



Term 2 Week 4

St. Mary's Primary School Newsletter

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May 16th 2022

Welcome to Week 4

Dear Parents and Families,

On Friday we said farewell to Sony and Sonic Hoang who are moving to Noble Park. We will miss both the boys and wish them all the very best at their new school. On the home front, exciting news for Mr Bonney, Kelly and Bobby with the safe arrival of a beautiful new baby boy, Max on Thursday. Also, just a reminder for all families that next **Monday, May 23rd is a pupil free day**, as we prepare for our External School review which will take place next term.

School Uniform

The results are in and overwhelmingly both parents and students and our School Advisory Council were in favour of having shorts as an **optional addition** to the winter uniform.

This means as we transition into full winter uniform from Tuesday 24th, students do have the option of wearing shorts instead of winter pants on regular school days and shorts instead of track pants on PE days. Taking up this option will be an individual family decision.



This Sunday 22nd May is the next of our scheduled Open Days. These have been very successful with

many new families taking the opportunity to look through our school, meet staff and ask questions about aspects of school life at St Mary's and about our preschool transition program we run in Term 3 - Flying Start.

ST MARY'S IS KNOWN FOR ITS STRONG FAMILY PARTNERSHIPS, COMMITMENT TO THE WELLBEING OF EVERY CHILD AND OUTSTANDING ACADEMIC RECORD.

St Mary's Primary School
OPEN DAY
Sunday May 22, 2022

ENROLMENTS FOR 2023 ARE NOW BEING ACCEPTED
We warmly invite prospective families to visit our school to see for themselves what makes us different.
Come chat to our staff as they show you around our school.
Tours at 10am and 11am

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Flying Start and 2023 Enrolments

We are open for 2023 enrolments for Foundation to Year 6 students and are taking registrations for our school transition program - Flying Start. Flying Start is a terrific way for preschoolers to prepare for life in Foundation, get to know teachers and build their familiarity with the school environment. Our parent community is one of our best forms of advertising so please let friends and families know about the great teaching and learning programs and level of care that exists at St Marys, when they are considering school options for their children. Our local preschools, including **Shamrock Park** are also open for 2023 enrolments on the Shine Bright webpage. We have been fielding a number of enquiries for the option of 4 Year old preschool groups to also run on Monday and Wednesdays and ask that you direct these enquiries to the Shine Bright Office on 03 54431229.

Colour Fun Run

Our Colour Fun online sponsorship closed on Friday after raising an amazing \$13,872 of which a large percentage goes directly to the school. Again, thank you very much to Renee and our P & F team and Ebony in the office who coordinated such an inclusive and fun filled event! The children absolutely loved the experience and along the way have raised money to build another exciting play area in our grounds.

GRIP Leadership

Our Year 6 leaders, together with Mrs Davies and Mr Daniels headed to Bendigo to participate in the GRIP leadership conference. Designed to enhance student leadership capabilities, this was a great opportunity for our senior students to gain self-confidence as well as leadership skills and strategies to enhance their role.

Division Cross Country

Our thanks go to Miss Clark for her organisation of the Senior Cross Country last week. It was terrific to see the way the children participated and encouraged each other. Congratulations to those children who were successful in going through to the Division Cross Country which is held tomorrow at Riverside Park.

Year 2 Camp

Despite the damp start to the day, it seems everyone had a wonderful time on the Yr 2 camp and thoroughly enjoyed all the many experiences on offer. It seems getting locked in the jail at the Kerang Museum was a firm favourite followed closely by exploring the bunker at the Catalina Museum and the Heartbeat of the Murray laser show! It was also lovely to see lots of family members join the campers for tea at St Mary's before they departed for the Pioneer Settlement. Thanks so much to all who came along and who pitched in and helped with serving tea and the clean up.



St Mary MacKillop Transition Day 1

Our Year 6 students had a great day at St Mary MacKillop College as part of their transition to secondary school program. This was a great opportunity for our students to enjoy the range of experiences on offer and gain confidence and familiarity in the secondary environment and staff that work there. cooking and making slime certainly was a highlight!



Friday Assembly

We had our first whole school assembly for the wider community on Friday with 4K doing a brilliant job in sharing their prayers and reflection on Mothers Day. It was wonderful to see so many family members coming along to join us and stay for lunch

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

Kate



Wellbeing

Keeping kids active - Anyone who's seen kids on a playground knows that most are naturally physically active and love to move around. But what might not be apparent is that climbing to the top of a slide or swinging from the monkey bars can help lead kids to a lifetime of being active.

As they get older, it can be a challenge for kids to get enough daily activity. This can be due to:

- increasing demands at school
- a feeling among some kids that they aren't good at sports
- a lack of active role models
- busy working families



Benefits of being active - When kids are active, their bodies can do the things they want and need them to do. Why? Because regular exercise provides these benefits:

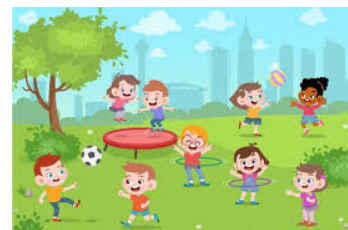
- strong muscles and bones
- healthy weight
- decreased risk of developing type 2 diabetes
- better sleep
- a better outlook on life

Physically active kids also are more likely to be motivated, focused, and successful in school. And mastering physical skills builds confidence at every age.

What Motivates Kids? So there's a lot to gain from regular physical activity, but how do you encourage kids to do it? The three keys are:

1. **Choosing the right activities for a child's age:** If you don't, the child may be bored or frustrated.
2. **Giving kids plenty of opportunity to be active:** Kids need parents to make activity easy by providing equipment, signing them up for classes or sports teams, and taking them to playgrounds and other active spots.
3. **Keeping the focus on fun:** Kids won't do something they don't enjoy.

When kids enjoy an activity, they want to do more of it. Practicing a skill — whether it's swimming or riding a tricycle — improves their abilities and helps them feel accomplished, especially when the effort is noticed and praised. These good feelings often make kids want to continue the activity and even try others.



Curriculum News - Mrs Hall

National Simultaneous Storytime (NSS) is an annual event that aims to engage children of all ages to enjoy books by creating a sense of excitement around reading. Now in its 22nd successful year, it is a colourful, vibrant, fun event that aims to promote the value of reading and literacy. On this special day (Wednesday 25th May) students and teachers all read the same book. This year, we're excited to be reading 'Family Tree' by Josh Pyke and Ronojoy Ghosh.

FAMILY TREE

*It started with a seed, and that seed was me. And, over time, laughter filled my garden . . .
A heartfelt celebration of family, community and the seasons of life to cherish and share.*

PAT: Progressive Achievement Tests

"More than two-thirds of all Australian schools use PAT to improve learning outcomes for every student"

Progressive Achievement Tests, commonly known as **PATs**, are one of the main sets of tests schools use. PATs are multiple-choice tests designed to help teachers determine achievement levels of students in Mathematics, Reading Comprehension and Vocabulary, and Listening Comprehension. During the month of May our Year 1-6 students complete PAT Reading, Maths, and Year 3-6 also complete the PAT Grammar and Punctuation test. These tests are completed online using Chromebooks and iPads. Data gathered will inform teachers of students' current strengths and areas for improvement which can be used for planning teaching and learning, and monitoring progress over time with PAT testing also conducted again in October

Physical Education - Miss Clark

The Great Race Winners

The individual award winners for the Great Race were announced and presented with their certificate at assembly on Friday. Well done to the following staff and students who achieved the most laps for their year level:

Foundation: Lenny H, Lincoln F and Fleur M, **Year 1:** Joseph K and Rosie A, **Year 2:** Raff F, Wil F and Maeve M, **Year 3:** Charles M and Mia H, **Year 4:** Henry O and Emma W, **Year 5:** Aiden K and Prue O, **Year 6:** Anton M and Pippa W, **Staff:** Mr Daniels and Jo Rogers

Senior Cross Country

Last Monday St Mary's had their Senior Cross Country for students in Years 3-6 at Riverside Park. It was great to see so many parents, friends and families supporting our students on the day. There are 40 students who will be representing St Mary's at the Division Cross Country this Tuesday at Riverside Park. They will be competing against local schools for their chance to qualify for Regionals. The 8/9 and 10 year olds will run 2km and the 11, 12 and 13 year olds will run 3km. All families are welcome to attend this event and support the students. The first race begins at **11.00am**. We wish all those children who are representing St Mary's the best of luck!



AFL Clinic

This week during PE classes we are lucky to have David Alderuccio who works for AFL Victoria providing our school with a free AFL clinic to all year levels. This is a great opportunity to get our students excited about the footy season and to learn some new skills and build confidence in footy.

Junior Cross Country

The St. Mary's Junior Cross Country (Foundation to Year 2) will be held **Thursday, 26th of May** on the St. Mary's School oval between **2:00pm and 3:00pm**. All family and friends are welcome to attend to support their child/ren. All children are encouraged to participate with the aim of having fun and trying your best.

RE News - Mrs Davies

Catholic Education Week 2022

On Friday, May 27th, the 3 Catholic schools from the Holy Family Parish, St Mary's Swan Hill, St Mary MacKillop College and St Mary's Sea Lake, will come together to celebrate Catholic Education Week. We will be hosting the Catholic Education Swan Hill (CESH) Mass where all three schools celebrate the Eucharist together.

Families are more than welcome to join us for our Mass beginning at 11.30am in St Mary's Gym.

Our theme for this year is 'Share the Good News' which comes from the gospel passage ***"Go into all the world and proclaim the good news to the whole creation."*** – Mark 16:15

Our communities are beautiful places that can and do enrich the mystery of Christ's identity and enable his way to be continually raised up in and by community. We pray that our communities inspire from within to be people of peace, hope and love in these times of displacement, anxiety and concern for Earth as our common home: to realise each unique community's intimate connection in proclaiming who Jesus is and what it means to follow in the light of the gospel for these times. Catholic Education Week is an opportunity to celebrate and enhance the reality of this identity, to dialogue with the Catholic faith tradition and the world in which we live to interpret and proclaim the good news.



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 4 Activities	Monday May 16th	Tuesday May 17th	Wednesday May 18th	Thursday May 19th	Friday May 20th
BSC	Imagination Station	Bobs and Statues	Twister	Colour by Numbers	Card Games -Uno
ASC	Line Tigg Charades	Origami One Touch football game	Drama Detective Box Construction	Music in the Music Room Leaf Painting	Playground Adventures Chatterboxes



KEY DATES

Tuesday May 17th

Division Cross Country
Riverside Park Swan Hill
Information has been sent to those participating via PAM

Thursday May 19th

Y Lead Workshop
Year 5

Sunday May 22nd

Open Day
Tours at 10am & 11am

Monday May 23rd

Pupil Free Day
Staff PD

Tuesday May 24th

Students to be wearing winter uniform

Thursday May 26th

Junior Cross Country
St Mary's Oval
2pm-3pm

Thursday May 26th

Swan Hill College
Year 7 Transition Day
Information sent to those attending via PAM

Friday May 27th

CESH Mass

Tuesday May 31st

Regional Cross Country

Thursday June 2nd

Flying Bookworm
Performance
Foundation & Year 1

Canteen News

Our canteen menu is currently undergoing a revamp. You will see some changes to our menu when ordering on CDF Pay and a hardcopy of the new menu will be provided to families soon.

Kicking off this week is our Wednesday Winter Warmer

Hot roast chicken roll with cheese and gravy for \$3.50

Yum!!!!!! Available through the Specials menu on Wednesdays only.

We have also added **Party Pies** to the menu, available everyday for \$1 each.



Our cut off time for CDF Pay orders is now 9.30am

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



As always, we are looking for canteen helpers. You must have a valid WWCC and provide evidence of your vaccination status (current guidelines). Please email office@smswanhill.catholic.edu.au if you can assist.

Mon May 16th	Tues May 17th	Wed May 18th	Thur May 19th	Fri May 20th
Lisa Brady	Kathryn Auritch	Sarah Cameron	Belinda Free	Jacqui Brooks
Mon May 23rd	Tues May 24th	Wed May 25th	Thur May 26th	Fri May 27th
Pupil Free Day	Kathryn Auritch	Kylie Andrews	Helper needed	Meagan Kelly Belinda Free

News from the Office

School Beanies

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

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.

Are you interested in becoming a foster carer?

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Mallee Family Care is hosting Shared Lives Training sessions for potential foster carers. This training will provide you with necessary skills as you begin your foster caring journey.

The sessions will be held at the Mallee Family Care office in Beveridge Street, Swan Hill on Saturday 28 & Sunday 29 May, from 9am - 4pm.
Lunch will be provided.

For more information or to register, please contact Rachel Pumpa or Tracey Davis on 03 5032 4479

Student of the Week - Term 2 Week 3

6A	Kevin T	Carisa D
6B	Lil H	Jack K
6W	Arna Ca	Luca Z
6Y	Yasmin H	Oliver M
5 ORANGE	Ekamroop K	Martin N
5 YELLOW	All of 5 Yellow	
5 GREEN	Taj K	Lane G
5 BLUE	Sienna C Charlee W	Kayla S
4K	All of 4K	
4L	Minh N	Banu E
4M	Marley B Ruby E	Hamish L
4N	Willow V	Mac B
3G	Haydon M	Cherry N
3H	Deacon R	Will P
3I	Oscar R	Sophie M
3J	All of 3J (NAPLAN)	Eva D
2R	-	-
2S	-	-
2U	-	-
1O	Heidi S Gurlal S	Tamika B
1P	Ingrid C	Lewis K
1Q	Florence T	Tia P
FC	Reeva S	Isla M
FD	Tavi L	Harrison R
FE	Billie G	Elise K
FF	Audrey M	Fleur McN
FT	Jacob C	Jordan L Lucy K
Art	Adi B, Jovi P, Cherry N	
Music	All of 5G, All of 2S, Kell P, Mac B	
Drama	Alfie C, All of 1P	
Italian	Maddison S, Nylah K, Willa S, Jazmine S	
PE	Harry H, Ellah D, Brydie A, Zoe D	



Happy Birthday

May 17 - Ellah D

May 18 - Vincent C, Draylan G, Willow W

May 20 - Ivy P

May 21 - Queenie K, Milan P, Max R

May 22 - Harrison B, Kit C, Zoe D,

Sonny M, Angela W

We hope you have a lovely 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



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5-12-YEAR-OLDS GIRLS

EVERYONE WELCOME NEW AND EXISTING PARTICIPANTS

FRIDAY 27TH OF MAY

4.30 PM - 5.15 PM

ALAN GARDEN RESERVE

STICK AROUND AND WATCH THE

UNDER 14 GIRLS COMPEITION UNDER LIGHTS!

REGISTER WITH THE LINK OR QR CODE

<https://www.playhq.com/afl/register/821773>





2U's Camp Highlights!

