



Term 4 Week 11

St. Mary's Primary School Newsletter Week 11

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13th December, 2021

Dear Families,

Everyone had a great day on Friday and enjoyed the step up to their 2022 class and spending time with their new teacher and classmates. Thanks to our teachers for their careful preparation for this day and also to the students who all suddenly seemed much older and wiser in their new classroom. While it is hard to believe we have only a few days of school left, there is plenty on the calendar to keep us all well and truly occupied this week.

Farewell

This week we say farewell to Gemma Stewart and wish her and Lachy all the best as they await the birth of their first child early. Thank you Gemma for the care and commitment you have shown to our students in your time here and we hope you don't stay away too long. We also wish Bern Mahon and Julie Croton a happy retirement and say goodbye and good luck to Caddie Palmer, Scott Anderson, Naomi Bowd, Ping Tan, Yvonne Kelley and Emma Saunders.

We also say farewell to the following students; Will and Amelie Reilly, Inayat Sidhu, Isaac Dunstan, Kevin Ho, Zara and Leo Tomasevic and Peyton Gardiner who are moving to new schools and locations. We have loved having you at St Mary's and wish you all the best as you settle into your new schools in 2022.

Year 6 Graduation - Monday December 13th

Tonight, we are farewelling our Year 6 students at school with a family gathering and awards ceremony. The Year 6 Graduation Night commences with an award ceremony that will begin at 7.30pm, BYO picnic tea from 6.30pm. Our Year 6 students have been another terrific group within the school and have been recognised by the other students as responsible leaders. We wish them a future filled with happiness, success and most of all, strong, supportive family and friends. A special thanks to Mrs Davies, Miss Taylor, Mrs Martin, Mrs Bett, Mr Cruickshank and Mr Anderson for their work in organising this event.



End of Year Mass- Tuesday 14th December

Tomorrow, Tuesday 14th December, we will celebrate our school year with our end of year Mass. This Mass is our way to formally reflect upon and celebrate all we have achieved this year and to say farewell to our Year 6 students and any departing staff. As we are not yet able to gather as a school community due to COVID restrictions, a link to view the Mass virtually will be sent to all families. We hope many families can watch the Mass as it is such a special occasion for our school community.

Break Up Day - Wednesday 15th December

Wednesday promises to be an action packed day with all year levels enjoying an array of break up parties and celebrations. It is also going to be a hot one, so please ensure your child is wearing sunscreen, has their hat and plenty of drinks with them. Please refer to the various notes sent home via PAM by each year level with information about what to wear and bring.

End of Year Reports

Reports will be posted early this week so should arrive later in the week. They are a formal way of communicating with you about your children's learning and indicate progress and effort made over the last semester in all areas of the curriculum.



And finally.....

Without a doubt this year has presented us with some ups and downs. Throughout the year we have focussed on creating an environment within our school that is safe for all staff and students, looks after the wellbeing of all staff and students, is aware and supportive of individual family situations and provides a rich educational program where learning is relevant and ensures every child achieves to their full potential.

In what has been a time of uncertainty, the positive mindset and professionalism shown by staff when asked to swing in and out of remote learning, their ingenuity and creativity in keeping students engaged and their ongoing care for individual students and their families has rightly been recognised and applauded during recent months. I'm confident that all parents would join me in commending and thanking them for the outstanding work they do in education and for the many ways in which they go "above and beyond" in the service of the school.

I also wish to acknowledge and thank our parents for the amazing partnerships formed this year with staff, particularly during lockdowns - teaching your children remotely often while juggling your own work and young families at home was a huge challenge that you all rose to, and I am incredibly appreciative of your patience, belief in the school and commitment to keeping your child's learning journey on track despite the speed humps we encountered in 2021.

Finally on behalf of the staff of St Mary's, I wish you and your loved ones the Peace, Joy and Loving Spirit that is Christmas. For those of you that are travelling to loved ones I hope that you arrive and return safely. I look forward to sharing in the responsibility, the privilege and the honour of supporting your children next year.

Happy Christmas and take care over the holiday season!

Kate



RE News - Mrs Davies

Christmas Eve Mass - Nativity Play

We are very excited and looking forward to our parish Christmas Eve Mass this year. It will begin at 6.30pm on Friday 24th December. We are looking for any children interested in being involved in the Nativity Play on this night. We will have a couple of practices during the week beginning 20th December. **If your child would like to take part in this could you please let Mrs Davies know this week via email - bdavies@smswanhill.catholic.edu.au**

CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES

Christmas Eve (Friday 24th December)

4:30pm - Sea Lake

6:30pm - Swan Hill *DV

8:30pm - Swan Hill *DV

Midnight (12am) - Swan Hill

Christmas Day (Saturday 25th December)

8:30am - Quambatook

10:30am - Swan Hill *DV



Physical Education News - Miss Clark

2022 House Captains

The House Captains for 2022 were announced late last week. All students that applied did such a great job in their application and interviews. Myself and Mrs Quin were very impressed with so many Year 5's wanting a leadership role for next year. You can all be very proud of your efforts. Congratulations to the following successful students;



Wombats: Isla B, Lana B, Thomas K, Jack K

Bandicoots: Violet C, Miela R, Owen U, Harrison B

Bunyips: Maddox P, Isla G, Sam B, Charlie E

Dingoes: Matilda T, Indie M, Harry H, Rory D

I am looking forward to working with these students in hopefully a normal year next year!

Key Dates

Monday December 13th

Year 6 Graduation
6.30pm for BYO Picnic Tea
7.30pm Award Ceremony

Tuesday December 14th

End of Year Mass (virtual)

Wednesday December 15th

Last day for students
Break up day: Information about year level break up days has been sent to families via PAM

Normal finish time - buses running as normal

Dates for 2022

Friday January 28th 2022

School office opens

Monday January 31st 2022

First Day for all students

Tuesday February 8th 2022

School photo day
Information will be sent for online ordering via PAM during the holidays

News from the Office.....

Preparing for the return to school in 2022

- Please remember to clearly label all school items, jumpers, hats, drinkers, lunch boxes etc to ensure they can be easily returned
- Check that you have the correct uniforms, school shoes etc over the holiday break
- New families to St Mary's, please check that your PAM account is verified and create your child's medical profile
- Check that your child's/children's PAM medical profiles are up to date
- Confirm your child's/children's 2022 bus travel arrangements (country and town buses) with the office from Friday January 28th. Please note your child's/children's 2021 bus schedules will roll over and will remain the same unless you advise us of any changes
- Ensure your CDF pay account is set up
- Keep an eye on your emails during the holidays for any school correspondence

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>

OSHC @ 2 Murlong - Current Families

We are getting close to the end of the school year. The Centre will be open for out of school hour's care to St Mary's School students until Wednesday 15th December 2021.

We hope all of your children have enjoyed the Centre, as our Educators have enjoyed getting to know the children and families.

For 2022, there will be no need to re-enrol your children if they are currently enrolled and attending the Centre.

The Master Roll will be rolled over, so your standard bookings from this year will remain in place for 2022. If your requirements have changed and you need to amend your days for 2022, please contact us via email to office@smswanhill.catholic.edu.au to amend your standard booking.

Thank you for your support over the last 6 months, we look forward to seeing you all in 2022, when we reopen on Monday 31st January 2022.

Thank-you from the canteen

I would like to thank everyone that came in and helped in the canteen before lockdown. A huge thank you to Emma and Lou for filling in for me. Both of you have been amazing. Wishing everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. Lou and I can't wait to see everyone back in 2022 (fingers crossed). Enjoy the holidays, Trudy

Leaving Early

We kindly ask that you make all appointments and activities outside of school hours. If this is unavoidable, we do call ups at 10.55am (recess), 12.55pm (lunch) and 3pm (end of day) to avoid disruptions to the classrooms. Please phone the office ahead of time if you need to pick up your child at these times.



Student of the Week - Term 4, Week 10

6O	All of 6O	
6P	All of 6P	
6Q	All of 6Q	
6R	All of 6R	
5S	All of 5S	
5T	All of 5T	
5U	All of 5U	
5F	All of 5F	
4G	All of 4G	
4H	All of 4H	
4I	All of 4I	
4J	All of 4J	
3A	All of 3A	
3B	All of 3B	
3W	All of 3W	
3Y	Kathleen K Gemma N	Sarah L
2K	All of 2K	
2L	All of 2L	
2M	Noah O'S	Hadisa E Inayat S
2N	All of 2N	
1C	All of 1C	
1D	All of 1D	
1E	Matilda R Luca B	Kalena G
F Blue	All of Foundation Blue	
F Green	Lawson R	Alira C
F Yellow	All of Foundation Yellow Girls	
F Orange	all of Foundation Orange girls	
Art	All of Foundation Orange, Zoe D, All of 3Y,	
Music	Bailey R, Lawson R, Abigail P, All of 4G	
Italian	Gypsi O'B, Jimmy H, Dhruv D	
PE	Gemma N, Coco N, All of 2N, Cody G	



HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO...

DECEMBER 13TH: EVIE A, CARISA D

DECEMBER 15TH: SAM S

DECEMBER 16TH: LANA R

DECEMBER 18TH: KOA W

DECEMBER 19TH: OLIVER K, MILLI L, MACKENZIE S

DECEMBER 20TH: ELLI S, CHARLI W

DECEMBER 22ND: NATALIA B, SIENNA C, FRANKIE M





HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO...

DECEMBER 24TH: LOWAN G

DECEMBER 25TH: JOSHUA K

DECEMBER 26TH: MOLLY D, VIOLET G

DECEMBER 27TH: MADDOX W, RYDER W

DECEMBER 28TH: ELEKTRA H, AALIYAH MC, RORY P

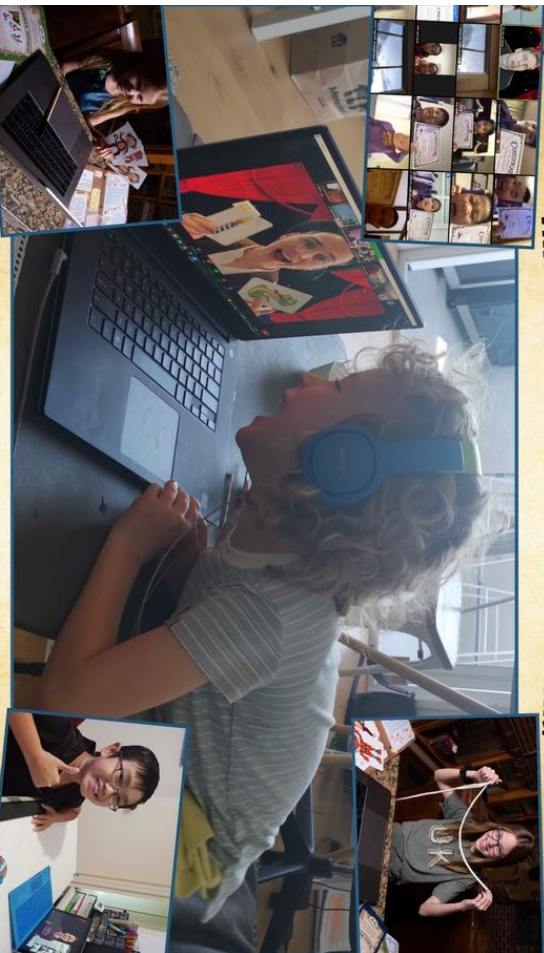
DECEMBER 30TH: LUCA B, ZAVIER F, EVIE S

DECEMBER 31ST: CHARLIE E, GEORGIE M, VIN M



LEARN MAGIC

EXTRAORDINARY FUN
THAT MAKES GREAT KIDS APPEAR!



Online Magic Classes Term 1 8 weeks, From 6th Feb to 27th March

(11am-12pm Each Sunday)

\$400 (includes all custom magic material, top secret file folders, access to online video vault, tuition, etc)

For ages 6-13 - sibling Discount available

Get ready to take an amazing adventure into the exciting world of magic. Learn how to cut someone in half, give your friends super hero powers and make invisible objects appear in a magic pencil pouch just to name a few.

To enrol please email us at admin@magicacademy.com.au
with your child's name and your phone number and we will be in touch.

MagicAcademy.com.au

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CHILDREN'S OPERA COMPANY

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Swan Hill

SWAN HILL SHOWGROUNDS 6 JAN - 9 JAN

Featuring

bean beds, popcorn, snacks and a bar
GATES OPEN AT 7:30PM

KIDS TICKETS ARE
FREE
Covid Safe
Event



Tickets are limited and bookings essential
cinemapopup.com.au

All people aged 16 years and over must be fully vaccinated to enter



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play on 2022

supporting our community

AFL CENTRAL VICTORIA

CHECK OUT THE FANTASIC PROGRAMS AVAILABLE IN 2022

JOIN OUR MAILING LIST TO GET
ALL THE INFORMATION YOU NEED
FOR 2022 - SCAN QR CODE



BOYS AND GIRLS - AGES 5-12

20 CENTERS IN THE REGION
FANTASTIC PROGRAM FOR DEVELOPMENT
FUN - SAFE - ENJOYABLE PROGRAM
\$95.00 - GET A FANTASTIC FOOTBALL PACK AND
A GREAT FOOTBALL PROGRAM

REGISTER [HTTPS://PLAY.AFL/AUSKICK](https://play.afl/auskick)

GIRLS UNDER 14 COMPETITION

LOCAL CLUBS INVOLVED
GIRLS AGES 8-14
PLAYED ON SUNDAY'S
GREAT FUN FOR PLAYERS TO PLAY IN A SAFE AND
COMPETITIVE ENVIRONMENT
PLENTRY OF SUPPORT AND ENCOURAGEMENT
FIRST TIME IN SEASON 2022



FOOTY 4 FUN PROGRAMS

LOCAL PROGRAMS
FUN AND DEVELOPMENT
BOYS AND GIRLS PROGRAMS
HAVE FUN AND ENJOY OUR GREAT GAME
DIFFERENT VENUES
FREE PROGRAMS

COMMUNITY FOOTBALL

BOYS AND GIRLS
SUPPORT YOUR LOCAL CLUB
20 CLUBS IN THE REGION TO JOIN
CMFNL - UNDER 12 & UNDER 14.5 COMPETITIONS
GRFNL - UNDER 14.5 COMPETITION
GAMES PLAYED SATURDAY

play on
2022
our club. our community

PROGRAMS IN 2022 REGISTER YOUR INTREST





**GREAT SCHOOL HOLIDAY FUN FOR
THE WHOLE FAMILY ON MONDAY,
WEDNESDAY, FRIDAY**

DISC GOLF

PLAY NOW AT THE

NYAH WEST GOLF CLUB

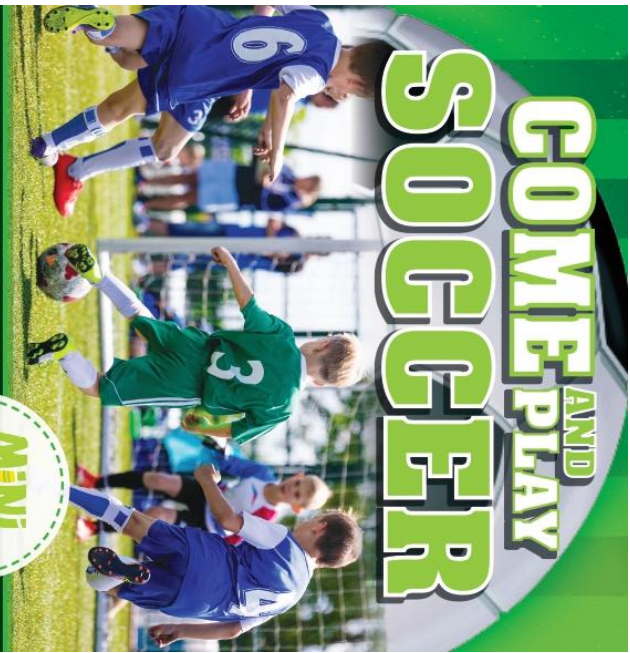
FROM 10.00am to 3.00pm - BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL



IT IS FREE TO PLAY

202 Yarraby Road, Nyah West 3595

Bookings & enquiry message Dennis 0417 128 519 or Graham 0418 350 280



COME AND PLAY SOCCER



- KIDDER KICK, AGES 3-5
- JUNIORS (BOYS & GIRLS), AGES 6-14
JUNIORS GUARANTEED A GAME EVERY WEEK OF THE SEASON PLAYING SATURDAY MORNING 9AM - 11AM
- YOUTH (BOYS & GIRLS), AGES 15-18
PLAYING SUNDAY'S IN THE BENDIGO AMATEUR SOCCER LEAGUE
- WOMENS, AGES 16+
PLAYING SUNDAY'S IN THE BENDIGO AMATEUR SOCCER LEAGUE
- MENS, AGES 16+
PLAYING SUNDAY'S IN THE BENDIGO AMATEUR SOCCER LEAGUE



CONSTRUCTION OF NEW CLUBROOMS HAS COMMENCED!

KEN HARRISON RESERVE, SWAN HILL

PH: 0429 320053

CONTACT US ON OUR FACEBOOK PAGE SWAN HILL SOCCER LEAGUE



COME AND PLAY FUTSAL

FRIDAY, 28TH JANUARY UNTIL FRIDAY, 8TH APRIL 2022 AT THE STADIUM

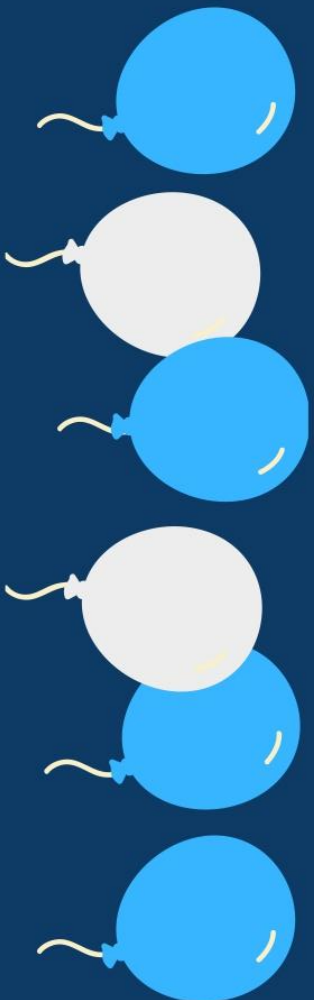
Registration day at Ken Harrison Reserve on Sunday 23rd Jan from 2.30pm - 3.30pm

- Must be registered prior to playing the following week
 - Limited spots available, please register your interest on our Facebook page
- All players 12+ must be double vaxxed
More info to follow on our Facebook page

MORE INFO?



CONTACT US ON OUR FACEBOOK PAGE SWAN HILL SOCCER LEAGUE



CONGRATULATIONS TO THE CLASS OF 2021!

WE ARE PROUD OF YOUR ACHIEVEMENTS!

May the years ahead be filled
with adventure and success

