



Term 1 Week 7

St. Mary's Primary School Newsletter

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March 16th 2022

Welcome to Week 7

Dear Parents,

I hope you all had a lovely extra long weekend and had a chance to relax and refresh with family and friends.

A sincere thank you to all those for their assistance on Friday. Our senior students on the bus are to be commended for the way they sprang into action and helped the younger children and many people in nearby shops and cars stopped to assist. Our staff were also amazing. From the ambos, police and members of the local community, there has been nothing but praise for the way staff from St Mary's were on hand for children and their families. A special mention must go to the Senior Leadership team, the office and wellbeing staff who all worked together on Friday and over the long weekend to make sure families had the support they needed.

We have additional wellbeing support in place today for the students to assist them with settling back into school and are very grateful that Linda the bus driver, is home from hospital and doing well.



Open Day 1 - Wednesday 16th March 5pm

We are happiest when prospective families pay us a visit to see for themselves what makes us different. New and existing families are invited to join us to learn about St Mary's at our first **Open Day TODAY - Wednesday 16th March** with tours starting at 5pm. We will have further Open Days on weekends in both April and May and the opportunity to see our school in action throughout the day during Term 2.

Please call the office on 50332541 or filling a registration form at;



<https://app.enquirytracker.net/webforms/event-registration/80bf6780-97a6-497a-87fb-847fc2d93e8c>

ST MARY'S IS KNOWN FOR ITS STRONG FAMILY PARTNERSHIPS, COMMITMENT TO THE WELLBEING OF EVERY CHILD AND OUTSTANDING ACADEMIC RECORD.

**St Mary's
Primary School
OPEN DAY**

Wednesday March 16, 2022

ENROLMENTS FOR 2023 ARE NOW BEING ACCEPTED

We warmly invite prospective families to visit our school to see for themselves what makes us different. Come chat to our staff as they show you around our school.

Tours at 5pm

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St Patrick's Race Meeting

The St Patrick's Race Meeting will be held on [Sunday March 20th](#) at the Swan Hill Racecourse. After a two year absence, it will be great to be back on the track to raise some funds for the local Catholic schools. Entry tickets are \$10 per single and \$15 for a double. Raffle tickets are \$2 a ticket or 3 for \$5. Your child brought home entry tickets and raffle tickets. Please return your entry ticket and raffle ticket money to the front office by Friday March 18th.



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. Mary MacKillop has been described as a 'nuts and bolts' saint because she was extremely practical and action oriented. Her words are a wonderful challenge to us and a reminder we have the ability to make a positive difference in the lives of others.



Harmony Day - Tuesday March 22nd

Harmony Day celebrates Australia's cultural diversity. It is about inclusiveness, respect and a sense of belonging for all. With our vibrant student population at St Mary's, it is a wonderful day for us to celebrate the diversity and gifts that exist within our school. This special day will be celebrated at St Mary's on **Tuesday March 22nd** and we have been working on providing some great events and activities to celebrate this special day.

The official colour for Harmony day is orange and all children are encouraged to wear something orange on the day or to dress in their national costume.

Community Groups

At St Mary's we have many opportunities for children to mix and get to know each other and other teachers. Community Groups is one of these. We run Community Groups once a term with children being vertically grouped with family members and the same teacher for the year. This is a great way for children to meet other children and teachers and to build positive relationships with others. Our first Community Group session for the term will run on Tuesday March 22th from 11.25-12.30 and focus on completing a Harmony Day activity together

Parent Teacher Interviews and Student Led Conferences

Tuesday 29/3 and Wednesday 30/3 have been set aside for staff to conduct Parent/Teacher Interviews. This is a great opportunity for all parents to book a time to spend with your child's teacher. Our Year 5 & 6 students will participate in Student Led Conferences while our Year 2-4 students will run 3 Way Chats with **both parents and their children** required to attend. Foundation and Year 1 will have Parent/Teacher interviews where the children are not required to attend. Bookings will open next week.

Enjoy what the week brings and we look forward assembly prayer led by 5 Green on Friday

Kate



Below is some more information for parents and carers regarding “The Resilience Project”

Part 1: Introducing The Resilience Project – Parent and Carer video series. The Resilience Project delivers emotionally engaging programs and provides evidence-based, practical strategies to build resilience.

The Digital Program consists of online presentations and lessons for students, professional development for staff, and a video series for our parent and carer community.

Over the coming weeks, we'll be sharing the Parent and Carer Program with you. The videos are 5-10 minutes long and will walk through the key pillars of resilience: Gratitude, Empathy and Mindfulness. You'll hear stories and be introduced to activities to show how these strategies can support our kids' learning and development, and also support you as parents and carers.

This program is an important part of our school's effort to look after the mental health of our community.

Curriculum News - Mrs Hall

[Sunshine Online/Classic, Reading Eggs and Phonics Hero](#)

At St. Mary's we are very fortunate to have many subscriptions to support our students in the area of Literacy and Numeracy which are great engaging resources to utilize out of school hours.

Sunshine Online which is a wonderful website containing hundreds of levelled texts. Children can log in and read along to stories and then complete associated interactive games and activities. Students enjoy using this website and it is a fun and motivational way to keep the “reading miles”. **Username : smswanhill Password : smswanhill**

We also have a subscription to **Sunshine Classics** which is another digital literacy program with over 300 E- books and 1000 interactive language activities to enjoy

Username : murlong

Password : murlong

Our Year 1 children have individualised log in codes for **Reading Eggs**. Designed by literacy experts, Reading Eggs makes learning essential literacy skills easy and fun for younger children. Foundations are supported by the **Phonics Hero** subscription with the focus on phonics, reading and spelling online interactive games.

Mathletics and Mathseeds

In the area of Mathematics, the Year 2-6 students have individualised logs in for **Mathletics**. Mathletics provides learners with the chance to put their mathematics skills to use through activities and challenges that are relevant and. Students have access to relevant content set by their teachers that will reinforce their learning and challenge them to go to the next level.

Yr 1's have access to **Mathseeds**. Mathseeds teaches kids aged 3-9 core math and problem solving skills with fun online math games and activities.

RE News - Mrs Davies

And, in light of the fear and fighting in our world, we remember in our prayers the people of Ukraine as they encounter the threat of fear and destruction. We pray

A Prayer for Ukraine

God of peace and justice,
we pray for the people of Ukraine today.
We pray for peace and the laying down of weapons.
We pray for all those who fear for tomorrow,
that your Spirit of comfort would draw near to them.
We pray for those with power over war or peace,
for wisdom, discernment and compassion
to guide their decisions.
Above all, we pray for all your precious children, at risk and in fear,
that you would hold and protect them.
We pray in the name of Jesus, the Prince of Peace.
Amen.

Archbishop Justin Welby
Archbishop Stephen Cottrell



Physical Education - Miss Clark

Tennis Tryouts for Regional Finals

On Thursday 10th of March, St Mary's had four students nominated to try out for the Regional Finals held at the Lawn Tennis Club. A special thank you to Max Carroll (PE Coordinator at Swan Hill Primary) who helped transport and run the day. Congratulations to Oliver S, Harrison B, Zoe B and Lana B for making it through to the Regional Finals which will be held on Monday the 4th of April.

Regional Swimming

This Thursday, 13 St. Mary's students will represent the school at the Regional Swimming held at the Swan Hill Outdoor Pool beginning at 2pm. All students have done an amazing job already to get to this level by coming first in their Division event. The students will be competing against their peers from Bendigo, Echuca and Mildura. We wish all the competitors the very best of luck!

KEY DATES

Wednesday March 16th

Open Day
Tours at 5pm

Sunday March 20th

St Patrick's Races
Swan Hill Racecourse

Tuesday March 22nd

Harmony Day
Casual Dress Day:
Wear something orange or
your National dress
More information on the
flyer attached

Friday March 25th

Year 5 & 6 Summer Sports
Information has been sent to
families via PAM

Monday March 28th

Year 6 Transition visit by
MacKillop

Tuesday March 29th - Wednesday March 30th

Parent Teacher
Interviews
More information to follow

Friday April 8th

Last Day of Term 1

Monday April 25th

ANZAC Day

Tuesday April 26th

First Day of Term 2

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/dHdBOThsSW9JeHUxYTFEwaHNxZIMrdz0>

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 triple vaccination status.

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

Mon March 14	Tues March 15	Wed March 16 AFL Launch Day	Thur March 17	Fri March 18
Public Holiday	Pupil Free Day	Yvonne Graham Gemma Harrower Kylie Shoesmith	Mandy Milley	Kathryn Auricht
Mon March 21	Tues March 22	Wed March 23	Thur March 24	Fri March 25
Helper needed	Kathryn Auricht	Andrea O'Reilly	Belinda Free	Jess Jacka

CDF Pay recess and lunch orders

Just a reminder that the cut off for recess and lunch orders on CDF Pay is **10am**.

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)

If you notify your child's teacher that you will be picking up your child for an appointment, leaving early etc, please also let the office know on 50332541 or office@smswanhill.catholic.edu.au

Book Club - Issue 2

Scholastic Book Club Issue 2 has been sent home. We will not be accepting cash payments for orders. Please order online following the instructions below.

Issue 2 orders are due by Tuesday 22nd March.

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 (typed as is here);

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



Student of the Week - Term 1 Week 6

6A	Pippa W	Lana B
6B	Lenny R	Isla G Ryan D
6W	Harrison McC	Chloe M
6Y	Max R	Mitchell K Arou M
5 Orange	Elli S	William McD
5 Yellow	5 Yellow	
5 Green	Evie K	Lola P
5 Blue	Lacey C	Rory M
4K	Cooper H	Domi C
4L	Ella O'B	Toby R
4M	Evie S	Sampson S
4N	All of 4N	
3G	Charlie H	Xavier L
3H	Mia H	Mackenzie H
3I	Oliver S	Hadisa E
3J	Margie T	Hugo B
2R	Rubi S	Maeve Mcl
2S	Delilah B	Chelsea P
2U	Max G	Dakota P
1O	Crystal M	Helen S
1P	Jasper B Chase S	Travis D
1Q	Maverick C	Elijah R
F C	Iggy O	Sam D
F D	Benji K	Harry W
F E	Fynn McD	Abigail McCr
F F	Srinika K	Ginny A
F T	Archer M	Matilda C
Art	Violet C, Hugh W, Eva D, All of 3J	
Drama	Isabel F	
Music	Agamjot S, Daisy M, Rory D	
Italian	All of 4K, Judd O'S, Vincent C, Arou M	
PE	All fo 6B, All of 5G, Pacey T, April T, Chelsea P	



KELLY SPORTS AT ST PATS DAY RACES – SUNDAY MARCH 20

Challenger activities (30 mins)	Fun zones	Team sports (30 mins)	Craft Activities
Sack Bag Races	Giant Noughts & Crosses	Saville (fun hockey game with oversized foam bats)	Sport Themed
Egg & Spoon Races	Tennis	Soccer	
Crazy games	Totem Tennis	Tail Tag	
Parachute activities	Croquet	Poison Ball	
Handpass comp	Giant Snakes & Ladders	Cricket	
Tug of War	Circus activities	Capture the flag	
Obstacle Course	Jenga	AFL	
Corn hole challenge	Corn Whole	Kids Choice	



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HARMONY DAY

TUESDAY 22ND MARCH

Celebrating Australia's Cultural Diversity



WEAR ORANGE OR YOUR NATIONAL DRESS

**GELATO WILL BE AVAILABLE FROM THE
CANTEEN AT LUNCH TIME FOR \$1**



Music | Culture | Food

SWAN HILL HARMONY DAY

Riverside Park

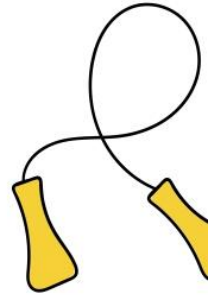
26 MARCH 2022, 4pm-8pm

Welcome to Country • Kids activities • Traditional Dress Parade
Dancing • Indonesian Dance Workshop and performance
• Colombian music with Rose Páez



Communities for Children. Funded
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Department of Social Services.
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We acknowledge the Traditional owners of the lands on which we gather and pay our respects to Elders past, present and emerging.



ACTIVE APRIL

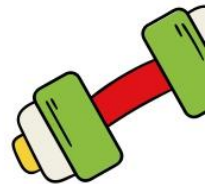
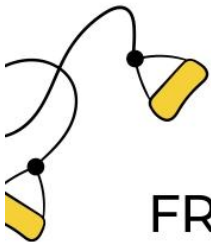


Do you want to increase physical activity in your child's life?

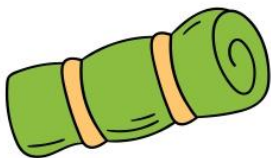


The Health Promotion Team are encouraging your child to move more often this April.

Your child can track the physical activity they complete, to win some prizes!



FREE tracking booklets & calendars provided, with movements ideas included!



FREE local "Come & Try" days.

**For more information or to register;
Email: mopthoog@shdh.org.au**

Or call 5033 9337

60 McCrae Street, Swan Hill



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Happy Birthday

March 14th - Lenny H

March 15th - Billie G, Jett G-D

March 16th - Georgia M

March 17th - Jimmy M, Grace L, Sadie M

March 18th - Mitchell K, Gurlal S

March 19th - Raf F, Emett W

March 20th - Zara P

We hope you have a lovely day!!!!

Setting Goals in 2R

This term we have created learning goals that we are working towards that we would like to share.
My goal for this term is to...

Donny

do lots of home reading.

Aria

focus on all of my work.

Eve

focus on all of my work.

Violet

focus on my work and write my reading in my diary.

Beau

do home reading every night.

Zed

make responsible choices.

Ekamdeep

do home reading every night.

Alisha

use lots of exciting words in my writing

Hayley

work hard on my Mental Maths

Max

do lots of home reading.

Georgie

use capital letters and full stops in my writing.

Marcus

be respectful to others.

Maeve

do my home reading and work hard in maths.

Tawney

do lots of home reading.

Johannes

stay focused on my learning tasks.

Judd

to make good choices and work really hard on my writing.

Nate

do home reading every night.

Lana

do home reading every night.

Charlie

do home reading every night.

Rubi

use lots of exciting words in my writing.

Thea

do lots of home reading.

Angela

do some reading every night.

Leo

make sure that I am focusing on my work.

Leni

work hard on my writing.

Koa

do home reading every night.