



Term 2 Week 3

St. Mary's Primary School Newsletter

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Welcome to Week 3

Dear Parents,

To all our Mums and special women in the lives of our students - hope you had a wonderful day on Sunday and that you were all thoroughly spoilt by those who love you most.

Senior Cross Country

The Great Race was a terrific lead up to the Senior and Junior Cross Country. Thanks to Miss Clark and the Year 6 House Captains for their organisation and encouragement of all the children and it was wonderful to witness so many students and staff out there walking or running laps for their respective teams. The Senior Cross Country took place at Riverside Park **today** and it was terrific to see a big turn out of supporters to cheer the runners on.



NAPLAN starting Tuesday May 10th

This week, students in Year 3 and 5 will undertake the new online NAPLAN tests. 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. The NAPLAN tests assess 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.

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.** 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. The Naplan timetable was sent via PAM earlier this term.

Mothers & Special Friends Morning Tea - Thursday May 5th

What a wonderful celebration we had on Thursday with a huge rollup to our Mums and special friends morning tea. It was a great chance to say "welcome back", to visit the classrooms, and stay for recess with the family.

Highlights from the morning can be found on our Facebook Page or by following this link -

<https://www.facebook.com/stmarysswanhillvictoria/videos/1131879017381351>



The Colour Run

The weather was kind to us and WE HAD SO MUCH FUN! As the finale to The Great Race, the Colour Fun Run was a huge success with the students (and staff) really getting into the spirit of the day! It was amazing to see how quickly we went from a sea of white to every colour of the rainbow as each year level began their run around the oval! It was also fantastic to see so many parents there watching or helping out with the colour stations or manning the parachutes.

Sponsorship money is still coming in and the online donations are open until the end of the week but we are well on the way to raising our target of \$10,000. This money will be used to construct the sensory garden area outside the Year 3 classrooms.

A huge thank you to Renee and Ebony who were the key drivers behind this event and to all our trusty P & F helpers - what a magnificent effort!



Year 2 camp

Camps are back and excitement is building in the Year 2 rooms as they get ready to board the bus and set off on an action packed school camp. Building on their current history unit, highlights include, a visit to the Catalina Museum, lawn bowls, a tour through the Kerang museum before returning to Swan Hill for tea at St Mary's and attending the Laser Light show at the Pioneer Settlement. Children will need to be collected from the Pioneer Settlement (Paragon Cafe) at 7.30pm.

Assemblies and Family Friendly Fridays are back!!!

We have our first whole school assembly for the wider community this week. For those who are new or have forgotten how it works (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 stay and join us for lunch in the passive play area. This week assembly is being run by 4K.

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.

St Mary MacKillop Transition Day 1

This Wednesday May 11th, our Year 6 students will spend the day at St Mary MacKillop College as part of their transition to secondary school program. This is a great opportunity for our students to enjoy a range of experiences and gain confidence and familiarity in the secondary environment.

School Uniform

We are still in 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.

I hope you all enjoy the week ahead and look forward to seeing many of you out and about this week.

Kate



RE News - Mrs Davies

Please see the link below for the April 2022 edition of Our Diocesan Community magazine.

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

Physical Education - Miss Clark

The Great Race

The Great Race results are in! But first, a very big thank you to all those staff and students who participated in running or walking laps at lunch time. There was an amazing atmosphere in the school for the week and a great effort by all. Well done to the **WOMBATS** who were the winners this year.

Senior Cross Country

The Senior Cross Country was held on Monday 9th of May for the Year 3 – 6 students at Riverside Park. It was fantastic to see so many of our students give their best effort at this event. The top students for their age group will go on to represent the school at the Division Cross Country on Tuesday 17th May. The 9 and 10 year olds will run 2km and the 11, 12 and 13 year olds will run 3km. If your child/ren has qualified for the next stage they will be notified and information regarding this event will be sent home via PAM.



Year 5 and 6 Winter Sport

Training for Year 5 and 6 Winter Sport starts this week. The students could choose from Netball, Football, Soccer or Teeball. All training sessions are conducted by Mackillop students and held here at school on Friday afternoons. The Division Winter Sports day will be held on Tuesday 21st of June. Information for this event will be sent via PAM at a later date.

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>

Week 3 Activities	Monday May 9th	Tuesday May 10th	Wednesday May 11th	Thursday May 12th	Friday May 13th
BSC	How to draw activity	Spot the difference	Kids yoga	Soccer in the gym	Popsicle Stick craft
ASC	Chalk drawing Gaga ball	Dodgeball Origami	Nature scavenger hunt Maze puzzles	Just dance Board games	Golden child in the gym Playground Adventurers

KEY DATES

Monday May 9th

Senior Cross Country

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

Friday May 13th

GRIP Leadership Day
for School Captains

Sunday May 22nd

Open Day
Tours at 10am & 11am

Monday May 23rd

Pupil Free Day
Staff PD

Thursday May 26th

Junior Cross Country
More information to come

Thursday May 26th

Swan Hill College
Year 7 Transition Day
Hard copy information
provided to all Year 6
families

Friday May 27th

CESH Mass

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 9th	Tues May 10th	Wed May 11th	Thur May 12th	Fri May 13th
Lyn Lawry	Kathryn Auritch	Yvonne Graham	Kathryn Auritch	Helper needed
Mon May 16th	Tues May 17th	Wed May 18th	Thur May 19th	Fri May 20th
Helper needed	Kathryn Auritch	Sarah Cameron	Belinda Free	Jacqui Brooks

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 Beanies

As the weather cools down, jump on to CDF Pay and order your child a beanie (\$15 each).

Book Club - Issue 3

Scholastic Book Club Issue 3 has been sent home. We will not be accepting cash payments for orders. Please order online following the instructions below.

Issue 3 orders are due by Wednesday May 11th

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



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.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO...

MAY 10 - CHRISTIAN K, DARCY MCL,
MINH N

MAY 12 - BLAKE D, FLEUR MCN, ZACH R,
KNOX T

MAY 13 - BAYDEN B, FARHAN H,
ALLEGRA M

MAY 14 - DELILAH B, JAMESON B,
JESSE C, PATRICIA F

MAY 15 - JAMISON C, MAYA G



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



BE THE FIRST!

ARE YOU INTERESTED IN PLAYING IN THE
GIRLS COMPETITION IN 2022.
PLAYERS WELCOME!

CONTACT ONE OF OUR FANTASTIC SIX CLUBS



Ange Young 0419 895 580



Jess Merrett 0419 436 049



Emily Patterson 0409 052 745



Bianca Wise 0439 656 173



Sandie Richardson 0417 399 060



Jarrod McKenzie 0428 339 633





THE GREAT RACE

There is always such a buzz in the air the week of the Great Race! Other than being a little chilly towards the end of the week, the weather was kind as staff and students completed laps for their house team.

This year, the whole school completed a total number of 14,481 laps around the oval which is a distance of 6741km.

This distance is the same as travelling from Melbourne to Vietnam...**THAT IS INCREDIBLE!**





A very big thank you to the House Captains who helped run the event and gave constant encouragement to each student which helped create such a positive atmosphere.

The **COLOUR RUN** Finale was an amazing way to celebrate the end of the week. A special thank you to the P&F helpers who organised and ran the day.

We are grateful to see so many visitors back at school to support our students and join in the celebrations.



Below are the final results of the week

			
<p>1st WOMBATS- 3836 laps</p>	<p>2nd BANDICOOTS- 3789 laps</p>	<p>3rd BUNYIPS- 3687 laps</p>	<p>4th DINGOES- 3669 laps</p>