



St Mary's Newsletter

WELCOME TO WEEK 5

It is hard to believe that we are half way through the term already, with a busy school calendar and a few events rescheduled due to our circuit breaker lock down last week. Firstly, a big shout out of gratitude to our families for their support and flexibility with balancing work and school life for our three day lock down. The majority of our learners returned to school ready to continue with their learning. It is wonderful how quickly our learners adapt under such circumstances. We are all hopeful that the continued possibility of lock down does not eventuate but as a precaution, St Mary's has been instructed to create a action plan if this way of life continues over the coming months.

Over the last week we have had impressive representation in our local pools in interschool swimming. St Mary's took part in the Kerang and Swan Hill Zone swimming sports and all of our learners put in an amazing effort. Well done to Sam Dobie, Eadie Power, Emmy Easton and Mac and Milla Ryan for representing our school so proudly!

Thank you to all families who have informed the office of how fees are to be paid. Jenny Barry has set up all family requests and everyone will have received a statement of fees. St Mary's will follow the fees collection procedure which was shared with all families and is available on PAM for your reference.

At the end of 2020, the Victorian State Government provided all schools with a financial contribution to support some implementation of tutoring given the interruption to schooling last year. All Victorian schools received varying amounts. Schools are able to use the finance to support learners within small groups and resource programs that might further develop core curriculum areas. St Mary's will implement a combination of both. Testing data will be used to target groups and we will further purchase books for our leveled literacy intervention program. We hope to support as many learners throughout the year as possible.

Just a reminder that St Mary's will be closed this Friday to our Learners. Thank you to all of our families for accommodating this. All staff will be taking part in the first day of our Visible Learning journey! We look forward to putting into action our learning in the near future!

God Bless Everyone & Have a wonderful week!

Jasmine Ryan (Principal)



DATES AHEAD

- 24th Feb: St Mary's School Board AGM @ 6:30pm (Rescheduled)
- 26th Feb: St Mary's School Closure Day - No learners today
- 3rd Mar: Preps to attend full time
- 8th Mar: Labour Day Weekend - Public Holiday
- 19th Mar: Harmony Day
- 26th Mar: Full School Assembly @ 2:20 in the Church
- 1st Apr: End of Term 1 - Dismissal @ 2:15pm



St Mary's is a Child Safe School.

We promote the safety, wellbeing and inclusion of all children.

A PRAYER

Lent

Lord Jesus, send your Holy Spirit upon me this lent that I might faithfully keep watch with you.

As I pray to our Father in a spirit of repentance

and thanksgiving, help me to turn to my brothers and sisters in love and service.

May this sacred season be a time of mercy, a time for me to forgive others as I have been forgiven by you.

Bring all of us who worship you as our redeemer closer together as we prepare to celebrate

your dying and rising.

Amen

St Mary's School Board AGM

St Mary's school board AGM has been rescheduled and will now take place this Wednesday 24th February from 6:30pm in the staff room! All in our community are welcome.



PBIS

Respect for Self.

Respect for our unity and wearing the correct school uniform to start our year off well!



St Mary's acknowledges and pays respects to the traditional custodians of the land on which we meet; the Barrapa Rappa People, and pay respects to elders both past and present.



The Resilience Project

St Mary's last week launched it's term 1 inquiry - How can we be resilient people in our communities? While our learners have taken part in the initial stages of tuning in, the staff too are behind the scenes preparing for our whole school community launch of the Resilience Project.

Given the year we encountered in 2020, St Mary's has committed to taking part in the digital program of the the Resilience Program. Over the year this program will be referred to as TRP! The program offers learning and resources to all of us in the community and we look forward to seeing our families take part in the journey also!

The Resilience Project promotes a life that practices the principles of GEM - Gratitude, Empathy & Mindfulness. The staff have already been taking active part in this and we look forward to our learners joining us in the coming weeks.

Inquiry Launch

Bright colours and slogans on t-shirts; 'Don't Worry - Be Happy', 'Smile More', 'Awesome', 'Yeah You Can', 'Choose Kind' and 'LOVE' set the mood at St Mary's as our learners and staff kicked off our Inquiry Launch on Friday, 'How Can We Be Resilient People in Our Communities?'

Among the many learning experiences, learners began to gain an understanding of what it meant to be kind, sharing compliments with one another, working together as a team to support each other, trying new things knowing that they may fail but it was ok, identifying and solving problems and conflict and facing challenges.

Lotti - BCF ads were funny and always did the wrong thing - I learnt that you need to be careful and try to fix the problem.

The Zones of Regulation helped me to know the colours for my feelings.

Addy - It was fun and great to learn new things. To know why you shouldn't tease people as you don't know their back story and we need to be resilient to be happy.

Tommy - Foot painting was fun. I learnt that you need to be persistent to overcome obstacles and challenges.

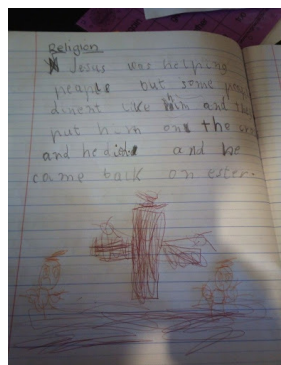
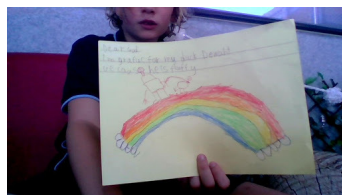
We look forward to exploring our learners' wonderings and where to next...

Junior Team

Well done to all of our amazing Junior learners this week. What a topsy turvy week we have had, all the Junior School Teachers and LSO's are so proud of all of your efforts both learners and parents!

We started the week with three days of Remote Learning Grid fun, learners were quick to get back into learning at home and were absolutely amazing. We had delicious Shrove Tuesday pancake making, beautiful Lent artworks, letters and sounds of the week were practised and the Year 2/3 's wrote informative recounts about our Swimming Carnival last Friday.

We were so happy to be all back together on Thursday and Friday and getting back into our routines. Learners thoroughly enjoyed our Inquiry Launch on Friday wearing colourful vibrant clothing and participating in a range of exciting activities, creating wonderings with their class and reflecting on their learning from the day.



Senior Team

What a week we have had in the Year 4/5/6 learning spaces. It started with Remote Learning and then a return to school on Thursday. It was so wonderful to see many of you completing your home learning grid and sharing all your excellent learning with us on Seesaw. Thank you parents for supporting us and your child/ren during this time. We were extremely excited to have our learners return on Thursday where they continued on with their learning.

So many learners enjoyed cooking pancakes for their families for Shrove Tuesday and developing their knowledge about LENT by completing a LENT bingo activity. On Thursday we looked at the activity where learners were required to make a prayer chain. It was wonderful to see so many chains at school and being used during our prayer time.

Friday was our Inquiry Launch where the learners got to experience a range of activities with the teachers. The learners were required to share their new learning and reflect on what each experience was about. Also on Friday Miss Spence and Mrs Fry took 5 learners to the Kerang Swimming Pool to compete in the Zone Swimming Sports. Congratulations to all those learners, it was a fantastic effort by all.

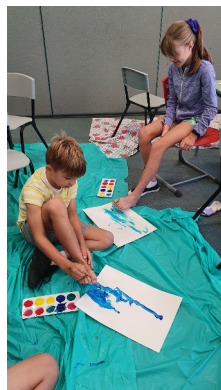
Happy Birthday



- Sam Dobie 23rd February
- Tully Fletcher 25th February
- Maggie McGlone 26th February
- Matilda Douglas 27th February



Term 1 Enquiry:





Cohuna



Hi Everyone

This year the Good Friday Appeal will go ahead from the Cohuna CFA and run by the Lions Club of Cohuna.

2021 Good Friday Appeal Tin Collections

Looking for Volunteers (under 16 must have Adult)

PPE, Face Masks and Hand sanitiser provided

Starting at 9am Friday 2nd April 2021

Cohuna CFA

Must Sign in

Easter eggs for all collectors

Regards

Anthony Troy

President / Good Friday Appeal Area Manager

Lions Club of Cohuna

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Annual General Meeting

Held at the Cohuna Rec Reserve

Monday 15th March 2021 - 6pm

Suitable for ages 5-10

Participants must be 5yo by 1/1/2021

All parents of children interested in Net Set Go 2021
are encouraged to attend.

For any queries contact Bec Power 0438091980