

# Our News...

January 31st 2017

Newsletter No# 1

## TO THE COMMUNITY OF ST MARY'S... GOD IS GLORIFIED IN ALL THINGS



Welcome everyone to our 2017 School Year! Wow - what an exciting day our first day was...The school was filled with a buzz, smiling faces, shiny shoes and fresh haircuts! If the enthusiasm today was any indication of the year ahead...We are in for a great one!

Welcome to our Prep Learners and Families...what a memorable day for you all! We are so excited to have you beginning your school journey here at St Mary's! Welcome to some other new families that have joined us...The Bowland Family - Brooklyn & Liam. The Roberts Family - Ella; and the Dobie Family - Macenzie and Sam! We know you will all contribute greatly to our school community!



### A few "Need to Knows" for the start of the year...

Each school day will begin at 8:45am, the yard will be supervised from 8:30am. Please ensure your child does not arrive late and not too early! The dismissal bell will be at 3:15pm. First break from 11:00 - 11:40 and second break from 1:40 - 2:20.

If any family has had any change in personal, medical or other circumstance, could you please inform the school as soon as possible to ensure our records are accurate.

St Mary's will launch our new school App next week! This App will be our only digital communication platform. The App is user friendly and diverse. Explicit details to follow.



## DATES TO REMEMBER:

- 31st Jan: School year begins
- 1st Feb: No Preps
- 8th Feb: No Preps
- 10th Feb: Playgroup begins
- 13th Feb: P&F Meeting 7:30pm
- 15th Feb: No Preps
- 17th Feb: Start of year Mass & BBQ @ 5:30pm
- 20th Feb: Whole School Swimming Sports & Board Meeting @ 7:00pm
- 22nd Feb: No Prep's
- 28th Feb: Shrove Tuesday , Assembly @ 2:20pm - Yr 5&6 to Host
- 1st Mar: Ash Wednesday - Mass @ 11:30am, No Prep's
- 8th Mar: No Prep's
- 10th Mar: School Closure - Staff Spirituality Day
- 13th Mar: Labour Day: Public Holiday

A term 1 Calendar of dates will be sent home by the end of week 1 for your reference. Please note that new dates may arise and will be communicated through the newsletter as a weekly reminder.

If any parent has a minor message for your child, eg: a forgotten lunch, a change of traveling home plans please contact Jenny in the office and your child will be informed.

Please find attached our Term 1 Canteen Menu - Canteen is open on a Monday, Wednesday and Friday. Lease Edge has done an amazing job at providing a nutritious menu!

Every child each year is asked to provide: a box of tissues, working headphones, a labeled art smock and a library bag.

If any parent or guardian is needing to drop something off to their child during school hours or collect them during the school day, I ask that you go to the office first and complete the sign out register before going to your child(rens) classroom. This is to minimize learning disruptions and ensure legally we are accountable for all learners at all times.

Anyone needing to see me about anything, please feel free to come and organise a suitable time. I will be in class and working with teachers a great deal however Jenny will have access to my diary and be able to accommodate you. Please call the school for this: 5456 2062

The Administration office will not be attended by Jenny on a Wednesday however we will do our best to man the phones. Please come in to pay fees, etc on any other day.

We are trialling Assemblies at once a month this term. The last Tuesday of each month!

## **CURRICULUM TIMETABLE DAYS & REQUIREMENTS:**

Year	LIBRARY	SPORTS	SPECIALIST LEARNING
Prep	Thursday	Tuesday	Friday
Yr 1	Monday	Tuesday	Friday
Yr 2	Monday	Monday	Friday
Yr 3 & 4	Thursday	Wednesday	Friday
Yr 5 & 6	Friday	Monday	Friday

Please ensure your child wears runners / sport uniform on a Sports & Specialist Days. Specialist & Sports days have been allocated to ensure staff expertise and safe use of space. On a Library day, please ensure your child(ren) has a library bag for borrowing.

## **TEACHING & SUPPORT STAFF 2017**

Prep	Miss Lauren Spence
Yr 1	Miss Adelia Muldoon Mrs Elaine Keely (Tue)
Yr 2	Mrs Anne Grogan Mrs Angie Jones (Mon)
Yr 3 & 4	Mrs Kyra Laughlin Mrs Marie Kelly
Yr 5 & 6	Miss Asta Harvey
Specialist Curriculum	Meredith Jones - PE, Elaine Keely - The Arts, Angie Jones - Italian
Support Staff	Mrs Jacqui Deola, Mrs Julianne Fry, Mrs Julie McLoughlan, Miss Teigan Arthur, Ms Sacha Keir, Mrs Jenny Barry





Thank you to all of you in the community for your well wishes and messages of support in my new role! I greatly appreciate it and am truly excited about my journey here! Today was a fantastic day and the learners and staff of St Mary's have made me feel very welcome and that this is the community in which I am eager to serve and lead!

I apologise in advance that there will be great learning for me as I settle in and learn about the school of St Mary's...There is much I do not know and am relying on the wonderful staff and families to guide me. Please be patient with me!

I hope to get to meet everyone over the coming weeks and know that 2017 will be a fabulous year for us all.

**God Bless - Jasmine Ryan (Principal)**

## PBIS BLITZ...Week 1

**Taking responsibility for the tidiness of our school toilets  
...Refreshing ourselves of our rules!**

## ST MARY'S CONTACT DETAILS

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# 2017 TERM DATES

Term	Start Date	End Date	School Closure Days
Term 1	30th Jan	31st March	30th January, 10th March
Term 2	18th April	30th June	TBA
Term 3	17th July	22nd Sept	TBA
Term 4	9th Oct	22nd Dec	6th November