



Term 2 Week 1

St. Mary's Primary School Newsletter

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Welcome to Week 1

Dear Parents,

It is wonderful to see all our students, families, and staff return after the holiday break. We were very fortunate with the weather over the holidays which made the term break even better. It seems lots of students went camping and many have told me about catching up with friends and relatives.



St Mary's school was well represented yesterday with many students turning out to join the annual ANZAC parade and march as a school, and our school Captains did a terrific job presenting the wreath at the cenotaph.

Miss Taylor and Kane celebrated their wedding on Friday and we are looking forward to photos and highlights when Mrs Bannam returns next week from her honeymoon. We also welcome back Mrs Holyoak, who returns from family leave later this week.

Finally, we are excited to welcome Allegra Martins who started in Foundation E with Mrs Hogan today.

NAPLAN

NAPLAN is being held this term in Week 3 for all primary and secondary schools. Students in Years Three and Five will complete four assessments - Writing (narrative or persuasive), Reading, Conventions of Language and Mathematics. Each online session will run between 40-50 minutes depending on the topic and year level. NAPLAN is a point-in-time assessment that allows parents to see how their child is progressing in Literacy and Mathematics against the national standard and compared with their peers throughout Australia. At the classroom level, NAPLAN provides additional information to support teachers' professional judgment about student progress.

The best way you can help your child prepare for NAPLAN is to reassure them that NAPLAN tests are just one part of their school program and to advise them to do the best they can on the day. Ensure your child has had proper rest and has a healthy snack and lunch as usual. **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.

NAPLAN information has also been sent to all families with students in Years 3 & 5 via PAM and in hard copy format.

School in Action Tours Next Week

Next Week we are holding our first of our School in Action tours for families with preschool aged children looking to enrol in Foundation in 2023. School in Action mornings give families the chance to see how our school operates in real time by visiting different classrooms as they go about their daily work. They really are a great opportunity for prospective parents to look around our beautiful school, particularly our vibrant junior classrooms and to gather information about St. Mary's. If you know of anyone considering St Mary's as their school of choice for 2023, please encourage them to ring the office and register to attend.



The Great Race - Monday May 2nd - Friday May 6th



This is one of our favourite times of the year...the ever popular Great Race begins next week as a lead up to the Senior and Junior Cross Country. Children can earn points for their House Team by doing laps of the oval at lunch time. The Great Race is a fun way of getting exercise not just for the children but for our teachers to get their steps up while chatting to students and colleagues on the way. It is a wonderful sight to see so many children involved in this activity and parents are very welcome to come and join us each day. Children are allowed to wear their runners to school each day of the Great Race week so that they can participate fully at lunchtime.

Our P & F efforts this year are focussed on fundraising for our new sensory garden and on Friday May 6th as a way to conclude the Great Race we see the return of the extremely popular **COLOUR RUN**

, a P & F fundraising initiative which will run from 12:00-1:00pm. You will receive more detailed information about the Colour Run via PAM

this week. It certainly is a fundraiser that provides a lot of fun as well as promoting the benefits of physical activity.

Casual Dress Day - Friday 29th April

Our last casual dress day was a great success with over \$500 raised for the Good Friday Appeal. This Friday is our next casual dress day - the theme is Active April (wear sporting gear) and **NO gold coin donation** is required as we have already raised funds for the Good Friday appeal this month.

Holiday Updates

You won't see this from the road but the tradies have been busy at St Mary's over the holidays installing a fabulous new shade structure over our 2nd gaga ball pit. Partly funded by the government shade sail grant, this new area not only provides protection from the sun during break time, but is another fantastic outdoor learning addition in our school grounds.



Covid Update

The government has announced a number of changes to covid restrictions and educational settings. These have been sent in a separate email to all families earlier today.

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.

School Uniform

The beginning of Term 2 is a transition period from Summer to Winter uniform. At the moment, students can wear either Summer or Winter uniforms based on the weather for that day. Further notice will be given in the newsletter when the full transition to Winter uniform is required. Hats or beanies are both acceptable as we transition into Winter uniforms.

Shorts Survey

Following petitions and letters from a number of our students about a desire to see shorts being added as an additional option to our winter uniform, the matter was taken to the March SAC meeting. It was decided to seek input from both the parent and student bodies before a decision was made. In the final week of school in Term 1, 2022 all students in Yr 2-6 were surveyed regarding their thoughts on the matter.

A very short parent survey can be accessed via this link - <https://forms.gle/6tko65LrnxXqtsld6>

This is to gauge parent response and reaction to the option of allowing students to wear shorts on PE days (instead of the current track pants) and /or shorts on regular school days instead of the current winter skirt or long pant options.

The results from this survey together with those from the student survey and input from staff will guide any decision making and any changes would not be implemented until after the next SAC meeting. Please note the wearing of shorts would be an optional addition to the current winter uniform for students. They would not replace the current long pants, track pants or skirts that form our current school winter uniform.

Have a lovely week and hope to see many of you as you drop off or pick up from school.

Kate



RE News - Mrs Davies

Reconciliation

Congratulations to all of the children who celebrated their Sacrament of Reconciliation at the end of last term. It was a lovely evening down at the Church with Fr James, Fr Matt & Fr Anthony leading the children in liturgy focusing on forgiveness.



Physical Education - Miss Clark

Welcome back everyone. I hope you all had a great break over the Easter holidays and are ready to get back into an action packed term full of PE events!

Regional Tennis

Towards the end of last term we had three St Mary's students represent our school in the Regional Tennis competition held at Swan Hill Lawn Tennis Club. Well done to Zoe B, Oliver S and Harrison B for their efforts on the day. Oli came 3rd, Harrison won 3 out of 5 sets and Zoe came 2nd. Congratulations to Zoe who has made it through to the State Finals in Melbourne!



The Great Race

The much anticipated Great Race begins next week from **Monday May 2nd- Friday May 6th**. Both staff and students are encouraged to participate at lunchtime and run or walk laps of our school oval for their house. Students can wear their sports uniform for the week. Information will be sent home during the week about the event. Goodluck to all houses!

Great Race Finale!

On **Friday May 6th** from 12-1pm, we are celebrating the conclusion of the Great Race Week by students participating in a **COLOUR RUN**. There will be no laps counted on this day and is a chance for the students to be proud of showing belonging by participating for the week and have some fun with their classmates.

State Swimming

On Friday, 29th of May, St Mary's will have 2 students representing the school at the State Swimming Championships held in Melbourne. St Mary's will be cheering for Callum M who is competing in the 12/13 boys Backstroke and James X in the 12/13 boys Butterfly. It is a fantastic achievement to compete at this level and we can wait to hear how you both go.

Senior Cross Country

The Senior Cross Country will be held on Monday, 9th of May for the Year 3 – 6 students at Riverside Park. The top students for their age group qualify to represent the school at the Division Cross Country on 17th May. The 9 and 10 year olds will run 2km and the 11, 12 and 13 year olds will run 3km. The first race will be starting at 11:30am. Information regarding this event has been sent home via SIMON and please ensure permission has been given for your child/ren to attend this event.



The following is approximate times of each event;

- 10 year girls and boys starting at 11.30am (2km run)
- 8/9 year girls and boys starting at 11.50am (2km run)
- 11 year girls and boys starting at 12.10pm (3km run)
- 12/13 year girls and boys starting at 12.30pm (3km run)

After School Sports program

The Netball and AFL After School Program is up and running again this term. These sessions are offered to students in years 3-6 and are an opportunity for your child/ren to increase participation in physical activity and learn some new skills in Netball or AFL along the way. These sessions are after school and run by a couple of senior students from Mackillop College with supervision from a St Mary's staff member. There will be 5 sessions for each sport and they are free of charge! The sessions will run on;

NETBALL (Mondays): May 9th, 16th, 30th June 6th and 20th (3.30-4.30pm)

AFL (Wednesday): May 11th, 18th, 25th, June 1st, and 8th (3.30-4.30pm)

If your child is interested a note will be sent home for parents/carers to indicate your child's participation.

KEY DATES

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

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.

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/dHdBOThsSW9JeHUxYTEwaHNxZIMrdz0>

Student of the Week - Term 1 Week 10

6A	Angus S	Rayne E
6B	Zoe C	James X
6W	Miela R, Elliot W	Harry H, Jack H
6Y	All of 6Y	
5 ORANGE	Madison B Jaz S	Aaron G
5 YELLOW	Archie B	Hugh A
5 GREEN	All of 5 Green	
5 BLUE	Lucas O Chelsea T	Tao F
4K	Zavier F	Pacey T
4L	All of 4L	
4M	Bella S	Jook M
4N	Indi L	Ella F
3G	Will O	Aarav B
3H	Steele Wi	Milan P
3I	Jai P	Hope A
3J	Gracie Z	Farhan H, Cleo M
2R	Koa W	Zed H
2S	Aiden C	Ben C
2U	Beau F	Nik G
1O	Tamika B	Zac D
1P	Shelby O	Parker N
1Q	Agamjot S	Ziming X
FC	Oscar B	Fletcher C
FD	Jamison C	Miller C
FE	Logan S	Elise K
FF	Hughie W	Zara P
FT	Josh M	Cooper F
Art	Knox T, Lacey C, Lizzie T, Emme B	
Music	Drama - Billie G Music: Luke P, Charlotte T, Eva D, Toby G, James Xi	
Italian	Cooper F, Lily G, Matilda C, Dustin M	
PE	Tavi L, Jamison C, Koa Wi, George M	



BE THE FIRST!

GIRLS FOOTBALL IN 2022

6 WEEK COMPETITION
PLAYED ON SUNDAYS
6 GREAT CLUBS
8-14 YEARS OF AGE



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)

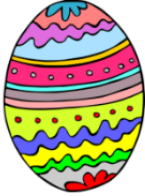

DANCE FORCE

- 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.**



Our Easter Holidays- 6Y

<p>During the holidays I went to my Aunts and had an amazing Easter haul. -Lachie</p>	<p>My favourite part of the holidays was going to Melbourne to watch Carlton and Port and also going shopping.- Jobe</p>	<p>My favourite part of my holidays was going to Melbourne, with my family. We went to the Watergardens Shopping Centre. We also went over to meet our family friend's house.- Abhijeet</p>	<p>My favourite part of the holidays is when I went down to Melbourne for my brother's Birthday and we went to play laser tag. At Easter I went to Lilydale to see my cousins and have an Easter egg hunt!- Stella</p>
<p>MY FAVOURITE THING THAT I DID DURING THE HOLIDAYS WAS GOING TO BENDIGO TO STAY AT MY COUSIN'S HOUSE FOR A FEW NIGHTS. WE PLAYED WITH HER FIVE DOGS AND MADE A CUBBY HOUSE IN THE BUSH. -MARY.C-</p>	<p>ON THE HOLIDAYS I WENT TO BALLARAT FOR EASTER. SUNDAY WE MADE BREAD.- OLIVER</p>	<p>My favourite part of my holiday was going over to Zaidee house, and meeting her new pets, Zoey & Jemma! My cousin also came over and slept at my house for 2 days. -Saly</p>	
<p>My favourite part of my holidays was going to Maryborough and seeing our Friends and Horse riding. - JOE</p>	<p>My favourite part of my holidays was going to Melbourne and going to timezone and seeing my family friends.- Mohi</p>	<p>My favourite part of holidays was volunteering at the Punjabi Church 2 times and helping make food for people that come to Punjabi Church. It felt very very nice for helping make food with aunts and uncle and also with my Dad and I did lots and it was fun.- JASMEEN</p>	<p>My favourite part of my holidays was, going to Melbourne to visit family and having friends over. - Zyra</p>
<p><i>On the holidays I went motorbike riding and had Easter and got a lot of chocolate eggs. I also went to Echuca with my cousins to Gravity Shack. -Bailey.R</i></p>	<p>My favourite part of my holiday was having a playdate with Saly and getting two new dogs Jemma and Zoey. I also went to Bendigo with my family and we went to a restaurant. -Zaidee</p>	<p>On my holidays, I went to Bendigo and saw Sonic the Hedgehog 2. Then I went to Melbourne for a funeral. -Esperanza.R</p>	<p><i>My favourite part was that I went to a friend's house. -Yasmin</i></p>
<p>Winning a tennis tournament with my friend Ollie and playing with my cousins and just having a good time with family were my favourite parts of the holidays. - Harrison</p>	<p>On the holidays I made Sausage on the Farm and it took forever.I stayed at my Nonna's for 2 Weeks.- Max</p>	<p>My favourite part of the holidays was going to Easter Mass in Mitta Mitta. After that we went to a friend's place for a cuppa, and then to Mitta Mitta Brewery. -Thomas.K</p>	<p>I Went camping with my family and went fishing but I didn't catch anything. Then a couple days later we went fishing again and I still caught nothing.- Brayden</p>
	<p>MY FAVOURITE PART OF THE HOLIDAYS WAS FISHING A LARGE PART OF THE MURRAY, AND PLAYING TYNTYNDER 12'S AND 14'S. MITCHELL</p>	<p>My favourite part of the holidays was getting to my Mum and Grandma. I also enjoyed going out to our farm for Easter.- Sara</p>	<p>My favourite part of the holidays was going out camping with my family and friends and I enjoyed playing footy on the weekends.-Jedd</p>