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Newsletter Term 2 Week 8

Principal's Message

Dear Parents and Families,

I hope you had a lovely but also restful long weekend. It will be an extra short week for us all, as this Friday, June 17th is a Staff Professional Development Day (Pupil Free Day) with staff spending the day deepening their understanding of Catholic Social Teachings.

Welcome to our new look newsletter! We are thrilled with the new format and the added features that it incorporates and hope you find it a handy reference tool for knowing more about daily life and upcoming dates at St Mary's.

The Circus Challenge!

This week the students are in for a treat as we welcome the Circus Challenge crew to our school. Clinton and his team are running a series of circus workshops over the next two days, teaching the children the different tricks and skills used by circus performers. No doubt we are in for a few laughs and lots of fun as the children practise their new found skills.



Flying Start and 2023 Enrolments

You will have heard it on 3SH and seen it in the Guardian or on our Facebook page... it's that time of year when we are open for enrolments and take names for Flying Start. Our parent community is one of our best forms of advertising so please let your friends and family know about the great teaching and learning programs and wonderful pastoral support that exists at St Mary's, when they are considering 2023 school options for their children.

Places are filling steadily, especially in the 9.30am session, so don't forget to contact the school to confirm a place for your preschooler. Flying Start runs in Term 3 on Thursday and Friday mornings from (1) 9:00 to 10:30 and (2) 11:30 – 1:00 for all interested families. Ring the office for more information and don't forget to watch our series of videos that showcase our school in action on the St Mary's Facebook page.



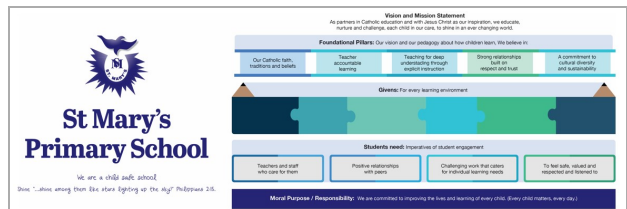
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Parent Helpers Workshop

We have had many requests from parents who would like to assist in classrooms now that we are back on site. For those interested, Mrs Hall is running a Parent helpers workshop on Thursday June 16th from 9.15am-10:00am. Please ring the office to let us know you are planning to attend.

Vision And Mission Statement

After input from staff, students and the SAC throughout 2020 – 2021 we have made some updates to our school Vision and Mission statement. This statement is fundamental to all we do and believe at our school and is on display in every classroom and in high traffic areas of the school as a visible reminder of our commitment to the children in our care.





St Vinnies Winter Appeal

At St Mary's we place a strong focus on Social justice and try to live out the Gospel through our actions. One example of this is our commitment to the St Vincent De Paul Winter Appeal. The Winter Vinnies Appeal provides emergency relief to people at risk and experiencing homelessness. Over the next two weeks we are asking for donations of non-perishable food which will be organised

into hamper bags and distributed to those in need in our community. This appeal is being coordinated by our student representative Council (SRC).

Year 5 & 6 Personal Development Information Evening

Just a reminder that parents are invited to attend an information meeting Monday 20th June, beginning at 7.00pm. It is suggested that parents/carers attend this information meeting, so they are clear as to what our class teachers are presenting to the children. Parents can also take this opportunity to ask any questions they have regarding the content of the program and to learn how to deal with some of these issues and questions at home. Many thanks to our Year 5 & 6 teams for their organisation of this session.

Have a terrific week ,

Kate



Key Dates

Tuesday June 14th & Wednesday June 15th

Circus Challenge IncurSION

Thursday June 16th

Classroom Helper Workshop
9.15am-10am
Call the office to register

Friday June 17th

Pupil Free Day
Staff PD - RE

Monday June 20th

Parent Information Meeting
Year 5 & 6 Personal Development Program
7pm

Tuesday June 21st

Year 5 & 6 Winter Sports

Wednesday June 22nd

Swan Hill College Transition Day

Friday June 24th

Casual Dress Day
Theme: Pyjamas
Donations of non perishable food items

Foundation E Assembly 12.25pm

End of Term 2

Wellbeing with Mrs Gook

Today you will find attached information for all parents about the funding changes for children who require extra support to achieve learning outcomes at school. This is a National Government initiative and affects all schools in Australia. Please take the time to read the information provided and feel free to ring Kate or Ginny for further clarification.

Curriculum News with Mrs Hall

Classroom, Literacy Support Helpers Workshop

If you are interested in supporting Literacy in our Junior rooms or learning more about supporting your child at home with their home reading, please feel free to come along to our Literacy workshop this Thursday 16th June. Our session will run from 9.15-10.00 in the staff workroom and we ask you to call the office to register your attendance. Please see attached flyer below.

Religious Education with Mrs Davies

St Vinnies Winter Appeal 2022

Over the next two weeks we are celebrating our annual St Vinnies Winter Appeal where we are called to remember Jesus' love for everyone. Teaching children the concept of

charity through donating items to help others is a wonderful way to develop their sense of compassion. We are asking that over the next two weeks for children to bring in donations of any **non perishable food items** to help those in our own local community who are in need of our help. We will be holding our 'Winter Pyjamas' themed casual dress day next Friday 24th June (last day of Term 2). The SRC are very excited to be involved in this event and are preparing posters to advertise this around the school.

Some ideas of non perishable food items to donate are:
 Boxes of Cereal
 Dry Pasta/Jars of Pasta Sauce
 Rice
 Tinned soup/vegetables/fruit/meals in cans
 Muesli Bars/Dry Biscuits
 Long Life Milk

Physical Education with Miss Clark

Girls Footy

On Monday the 6th of June, St Mary's had 2 teams entered in the Division Girls Footy competition held at Tyntynder. The day was all about promoting girls footy and talking to them about the opportunities in footy. Congratulations to the girls A team who have qualified for Regionals by winning all their games on the day. Well done to both teams for showing great sportsmanship and effort in their matches.

Active After Schools Program

The students have had their last AFL session of the Active After Schools Program. We would like to thank Otto and Austin from Mackillop College who provided our students with five great sessions of fun AFL games. A reminder that the last Netball session is on Monday 20th of June.

Year 5 and 6 Winter Sports

The Year 5 and 6 students have completed their last training session with the Mackillop students this week. Our students really appreciate the Mackillop Sport and Rec students taking them for their training sessions and preparing them for the Division Winter Sports. The Division competition is held on **Tuesday the 21st of June**. Students will compete in either Football, Netball, Soccer or T-Ball. Parents and guardians please check PAM for permission for your child/ren to attend.

Active After School Program & Girls Footy Photos



Sustainability with Mrs Ward



Plastic bottle lids and bread tags

St. Mary's is back supporting our families to do their bit by collecting their plastic bottle lids and plastic bread tags from home. These will be collected via the note basket.

WHY IS IT IMPORTANT?

Plastic Bottle Lids: Help rescue these lids from landfill and recycle them to protect our environment for future generations and wildlife.

Plastic Bread Tags: The tags are recycled locally, raising funds to buy wheelchairs for disadvantaged people.

@2 Murlong Before & 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/dHdBOThsSW9JeHUxYTEwaHNxZlMrdzo>

Term 2, Week 8					
Week Activities	Monday 13th June	Tuesday 14th June	Wednesday 15th June	Thursday 16th June	Friday 17th June
BSC		Craft - Cupcake birds	Beaded Pipe Cleaner Flowers	Fun ball games	Kids Yoga
ASC		Pipe Cleaner animals Just Dance	Cloud Dough Music in the Music Room	Whiteboard drawings Hula Hoop games	Playground Adventures Mindful Colouring

News from the Canteen

Our Wednesday Winter Warmer special is a

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 9.30am

If you are able to assist in the canteen in Term 3, please email your availability to office@smswanhill.catholic.edu.au

CANTEEN ROSTER:

Mon June 13th	Tues June 14th	Wed June 15th	Thur June 16th	Fri June 17th
Public Holiday	Kathryn Auricht	Kylie Andrews	Helper needed	Pupil Free Day
Mon June 20th	Tues June 21st	Wed June 22nd	Thur June 23rd	Fri June 24th
Lisa Brady	Helper needed	Helper needed	Kathryn Auricht	Lauren Martin

News from the Office

School Beanies

The days are freezing.....jump on to CDF Pay and order your child a beanie (\$15 each).

Rapid Antigen Test Collection - Weeks 5-8

You can collect your test kits from the office window for Weeks 5-8 (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.

Student of the Week

Birthday Wishes

Community News