



Term 4 Week 9

# St. Mary's Primary School Newsletter Week 9

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29th November, 2021

Dear Families,

It has been lovely to feel like we are starting to get back to normal and we had so much fun with the Obstacool incursion last week - I'm sure your children slept well that night! This week marks the beginning of Advent, a sure sign that the school term is flying by and Christmas is indeed just around the corner!



## Christmas Carols Event



We are on the countdown to our annual Christmas Carols Event which is happening **tomorrow Tuesday November 30th**. All students are encouraged to wear a Christmas themed outfit and to be ready for some special activities that will take place in classrooms throughout the day! Everyone has been practising some 'Carols' and we are looking forward to a day of Christmas cheer! Tomorrow is your last chance to send through a small donation to add to the Christmas hampers before they are wrapped up, ready to be raffled off throughout the day.

## Staffing Allocation for 2022

Please find below the classroom teachers for 2022. Specialist teachers and support staff will be in the next newsletter.

<b>Classroom Teachers 2022</b>		<b>Year 3</b>	Miss Brooke Taylor/Mrs Christine Free Miss Nicola Rintoule Mr Kyle Doran Mrs Karen Jobling/Mrs Tarsha Ward
<b>Year 6</b>	Mr Corey Daniels Mrs Belinda Davies/Mrs Deb Parsons Mrs Wendy Rodriguez Mrs Lauren Martin/Mr Chris Prockter	<b>Year 2</b>	Mr Wes Harrison Miss Olivia Scarce Mr Brady Davidson
<b>Year 5</b>	Mr Leighton Dullard Mrs Deanne Dacey/Mrs Teagan Lawry Mrs Belinda Crowe Mr Daniel Cruickshank	<b>Year 1</b>	Mr Jacob Cleeland Mrs Andrea Woodburn Miss Alexia Mase
<b>Year 4</b>	Mr Mark Bonney Mrs Archana Patney Mr Arren Smith Mrs Codie Brown	<b>Foundation</b>	Mrs Beth Caruso Mrs Janelle Hogan Ms Dallas Sloan Miss Stacey Pearse Mrs Rachael Smith/ Mrs Zoe Morris

## **Foundation 2022 Preschool Transition Program December 1st and 2nd**

It was fantastic to have our newest St Mary's students join us for transition last week and everyone had a blast! We were so impressed by their enthusiasm to experience all we had on offer and they especially loved our junior playground! Our transition program for preschoolers continues this Thursday and Friday with our future Preppies meeting some of the specialist staff and trying their hand at Music and PE.

We also had a great turn out at the Foundation Information night with over 60 families tuning in to learn more about life at St Mary's and we thank Beth and the Foundation team for putting together such an informative evening.

## **Staffing Update**

We are delighted to announce that Mrs Natasha Gerakis is joining the St Mary's teaching team in 2022. Natasha will be working teaching Dance and Drama as part of our Music specialist program to students across the school.

## **Tutor Program Funding**

It was exciting to learn that we will receive Tutor Program funding from the Victorian Government again in 2022. This is to support students who despite staff and parents' combined best efforts may have fallen behind in their learning as a result of the disruption caused by COVID-19. This money will be used to employ additional staff to provide intensive literacy or numeracy support to identified students for the 2022 year.

## **COVID-19 Update**

The latest School Operations Guide arrived over the weekend and any updates or changes in current practice will be shared with families via PAM this week.

## **Casual Dress**

We raised \$598 from our casual dress day last Friday. This will be used by the SRC to purchase and wrap gifts that will be placed under the parish Christmas tree at the end of the year.

## **Preparation - Families Leaving**

I 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 finalising class structures for next year. Thank you for your support with this.

I hope you all enjoy the week ahead and look forward to you joining us when Foundation Blue take centre stage during our remote assembly on Friday.

**Kate**



## Sensory Processing and Social Skills training.

As a school we subscribe to Sue Larkey's website. She is a strong advocate for supporting children with Autism and is well renowned in Australia. She also provides lots of strategies for all children which we implement throughout our school in our classroom and wellbeing programs.

Many children these days need support in the development of both fine and gross motor skills and help to develop age appropriate social skills.

The following are two resources that you might find valuable if you have concerns about your child. You can subscribe to the following website free of charge.

[www.suelarkey.com.au](http://www.suelarkey.com.au)

### SONGAMES FOR SENSORY PROCESSING

**Why Great Gift:** Make Sensory Fun and engaging for kids aged 3-8, Songames are musical activities for improving fine and gross motor skills, muscle strength, and rhythmicity. Comes with CDs and companion booklet which explains how to use music to enhance specific skills.



### SOCIALLY SPEAKING BOARDGAME FUN FOR WHOLE FAMILY

**Why Great Gift:** Make Social Skills FUN! This game focuses on social interaction in three key areas: home, school, and the wider community. Children are able practice vital skills such as greetings, turn-taking, eye contact, listening, compliments, emotions, telephoning others, showing interest in what others are saying, sitting appropriately and still, asking and answering questions, using your voice effectively, developing and maintaining friendships, and more. Contains game board, 100 question cards, playing pieces for 2 to 6 players. OR take out the Cards can be used as social questions on a car trip, at the dinner table etc.



## Curriculum News - Mrs Hall

### BIG SUMMER READ

The Swan Hill Regional Library is participating in the brand new Public Libraries Victoria **BIG Summer Read** this year which will begin on 1 December and run through until 31 January 2022. The BIG Summer Read program is open to children up to 18 years of age and is a great way to keep children engaged in reading during the summer school holidays. Please find attached to the newsletter more **BIG Summer Read** information supplied by our local library.

## RE News - Mrs Davies

### Advent 2021

Yesterday marked the beginning of the Advent season for 2021. Advent is a very special time being the period of four Sundays and weeks before Christmas. Advent means 'Coming' in Latin. This is the coming of Jesus into the world.

Christians use the four Sundays and weeks of Advent to prepare and remember the real meaning of Christmas. It is a very special time of waiting in anticipation for the coming of Jesus Christ.

Here is a link to a fantastic video explaining to children the meaning of Advent - A time Waiting for Jesus that you might like to watch with your children at home - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=AySe5pZnwig>



There were busy times at our various parish Masses over the weekend with our sacramental program back in full swing. Congratulations to our students - Brayden M, Cooper H, Macey H, Evie K, Arna C, Lola P, Belle L, Jagger M, Henry D, Pearl D, Ella W, Rory M & Jobe C who made their first communion or who were confirmed at different parish masses.

## Physical Education News - Miss Clark

### Foundation Tennis Racquet Giveaway

Thanks to the partnership between Tennis and ANZ, the *Tennis ANZ Hot Shots Racquet* initiative will see 30,000 new racquets delivered to students from more than 750 primary schools across the country. St Mary's is one of the lucky schools to be receiving the racquets! Every Foundation student will receive a brand new racquet, ball and certificate to take home during this week after learning some simple skills and games in their PE lesson.



### 2022 House Captains

A reminder to any Year 5 students who are keen to take on a House Captain leadership role next year to submit a written application letter to Miss Clark via email asap. A shortlist of students will be interviewed by myself and Mrs Quin in the next few weeks. Each House will have 4 House Captains. I wish all applicants the best of luck!

## Key Dates

### Tuesday November 30th

Virtual Christmas Carol Event  
Casual Dress  
Christmas Theme

### Monday December 6th -

### Wednesday December 8th

Year 6 Camp  
Information has been sent to families via PAM

### Friday December 10th

Orientation Day

### Monday December 13th

Year 6 Graduation

### Wednesday December 15th

Last day for students  
Break up day  
Normal finish time

### Monday January 31st

First Day for all students

# 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>

## 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 your child.



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## Our Diocesan Community

Please find below the link for the November edition of "Our Diocesan Community" magazine.

<https://www.ballarat.catholic.org.au/wp-content/uploads/2021/11/ODC-November-2021-w.pdf>

## 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 8**

6O	Jack C	Benji A
6P	Ryley F	Marty C
6Q	Novak D	Dakota Z
6R	Eliza K	Holly L
5S	Zyma A	Charlie E
5T	Anmol K Matilda T	Mason M
5U	Carisa D	Tyler H-K
5F	Bailey R Maddox P	Rory D
4G	Chelsea T	Noa Bella W
4H	Hattie M	Evie K
4I	Eliza L	Madison B
4J	Martin N	Asha N
3A	Isla B	Harvey H
3B	Sampson B	Madison McL
3W	Belle L Pearl N	Ruby E
3Y	Ella S	Pearl D
2K	Emme H Archer T	Hugo B
2L	Ellie W	Caleb M
2M	Henley M Indi P	Julian P
2N	Deacon R	Milan P
1C	Koa W Aria C	Leo W
1D	Kye T Tom L	Dustin M
1E	Hera P Aiden C	Harrison B
F Blue	Kur M Flynn B	Aaliyah McC
F Green	Tia P	Anthony F
F Yellow	Lewis K	Parker N
F Orange	Lola V	Jye B
Art	Monique P, Rosie A, Foundation Blue, Henley M	
Music	Jobe C, 2M, Chase S	
Italian	Knox J, Milan P, Rueben C, Ha My H, Jasmine H	
PE	Chloe J J L, Leni W, Sonic H, Heidi S	



# HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO...

NOVEMBER 30TH - ANA D, LIL H, DI V

DECEMBER 1ST - BELLA S

DECEMBER 4TH - MAX F

DECEMBER 5TH - DAISY M



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# BIG Summer Read

**JOIN. BORROW. PLAY. WIN!**

**1 DECEMBER 2021 - 31 JANUARY 2022**

Download the Beanstack Tracker app,  
register to play at <https://plv.beanstack.org>  
or visit your local public library



swan hill regional **library**







**JOIN. BORROW. PLAY. WIN!**

**Step 1:** Register at any Swan Hill Regional Library branch

**Step 2:** Collect the BIG Summer Read booklet and reading log

**Step 3:** Read 10 books or read for 10 hours and return reading log to library

**Step 4:** To enter the Major Prize Draw, return a completed reading log before Tuesday, 1 February 2022

The more reading logs you return, the more entries into the draw you will have!

For the chance to win even more prizes, register at <https://plv.beanstack.org/reader365>

**Read for your chance to win these fantastic prizes!**

- An Apple iPad 64 GB
- Lego
- A Family 3-in-1 pass which includes admission to the Pioneer Settlement
- A Mini Sphero kit
- \$50 Toyworld gift cards
- \$50 EB Games gift cards
- \$50 Showbiz Cinema gift cards...and lots more!



The Major Prize Draw will be held at 4pm on 11 February 2022.

With thanks to our generous sponsors:





# Our year in 2N

**Cherry**

getting to go swimming at the pool.

**Braith**

when we had the colour run at school.

This year in 2N we have been able to participate in lots of fun activities throughout the school year that we would like to share. My favourite thing about this year was...



**Emme**

getting to go to Art and PE classes.

**Shiloh**

when we went on school camp and when the Obstacle event was here.

**Mattaeus**

running around at the colour run at school.

**Aarav**

when we had the colour run at school.

**Brodey**

when we went on our school camp.

**Indy**

when we went on Year 2 Camp.

**Scarlett**

going swimming at the pool and my class.

**Isabel**

going swimming, and when Obstacle came to school.

**Rubi**

getting to play with lots of my friends at school.

**Xavier**

when Obstacle came to school.

**Eliza**

getting to work on my writing pieces.

**Mack**

going on camp and when Obstacle came to school.

**Gurbaj**

going outside and playing sports.

**Mia**

the Obstacle event and going swimming.

**Will**

going swimming at the pool.

**Stella**

getting to go swimming at the pool.

**Steele**

getting to run in the colour run.

**Ivy**

going on camp, Obstacle and playing with my friends.

**Milan**

playing with my friends at school.

**Max**

going swimming, at the pool.

**Deacon**

running around at the colour run event.

