



Term 1 Week 8

# St. Mary's Primary School Newsletter

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## Welcome to Week 8

Dear Parents,

There was a wonderful atmosphere at the **St Pat's Race Day** meeting on Sunday and it was fantastic to see so many families, staff and members of the wider school community there enjoying the day, helping out selling raffle tickets and supporting our school in the process. The kids loved the many sporting activities organised by Kelly's Sport and a highlight was the children's foot race! This was a fundraising event for the school and we will advertise the final figure and how that money will be spent after consultation with the Parents & Friends Committee. Raffle winners were 1st Prize: Cooper Graham 2nd Prize: Ross Andrews 3rd Prize: Dotty Nalder.



## 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**

**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. We are celebrating Harmony Day

**TOMORROW** - Mrs Patney and her team have all been working on providing some great events and activities to celebrate this special day. A highlight will be a dance performance by our Vietnamese "Kool Kids" company who are also performing at the community celebrations for Harmony Day at the park on the weekend. Another big favourite is the chance to **buy a gelati for \$1** at lunchtime from the canteen.

**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 or twice 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 tomorrow Tuesday March 22nd 11:25-12:35 with all groups creating a piece of a giant jigsaw that will be displayed at the Harmony Day events in the park on the weekend.

## Parent / Teacher Conversations

Parent – Teacher  
Learning  
Conversations



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 2 - 6 students will participate in 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.

**School interviews will be booked through PAM and will open at 3PM TODAY** for you to

book a time for your child's Parent/Teacher Conversation.

You can log on yourself and choose your preferred time or alternatively contact the office and we can do this for you. The allocated time is 10 mins per chat and will be held in your child's classroom.

Parent / Teacher Interviews will be held at:

- 3.40pm – 7.30pm on Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> March 2022
- 3.40pm – 6.00pm on Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> March 2022

## Open Day 1

We really enjoyed the opportunity to show many prospective families around at our first Open Day and those that attended were very impressed with our teaching programs, beautiful grounds and facilities and commented on the welcoming and hospitable atmosphere they felt whilst at the school.

We are happiest when prospective families pay us a visit to see for themselves what makes us different so have another Open Day scheduled For Sunday April 3rd with tours running at 10 and 11 am. 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 Way' - Positive Behaviour Support Program

The 'St Mary's Way' is a whole school behaviour management program and its purpose is to provide a framework to teach children to manage and regulate their behaviour so that everyone can learn in a safe and secure environment. It enables us to build a positive classroom and school culture. Our 'St Mary's Way' rules promote the norms of **Be Safe, Be Responsible, Be Respectful and Be Your Best**. The children have been working with their teachers on how this looks in their classrooms and in the playground and our Student of the Week awards are all aligned with our norms to further reinforce their importance at school.

## 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 was a renowned educator as she provided education to the poor. Besides her interest in teaching, she founded schools, orphanages, and nursing homes for the lower classes people across the country. 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.



Have a great week and enjoy the beautiful weather.

**Kate**

## Wellbeing Team

We have a number of our wellbeing team out for this week due to Covid and other reasons. This is unfortunate but is the reality of the times we are living in at the moment.

The wellbeing team does an amazing job supporting children and families at school and we understand children will be disappointed that they are not receiving this extra support this week. The classroom teachers and LSO's will be extra mindful of children and will endeavour to cater for the necessary adjustments some children may need.

If you have significant concerns about your child and their wellbeing please make contact with their classroom teacher as they will be able to provide the extra support until we are all back on track. Alternatively, you can make contact with Kate or Ginny.

We thank you for your understanding and patience.

## Physical Education - Miss Clark

### Regional Swimming

On Thursday March 17th, 14 St Mary's students competed in the Regional Swimming held at the Swan Hill Outdoor swimming pool. The day was a great success with several of our students coming home with a medal.

Place getters: The following students received a medal;

**James X-** 2nd Freestyle and 1st Butterfly

**Callum M-** 1st Backstroke

**11 Girls Relay Team-** (Evie K, Natalia B, Noa Bella WCL, Indigo P) 3rd

**12/13 Boys Relay Team** (Sam B, James X, Jack B, Rory D) 2nd

**Boys/ Mixed Medley** (Skye P, Sam B, Jack B, James X) 2nd by HALF A SECOND!

Two of our students will progress through to the State Primary School Championships to be held in Melbourne on Wednesday, April 29<sup>th</sup>. Well done to Callum M who made it through in Backstroke and James X for Butterfly. It is a great effort to simply make it to the Regional Championships and all children should be proud of their efforts.





### **Year 3 Basketball - Sharon Denham visit**

For the next 3 weeks during PE, the Year 3's will have Basketball sessions run by Sharon Denham. Sharon has coached many Swan Hill junior and senior basketball teams and has a wealth of knowledge and experience. I am very excited to learn lots from her and I hope our students learn some new skills and create some interest around Basketball.

### **Summer Sports**

The last practice session of Year 5/6 Summer Sports was last Friday the 18th in preparation for the Division Summer Sports. Many thanks to the Year 5/6 teachers and the Mackillop College students for their work in getting the children ready for the day.

The Summer Sports will be held on **Friday 25th March** and is an opportunity for the Year 5/6 students to represent their school in their chosen sport. The sports will take place at the following venues with these supervising teachers;

**Basketball-** Swan Hill Stadium (Miss Clark, Mrs Dacey and Mrs Davies)

**Cricket-** Swan Hill Showgrounds (Mr Dullard and Mr Cruickshank)

**Tennis-** Swan Hill Lawn Tennis Club (Mrs Crowe and Mrs Rodriguez)

**Softball-** Ken Harrison Reserve (Mr Daniels and Mrs Martin)

We wish all students the best of luck for the day.



## KEY DATES

### Tuesday March 22nd

Harmony Day  
Casual Dress Day  
Wear something orange or  
your National dress  
Gelato can be purchased  
from the canteen at  
lunch time for \$1

### 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.myexplor.com/enrollment/index/dHdBOThsSW9JeHUxYTFwaHNxZlMrdz0>

### 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](mailto:office@smswanhill.catholic.edu.au) with days/dates that you are able to assist.

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
Mon March 28	Tues March 29	Wed March 30	Thur March 31	Fri April 1
Helper needed	Mag Kiley	Kylie Andrews	Helper needed	Lyn Lawry

### CDF Pay recess and Lunch orders

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

### Breakfast Club - Donations needed

Breakfast Club is currently seeking donations of Vegemite and Jam. Donations can be left at the office.

### Looking for a way to be involved at St Mary's? Join our P&F

The aim of our P&F drops is to assist the school with fundraising efforts and social events throughout the school year. This includes the St Patrick's Day Races, The Colour Fun Run, School Disco, Raffles and Grandparent's Night. We are on the lookout for more P&F members. If you would like to join the P&F or would like more information, please contact the office.

### School Fees

Just a reminder that the end of term is fast approaching. For those who pay their school fees per term, payment is due by April 8th. Statements were emailed at the end of last week.

### 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](mailto:office@smswanhill.catholic.edu.au)



**Student of the Week - Term 1 Week 7**

<b>6A</b>	Mason M	Carisa D
<b>6B</b>	All of 6B	
<b>6W</b>	Anmol K	Levi P
<b>6Y</b>	Jedd M	Saly N
<b>5 Orange</b>	Ellah D	Henry D
<b>5 Yellow</b>	Kaitlyn S	Blake S
<b>5 Green</b>	Prue O'S	Milla P
<b>5 Blue</b>	Archer J	Sienna C
<b>4K</b>	Pearl D	Joshua K
<b>4L</b>	Mackenzie S	Max F
<b>4M</b>	Pearl N	Scarlett F
<b>4N</b>	Draylan G	Willow V
<b>3G</b>	Madison McM	Jack L
<b>3H</b>	Scarlett F	Eliza M
<b>3I</b>	Leo E	Lilly W
<b>3J</b>	Ellie W	Otto P
<b>2R</b>	Leo W	Tawney McN
<b>2S</b>	Dhruv D	Adonis S
<b>2U</b>	Mila W	Jagger F
<b>1O</b>	Joseph K    Eveleen K	Angela B
<b>1P</b>	Rosie A	Lenny H
<b>1Q</b>	Evie A	Ezra N
<b>F C</b>	Ethan W	Allie A
<b>F D</b>	Harrison R	Voss M
<b>F E</b>	Alexis W	Amelia S
<b>F F</b>	Kaedan K    Zara P	Aaroosh S
<b>F T</b>	Jethro C	Jacob C
<b>Art</b>	Prue O'S, All of 4L	
<b>Music</b>	All of 5 Blue, Eli L, All of Foundation Suns	
<b>Italian</b>	Indi M, Finn H, Charlie E	
<b>PE</b>	Archer J, All of 2R, Harrison B, All of 5 Blue	



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 by the Australian Government Department of Social Services. Visit [www.dss.gov.au](http://www.dss.gov.au)

We acknowledge the Traditional owners of the lands on which we gather and pay our respects to Elders past, present and emerging.



**HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO...**

**MARCH 21 - CHARLIE B, MARY C,  
CHARLOTTE P, SOPHIE W**

**MARCH 25 - BILLIE G, SALY N**

**MARCH 26 - PEARL D, NYLAH K, HUGH W**

**MARCH 27 - HAMY H**





I show kindness by including people.  
By Jimmy H

I show kindness by sharing.  
By Gussie

I show kindness by asking people if they are ok.  
By Lawson

I show kindness by saying hi.  
By Jimmy W

I show kindness by using my manners.  
By Agamjot

I show kindness by sharing.  
By Elijah

I show kindness by helping others.  
By Asha

I show kindness by listening to others speaking.  
By Millie.

I show kindness by being helpful.  
By Alira



**'Be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other, just as in Christ God forgave you.'**  
**Ephesians 4:32**



**1Q shared how they are kind to one another.**

I show kindness by sharing things.  
By Di

I show kindness by including others.  
By Lenny

I show kindness by sharing.  
By Lola

I show kindness by helping others.  
By Ziming

I show kindness by sharing.  
By Tia

I show kindness by playing nicely with my friends.  
By Evie A

I show kindness by saying hello.  
By Maverick

I show kindness by keeping my hands to myself.  
By Ezra

I show kindness by saying nice things.  
By Florence

I show kindness by being respectful to my friends.  
By Ivy

I show kindness by being friendly.  
By Evie W

I show kindness by helping others.  
By Isabel

I show kindness by sharing.  
By Jye

I can show kindness by being nice to my friends.  
By Leni

I show kindness by saying hello.  
By Parks