



St Mary's Newsletter

WELCOME TO WEEK 7

We are now at the beginning of week 4 of our change to remote schooling, just on the anticipated half way mark. There is a distinct feeling of routine, expectation and our teachers and staff are providing quality learning to all of our learners either at school or home! Our learners are amazing, so adaptable and resilient. We do hope that everyone is feeling well, and remaining positive. I know that everyone is simply doing their best and that is all we can do!

Even though schooling as we know it remains different, much of what happens in school remains the same. We are still processing enrollments for 2021, having School Board meetings and staff have just completed their Annual Review Meetings for 2020. We have had to modify the way we meet however it is business as usual from inside St Mary's. St Mary's on 10th September will take part in our VRQA (Victorian Regulations & Qualifications Authority) Review. An external provider will explore our practice, process and policy to ensure St Mary's is compliant. I will share the outcome of this review with our community at a later date.

Tomorrow our assembly link will be shared on School Stream at approximately 2:15pm. Be sure to watch it when you can for our school updates, awards and a quick reflection of what learning is looking like throughout our community.

In our newsletter today you will see our 'Capture this Time!' competition details. The St Mary's school board discussed a way that we could capture our experience of this year within our families. This competition will hopefully provide our families with the opportunity and motivation to record the changes and reflections to their home lives given this unusual year. The details below provide families with some ideas but we look forward to seeing how creative you all are. There will be prizes for our winners, all prizes will support our local businesses. We also hope that we are able to display our families entries next term in our foyer when we return to face to face schooling! We hope many of our families take part!

A reminder to all St Mary's families that we have a school closure day on Monday 31st August. This is a staff spirituality day that was scheduled prior to our remote schooling 2.0. We hope families enjoy the day off screens with an additional day to the weekend!

God Bless

Jasmine Ryan (Principal)

FATHER'S DAY STALL

Our CDF Father's Day stall is still open on CDF pay! Please purchase something for dad or for the special man in your life when you can! \$5 Gifts, enough for one per child.

Gifts can be collected on Friday's between 12:00 - 2:00!



DATES AHEAD

- 25th Aug: Assembly - Virtual - Released @ 2:15pm
- 28th Aug: Enrolment Stage 2 Due to the office
- 31st Aug: School Closure Day
- 1st Sept: Welcome Spring
- 4th Sept: 12:00 - 2:00 - Book Exchange & Father's Day Pick Up
- 10th Sept - St Mary's VRQA Review (Compliance)



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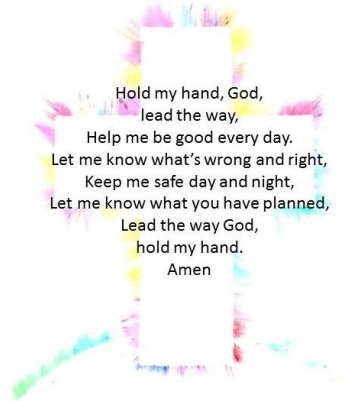
We promote the safety, wellbeing and inclusion of all children.

A PRAYER

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Prayer

Having a simple prayer that is easy to remember and quick to say either in the morning as we begin our day or in the evening as we go to bed, is a great way to keep God in our lives. Our prayer today is an example of a simple daily prayer that you can say with your children.



School Photos

School photos have been re-scheduled for Monday 26th October

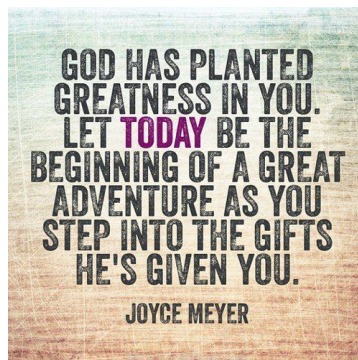
All monies paid will transfer over!



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PBIS

Respect for self.
Being a resilient learner during remote learning.



BIRTHDAYS



- Jacob Matthews 25th August



Congratulations to Alex, Brian, Hudson & Remi on the safe arrival of Asha Clare on the 5/8/20, weighing 8lb 3oz & measuring 52cm tall.



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.



Parish Masses

Father Novie is holding Mass each Saturday @ 6pm for those who would like to join! The details are below;

Join Zoom Meeting Link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/2032408316?pwd=emxLcVg3NldGcnFUZlhabnFlemxDdz09>

Meeting ID: 203 240 8316

Passcode: PxZv41

OUR LEARNING

JUNIOR TEAM

The learning that we have been see is amazing. You all continue to blow us away each day. Well done to all of you on another fantastic week of remote learning.

This week the junior learners have been learning to recognise facts in an information text. They have been using these facts to make a fact file. This will support our learners in writing an information report.

In maths the junior learners have been focusing on measurement. They have been learning to use informal units of measurement to compare the length of objects within their house.

This week in Inquiry the junior learners have begun to explore the different types of sound and how sound is made. They have been on a sound hunt and sorted the items they found into loud, soft, high and low sounds.

Fathers day Raffle

We have some great prizes for the Fathers Day lucky prize this year. All students names will be put into a hat and drawn at random by one of our fantastic on-site learners and we will get prizes to all winners asap.

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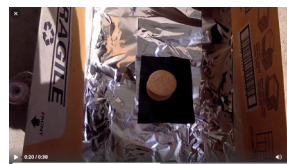
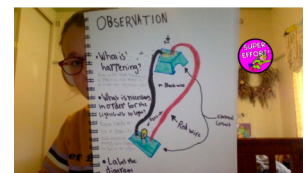
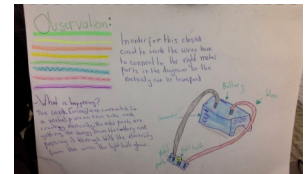
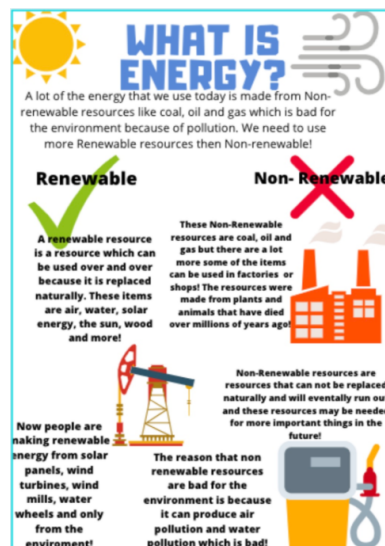


Good luck!

SENIOR TEAM

In Year 3/4 our learners are digging deeper into the texts we are reading through inferring what the text may be telling us but the author hasn't directly put in their writing. Learners are using lots of Information texts about sound to identify the main idea in texts with supporting details. In Writing, we are continuing to write our own information reports. Learners are building in the structure and features of information reports into their writing. In Maths, our Year 3 and 4 learners are continuing to build their skills in the area of subtraction with automatic recall of basic facts and other written strategies. In Inquiry, our learning is centred around our big question "What is Sound?" with learners experimenting with different materials to 'see' and 'hear' sounds.

The Year 5/6 learners are investigating renewable and nonrenewable energy. Learners created their own scientific research by creating a Water Wheel and Solar Cooker. We are practising drawing scientific diagrams by learning about complete electrical circuits. In Literacy, we created an info-graphic using Canva and explored scientific vocabulary. In Mathematics, we are expanding our understanding of multiplication by learning the process of the Vertical Algorithm. In flexible learning, learners loved the opportunity to design different science ideas and created hands-on mathematics resources.





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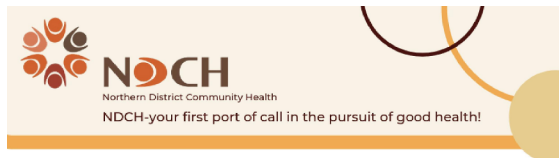


3rd



Congratulations to everyone who entered last weeks baking challenge! Once again it was a tough decision for our judges to make with so many yummy creations made. In 1st place we saw Paddy & Raff with their Cookie Monster Cookies, in 2nd place came Mac's Moose and Ella Jones in 3rd place with her delicious orange cake!

This weeks challenge is The St Mary's Scavenger Hunt! This is going to be a great opportunity to get out and about in your community and have some fun with your findings. Good Luck!



Maintaining Wellbeing in Primary School Children during COVID-19



Follow you kids cues

Listen to your kid's voice and their concerns around COVID. Be honest with them and answer in an age appropriate way. It is also important to correct misinformation and not promote fear or anger about the situation.

Help your kids play their part

Kids like to help and be a part of something. If you teach them that they can do their part by washing their hands, social distancing and following the rules they may be more likely to be proud of their efforts and feel like they are helping.

Build a routine

School is a really structured environment and kids take regular breaks. This helps kids focus when they are working. Build a routine that works for your household and allow the kids downtime, playtime and food breaks.

Praise effort

Learning comes from trialing things and making errors as much as it does from getting things right. Let your kids know you are proud of their efforts even if they don't get it correct straight away.

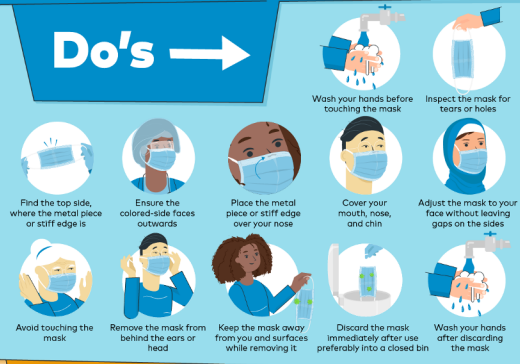
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www.ndch.org.au

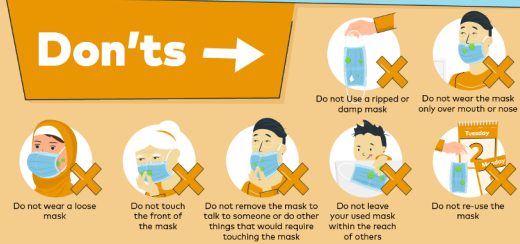
HOW TO WEAR A MEDICAL MASK SAFELY

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Do's →



Don'ts →



Remember that masks alone cannot protect you from COVID-19. Maintain at least 1 metre distance from others and wash your hands frequently and thoroughly, even while wearing a mask.

EPI WIN



St Mary's Scavenger Hunt

With your family get out and about in your home or community & photograph all that you find. Share your findings in a picture collage using your creative digital skills!

Playing air
guitars

Something
in your
favourite
colour

Your favourite
place
(home/town)

A cool
shadow

A beautiful
plant /
flower

A road sign

Something
sporty

A sunset

Favourite
toy

Your
letterbox

A book
where the
title begins
with the
letter of
your name

Something
that glows



Something
you've
made

A jumping
photo

Something
you are
proud of

Your
favourite
food

Something
that makes
a nice
sound

An item with
your name
on it

A pet

Something
you can
see
through

A bug

An
instrument

Your front
door

Your
reflection

Challenge entries are due 28th August
All entries will be shared on Facebook
Prizes to be won!

St Mary's Remote Schooling
Family Competition 2020



CAPTURE THIS TIME

WE ARE INVITING ALL FAMILIES TO CAPTURE
THIS TIME IN THEIR LIVES - A TIME IN HISTORY!

**COMPETITION CLOSSES
7TH OCTOBER**

Prizes from our local businesses - Fun for
the whole family!

This year has presented all of us with many challenges, new adjustments and the need to be resilient and flexible. St Mary's is using this as an opportunity to reflect and capture what may be a once in a life time experience. Given that throughout this year we have been asked to live with many restrictions we are inviting our families to capture the changes in their lives and share and celebrate some of these experiences with our community.

Families are invited to do a family project where you may include...

- Photographs
- Written reflections
- Movie recordings
- Arts & Crafts
- Music
- A creative presentation

Some reflections to include may be...

- The most powerful learnings for your family this year
- What has challenged your family the most
- Something new you now do
- Something you really missed during restrictions
- Something you know you can't live without
- A lifestyle change you have now made forever

How might you complete your family project...

- Create a scrapbook
- Make a movie
- Fill a time capsule
- Write a diary or letter
- Make a podcast
- Make a photo album
- Write & perform a song

**COMPETITION ENTRIES ARE DUE TO ST MARY'S ON 7TH OCTOBER 2020. PLEASE DROP IN OR EMAIL -
PRINCIPAL@SMCOHUNA.CATHOLIC.EDU.AU**

**ALL ENTRIES WILL BE RETURNED TO FAMILIES BUT SHARED PHYSICALLY &
VIRTUALLY FOR A FORTNIGHT BY THE SCHOOL!**



**WE LOOK FORWARD TO OUR FAMILIES
SHARING THEIR EXPERIENCES CREATIVELY!**

