

Our News...

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



What a phenomenal week of action packed and spirit filled living and learning! This week is definitely one for the history books at St Mary's! I know that our learners and staff will rest this weekend absolutely exhausted as well as exhilarated to be part of such a school! We have certainly celebrated our Catholic education well!

The week began with a warm and calm feeling as we slowly arrived in our PJ's until we literally rocked the portables with our disco! Our AFL clinic with the community out weighed our expectations with nearly 7 Bombers players to learn from.



Our awesome Dad's back at school had to contend with tackles and speckies as the Prep - 2's took to our oval to show off their skill!

Mr Paul Desmond, our Director of Sandhurst popped in for a visit dressed in all his glory, head to toe in his beloved Tigers get up! He was out to convert!

'We are St Mary's day,' celebrated our greatness as a community and challenged us to take risks and try new things. Red the Clown pulled many tricks out of the bag as well as expecting us to juggle and spin plates! No easy task.



Our Open Evening was an opportunity for proud reflection who we are, the sharing of our story and a true celebration our Catholic Identity. Thank you to the amazing staff and learners who are the composers of our story.

DATES TO REMEMBER:

- 23rd May: Zone Cross Country (Swan Hill)
- 23rd May: Social Fishing Group
- 25th May: Year 2 Camp - Treetops
- 30th May - Assembly 2:30
- 1st June: Yrs 3 - 6 Gymnastics
- 2nd June: Community Reconciliation walk @ 12:30pm
- 7th June: Whole School Class Mass @ 12:30pm
- 8th June: Yrs 3 - 6 Gymnastics
- 12th June: Queen's Birthday - Public Holiday

The Friendship Fair was mind blowing! It was a display of our learners imagination, creativity, confidence and their entrepreneurial skill set! Watch out world we are St Mary's!

Disguised among all of the fun and festivity we managed to raise \$230 for our Friends in Need fund! Such a fabulous effort and display of social justice.

Our week ended with our Good Samaritan Celebration! Unfortunately, due to the heavy rain, which seems to fail annually around this time, we had to reinvent our day! With our friends from St Joseph's and St Patrick's we saw the week out! It was a day of fun and friendship beginning with our Mass celebration that was beautiful!

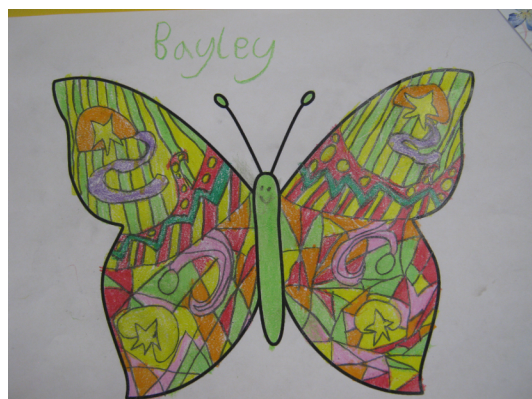
I can not thank our whole community more for the efforts they have made this week! From our Learner's dressing up to selling goods to fund raise, to our staff who are always at the center of greatness to the many mum's and dad's that came in to help with cooking or sport! The week will not be forgotten.

Today I will submit our Minor Capital Works grant to CEO Sandhurst and wait with excitement for times ahead! Thank you to everyone who shared their thoughts and opinions along the way which has now formulated St Mary's Master Plan.

I have been approached by an external professional music teacher who is willing to offer private lessons for piano, saxophone, clarinet or the flute to our Learner's. I will create a form on our App this weekend and gather interest before committing to anything. A lesson would be \$25 per half hour and this would be paid directly to the teacher, separate to the school. I know with the musical talent we have at St Mary's this may be of great appeal.

In regard to the App, all forms will now fall simply under FORMS. Again, thank you for being patient with our learning phase and providing us with feedback. We take all feed back to our App provider and on board.

Monday is a School Closure day, so learners do not need to attend school. The teachers will be at school working through some Professional Development. We are sure it will be welcomed!



BIRTHDAYS

Seth Robinson - 17th

Campbell Wood - 18th

Mitchell Gray - 21st



Mister Mike the Magician.

In our learning about butterflies we learnt that their wings are symmetrical. That means it must be the same on one side as it is on the other.

By Bayley Merkel

God Bless - Jasmine Ryan (Principal)

Miss Harvey is wondering if any households had any working old smart phones that people are happy to donate to the school. We have been taking part in virtual learning experiences and would love to share this with our learners. They will not be used as phones rather as a screen for virtual glasses! Please send any old smart phones with chargers into school if you no longer need them! Thanks

