improving our sustainability practices, her zany outfits and sense of fun and wish her nothing but the best with her move. While we have yet to fill Caddie's position, we have recently appointed Ms Dallas Sloane as a junior classroom teacher for 2022. Dallas is graduating at the end of the year, but her course has allowed her to work in Queensland as a preschool teacher for 3 years along the way, so she comes to us with considerable early childhood experience. We are really looking forward to Dallas joining our staff in the new year.

RSL Award Winner



Congratulations to Dakota Zucco who has been selected as the recipient of the annual Remembrance Day Awards. Each year the RSL presents this award to one of our Year 6 students, identified by their teachers as making a sincere effort with their studies and our community. This year, Dakota was nominated by our Year 6 staff and will receive a scholarship to go towards her education for Secondary School.



Class Groupings 2022

Over the next few weeks, our teachers are putting the final touches to class groupings for 2022. In doing this, academic, social and emotional considerations are taken into account to inform decisions. We are fortunate that St.Mary's teachers plan learning activities that often allow our children to mix across the year group where they are working alongside all the children within their age and class grouping. School is a place where children learn how to relate to other children. It is important that children learn to mix with lots of children. In doing this, they learn about themselves in relationships and identify qualities within others that they find positive and assuring for themselves.

We are also finalising staffing needs and will publish teachers and levels by the end of November.

We would ask any family who believes that they will not be here at St Mary's in 2022 to let me know as we are working on class structures for next year. Thank you for your consideration.

Transition programs

Transition programs for preschoolers are well in hand with information to be sent to 2022 Foundation students and their families later this week, Both secondary schools will have transition in December, with details to be sent to all year 6 families.

Year 2 Water Safety Program

The Year 2 students and staff are quite excited to commence their swimming program this week. Conducted at the Swan Hill Leisure Centre, the Water Safety and Skills program forms part of our PE and Health curriculum. The program concentrates on building confidence in water, developing and mastering some basic strokes and teaching safety skills and knowledge around water.

Hats, sunscreen and water!

Although the weather is all over the place, we are definitely starting to have some warmer weather! This means it is becoming even more important for the children to make sure they are wearing their hat in the playground. We also strongly encourage the children to apply sunscreen before school and before heading out to play. Each classroom has sunscreen available, or the children can use their own. All students also need to bring a clearly labelled water bottle to school to keep them hydrated .



Kate



Curriculum News - Mrs Hall

Young Writers Awards

Photos of our proud shortlisted nominees, finalists and winners:
Lola V, Eva R, Tilly S, Isabel F, Jasnoor K, Kathleen K, Belle L and Ella W.



RE News - Mrs Davies

We are really looking forward to re-starting our Sacramental celebrations after the announcement of restrictions easing for religious celebrations. We have emailed a roster for these families to self schedule themselves in for a weekend mass that suits them. These celebrations will begin again from this weekend 13/14th November. Our Year 5 children will receive their candles in the week before they complete this from school. Any questions please contact Mrs Davies at school or the Parish Office.



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Physical Education News - Miss Clark

We are very lucky to have Miss Natasha taking PE classes for Dance. This will be starting next week and run during weeks 6 and 7. All classes will be participating in the dance classes during their PE time and learn an exciting and fun routine.



Key Dates

Tuesday November 9th

Year 2 Swimming
Program commences
(5 weeks)

Information has been sent to
families via PAM

Thursday November 24th

Obstacool Incursion
More information to come

News from the Office.....

OSHC @ 2 Murlong - Before & After School Care



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.



Leave Passes

With students returning to school, we kindly ask that you make appointments outside of school hours and avoid picking your children up early where possible. Announcements are done daily at recess (10.55am), lunch time (12.55pm) and 3pm. If you need to pick your child up, we ask that you phone the office ahead of time.

How to add your child's absence on PAM

PAM is our preferred notification method for absences. Absences must be entered prior to 9.25am on the day your child will be absent. Absences can also be entered in advance.

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)

To add an absence:

- Log in to your PAM account
- 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

Student of the Week - Term 4, Week 5

6O	Scarlet G	Ben N
6P	Sabrina V	Matilda M
6Q	All of 6Q	
6R	Annabelle F	Knox J
5S	All of 5S	
5T	All of 5T	
5U	Travis B-B	Skye P Zoe C
5F	All of 5F	
4G	Zara T	Dane R
4H	Indigo P	Blake S
4I	Emett W	Lola R
4J	All of 4J	
3A	All of 3A	
3B	Harlow R	Luke P
3W	Willow V	Bailey M
3Y	Ana D	Josh K
2K	Levi C Lizzie T	Lilly W
2L	all of 2L	
2M	Austin F	Sebastian C
2N	Isabel F	Scarlett F
1C	Logan K	Thea T
1D	Jagger F	Max G
1E	Xavier M	George M
F Blue	Charlotte L Helen S	Darcy McL
F Green	Jimmy H	Evie A
F Yellow	Travis D	Maverick C
F Orange	Isabel I	Parks K



Happy Birthday

November 8 - Julian P

November 9 - Zoe C, Beau F, Indi H

November 10 - Charlize C, Chase S

**November 11- Amber B, Milla P,
Jakobe T, Angela W**

November 12 - Aiden C

November 13 - Maddyn F, Leila K, Ava M

November 14 - Skye P, April T

We hope you have a lovely day!!!!

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Our emphasis is on Family, Fun & Fitness. All children can join in, regardless of fitness and skill level. Little Athletics encourages kids to achieve their own personal best (PB's).

▶ **Whole Family**

Family, Fun & Fitness encapsulates the Little Athletics experience. The whole family can get involved, there's a role for everyone!

▶ **Stay Healthy**

Little Athletics provides a safe environment for kids of all abilities to improve their physical wellbeing. It encourages kids to get outdoors, get active and give everything their best shot.

Why not give Little Aths a go!

Little Athletics is a great activity for children aged between 5 and 15. It's a perfect way to learn the fundamental motor skills that will assist them long into their futures. Did we mention that it's also great for the entire family?

Contact Centre

Swan Hill Little Athletics

Ken Harrison Reserve

2021/22 season starts November 12th

Runs Friday's at 5pm

Term 4 2021 & Term 1 2022

Register: www.lavic.com.au

New participants 2 weeks free trial

Facebook: Swan Hill Little Athletics