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# Newsletter Term 3 Week 1

## Principal's Message

Dear Parents and Families,

Welcome back one and all! We hope you all enjoyed the holidays and are back rested and ready for another exciting term of learning. New to our school this term are Matilda Quigley, Joann and Henco Van Der Westhuizen and Nilakshi Ratnayaka. We hope these students quickly settle into life at St Mary's and we look forward to getting to know them and their families.

There's been lots of work behind the scenes with new storage built in the gym foyer for our OSHC program, technology upgrades, water pipes being moved and outdoor clean ups all occurring while it was nice and quiet on site.

## School Review Preparations

The preparations for our External School Review scheduled from August 16-17 are almost complete.

We began the groundwork for the review in Term 3 last year with members of staff, students and parents completing the School Improvement Survey that measured the organisational health of the school. Since then we have worked with different groups of staff, the SAC and gained student input about many aspects of life at the school. The collated and analysed data from these surveys and workshops, along with other data collections form the basis for our School Reflection report and St Mary's Data Profile. A panel of external reviewers will spend two days at St Mary's and use these reports, plus their visits to the school and interviews with members of the school community, to complete the review process.

The Review validates the school's achievements and challenges in the areas of Catholic School Culture, Learning and Teaching, Student Wellbeing, Leadership and Stewardship and School Community. This week as part of our final preparation we will share the review journey with our School Council (SAC) members. This review process takes place every

5 years and forms the basis of goal setting for future school improvement.

## Flying Start and 2023 Enrolments



We are really looking forward to the commencement of the 2022 Flying Start program which starts next Thursday and getting to know many of our 2023 Foundation students and their families before they commence school next year. Numbers have built up slowly but steadily for Flying Start. Thank you to our parent community who have been talking about Flying Start to their school mates, mothers group or friends made through preschool, as your recommendation and positive talk about our school has encouraged many prospective families to enquire about enrolling in the school in

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.



## Parent Workshop

## Helpers

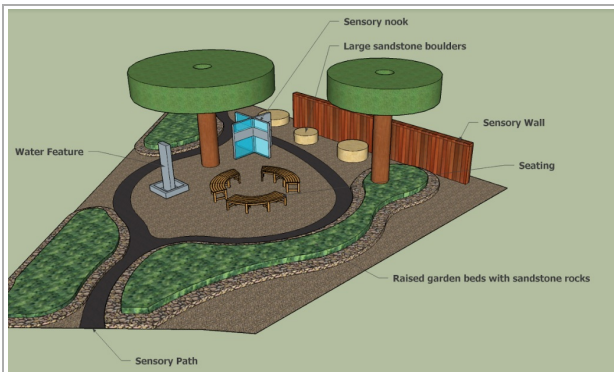
Back by popular demand! We had a very good turnout from parents at our first parent helpers workshop and steady enquiries since so Mrs Hall is running a repeat of the first workshop on



Wednesday June 20th from 9.15am-10:00am. Please ring the office to let us know you are planning to attend.

### Sensory Garden Update

After gaining input from the P&F, staff and students we have had some sensory garden plans drafted and are on track for this landscaping to commence in the next school holidays. Here are some of the concept design ideas:



### Child Safe Standards

On July 1st, updated Child Safe Standards came into place. This means Ministerial Order 870 will be replaced by Ministerial Order 1359 - Implementing Child Safe Standards. As St Mary's is now under the governance of the Diocesan of Ballarat Catholic Education Limited (DOBCEL), new policies and procedures have been approved and ratified by Bishop Paul for implementation in our school. The new Child Safety and Wellbeing Policy is available to parents, guardians and carers on the school website (<https://smswanhill.catholic.edu.au>).

### School Disco - Friday July 22nd

Our P&F have been working hard to organise our next school fundraising event. By popular request, the St Mary's School Disco has returned and takes place next Friday July 2nd at Jubilee Centre at St Mary MacKillop College with Disco Joe Doigo onboard, we are looking forward to seeing some amazing dance moves from the kids!



If your child is attending, please return the permission slip by Wednesday, 20th July. Times:

Foundation - Year 2: 4.45pm-5.30pm

Year 3 - Year 6: 6pm-7pm

### Parent Interviews

### Teacher

Our second round of Parent Teacher Interviews will be conducted in Weeks 7 & 8 of this term. Online bookings will be advertised via PAM, the newsletter and on our Facebook page closer to the date.



### St Vinnies Winter Appeal

We had a wonderful response to the St Vinnies Winter appeal and thank Belinda, Arren and the SRC team for their organisation with this event. It took two trips in a ute packed to the hilt to transport this all to the St Vinnies centre over the holidays with 156 bags of groceries holding almost nearly 1800 items being donated to distribute to families in need in our local community.

Have a terrific week and I look forward to seeing many of you in the yard, out in the car park or at assembly hosted by Foundation T this week,

*Kate*

### Key Dates

**Monday July 11th**

Start of Term 3

**Friday July 15th**

De La Salle College Band Performance  
Assembly 12.25pm Foundation T

**Saturday July 16th & Sunday July 17th**

Eucharist & Confirmation

**Monday July 18th**

Gen Bryant School Performance

**Thursday July 21st & Friday July 22nd**

Flying Start commences (session 1)

**Friday July 22nd**

P&F School Disco (more information to follow)  
Assembly 12.25pm 5 Yellow

**Saturday July 23rd & Sunday July 24th**

Eucharist & Confirmation



## Wellbeing with Mrs Gook

### The Resilience Project

This is well worth watching as it sums up all that Hugh from 'The Resilience Project' is promoting to build children's resilience.



In the final part of [The Resilience Project's](#) digital series, Hugh shares an important message about allowing our children to experience adversity.

The key to building resilience in our children is allowing them to experience failure, hardship, disappointment etc. As parents, we can be too quick to resolve our children's challenges which can deprive our children of enormous growth opportunities. These typically happen when we experience failure and uncertainty. As parents we should be there for our children when they fail, but not fight their battles for them.

View Part 5 of the series here - Summary <https://theresilienceproject.com.au/parent-and-carer-hub-hugh/>

Thank you for participating in this Parent and Carer Digital Presentation series. You can re-watch the videos and access activities and resources anytime via the [Parent & Carer Hub](#).

## Curriculum News with Mrs Hall

### Classroom, Literacy Support Helpers Workshop

After such a positive response to our [Literacy Support workshop](#) last term, we have decided to run it again next week, [Wednesday 20th July](#). 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. 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

### Sacraments of Confirmation & Eucharist

Over the next two weekends we are really looking forward to our sacramental children celebrating their Confirmation and/or First Eucharist over the weekends 16/17th and 23/24th July. If you haven't yet confirmed a date for this can you please contact me asap [bdavies@smswanhill.catholic.edu.au](mailto:bdavies@smswanhill.catholic.edu.au) to let us know what date suits your family best.

### St Vinnies Winter Appeal Donations

It was absolutely amazing to see the large amounts of donations that had been brought in towards

the end of last term. This culminated in a whole school tally of over 1500 items. The SRC worked very hard on the last day of school to collect these items from classrooms and put them into bags ready to transport down to our St Vinnies store. A very big thankyou to all families who sent in different items to be donated to help our families in need this Winter. This was all part of reaching out and helping others just as Jesus teaches us to do.



## Physical Education with Miss Clark

### Division Winter Sports

The weather was kind to us on Tuesday the 21st of June for Division Winter Sports. The day was a success for all of the Year 5 and 6 children who represented St Mary's and they should all be proud of their efforts.

We had some great results across the sports that St Mary's competed in:

- Football: Winners in Division 1 Boys  
Winners in Division 2 Boys
- Netball: Winners in Division 1 Girls  
Runners Up in Division 2 Girls
- Teeball: Runners up in Girls
- Soccer: Winners in Division 1 Boys  
Runners Up Division 2 Boys  
Runners Up in Girls

The Winning teams for Division 1 sports will progress through to the Regional level later in the term. Soccer and Netball is on Thursday 28th of July and Football is Tuesday 2nd of August. Many thanks to the Year 5/6 teachers and the St. Mary MacKillop students for their support on the day.



## State Cross Country

We wish our students competing at the State Cross Country on Thursday the 14th of July the best of luck! The students have done very well in the School, Division and Regional Cross Country competitions to make it to this level. St Mary's are very proud that we have students representing our school at the State level.

Week 1 Activities	Monday 11th July	Tuesday 12th July	Wednesday 13th July	Thursday 14th July	Friday 15th July
BSC	Storytime-Somebody's Land	Colouring Activity	Word Search	Silent Ball	Board Games
ASC	Nature Scavenger Hunt Playground Adventures	Loom Bands Magic Sand creations	Sandpit Fun Football drills	Jenga Competition Let's visit the Music room	Science with Rob Imaginative/ Free play

## Sustainability with Mrs Ward

### Plastic Free July



<https://www.plasticfreejuly.org>

Plastic Free July® is a global movement that helps millions of people be part of the solution to plastic pollution.

We know so many of our families at St. Mary's make a conscious effort to reduce the amount of plastic their child brings to school.

It's important for us to be mindful of this, as research has found the average packed lunch of a child produces three pieces of rubbish every day- amounting to approximately 30kg of waste per child each year.

Some small and simple ideas you can do with your child's lunchbox are:

- Buy snacks in bulk and then place them in reusable containers- saves a lot of money too!
- Invest in a non-toxic and durable sandwich box/ bento box
- Swap plastic wrap for beeswax wraps

## @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/dHdBOThsSW9JeHUxYTEwaHNxZlMrdo>

## News from the Office

### School Beanies

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

### Book Club - Issue 5

Scholastic Book Club Issue 5 has been sent home. We will not be accepting cash payments for orders. Please order online following the instructions below.



### Issue 5 orders are due by Thursday July 28th

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](mailto: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.

### Second Hand Jumpers

We have plenty of second hand school jumpers available for a gold coin donation. Please call in to the office if you would like to have a look in the second hand cupboard.

## News from the Canteen

Warm Chicken Wraps are available through the 'Daily Specials' menu every Monday.

**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](mailto:office@smswanhill.catholic.edu.au)

**CANTEEN ROSTER:**

Mon July 11	Tues July 12	Wed July 13	Thur July 14	Fri July 15
Need someone	Kathryn Auricht	Bec Ryder-Anderson	Need someone	Need someone
Mon July 18	Tues July 19	Wed July 20	Thur July 21	Fri July 22
Need someone	Ursula Sparks	Kylie Andrews	Need someone	Stacey Lawry

**Birthday Wishes**

**What's happening in Foundation E?**