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We had a very positive start to our school year last week and it was wonderful to witness classrooms and the playground full of happy children. Our Foundation children loved their first opportunity to meet and work with their Year 6 PALS, the brekky club was back, and it was equally as exciting to get into all classrooms and see children bright and energized and ready to start another school year! It was also fantastic to welcome parents back onsite and many families took the opportunity to bring their child to the classroom door and meet their teacher and other staff who work in that room.



Get those hairdos happening and make sure the shoes are polished, as it's school photo day tomorrow, **Tuesday 8th February!** On school photo day students wear the normal school uniform they would wear on Tuesdays. This means if your child has PE or Sport on Tuesday, they would wear their Sports uniform. If they don't, they wear their regular school uniform. All information has been sent out via PAM. The students' individual and class photos will be taken on this day. If you have any concerns or queries regarding your school photo order please give the office a call.



In the first few weeks of this year we focus on *“Learning To Learn”* at St Mary's. Time is spent on creating a safe and supportive learning environment, getting to know all students' DNA (Dreams, Needs and Abilities) and on establishing learning routines and expectations. There is also a strong emphasis on developing a culture of understanding and respect for each other in our school, supporting children to build their skills of resilience, have a growth mindset and relish taking on challenges. Across the classes we are discussing the different kinds of learning dispositions that we can develop and how we can live out the St Mary's Way.

We have Meet the teacher Chats [this week Tuesday February 8th & Wednesday February 9th](#). The details for booking a time have been emailed to you via PAM and if you have any trouble making a booking please phone the office. These have been set early in the term to provide an opportunity for all parents to touch base with staff by phone, share information about your child and together to set educational goals for the term ahead. I strongly encourage all families to take up this opportunity to book a time to chat with your child's teacher. It is a great way to connect and partner in your child's learning journey . We will return to onsite Student Led and 3 Way conferences in following interviews,as restrictions ease.

MEET THE TEACHER!

COVID Update

Thank you for the calm and sensible approach taken by families regarding the latest restrictions and requirements. It has been terrific to return to school without COVID dominating our start of year activities and classrooms this year. Our students in Year 3-6 have been fantastic at wearing their masks indoors and thank you to parents for being so organised and sending the children along to school with a mask each day. As masks need replacing (or washing) could I ask our parents of Year 3-6 students to regularly please check your child's bag and ensure they have sufficient supplies of masks each week. Just a reminder about the key Rapid Antigen Testing (RAT) information

- **Free RATS are available for all students at St Mary's School for the first 4 weeks of school. We will advise about the distribution arrangements for the Week 3-4 kits when they arrive**
- **Testing is voluntary**
- **Students are requested to test twice weekly with most families reporting that they are testing Sunday and Tuesday nights.**
- **Tests are provided in packs of 5 individual nasal tests**
- **Masks are mandatory for Students in Yr 3-6, unless a lawful exemption applies.**

Friday Assembly Update

Friday assemblies are held in the gym and are an opportunity to celebrate the week at school. Each Friday assembly is run by a different class who lead us in prayer and we like to enjoy a whole school sing along at these gatherings as well. Many family and friends attend assembly and often stay on and share lunch with their child in our playground.

COVID restrictions affecting numbers and indoor gatherings have placed some limits on our normal practices, so we are holding Friday assemblies **remotely** for the first 4 weeks of school. We will then reassess and advise if we can recommence indoor assemblies as a school community and if family and friends are able to attend. From Friday **February 18th**, families are warmly invited to join us for lunch in our passive play area any Friday. The only requirements are you must QR code and show proof of being fully vaccinated to a member of the office staff on your way in.



Bus Travel Reminder

Our bus schedules have rolled over from 2021, if you have made any [changes to your bus travel arrangements for 2022](#), please contact the office on 50332541.

Also, a reminder to our Foundation families, if your child will be catching a bus, please advise the office of a start date, even if they have older siblings at school. This helps to

ensure our records are up to date and to make sure each child has a buddy to assist them with bus travel.

Curriculum Newsletters

This week, your child will bring home a copy of their Term 1 curriculum newsletter that outlines the key learning that will take place in their classroom and when they attend specialist classes. This newsletter assists 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.

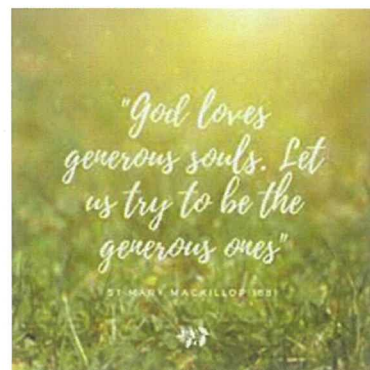
Our Josephite Heritage

This year we will endeavor to honor our Josephite heritage and the immense contribution by the sisters in shaping our school, by including a reflection from Mary MacKillop in our newsletter each week.

"God loves generous souls. Let us try to be the generous ones" Mary MacKillop,

Parent Car Parks

We will continue with our system of students with surnames **A-L using the carpark near the office** and **M-Z using the parent gym carpark** at the start and end of the day.



I look forward to this year, working with all families and seeing you back on site. My door is always open for conversations or simply for you to say 'Hi'.

Kate



School Wide Positive Behaviour Support -St Mary's Way

As part of our School Wide Positive Behaviour Support (SWPBS) both staff and students over the past years have developed the St Mary's Way. The 4 norms of the St Mary's Way guide the students to reach their full potential and promote a positive learning environment for all.

1. Be Responsible
2. Be Respectful
3. Be Safe
4. Be Your Best

Our Learning to Learn units at the start of the year focus on teaching and modelling 'The St Mary's Way' and set up the classroom so that relationships are developed and learning can take place in a positive way.

This week marks the start of our first Blitz, which is a focus on a positive behaviour we would like to strengthen in our school community. Our first blitz is on Positive Greetings as we know how powerful and affirming a cheery hello and acknowledgement from others can be. If you are in the yard at all I hope you receive many smiles, helios and greetings as we practice and reinforce this very important life skill.



Physical Education - Miss Clark

Open Water Swimming

The Year 3's and 4's really enjoyed their Open Water Swimming Experience held at Lake Boga last week on Thursday and Friday. While the water was a little chilly, they have learned some valuable skills in how to be safe around open water. Thank you to the class teachers for supervision and to Life Saving Victoria for running the activities.



Swimming Trials

The St. Mary's Swimming Trials will be held on Thursday, 10th of February at the Swan Hill Swimming Pool beginning at 1.00pm for those children in year 3-6 that have expressed interest. On this day, each child who wishes to participate will be given the opportunity to swim in the stroke(s) that they have nominated. We will simply record their time for each nominated stroke to determine the fastest 2 swimmers for each event in each age group.

The trials are open to children who must be turning 9 or older this year and must be confident to swim 50m without stopping.

A note will go home this week to confirm your child's participation and parent helpers. Please ensure PAM permission is given for your child to attend.

School Sport Victoria (SSV) State Team Trials

Students who turn 10, 11 or 12 in 2022 have the opportunity to register to trial for the State SSV teams for 2022. The trials are held in Swan Hill in April/May 2022. (Trials dates are listed on the Mallee Division website, all held between 4.00-5.00pm at local venues)

Important information

1. Main Sports are AFL Football, Netball, Soccer and Basketball.
2. Students can register for Hockey, Triathlon and Volleyball trials, but these trials are not held in Swan Hill.
3. **Students need to be 'talented' at their chosen sports.** These trials are not come and try events.
4. Online Registrations on the SSV State Website. <http://www.ssv.vic.edu.au> opened Wednesday, 1st December 2021 and **close Tuesday 1st March 2022**. (no late entries accepted after that date) There is a one off fee per sport which is non-refundable.
5. A student can register for more than one sport but would have to pay a fee for each sport they select.
6. **Each school can register up to 3 children to trial for a particular sport. If there are more than 3 who register then schools must do their own trial before the division level.**
7. Students must get their Principal and the School Sports Rep Permission to trial.
8. If they are selected to progress from the Swan Hill trials, students then move on to trial against students from across the Loddon Mallee Region. There are quite a few levels of trials before the final teams are selected.
9. For further information please contact your local school, SSV Website or contact your District and Division Coordinators.

KEY DATES

Tuesday February 8th

School photo day
Information has been sent
via PAM

Tuesday February 8th & Wednesday February 9th

Meet the Teacher Chat
via phone

Wednesday February 9th

Foundation rest day
Foundation Literacy &
Numeracy Interviews
commence

Thursday February 10th

Swimming Trials

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>

Book Club - Issue 1

Scholastic Book Club Issue 1 will be sent home this week. We will not be accepting cash payments for orders. Please order online following the instructions below.

Issue 1 orders are due by Tuesday February 15th.

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

(St. Mary's SWAN HILL)



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

Canteen Helpers Needed

We are looking for volunteers to help in our school canteen. Parents, grandparents, aunts, everyone is welcome. Volunteer hours are generally from 11.30am-1.30pm but any assistance would be greatly appreciated. You will need to have a valid Working with Children's Check and also provide evidence of your vaccination status.

Volunteers are required to have received three doses of the COVID-19 vaccine by 25th February 2022 if they became fully vaccinated on or before 25th October 2021. For those that became fully vaccinated after 25th October 2021, the deadline is 15th March 2022 or have a valid medical exemption.

Please email office@smswanhill.catholic.edu.au with days/dates that you are able to assist.

Mon Feb 7	Tue Feb 8	Wed Feb 9	Thur Feb 10	Friday Feb 11
		Kylie Andrews		Belinda Free
Mon Feb 14	Tue Feb 15	Wed Feb 16	Thur Feb 17	Friday Feb 17
		Andrea O'Reilly	Belinda Free	

Lost Property

Our lost property bin is emptied each week with items that are clearly named returned to children via their classroom baskets. A reminder to please clearly label jumpers, hats, drinkers, lunchboxes etc with your child's first name and surname.

End of Day arrangements

At St Mary's we have a 3 bell system at the conclusion of the school day;

1st Bell at 3.15pm: Town bus travellers, bike riders and children who walk home

2nd Bell at 3.20pm: Country bus travellers

3rd Bell at 3.25pm: Children collected by parents and those children going to OSHC

Book Fair

Book Fair will be held this year from Tuesday the 22nd of February to Friday the 25th of February. The school receives 30% of money raised in book stock for our library. We will have a large range of books displayed, which the children will view during their library class time. The children make a "Wish List" which they bring home with an order form. If purchasing any books this must be sent back to the office no later than Friday the 4th of March.

School Fees 2022

We have calculated the school fees for 2022, these have been emailed or posted out. If you would like assistance setting up a direct debit or have any questions or queries about the fees please contact the office, we are more than happy to discuss them.

Camps, Sports & Excursions Fund (CSEF)

Applications for CSEF close on 24th June 2022.

If you hold a valid means-tested concession card or are a temporary foster parent, you may be eligible for CSEF. The allowance is paid to the school to use towards expenses relating to camps, excursions or sporting activities for the benefit of your child. The annual CSEF amount per student is \$125 for primary school students.

HOW TO APPLY:

New applicants should contact the school office to obtain a CSEF application form or download from the CSEF website.

<https://www.education.vic.gov.au/about/programs/Pages/csef.aspx>

If you applied for the CSEF at your child's school in 2021, you do not need to complete an application form in 2022 unless there has been a change in your family circumstances. You only need to complete an application form if any of the following changes have occurred:

- new student enrolments; your child has started or changed schools in 2022 or you did not apply in 2021
- changed family circumstances; such as a change of custody, change of name, concession card number, or new siblings commencing at the school in 2022.

If you are unsure please contact the school office on 50332541.

If you are eligible for CSEF you are also eligible for the Family Fee Assistance Scheme. The FFAS amount for 2022 is \$850.00. This amount is credited against your school fee account once your CSEF application has been validated.



CAMPS, SPORTS AND EXCURSIONS FUND (CSEF)

Student of the Week - Term 1 Week 1		
6A	Isla B	Owen U
6B	Will O'B	Lil H Alexis L
6W	Luca Z	Emmy B
6Y	Esperanza R	Harrison B
5 Orange	Georgia M	Ha My H
5 Yellow	Charli S	Bohden B
5 Green	Tommy N	Sonic H
5 Blue	Emett W	Charlee W
4K	Gemma N	Ryder W
4L	Harvey H	Tomika P
4M	Arie W	Braxton W
4N	Charlotte T	Foley S
3G	Harry B	Maggie O'C
3H	Mattaeus C	Isabel F
3I	Sebastian C	Mary D
3J	Noah O'S	Oliver K
2R	Georgie M	Thea T
2S	Kenzie C	Harrison B
2U	Arlee P	Dustin M
1O	Emily B Ava H	Kur M
1P	Billy L	Grace McC
1Q	Evie W	Di V
F C	Indi C	Iylah N
F D	Angus N	Indi M
F E	Hattie P	Logan H
F F	Levi J-Lo	Isabelle D
F T	Nyran F	Agamdeep K
Art	Tawney McN, Zoe C, All of 4M, Kur M	
Music	Jimmy W, all of 2u, Kruz Hazlett	
Italian	All of 3G, Kruz H, All of 6Y, Alfie C	
PE	Olivia R, Ingrid C, Logan K, Bohden B	

RUZ

**MINI TWILIGHT TRI
SATURDAY 19TH FEBRUARY 6PM START
RIVERSIDE PARK SWAN HILL**

SWIM, RIDE & RUN ALONG THE SCENIC MURRAY RIVER & PIONEER SETTLEMENT.
ALL AGES & FITNESS LEVELS WELCOME. START & FINISH AT RIVERSIDE PARK, SWAN HILL.

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Scientific Ride Raising Awareness and Funds for Children for Children

SWAN HILL
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CHANG, H. H. 1997. The effects of temperature and salinity on the growth and survival of the bay anchovy, *Anchoa hepsetus*, in the southern Taiwan Strait. *Journal of Experimental Marine Biology and Ecology* 212:111-124.

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Aussie Hoops is all about learning to play basketball in a fun and safe environment. Our national coaching curriculum and sequentially developed program consists of warm-up games, skill activities and modified games all delivered by accredited coaches. We invite you to explore our website and welcome you to the Australian basketball community.

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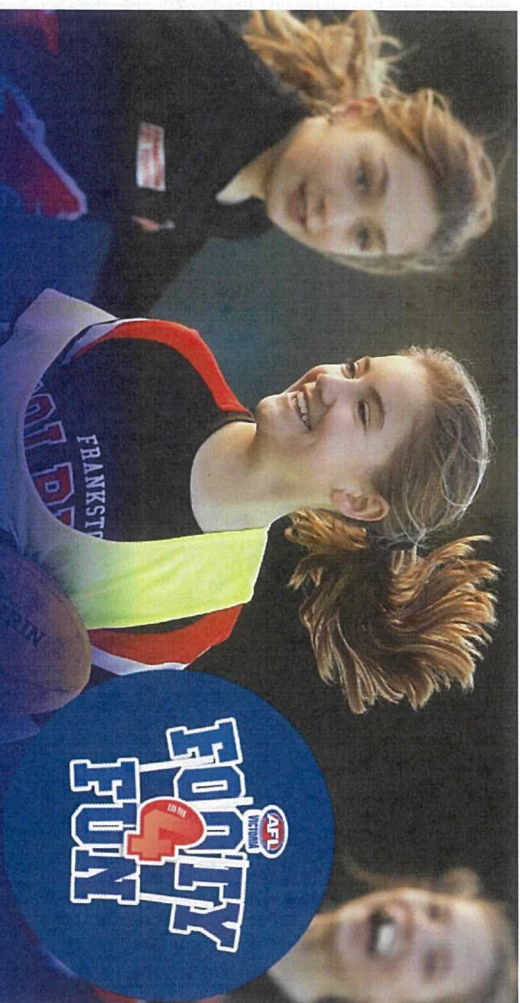
@ aussiehoops.basketball/find-a-program/

SATURDAYS MORNINGS 11:00

Finishes 1st April 2022

GIRLS & BOYS BORN 2015-2016





COME AND TRY

FEMALE FOOTY!

KERANG SWAN HILL

WEDNESDAY 23RD FEB

TUESDAY 1ST MARCH

4.30-5.30 - KERANG OVAL

4.30-5.30 - SWAN HILL REC

8-14 YEARS OF AGE

8-14 YEARS OF AGE



QR CODE 8-12 YEAR OLDS

QR CODE 13-14 YEAR OLDS

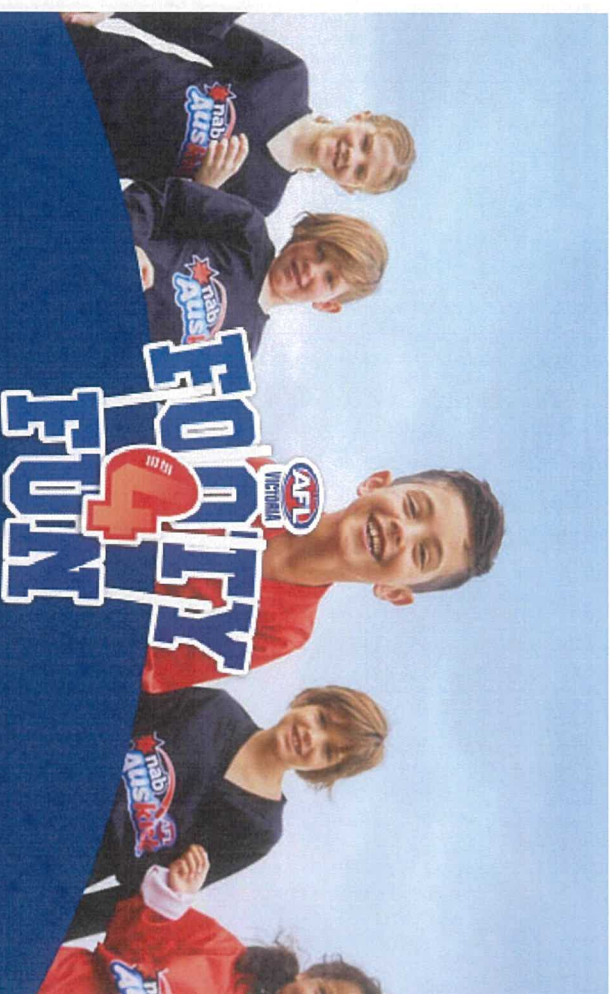
REGISTER USING THE LINK OR SCAN QR CODE

<https://www.playhq.com/afl/register/827df0> 8-12 YEAR OLDS

<https://forms.office.com/r/5Bane2BFb7> 13-14 YEAR OLDS



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FOOTBALL PROGRAMS

KERANG SWAN HILL

WEDNESDAY 23RD OF FEB

TUESDAY 1ST OF MARCH

4.30-5.30

4.30-5.30

KERANG FOOTBALL OVAL

SWAN HILL REC RESERVE

8-12 YEARS OF AGE BOYS

HAVE SOME FOOTBALL FUN AND LEARN MORE ABOUT

THE 2022 SEASON

REGISTER USING THE LINK OR SCAN THE QR CODE

<https://www.playhq.com/afl/register/d3f3f1>



ANY QUIRES PLEASE CONTACT
DAVID.ALDERUCCIO@AFL.COM.AU



Happy Birthday

February 7th - Charlie B

February 8th - Lincoln C

February 9th - Jacob C, Ruby E

February 10th - Maverick C, Parks K

February 11th - Henley M

February 12th - Srinika K, Gracie Z

We hope you have a lovely day!!!!

