



St Mary's Newsletter

WELCOME TO WEEK 9

We hope all of our Dad's had a wonderful Father's day and enjoyed this beautiful spring weather! Let's hope that next year we can celebrate as we normally do with our liturgy and breakfast! Thank you to all of the learners who submitted a tribute to Dad for the Father's day challenge - our winners are below and prizes will be coming your way!

Today our School Interviews bookings has been shared with our community on School Stream and attached in this newsletter. These Learning conversations are an opportunity to connect with your child(rens) classroom teacher around the many learning achievements and goals for term 4. We do really value these conversations and hope that everyone makes a time to see their teachers. All virtual meeting links will be sent to your child's St Mary's Google account.

I firstly want to thank you all for your ongoing support, flexibility and gratitude for St Mary's given these schooling conditions. It has not been an easy journey and family co operation has made such a difference. Yesterday the Victorian State government made some announcements that affect our schooling as we finish this term and begin term 4. Next week is week 10 and the last week of term. On Friday 18th September St Mary's will now have a closure day to allow teachers to prepare for returned face to face teaching in week 2 of term 4. There will be no school for any learners on this day. Thursday 17th September will be the last day of flipped and flexible learning for this term. There will be no 1:1 learning sessions with children on this day to accommodate our parent / teacher learning conversations.

As per the Victorian State government guidelines, St Mary's must continue to offer remote schooling for week 1 of term 4. All learners will return to face to face schooling as of Monday 12th October. In week 1 of term 4, teachers must teach remotely. We will roll over our onsite learners timetable from this term to week 1 of next term to accommodate our essential families. If any families have changes to their circumstances, please inform Miss Spence via email. On the Thursday and Friday of week 1 no one to one learning conversation will be held to allow teachers further preparation time to return to face to face teaching.

On our last day of term we will host our annual Footy colours day! Please dress up in your footy team colours! These might be our local or AFL teams that we barrack for! For onsite learners please feel free to bring along a gold coin donation for the research for childhood cancer. There will also be an option to make a donation via CDF pay from this Wednesday. Thank you in advance for this.

This Friday night St Mary's is having a community movie night for all of our families! A time to stop and just be together! A small treat will be provided to every family with some movie recommendations for your family to enjoy! We wanted to thank you all for everything you have done to support the school during Remote Schooling 2.0! Our movie packs will be distributed among the community from Tuesday this week. Please feel free to take photos of your family movie night and share them on your class Seesaw!

God Bless

Jasmine Ryan (Principal)

Last Day of Term 3

Term 3 will now conclude on Thursday 17th September - Learning Conversations will take place on this day also.

17th September 2020



DATES AHEAD

- 10th Sept: St Mary's VRQA Review (Compliance)
- 11th Sept: St Mary's Family Movie Night
- 17th Sept: Term 3 Virtual Learning Conversations - Parent / Teacher (11:00am - 6:00pm) Last Day of Term 3
- 18th Sept: School Closure for Learners
- 5th Oct: Term 4 Begins - Remote schooling continues
- 12th Oct: All St Mary's return to onsite learning
- 7th Oct: Capture this Time Competition Due



St Mary's is a Child Safe School.

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

Book Covering Helpers

This year Mrs Kelly has worked hard to buy our Learners new books for onsite learning. These fabulous books need contact covering before we can use them. Any families who are happy to help, please contact the school and we will send home what you need! Thank you in advance!



A PRAYER

A Prayer
Last week was the beginning of Spring, a season that brings a promise of better weather and the signs of new life appear everywhere around us. This week, our prayer gives thanks to God for the lovely season of

Spring and all the beauty it brings to our lives.

Miracles of Spring Prayer

Precious Lord, bless those around me and bless the beauty on our earth that this springtime season has brought our way. I ask that You continue to keep the weather steady, keep the trees growing strong, and bless all the lovely gardens so that Your fruits of the field may ripen, to nourish our bodies. Let us continually be thankful for the miracles of spring, the charm of nature, and the love You never fail to provide for us. In Your name, I pray. Amen.

School Photos

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

All monies paid will transfer over!



Opening our Library

Every Monday afternoon until the end of term between 2:20pm - 3:00pm our library will be open for any learners (onsite & off site) to change books!

Thank you Mrs Fry for this!



Term 3 Learning Conversations

St Mary's Term 3 Learning Conversations between Parents and Teachers will be held on the following dates. Please book a session with your child(rens) teachers as soon as convenient. The link to your meeting will be shared via your child's school Google Account.

Prep Learning Conversations with Miss Toll - 10th September

Year 1 - Year 6 Classroom teachers - 17th September

<https://www.schoolinterviews.com.au/book/step1?z=1SHnKj>

Code: ftaqp



PBIS

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



*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

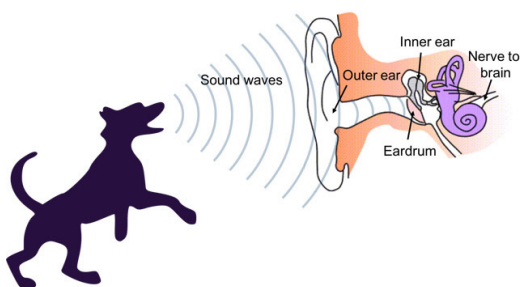
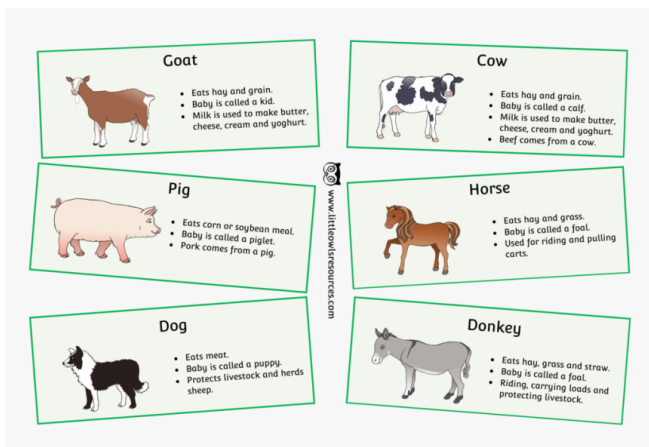
JUNIOR TEAM

Well done to all Prep, year 1 and year 2 learners on a fantastic week of remote learning. Your enthusiasm and passion for learning continues to amaze us!

This week the junior learners have been busy collecting facts about animals. They have collected facts and details to create a fact file to support them in writing an information text. The preps, year 1 and year 2 are continuing to learn how to recognise the main idea in a text.

In mathematics the junior learners are learning to measure items through length, capacity and volume. This week the learners made playdough and measured their ingredients. They then used the playdough to measure the length and to make 2D shapes. The learners have been busy learning to recognise and describe the features of 2D shapes.

In Inquiry, the learners have been learning about sound and how their ear works. They have completed a number of experiments using vibrations and sounds waves to recognise how sound travels. The junior learners are able to describe and explain how the ear works and can define sound.

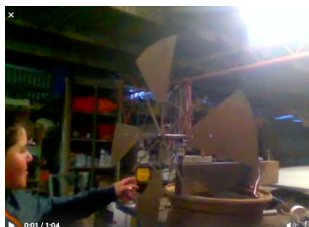
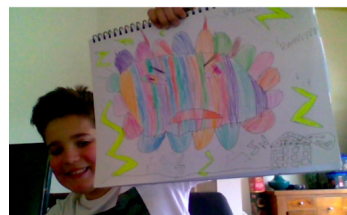
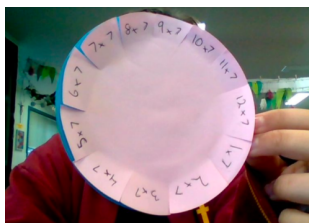


SENIOR TEAM

The Senior Learners continue to surprise their teachers each day with their creativity, independence and dedication towards their learning. We are excited to see our 'Remote Science Fair' evolve over the next two weeks as our learners dig deeper into their inquiry investigation.

In our Year 3/4 virtual learning spaces, our learning is focussed around our Inquiry 'online' Science Fair with our reading and writing program supporting our individual Science Fair experiment or model. In Maths, our learners are continuing to delve into different strategies to solve addition equations while learning new maths vocabulary - what amazing mathematicians they are!

In the Year 5/6 virtual classroom, our learners have drafted facts to write an information text on a global or local solar farm, hydroelectric plant or wind turbine farm. We continue to develop our multiplicative thinking and can even apply the complex Lattice Method to solve problems! We are creating 3D diagrams and experiments for our Science Fair and recording our progress using a science journal. Congratulations to Harry Link who has successfully created an amazing wind turbine that generates electric energy to light up a globe!





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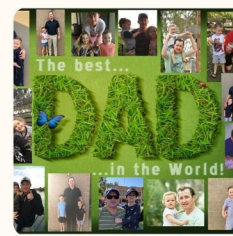
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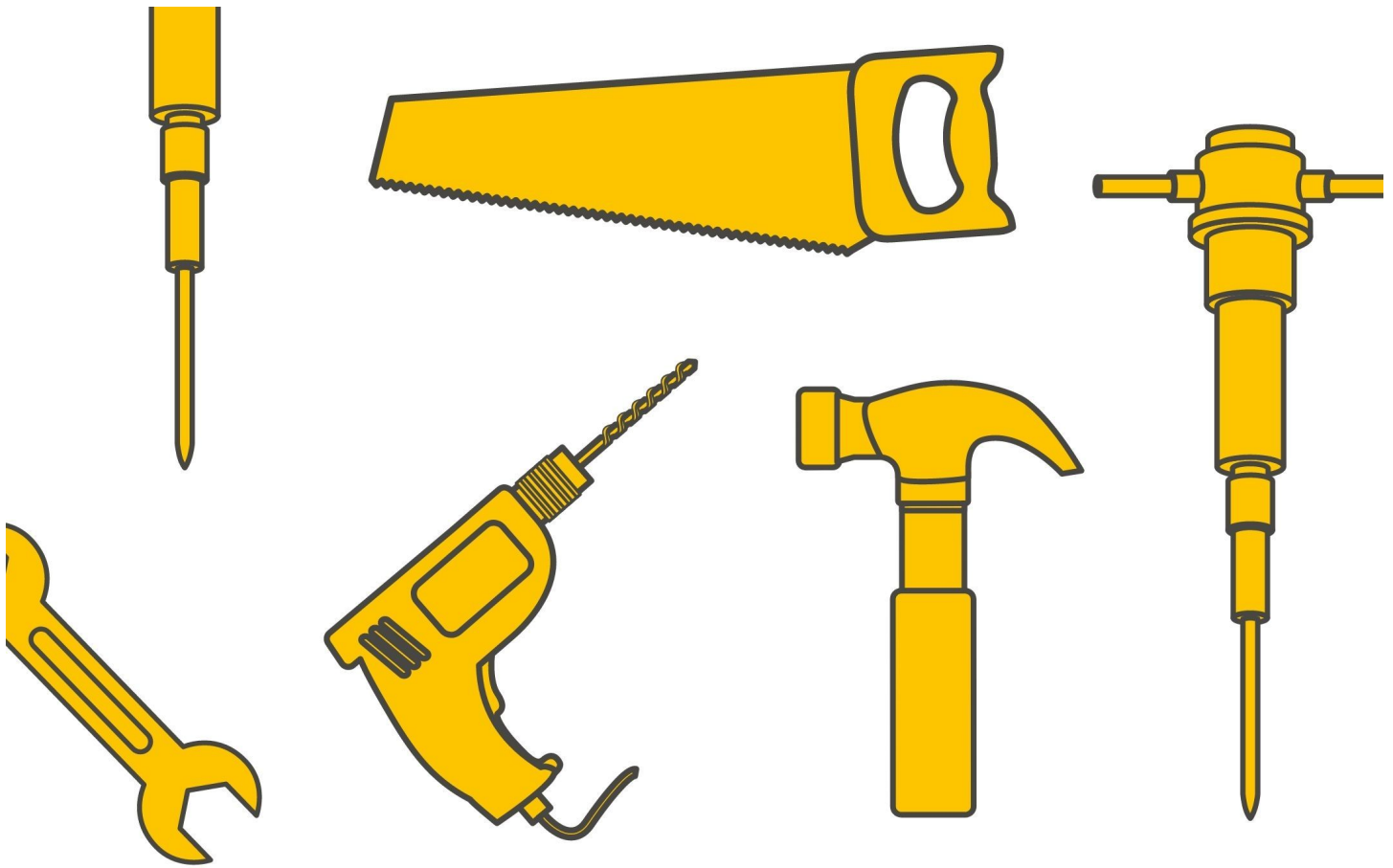


3rd



Congratulations to everyone who took part in our Father's Day Challenge. There were so many lucky and spoilt dad's in our community. Congratulations to Georgie Neil who submitted a fantastic video dedicated to her dad which deservedly came 1st, Heath Spalding & Quinn Conlan have taken 2nd & 3rd for this weeks challenge who all made wonderful Pic collages with themselves and their dad's. This weeks challenge is creative construction! Good Luck!





ST MARY'S REMOTE SCHOOLING CHALLENGE
WEEK #6

CREATIVE CONSTRUCTION

Build Something!

**USING ANY MATERIALS YOU LIKE CREATE
SOMETHING AWESOME!**

You can use any objects or materials that you like: it might be a Lego construction, a cardboard box invention, paper mache, wood, aluminum foil - let your imagination go wild!



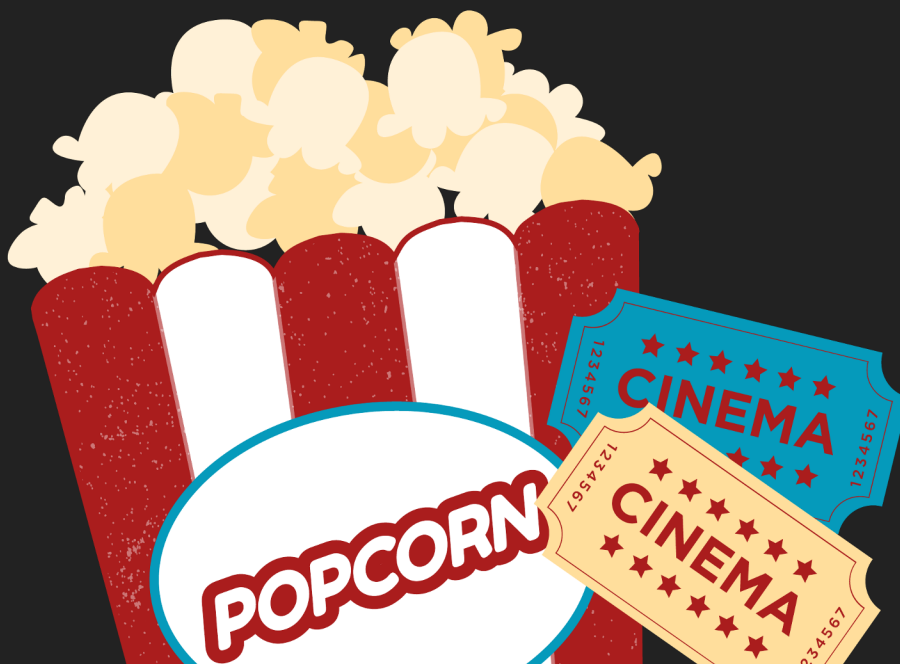
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FAMILY MOVIE NIGHT

Friday 11th September 2020

BE SURE TO TAKE PHOTOS OF YOUR FAMILY & SHARE THEM ON
SEESAW!

ENJOY YOUR TREATS & MOVIE RECOMMENDATIONS FROM OUR
COMMUNITY!



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 CLOSES
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!**

