



Term 1 Week 10

St. Mary's Primary School Newsletter

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Welcome to Week 10

Dear Parents,

It is hard to believe that there is only one week left until the Easter break. This term has flown and both our staff and students are to be congratulated on the way they have worked to make their classrooms dynamic learning communities. Despite the restrictions imposed by Covid, we have had many exciting activities, opportunities and experiences. With camps, Footy Colours day, excursions and visiting shows all taking place throughout the term, we have finally felt a sense of normality return. As we head towards holidays, it is timely to acknowledge the amazing work of our staff this term. Every aspect of school life has been impacted at some stage this year, but our staff never missed a beat, as they continued to support each other, our school community and most importantly, our students. Their dedication is commendable and I am grateful every day for their efforts to ensure our school is as safe and productive as possible.

Open Day

We had our second Open Day yesterday which was very well attended. It is always lovely to meet new families and their children and to have the opportunity to show them around our beautiful school. Hats off to our Foundation teachers for opening up their rooms and having them set up so the families could see how a typical Foundation classroom operates at St Mary's.

Thanks also to Mrs Gerakis, Mrs Stacey, Mrs Hall, Mr Prockter, Mrs Davies, Mrs Gook, Ebony, Gene and Mrs Sartori who generously assisted me with tours, or operating the specialist programs, to showcase all we have on offer at St Marys.

Holy Week Liturgy

Holy Week is one of the highlights on our religious calendar for the year and this Friday we are looking forward to the Year 5 students leading our Holy Week Liturgy together with Fr James. This will be held outdoors in the assembly area at 9:15 am. All are welcome.

Casual Dress Day - Friday 8th and Easter Raffle

This Friday is our first casual dress day to be run by our newly elected SRC team. The children held a meeting last week to discuss and decide on a theme and some Easter activities that will take place. Our theme for Friday is 'Easter' where the children can wear Easter colours or an Easter inspired outfit. A gold coin donation will be supporting the Royal Children's Hospital Good Friday Appeal. There will be a number of activities running throughout the week - the best decorated classroom, Easter chalk drawings, colouring as well as the very popular 'Guess how many Easter Eggs are in the jar' running



Guide to Holy Week

- Palm Sunday**
Sunday before Easter. Celebration of Jesus' triumphal entry into Jerusalem. Observed with palm branches, parades, and celebration.
- Maundy Thursday**
Thursday before Easter. Commemorates the Last Supper. Often observed with foot washing, stripping of the altar, and overnight prayer vigil to keep watch with Jesus in the garden.
- Good Friday**
Friday before Easter. Most solemn day of the church year. Observes the day Jesus was crucified. Observed by praying the Stations of the Cross and three hours of silent prayer while Jesus was on the cross.
- Holy Saturday**
Saturday before Easter. Observes the day Jesus was in the tomb. This is a day of somber reflection, reflecting on what we'd miss in a world without Jesus.
- Easter Sunday**
Hallelujah! Christ has risen! This day we celebrate the resurrection of Jesus. Sing hallelujahs and celebrate with great joy.



at recess and lunch times. Guesses will be 20c each so please feel free to send along any spare change you have to support this very worthy cause. Winners will be announced on Friday morning.

There has been a great response from families with Easter goodies arriving daily to be used as prizes for the P&F Easter raffle. Please send all raffle tickets back by Thursday morning as you have to be in it to win it!

Proceeds from this raffle and the St Pat's Races are going towards the creation of a new sensory garden near the Year 3 classrooms.



ANZAC Day

On April 25th, we pause to pay respect and honour to those who have given so much to ensure the peace of our nation.

Students are learning about the meaning of ANZAC Day this week and will revisit this work when we return after the break.

We have our school captains representing us at the ANZAC Day Parade. They will be meeting Mrs Quin, Mr Perry and Mrs Davies at 10:00 am and marching down to the cenotaph where they will lay a wreath from our school. **We would like to invite any other**

students who would like to march together as a school group to meet in their St Mary's uniform by 10 at the Beaurepaires Corner in McCrae St.

Last time we marched it was exciting to see approximately 50 students represent our school, it would be wonderful to build on this number in 2022.

Year 6 Leadership Day

On Wednesday, our Year 6 students will participate in a full day leadership workshop designed to help build their confidence, learn about leadership and grow their skills.

This full-day experience educates and empowers students to be the best leaders they can be. Throughout the day students explore the acronym HEART in a series of fun challenges that will challenge them to reflect on what type of leader they are and challenge them to further strengthen their skill set.

H elpful – looking out for everyday actions that enrich the lives of others.

E nergetic – promoting and sharing positive energy.

A ctive and Aware – becoming more aware of personal strengths and how they can be used to take positive action as a leader.

R esilient – the importance of having the courage to try new things, and learning to respond positively to challenging or difficult situations.

T eam player – the importance of working with others in an encouraging and supportive environment.

Enrolments for 2023

Enrolments are now open for children who start Foundation in 2023. Interviews for new and existing families will take place later in Term 2 and continue in Term 3. Parents of existing families who have a child to start in 2023, please ring the office so an enrolment form can be forwarded to you.

NAPLAN practice tests

At the moment our Year 3 and Year 5 students are practising using the online format in preparation for the NAPLAN testing which runs this year from May 10 - May 20th.

These test knowledge and skills in Literacy and Numeracy. The results of these tests provide information to teachers and parents which can be then used to support the teaching and learning programs. By analysing results, teachers can adjust teaching strategies to provide appropriate support or identify students who would benefit from enrichment activities

Students who are funded under Special Needs may be exempted from completing the NAPLAN tests. Parents/Guardians who do not want their child to sit the test, please contact the school for an Exemption form. If your son/daughter is not a funded student, a parent/guardian may withdraw the student from one or all of the NAPLAN tests. Parents/ Guardians need to contact their child's teacher, Ginny Gook or myself if they wish to withdraw their child from any of the NAPLAN tests.

A reminder that Friday is the end of Term 1, which means an early finish (first bell at 2.15pm). Wishing you all a blessed Easter and a safe holiday and look forward to seeing you all when we return on Tuesday 26th April.



Kate

Curriculum News - Mrs Hall

Engaged Learning in our Classrooms

Creativity, engagement, collaboration, teamwork and self-agency! These photos show what engaged learning looks like at St. Mary's. The past few weeks our Year 3 children have been learning and understanding the significance of the Aboriginal culture.



RE News - Mrs Davies

Sacrament of First Reconciliation - Tuesday 5th April at 5, 6 & 7pm

This Tuesday Evening we have a large number of our Year 4 & 5 children very excited to be involved in their Sacrament of First Reconciliation at the Church. This is an opportunity to rebuild balance within ourselves, with God and with others around us. At the heart of the Sacrament is the constant truth of God's gracious love for us, forgiving and restoring us even before we know our need for forgiveness. For this reason, we can truly claim to celebrate the sacrament of Reconciliation because we are acknowledging God's great and compassionate love and making a fresh start to live in God's community as God's new creation.

Just a reminder for the children to wear neat casual clothes and their sacramental stole with their Reconciliation symbol ironed on.

We pray for and acknowledge all those students participating and celebrating in their Reconciliation this week. .

Loving God,
Pour out your blessing
Upon our beloved students,
That during this time of Sacramental preparation
They may grow closer to you,
And come to know your special love for them.
May this time of preparation be a time of blessing
For our families and our community,
And unite us all in your great love.
Amen.

Easter Mass times for St Mary's Parish Church in Swan Hill are:

Holy Thursday (14th April) - 6:30pm

Good Friday (15th April) - 3:00pm

Easter Vigil, Saturday (16th April) - 6:30pm

Easter Sunday (17th April) - 10:30am



Physical Education - Miss Clark

Summer Sports

The weather really turned it on 2 weeks ago for the Year 5/6 Summer Sports. Well done to all students who competed in the sports on the day. A very big thank you to the MacKillop College students who coached our St Mary's teams. Thank you to the Year 5/6 teachers, other staff members and parents who helped to support our children on the day.

Results

Basketball	Cricket	Softball	Tennis
Division 1 Boys Team 1– Winners	Division 1 Boys team 1– Winners	Girls - Winners	Harrison B and Oliver S- Winners
Division 1 Girls Team A– Winners	Division 1 Girls – Runners Up	Boys/ Mixed – Runners up	
Division 2 Girls Team C– Winners	Division 1 Boys team 2– Runners up		

OSHC @ 2 Murlong - Before and 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/dHdBOThsSW9JeHUxYTEwaHNxZlMrdz0>

Week 10 Activities	Monday 4th April	Tuesday 5th April	Wednesday 6th April	Thursday 7th April	Friday 9th April
BSC	Lego Fun	Easter Egg Suncatcher	Games in the Gym	Mindful colouring	Meditation
ASC	Making Slime <hr/> Have a game of GaGa Ball	Craft- Puffy Paint Easter Eggs <hr/> Drama Detective Game	Let's make our own stress balls <hr/> Easter Card Craft	Rainbow Skittles experiment <hr/> Music Guess the Song	Let's make some bubbles <hr/> Easter Scavenger Hunt

KEY DATES

Wednesday April 6th

Year 6 Leadership Day

Thursday April 7th

Easter Raffle Drawn

Friday April 8th

Casual Dress Day
Gold coin donation -
Good Friday Appeal

Friday April 8th

Last Day of Term 1
Early finish
First bell 2.15pm

Monday April 25th

ANZAC Day
Public Holiday

Tuesday April 26th

First Day of Term 2

Monday May 2nd

Wednesday May 4th

Thursday May 5th

School in Action Tours
for Foundation 2023 families
9.30am-10.30am

Monday May 2nd -

Friday May 6th

The Great Race

Friday May 6th

Colour Fun Run

For information to come
next term

Monday May 9th

Senior Cross Country
Information has been sent
via PAM

Tuesday May 10th

NAPLAN period commences

Wednesday May 11th

St Mary MacKillop College
Transition Day for all
Year 6 students

Friday May 13th

Year 2 Camp
Information has been sent to
families via PAM

News from the Office

Canteen Helpers Needed

We are looking for volunteers to help in our school canteen in Term 2. Parents, grandparents, aunties, 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 April 4	Tue April 5	Wed April 6	Thur April 7	Fri April 8
Sarah Cameron	Tiffany Bennett	Kath Elston	Rhiannon Jennings	Meagan Kelly
Mon April 25	Tues April 26	Wed April 27	Thur April 28	Fri April 29
ANZAC Day	Kathryn Auricht	Helper needed	Helper needed	Helper needed

Changes to Tower Hill bus routes

There has been a new bus added to service the increasing number of students who reside at Tower Hill and also a change to the bus routes that service Tower Hill. All families who use these buses have been notified of this.

Our bus route maps can be viewed on our school website <https://smswanhill.catholic.edu.au/buses/>



CDF Pay recess and lunch orders

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

<https://smswanhill.cdfpay.org.au>

Breakfast Club - Donations needed

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

ANZAC Day Badges for Sale

We have ANZAC Day badges for sale in the office.

Prices range from 50 cents to \$5.



Student of the Week - Term 1 Week 9

6A	Maddox P	Brock J
6B	Thomas R	Paige R
6W	Saxcen C Noah F	Indi H Jovi P
6Y	Yasmin H	Mohi G
5 Orange	Ellah D	Henry D
5 Yellow	Reve O'T Molly D	Morrissey M
5 Green	Indigo P	Mici McM
5 Blue	Ayden A	Flynn O'B Natalia B
4K	Ellainie L	April T
4L	Agamjot K	Milla M
4M	Lily N	Luke P
4N	Tarkin B	Grace L
3G	Caleb M	Jakobe T
3H	Indy C	Lachlan H
3I	Jameson B	Charlotte M
3J	Skyler M	Henley M
2R	Max L	Beau H
2S	Kalena G	Titalia C
2U	Lochlan C	Matilda R
1O	Anthony F Gurlal S	Heidi S
1P	Sailor S	Ranfateh B
1Q	Alira C	Millie S
F C	Lenny H	Cooper S
F D	Jasnoor K	Tex R
F E	Jack W	
F F	Tullie W	Isabelle D
F T	Evelyn C	Mila-Rose C
Art	All of 5 Green, All of 2S, Sophie M, Foundation MOONS	
Music	Maddie H, Emily S, Sarah L, Oscar B, Aaron G	
Drama	Lara M	
Italian	Tess W, Archer T, Charlotte T, All of 6B	
PE	Tilly S, Isla M, 3I, 10	

ANZAC DAY MARCH



25 APRIL

LEST
WE
FORGET

ALL STUDENTS ARE ENCOURAGED TO PARTICIPATE IN THE ANZAC DAY MARCH ON MONDAY APRIL 25. PLEASE MEET AT BEAUREPAIRES (7 MCCRAE STREET) AT 10AM IN YOUR SCHOOL UNIFORM. LOOK FOR MRS QUIN & MR PERRY.



BE THE FIRST!

GIRLS FOOTBALL IN 2022

6 WEEK COMPETITION

PLAYED ON SUNDAYS

6 GREAT CLUBS

8-14 YEARS OF AGE



GIRLS FOOTBALL IN 2022



JOIN UP TODAY

REGISTER WITH ONE OF OUR CLUBS FOR THE 2022 SEASON



[HTTPS://WWW.PLAYHQ.COM/AFL/REGISTER/A78011](https://www.playhq.com/afl/register/a78011)



[HTTPS://WWW.PLAYHQ.COM/AFL/REGISTER/FB2AC1](https://www.playhq.com/afl/register/fb2ac1)



[HTTPS://WWW.PLAYHQ.COM/AFL/REGISTER/8E61F7](https://www.playhq.com/afl/register/8e61f7)



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AFL
VICTORIA

FOOTY 4 FUN

SCHOOL HOLIDAY

COME AND TRY

WEDNESDAY 13TH APRIL

SWAN HILL KERANG

11.30 AM - 12.30 PM

SWAN HILL REC RESERVE

2.00 PM - 3.00 PM

RIVERSIDE PARK KERANG

**8-12 YEARS OF AGE BOYS & GIRLS
SCHOOL HOLIDAY FOOTBALL FUN!!**

REGISTER USING THE LINK OR SCAN THE QR CODE



<https://www.playhq.com/afl/register/4a895c>

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

ACTIVE APRIL "COME & TRY" DAYS

CALISTHENICS CLUB

- Location: The Guide Hall – corner of High St & Purton Lane, Swan Hill
- Tuesday 5th & 26th April:
 - 4pm-5pm (6-10 year olds)
 - 5pm-6pm (10-12 year olds)

STRIKE A POSE (DANCE)

- Location: Senior Citizens Building - 125 Curlewis St, Swan Hill
- Monday 4th & 25th April & 2nd May:
 - 4:15pm-5:15pm (Prep-Grade 2)
 - 5:15pm-6:30pm (Grade 3-6)

NYAH TWO BAYS SWIM CLUB

- Location: Swan Hill Leisure Centre
- Monday 4th & 11th April:
 - 5:30pm-7pm (any age)

DANCE FORCE

- Location: 10 Jennings Road, Swan Hill
- Tuesdays 26th April:
 - 4pm-4:30pm (Beginner Classic Ballet 5-6 yrs old)
 - 4:30pm-5:15pm (Level 1 Classic 6-7 yrs old)
- Thursday 28th April:
 - 4pm-4:30pm (Beginner Jazz 5-6 yrs old)

**Keep an eye out on Instagram & Facebook
(@eatmovesmile) for additional "come &
try" days.**





HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO...

APRIL 4 - ARLEE P

APRIL 5 - TEHAN B

APRIL 7 - NHAN P, CHARLEE W, TRISTAN Y

APRIL 8 - FLYNN B, PARKER N, AGAMJOT S

APRIL 9 - RANFATEH B, AIDEN K

APRIL 10 - LOLA V

APRIL 12 - TESS W

APRIL 13 - TOBY R

APRIL 15 - LEO E, LACHLAN K

APRIL 16 - JAMES X

APRIL 17 - AARON G, HARVEY H

APRIL 19 - TAO F

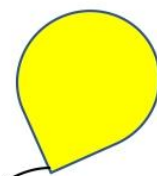
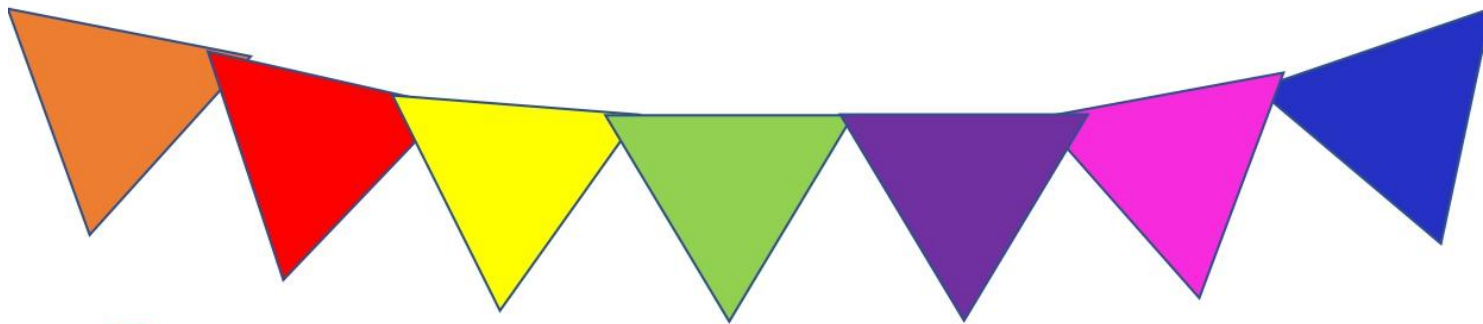
APRIL 21 - WILHEM F

APRIL 22 - ELLA S

APRIL 23 - CHARLIZE B, LILY N, WILLOW S

APRIL 24 - SPENCER G





Term one Foundation fun!

This term foundation students have had the opportunity to celebrate and enjoy so many fun things at school including History box incursion, CFA incursion, Footy colours day, Shrove Tuesday, PALs catch ups and science experiments.

