



Term 2 Week 2

St. Mary's Primary School Newsletter

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Welcome to Week 2

Dear Parents,

Welcome back to Mrs Bannam who returns from her honeymoon this week. In other news, on Friday we had three students who have recently arrived from Vietnam commence in Foundation and Year 2. It was lovely to welcome Mia, Minh and Maika to our school and to see how quickly they settled into life in 2S and Foundation C under the care of their teachers and Rose, our bilingual aide. Welcome also to Willow Walsh who joins 2U this week, after relocating to Swan Hill to live and say goodbye and good luck to Dhruv Dhir and his family who are moving to Melbourne.

Covid restrictions ease

All families received correspondence last week outlining the lifting of many more Covid restrictions.

We are excited that this means parents finally can come and go freely onsite and join us for school events and assemblies.

We are really looking forward to getting back to normal at last.

Our first whole school assembly for the wider community will be in Week 3 as we have the Colour Run happening this Friday. For those who are new or have forgotten (as it's been a while!) All families and friends are invited along to our 12:25 pm Friday assembly, which is run each week by a different class. Families are then invited to join us for lunch in the passive play area.

Mothers & Special Friends Morning tea - Thursday May 5th

On Thursday, all Mums and special friends are invited to school between 10:30-11:00 to visit their child's classroom, receive a special treat for morning tea and then have the opportunity to share recess with their loved ones. We hope lots of you can join us at that time to celebrate and acknowledge how special you are to your families!



ENROLMENTS FOR 2023 NOW OPEN

School in Action Tour

Monday, May 2nd
Wednesday, May 4th
Thursday, May 5th
9.30am -10.30am

A chance for you and your child to meet our teachers and see our school in action in real time.

Call our office on 5033 2541 to register your interest

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School in Action Tours this week

This 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.

NAPLAN starting Tuesday May 10th

NAPLAN starts next week.

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.

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 this 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** you will have already received information about the Colour Run. It is a major fundraiser for the school with all money going to create a new child friendly sensory garden near the year 3 rooms.

This week please send your child along with an old white /light coloured shirt or TShirt to protect their clothes in the fun run and a plastic bag to put it in afterwards. Friday is casual dress ...send them in something old and comfy as despite our best efforts it may come home a different colour than it started!

Parents are very welcome to come and join us on Friday and join in all the fun!



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.

Curriculum Newsletter

This week your child will bring home a copy of their Term 2 curriculum newsletter which outlines the key learning that will take place in their classroom and when they attend specialist classes. The curriculum newsletters are produced to assist you to know what is happening at school so you can chat more knowledgeably with your child about the many exciting things they are involved with at St Mary's.

MacKillop College Transition Day 1

All St Mary's Year 6 students are invited to attend the first Transition Day on Wednesday, May 11th. Details about the St Mary Mackillop College transition program have been sent to all Year 6 families via PAM.

Shorts Survey

Thank you, there have been 200 responses so far to the shorts survey with the vast majority of parents in favour of this being an added option over the winter months. The survey will stay open this week and then both the parent and student responses will be shared on the newsletter and discussed at our next SAC meeting on May 10th.

The parent survey can be accessed via this link - <https://forms.gle/6tko65LrnvXqtsJd6>

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.

A mother's love is kept locked deep in our hearts, knowing it will always be there to comfort us. I hope all our families have a chance to celebrate Mother's Day this weekend and that all mothers, nanas and the special women in our lives have a day of happiness, a day where they feel cherished and where they can share special time with their families. *May you feel special and know how loved you are.*



Kate

Wellbeing

Social and Emotional Learning Program

This term we are working through the 'Friendly Schools and Families' program while still incorporating all the wonderful strategies that the Resilience Project provides for children.

Across the board schools are noticing the impact of covid with remote learning and the increased use of technology having an impact on children's social skills development. This program focuses on building social skills to help children develop and maintain friendships. The following is a snapshot of what will be covered throughout the term.

Foundation – Playing and Working Together

Year 1/2 – Making Friends

Year 3/4/5 – Friendship and Groups

Year 6 – Peer Influence

RE News - Mrs Davies

Please find below the link for the April 2022 edition of "Our Diocesan Community"

<https://www.ballarat.catholic.org.au/wp-content/uploads/2022/04/ODC-April-2022-web.pdf>.

Physical Education - Miss Clark

State Swimming

On Friday 29th of April we had 2 students represent St Mary's at the Primary State swimming championships in Melbourne. Callum M came 7th in Backstroke and James X came 6th. It is a fantastic achievement to make this level and the school is very proud of these boys.

The Great Race

The much anticipated Great Race begins this 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. 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.

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 May 2nd
Wednesday May 4th

Thursday May 5th
School in Action Tours
for Foundation 2023 families
9.30am-10.30am

Thursday May 5th
Mothers & Special Friends
Morning Tea
10.30am-11.30am

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

Friday May 6th
Colour Fun Run
Casual Dress Day
Bring a white t-shirt

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

Sunday May 22nd
Open Day
Tours at 10am & 11am

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 vaccination status.

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

Mon May 2nd	Tues May 3rd	Wed May 4th	Thur May 5th	Fri May 6th
Lyn Lawry	Kathryn Auricht	Kylie Andrews	Taree Smits	Belinda Free
Mon May 9th	Tues May 10th	Wed May 11th	Thur May 12th	Fri May 13th
Helper needed	Helper needed	Yvonne Graham	Kathryn Auricht	Helper needed



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.

Naming school items

Just a reminder to clearly name all school items (jumpers, hats, beanies, drinkers etc) to ensure they can be easily returned to your child.

Rapid Antigen Test Collection - Weeks 1-4

You can collect your test kits from the office window for Weeks 1-4 (2 boxes per student) between 8.30am and 4pm. Please notify the office via email if someone else will be collecting them on your behalf.

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 2 Activities	Monday May 2nd	Tuesday May 3rd	Wednesday May 4th	Thursday May 5th	Friday May 6th
BSC	Mindful colouring in	Basketball in the gym	Flower craft activity	Mother's Day art	Puffy Paint activity
ASC	Gaga Ball Giant ames on the lawn	Sensory Play Lego animal creations	Making slime Game of Jedi	Music in the Music room Mother's Day art	Playground adventures Let's visit the musical garden

Student of the Week - Term 2 Week 1

6A	Knox T	Gypsi O'B
6B	Ryan D	David T Charlie B
6W	Jovi P	Jack H
6Y	Brayden M	Mohi G
5 ORANGE	Sammie H	Jett G-D
5 YELLOW	Charlize B	Jack B
5 GREEN	Oscar E	Max M
5 BLUE	Maddyn F	Flynn O'B
4K	Myles H	Ayva Wi
4L	Lucas F	Henry O'B
4M	Daisy M	John Ken N
4N	Tristan Y	Indi M
3G	Rory P	Indi P
3H	Ben H	Braith C
3I	Cody G	Souhayla J
3J	Patrick K	Lily G
2R	Eve G	Judd O'S
2S	Sukhleen K	Luca B
2U	Mitch B	Spencer S
1O	Billie G	Matilda M
1P	Flynn B	Chase S
1Q	Jye B	Jimmy W
FC	Ethan W	Oscar B
FD	Alfie C	Indi M
FE	Queenie K	Allegra M
FF	Levi J-L	Willa S
FT	Jethro C	Sarah M
Art	Indigo P, Banu E, Ava H	
Music	Rylan G, Sophie J, Lenny R	
Drama	Alira C	
Italian	Dunia K, Harvey H, Lachlan L, Violet C	
PE	Tawney McN, Dunia K, Hera P, Zyma A	



HAPPY BIRTHDAY

APRIL 26 - Sammie H

April 27 - Isabel I

April 28 - Sara C, Rueben C, Foley S, Bowie T

April 29 - Hope A, Oliver C, Matilda T, Willow V

April 30 - Cooper G

May 1 - Indi C, Nate P

May 2 - Ziming X

May 3 - Stella E, Paige L, Freddy P

May 4 - Ellie W

May 5 - Jasper B, Mitchell B, Aaroosh S, Emily S

May 6 - Mac B, Fynn Mc, Max M

May 7 - Hadisa E

May 8 - Lucas F, Miah H, Jasnoor K, Paige R

We hope you enjoy your special day

Shine Bright EYM



KINDERGARTEN OPEN DAY

Thursday 26 May 2022

9:00 am to 11:30 am



This is a great opportunity to make an informed decision about your child's 2023 3YO/4YO Kindergarten enrolment.

Further information and a full list of participating Shine Bright Kindergartens can be found on the Shine Bright website www.shinebright.org.au

COME ^{AND} PLAY SOCCER



JUNIORS (Boys & Girls) AGES 6~14

Juniors guaranteed a game every week of the season, playing Saturday mornings 9am to 11am

Under 16's (Boys and Girls)

Playing Saturdays in the Bendigo Amateur Soccer League

Senior Men's and Women's Teams

Playing Sundays in the Bendigo Amateur Soccer League

**JNR SEASON
REGISTRATION
& FREE TRIAL
SATURDAY
APRIL 30**

9.30am~11.30am

CONSTRUCTION OF NEW CLUBROOMS HAS COMMENCED!



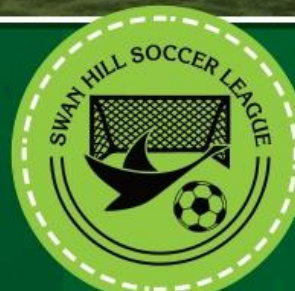
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Term Two in 5 Blue...

Term Two has lots of exciting things happening.
In 5 Blue we are most excited for...



Sienna- Cross Country
Lucas- All the sporting events
Rory- All the sporting events
Maddyn- Winter Sports
Noa- Winter Sports
Archer- Winter Sports
Tao- Assemblies in the Gym
Chelsea- Winter Sports
Coco- Lego Club



Jasnoor- Winter Sports
Flynn- Lego Club and Winter Sports
Kayla S- Cross Country
Ella- Winter Sports and Cross Country
Wajiha- Winter Sports
Natalia- Great Race and Colour Run
Dane- Colour Run and Art
Charlee- Winter Sports
Ayden- Colour Run
Emett- Colour Run

