



# St Mary's Newsletter

## WELCOME TO WEEK 2

Welcome everyone to the 2020 school year! Welcome especially to our new Preps which we currently have 23 in our very vibrant class! This year St Mary's also welcomes some new families, the Matthews (Matilda - Yr 4, Jacob - Yr 1 and Abraham - Prep), the Rico family (Jared - Yr 3) and the Langley Lynch family (Levi - Yr 1)! We also officially welcome our new staff members who will be invaluable to our team - Miss Meg Cooke: Yr 4, Mrs Meaghan Lamb: Yr 2, Miss Jessica Baker: Visual Arts and Mrs Nicky Merkel: LSO Yr 1/2. We know how whole community will make them all very welcome.

We are slowly settling into our new building and becoming acquainted with entering and exiting. All learners know how to access the administration area, the first aid room, staff room and new learner toilets. The same routine applies to pick up and drop off. All families are to enter through the side or back gate for pick up and drop off. Any items, messages or lunches that are delivered throughout the day must be dropped at the office for the admin staff to take to learners. We ask that parents do not disturb learning areas unless you are in the learner support roles.

This Wednesday evening at 6:30pm we will have our 2020 Parent Information evening. Please join us as a whole group in the Year 3/4 Collaborative Classroom for a short presentation before moving into classrooms to meet teachers and learn classroom structures and routines. Mrs Fry will be here with activities if children need to attend.

Thank you to all of the families who have purchased new uniform! The feedback has been overwhelmingly positive and most importantly our children are comfortable! Thank you for your patience with back orders and distinguishing days of when to wear what!

*God Bless - Jasmine Ryan (Principal)*



## DATES AHEAD

- 3rd Feb: Board Meeting @ 7pm
- 5th Feb: Playgroup 10-11am, Parent Info night @ 6:30pm
- 7th Feb: Swimming Carnival @ 9:30am
- 10th Feb: P&F Meeting @ 7pm
- 12th Feb: Playgroup 10-11am, No Pres today
- 17th Feb: Kerang Zone swimming
- 19th Feb: No Preps today, Playgroup 10-11am
- 24th Feb: Zone Swimming Heat 2 @ Swan Hill
- 25th Feb: Shrove Tuesday - Pancake Tuesday, Assembly @ 2:20pm
- 26th Feb: Ash Wednesday - Mass @ 12:30pm in the Church



*St Mary's is a Child Safe School.*

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

### Parent Information Evening

5th February @ 6pm

we hope to see many of our families come along!

Whole group session -  
6:30pm, classroom  
sessions @ 7:00 & 7:30!

### P&F AGM

23rd March @ 7:00pm

Please come along and express your interest in joining our P&F! There are many roles and all are welcome!

### School Board AGM

16th March @ 7:00pm

Please come along and express your interest in joining our school board Working towards school improvement and achieving goals!

*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.*



## PBIS

At St Mary's we believe that all learners, their families and staff have the right to a safe and supportive learning environment.

Our Schools Positive behaviour policy is supported by our Diocesan Positive Behaviour Intervention and Support (PBIS) framework. This framework is based on the fundamentals of;

Respect for self

Respect for Others

Respect for the Environment

PBIS is a positive approach to developing acceptable and cooperative social cultures, supporting all Learners in the school to achieve social, emotional and academic success. PBIS is the teaching initiative used daily.



## A PRAYER

Dear Lord,

Thank you for the unique gifts of every child as they transition into a new school year.

Fill each student with fresh enthusiasm and a heart that is excited to learn and grow.

Cover them with enduring love, give them confidence and grace, and equip them with the ability to preserve through trials.

Bless their teachers with wisdom, understanding and a heart to serve, as they embark on the new journey together

Amen



PAM 2020 is up and running. Please be sure that families check this weekly as it provides day to day running of school events, reminders and activities. All existing and new families have log on details and passwords to access their individual family account. PAM will also house newsletters, policies and individual learner information.

Information such as attendance data, past school reports, commendations are all be located in PAM.

This year St Mary's will phase out the paper copy of first aid visits coming home. In the coming weeks if a child has visited the First Aid room, the incident will be logged on PAM and an email notification will be sent to families.

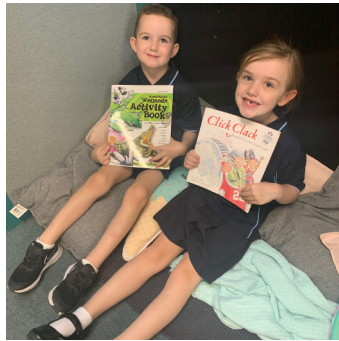
Please ensure that you revisit your PAM account(s) to check that medical information is up to date and accurate. If your child suffers from asthma, please be sure to upload his / her action plan. This needed to be renewed annually. We ask

that all families please update their family records by the end of February.

Thank you for everyone co operation on this.







## OUR LEARNING

### JUNIOR TEAM

Welcome to Term 1! The junior team hopes that everyone had a happy and safe holiday. We are so excited to see where this year takes us and to get to know all our learners. This week the Year 1 and Year 2 learners have been busy completing testing and setting up their bright and colourful classroom. The Prep learners had their first day of school on Friday. Well done on completing your first full day of school. They had a great day and enjoyed seeing their buddies. Next week the Year 1 and Year 2 learners will participate in swimming lessons from Monday - Thursday. The Prep learners will be staying at school. Friday is swimming sports, all learners are encouraged to dress in their house colours to show support for their team. We hope that you enjoy your first term of school and we can not wait to see all the learning and growth that happens this term.

### SENIOR TEAM

We had a fantastic first week of the 2020 school year in years 3-6. All learners have put their best foot forward in many different assessment styles to ensure we can target our teaching practice to meet everyone's learning needs. Mrs Colbert and Miss Cooke have created a warm and welcoming learning space inspired by hot air balloons and many creative puns. Their learners are settling in well, learning the collaborative learning style and enjoying the many flexible learning options. The 5/6 learners are loving their new classroom (refurbished old administration building) and feel like they are in their own mini house. The year six learners are proud of their amazing leadership shirts that were designed by Rylee Wilson and are excited to present a leadership speech to be elected as a sports captain.

## BIRTHDAYS



- Lachlan Symons - 24th January
- Seth Hogan - 29th January
- Aesha Bisset - 2nd February
- Brock Mitton - 3rd February
- Kody Oliver - 3rd February

### Missing T-Ball Shirts

We are missing 2x School T-Ball shirts. If we can get everyone to please have a look at home for these, and return to school ASAP if located. Thank you



# ST MARY'S CANTEEN SUMMER MENU

## TERM 1 2020

St Mary's School offers fresh, affordable quality food choices for our learners to ensure the whole school is well nourished throughout the day.

### FRESH IS BEST!

#### **CHICKEN & SALAD WRAP 4.50**

Diced Roast Chicken, shredded lettuce, grated carrot, beetroot, tomato and cheese.

#### **HAM & SALAD WRAP 4.50**

Ham, shredded lettuce, grated carrot, beetroot, tomato & cheese.

#### **CHICKEN, LETTUCE & MAYO WRAP 4.00**

Diced roast chicken, shredded lettuce and mayonaise.

#### **RAINBOW SALAD CUPS 4.50**

Layered salad cups with lettuce, grated carrot, diced tomato, corn and your choice of tuna or diced roast chicken.

#### **BAKED POTATO 4.50**

Baked Potato filled with Coleslaw and a dollop of sour cream

#### **FRESH CORN ON THE COB 2.50**

served warm with Herb Butter

### SWEET & FRESH!

#### **FRESH FRUIT FIESTA**

**4.50**

Watermelon, Orange, Kiwi Fruit & Strawberries

#### **FROZEN BANANA POPS**

**2.50**

Frozen Banana dipped in yoghurt & toasted Coconut

#### **VAALIA YOGHURT TUBES**

**3.00**

Strawberry or Vanilla

### **SANDWICHES**

HAM & CHEESE 2.80

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CHICKEN & CHEESE 3.00

BAKED BEANS 2.80

*Sandwiches available to be toasted on request.*  
*White or Multigrain*

#### **SWEET CHILLI WRAP 5.00**

Sweet Chilli Chicken Tender Strips with lettuce, tomato, cheese & mild sweet chilli sauce.

#### **CLASSIC CRUMB CHICKEN TENDER WRAP 5.00**

Plain Crumb Chicken Tenders with lettuce, tomato & cheese.

**CHICKEN NUGGETS 60c each**  
**FISH FINGERS 60c each**

### **MILKSHAKES WITH SIPPAAH STRAWS 2.00**

Cocoa Bean Chocolate, Luscious Strawberry, Velvety Vanilla, Banana Smoothie, Cookies & Cream & Chilled Out Choc Mint & NEW SMOOTH CARAMEL!

*All milkshakes served with 200mls light milk & shaken for FUN!*

#### **JUST JUICE 2.00**

Apple, Orange, Paradise Punch or Apple & Blackcurrant

#### **PADDLE POPS 2.00**

Rainbow & Banana



# MRS MAC'S PLAY GROUP



**WHEN:** Wednesdays

**WHERE:** St Mary's Primary School.

**TIME:** 10 till 11 am.

**COST:** \$10.00 annually

To cover cost and fees.

Starting 5th of February  
2020

Fun and safe environment.

Encourage social skills.

Different activities to develop skills.



## BASKETBALL FOR PEOPLE OF ALL ABILITIES

**Come along each Tuesday for 4 weeks**

ALL EQUIPMENT KINDLY SUPPLIED BY  
**Kerang Amateur Basketball Association**

**PLAYERS MUST WEAR FLAT FOOTWEAR (NO HEELS)**

**When:** Commencing Tuesday 4th Feb 2020,  
11<sup>th</sup>, 18<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup> Feb 2020

**Time:** 10.30am-11.30am

**Where:** Kerang Amateur Basketball Stadium  
Maxwell Street, Kerang

**BRING ALONG YOUR FRIENDS AND ALL WELCOME!**

**Cost: FREE (Don't forget to bring your water)**

**ENQUIRIES:**  
Rhonda Allan  
Mallee Sports Assembly  
Mobile 0427 780109  
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**NDCH**

Northern District Community Health

NDCH-your first port of call in the pursuit of good health!

## 5 SUNSMART Tips for your Family

### ☀ SunSmart starts with parents

Be a role model and make sure you are putting sunscreen also. Children are 16 times more likely to put sunscreen on after seeing their parents do so.

### ☀ Use UV reminders

Check the sun protection times each day by using the FREE [SunSmart app](#).

### ☀ Buy SunSmart clothing

Broad brimmed hats are best. Long sleeve tops, high necklines, longer skirts and pants can protect your children from the sun. Look for lightweight and breathable fabrics.

### ☀ Sunscreen: Choose it and use it

Apply 30 SPF (or higher) broad-spectrum, water-resistant sunscreen each morning. Reapply before going outside and after swimming.

### ☀ Keep SunSmart clothing, hats and sunscreen in plain sight

Keep hats and sunscreen next to the door so that is easy to see when going outside.

**Don't forget to SLIP, SLOP, SLAP, SEEK & SLIDE**



For more information visit: <https://www.sunsmart.com.au/about/media-campaigns/current-campaigns/belindas-story/sun-protection-tips-for-families>

[www.ndch.org.au](http://www.ndch.org.au)

CKFNC ARE SEEKING INTEREST FROM

# UNDER 13'S NETBALLERS



With current registered interest we will not have enough numbers to fill an Under 13 reserves side this year.

If you or anyone you know are interested in playing netball this year and are born between 01/01/2007 and 31/12/2009 please come along to the club registration night on Thursday March 5th or contact us for more information.

**ANY ENQUIRIES CONTACT GAB FITZPATRICK**

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