



Term 1 Week 3

St. Mary's Primary School Newsletter

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February 14th 2022

Welcome to Week 3

Welcome to week three! It seems a lot has happened at St Mary's since last Monday's newsletter. We had a beautiful sunny day for school photos last Tuesday while our Meet the Teacher Chats were very positive and a great opportunity for staff and families to share information and set goals for the term ahead. In classrooms, our 'Learning to Learn' units have continued, providing the foundation for teachers and children to establish their routines and expectations.



Today our Year 6 students participated in a Student Leadership Development Day where they focussed on learning more about themselves and their peers as leaders and team players. Highlights included the lego challenge, the M&M reflection, team games and the pizza lunch! Thanks to Mrs Davies, Mrs Parsons, Mrs Rodriguez, Mr Prockter, Mrs Martin, and Mr Daniels for organising such a terrific day.

On Thursday we welcomed Tehan Batugoda to St Mary's. We hope Tehan will all be very happy here and we are looking forward to him being part of our learning community.

COVID Update

We had another great response to our Drive through RATS pick up on Friday with a large number of families taking advantage of the opportunity to collect another pack of tests.

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**
- **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 Year 3-6, unless a lawful exemption applies**

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.

PALS

Our Foundation and Year 6 students got together last week for their first PAL session and had an absolute blast! Check out these special friendship moments



Book Fair

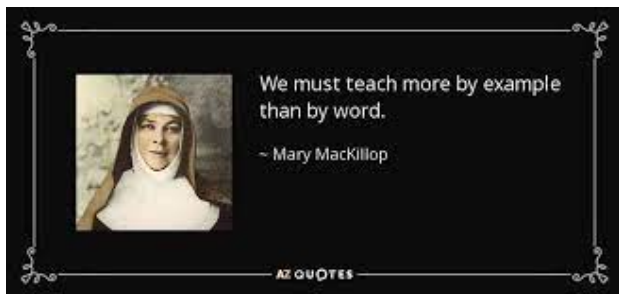
The Book Fair will be held this year from Tuesday the 22nd of February to Friday the 25th of February. The school receives 30% of money raised in book stock for our library. We will have a large range of books displayed, which the children will view during their library class time. The children make 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.

Family Fee Assistance Scheme

In all Ballarat Diocesan Catholic Primary Schools, tuition fee discounts are available to families eligible for a means tested Centrelink or Veteran Affairs concession card. The scheme offers tuition fee discounts to both Catholic and non-Catholic families, to new and current students. If you are eligible for the above concession card and require further information regarding this scheme, please contact the school office for more information.

Camps Sports and Excursions Fund (CSEF)

Families holding a valid means-tested concession card or temporary foster parents are eligible to apply. \$125 per year is paid for eligible primary school students. Payments are made directly to the school and are tied to the student. More details are available in the "News from the Office" section of the newsletter



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 or quote from Mary MacKillop in our newsletter each week.

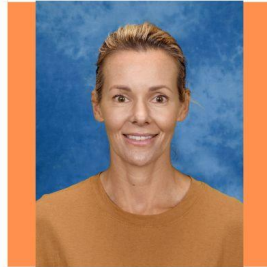
Have a wonderful day and good luck to all our tennis players in Country Week.

Kate

MEET YOUR WELLBEING TEAM



BRENDA



JORDAN



KRISHELL



MR ROD



MEL



BROOKLAN

Wellbeing Staff and Allocation 2022

Name	Year Level	Days
Brenda Ford	Foundation	Monday to Friday
Jordan Morris	Year 3	Tuesday to Friday
Krishell Wilson	Year 2 and Year 4	Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday
Josh Rodriguez	Year 5 and Year 6	Monday, Wednesday and Thursday
Brooklan Caruso	Year 5 and Year 6	Tuesday and Friday
Melanie White	Year 1	Monday, Tuesday and Thursday

RE News - Mrs Davies

Sacramental Dates 2022

With the postponement of all Sacramental celebrations in 2020 due to Covid and limited opportunities to complete these in 2021 either - 2022 is going to be a big year for our children completing their sacraments! Please find below a schedule of dates to put into your calendar -

Reconciliation

Year 3 & 4 - Tuesday 5th April 2022 - Evening

Eucharist

Year 4 & any 5/6 children not completed either Eucharist or Confirmation - 16/17th July & 23/24th July 2022

Confirmation

Year 3 - 22/23rd October 2022

There will be a Parent Sacramental Information Evening to be held on Sunday 20th March at 10.30am - we will provide more details about this in the near future.



Physical Education - Miss Clark

Swimming Trials

On Thursday 11th of Feb, 80 St Mary's students entered the school swim trials at the Swan Hill Outdoor Pool. It was fantastic to see so many students get involved and they should all be proud of their efforts. A huge thank you to the parents who volunteered their time to help with the running of the trials, it is greatly appreciated. Students who qualified will go to the Division Swimming held on Monday 21st of Feb.

Year 5/6 Summer Sports practice sessions

Students in Year 5 and 6 will begin their coaching session for Summer Sports with their first session this Friday afternoon at school. They will have four more sessions including; 18th Feb, 25th Feb and 4th March and 11th all on Friday afternoons. The students will be coached by St Mary MacKillop College students. The sport options available to the students were Basketball, Tennis, Cricket and Softball. This program allows students to practice and enjoy their nominated sport for the upcoming District Summer Sports competition later in March.

House Captains

The 2022 Sports Captains were announced and presented with their badges at assembly on Monday. The sports captains are; Bunyips - Maddox P, Isla G, Sam B, Charlie E, Bandicoots - Violet C, Miela R, Owen Uebergang, Harrison B, Dingoes - Matilda T, Indie M, Harry H, Rory D, Wombats - Isla B, Lana B, Thomas K and Jack K. I am very much looking forward to working alongside these students for the year.



KEY DATES

Wednesday February 16th

Foundation rest day

Monday February 21st

Book Fair starts

Monday February 21st

Division Swimming
Carnival

Monday February 28th &

Tuesday March 1st

Year 3 Camp

Information has been sent
via PAM

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/dHdBOThsSW9JeHUxYTFEwaHNxZlMrdz0>

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 14	Tue Feb 15	Wed Feb 16	Thur Feb 17	Fri Feb 17
		Andrea O'Reilly		
Mon Feb 21	Tues Feb 22	Wed Feb 23	Thur Feb 24	Fri Feb 25
Emily Violi			Erin Garnham	

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.

Collecting your child outside of regular finishing times

We understand that appointments come up unexpectedly and plans change, however we kindly remind you that we do call ups for students at the following times to minimise distributions to the classrooms;

10.55am (recess), 12.55pm (lunch) & 3pm (end of day)

Please phone the office 50332541 ahead of time if you need to pick your child up early.

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.

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 2

6A	Travis B-B	Skye P
6B	Ella W	Mason F
6W	Bodhi S	Jasmine H
6Y	Abhijeet B	Stella E
5 Orange	Dilsheen B	Hugh W
5 Yellow	Ryley Q Aiden K	Addison M
5 Green	Brydie A	Leila K
5 Blue	Chelsea T	Dane R
4K	Kathleen K	Jagger M
4L	Eli L	Madison McL
4M	Belle L	Rylan G
4N	Sean C- S	Evie C
3G	Vann N	Simran K
3H	Rubi K	Louis R
3I	Archer T	Emme H
3J	Julian P	Madison D
2R	Johannes O	Angela W
2S	Kaylynn F	George M
2U	Estelle H	Lachie L
1O	Spencer H	Amahlia M
1P	Lewis K	Ingrid C
1Q	Isabel I	Lola V
F C	Fletcher C	Lachie K
F D	Alfie C	Charlotte P
F E	Billie G	Arlo McA
F F	Tullie W	Willa S
F T	Lucy K	Daniel W
Art	Molly D, Ruby G, Helen S, Jack L	
Music	Drama - All of 2S, Music- Lizzie T, Mav C, Elliott W, Flynn O'B	
Italian	Oliver K, Henry O'B, Jobe S, Chelsea T	
PE	Brody C, Indi H, Tilly S, Thomas L	

29th annual



Sunday, March 6

Ride/Run/Walk

Factory and Field Waffles
Cohuna Bridge to Bridge
Island Road, Cohuna
www.bridgetobridge.org.au

If the Bridge to Bridge is cancelled, all events will revert to virtual events.

- CMA Healthy Gunbower Forest Kids K
- Dunkinway Tyrepower 6.5km Fun Run/Walk
- The Bridge Newspaper 12.5km Trail Run
- Cohuna Auto Electrical 21.1km Trail Run
- 6.5km Junior Cycle
- 25km Cycle
- Mawsons 50km Cycle
- Virtual Options for Each Event

A major fundraiser for the



with proceeds going towards a cardiac monitor.

Organised by the Bridge to Bridge Committee and



Cohuna Neighbourhood House
The heart of our community.




COME AND TRY FEMALE FOOTY!

TYNTYNDER UNDER 14 GIRLS

SUNDAY 20TH MARCH
11.00 AM START
ALAN GARDEN RESERVE
BBQ LUNCH AND INFORMATION TO FOLLOW
8-14 YEARS OLDS

Contact Jess Merrett 0419 436 049 for more information

REGISTER USING THE LINK OR SCAN QR CODE
<https://www.playhq.com/af1/register/4a895c>





Enrolments & Enquires
Please contact Miss Natasha (Mrs Gerakis)
0407520263
natasha@strikeposedancestudio.com

MONDAY CLASSES

TIME	NAME OF CLASS	AGE GROUP	DANCE STYLES
4.15 - 5.15	JAZZ & TAP JUNIORS	Pre school to Year 2	Jazz/Tap
5.15 - 6.30	TRIPLE COMBO INTERS	Year 3 to Year 6	Jazz/Tap/Theatre
6.30 - 8pm	TRIPLE COMBO SENIORS	Year 7+	Jazz/Tap/ Theatre

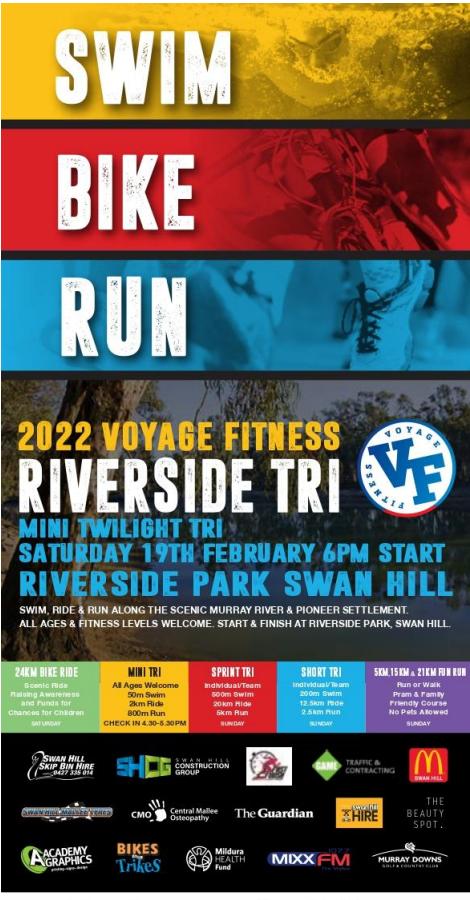
THURSDAY CLASSES

TIME	NAME OF CLASS	AGE GROUP <i>use as a guide only</i>	DANCE STYLES
3.45 - 4.30	My DANCE -for students with special needs or physical disabilities	ALL SCHOOL LEVELS	Creative Dance
4.30 - 5.30	INTER HIP HOP	Primary School Age	Hip Hop
5.30 - 6.30	SENIOR HIP HOP	Year 7 +	Hip Hop
6.30 - 7.30	SENIOR CONTEMPORARY	Year 7 +	Contemporary Dance

Classes held at the Swan Hill Senior Citizens Building, Curlewis St

Thinking of getting your child into Scouting? Joeys and Cubs are for boys and girls that love fun, adventure and making friends. Please contact Nicole 0400 570 683 or Stuart 0437 870 231 for more information.

Girl Guides - Wednesdays 4.30pm-6pm at the Guide Hall, High Street Swan Hill. Contact Leone 50324454 for more details.



SWIM BIKE RUN


2022 VOYAGE FITNESS RIVERSIDE TRI

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.

24KM BIKE RIDE Scientific Ride Planning & Swearthart and friends will be on hand. CHECK IN 4.30-5.30PM	MINI TRI All Ages Welcome 50m Swim 20m Ride 800m Run	SPRINT TRI Individuals/Team 500m Swim 20m Ride 800m Run	SHORCY TRI Individuals/Team 200m Swim 15.5km Ride 2.5km Run	50M SWIM, 15KM RIDE RUN Run or Walk Prize & Family Family Guide No Pets Allowed
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REGISTER ONLINE www.riversidetri.com.au





COME AND TRY

FEMALE FOOTY!

KERANG SWAN HILL

WEDNESDAY 23RD FEB 4.30-5.30 - KERANG OVAL
8-14 YEARS OF AGE

TUESDAY 1ST MARCH 4.30-5.30 - SWAN HILL REC
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/5BaNzBFb7> 13-14 YEAR OLDS



FOOTBALL PROGRAMS

KERANG SWAN HILL

WEDNESDAY 23RD OF FEB 4.30-5.30
KERANG FOOTBALL OVAL

TUESDAY 1ST OF MARCH 4.30-5.30
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/qfl/register/d3f3f1>



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



HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO...

FEB 14 - CLEO M

FEB 15 - TAJ K

FEB 16 - SUKHLEEN K

FEB 17 - JACK B, RUBY T, FLORENCE T

FEB 18 - MATTAEUS C, MADDISON S, KHANH V

FEB 19 - INGRID C, MACKENZIE H, INDI M

FEB 20 - CHERRY N, INDIGO P, OLIVER S



FUN IN YEAR 4!

IN 4L WE ARE SO HAPPY TO BE BACK AT SCHOOL AND WE ARE REALLY LOOKING FORWARD TO
THE HIGHLIGHTS OF YEAR 4.

WE ARE REALLY EXCITED ABOUT:

Banu - Going to Halls Gap for camp.

Max - Going to Halls Gap for camp.

Lucas - Cross Country.

Tahlia - St. Mary's Got Talent.

Harvey - Everything.

Agamjot - Getting my Pen Licence.

Paige - Book Week.

Eli - Going to Halls Gap for camp.

Tyler - Athletics Day at Ken Harrison Reserve.

Madison - St. Mary's Got Talent.

Dex - Athletics Day at Ken Harrison Reserve.

Landon - Shrove Tuesday.

Milla - Grandparents and Special Friends Night.

Minh - Food at Grandparents and Special Friends Night.

Ella - Book Week.

Henry - Athletics Day at Ken Harrison Reserve.

Samantha - Athletics Day at Ken Harrison Reserve.

Tomika - Going to Halls Gap for camp.

Toby - Lots of excursions.

Harlow - St. Mary's Got Talent.

Mackenzie - New Foundation students at school.

Temi - Going to specialist subjects.

