



# ST MARY'S NEW SLETTER

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## WEEK 6

Catholic education week has to be one of my favourite weeks in the school year. A time to reflect on the importance of our identity, be proud of the community we belong to and celebrate each day who we are and what we believe in!

This week has been busy, fun and hugely successful! We came to school nice and comfy on Monday, caught up with our friends and had a laugh on Tuesday, showed off our learning and school on Wednesday, commissioned our Fire Carriers on Thursday and ended the week with wacky hair and a disco! A wonderful week to be at St Mary's!

Being a part of a Catholic school is about nurturing the dignity of every person. At St Mary's this is not only a priority of staff and parents. This week I have observed among our Learners encouragement of one another, inclusion, laughing and genuine desire to help and support. Our school truly is a wonderful place to be!

*God Bless Everyone...*

*Jasmine Ryan (Principal)*

## FRIENDS IN NEED MEALS

*"Never see a deed without doing something about it." Mary Mackillop*

Thank you to those in the community, families and staff who have so generously volunteered to make a meal for our Friends in Need freezer. St Mary's always strives to go the extra mile, model our traditions and values and be there for others. We are so lucky to have families willing to participate in this initiative as the small gesture is often so appreciated in a time of need. Our first roster has gone home this week. Again, thank you!

## A BLESSING FOR OUR FIRE CARRIERS

*As we stand around this fire let us receive its blessing;*

*Spirit of the Fire, be on our lips, that we may speak the truth in kindness*

*Spirit of the Fire, put your glow in our eyes, that we may see what is*

*good in life and in all people*

*Spirit of the Fire, burn in our ears, that we may hear with deep listening*

*Spirit of the Fire, be in our arms and hands, that we may serve others*

*with care*

*Spirit of the Fire, be in our legs and feet so that we may walk the earth*

*with respect and give thanks for its life-giving nourishment*

*Spirit of the Fire, brand our hearts with the eternal flame of your love, that we may become the bearers of peace, beauty, hope, harmony and Reconciliation.*

*(This blessing prayer is over 40,000 years old and belonged to the original Aboriginal People of the Kimberley)*

## DATES TO REMEMBER

29th May : Assembly 2:20pm in the Church

30th May: Past Learner visit from CSC for Yr 6

1st June: Gymnastics CC - 11:30 - 1:30, Ukele Group Visit to Nursing home @ 1:30

6th June: 12:30 Whole School Mass 12:30pm in the Church - Yr 1 to Lead

7th June: Secondary Transition to CSC for Yr 6 1:30 - 3:00

8th June: Lightning Premiership in Kerang - Yrs

3 - 6

9th June : Father Novi's Installation Mass at St Patrick's Kerang @ 6:00pm

11th June: Queen's Birthday - Public Holiday - No School

15th June : Semester 1 Reports to come home

18th June: , Learning Conversations , ASPA Dance Group in for Yrs 4 - 6, 11:30 - 12:45

*Further dates available on the App under 'Calendar'*

## CROSS COUNTRY

Congratulation to Marli Easton, Remy Doyle, Liam Edge, Hudson Fountain, Noah Hore, Campbell Wood, Mackenzie Dobie, Jack Patterson, Mac Ryan, Harry Link and Eliza Brown on their amazing efforts at Swan Hill Cross Country on Tuesday.

The learners had a wonderful day and tried their very best. Competition was fierce however they rose to the challenge and proudly represented our school.

Marli and Remy have progressed to the next stage at St Arnaud and we wish them all the best. Thank you to our wonderful parent helpers.

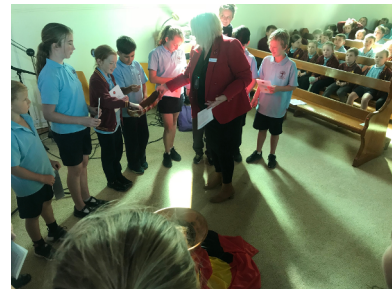


## WHAT IS HAPPENING @ SCHOOL...



### P B I S BLITZ

Respect for self: To challenge ourselves as Learners!



## THE LEARNING PIT

Some parents may have noticed the implementation of the Learning Pit in our learning spaces. Hopefully your children will start to share this understanding with you in the future. The learning pit is a scaffold to help with our language and cognitive process around learning. When learning, the Learners may move in and out of the pit as they build on prior knowledge or learn new concepts. James Nottingham is the founder of this.



## ST MARY'S FIRE CARRIERS

This week Bern McPherson from Catholic Education Sandhurst supported our learning and preparation around being Fire Carriers at St Mary's. On Thursday many of our Yr 3 - 6 Learners were commissioned. Their commitment moving forward is to ongoing Reconciliation and justice for the traditional land owners of our country. We look forward to these people leading with strength, courage and vision at St Mary's.

## PLAYGROUP

Friday 1st June - 9:00am - 10:30am

Please remember Playgroup will start at 9:00am each week! Please bring along your friends, family and neighbours!

**Play Focus:** We will be using lego for cutters in our Playdough!





## SUM DOG CHAMPIONS

Sumdog is a highly engaging games-based learning service to help Learners practice their numeracy and literacy. As our Learners play, they answered questions. Sumdog personalises the questions for each learner, and tracks their progress through the school curriculum. Recently our Year 3 Learners won the Sumdog maths contest against 29 other classes from the Loddon Mallee region. We have found that entering contests is a fun way to motivate our Learners especially those who have not found learning easy. **Great work Year 3!**



**AWESOME EFFORT!**

## CHEWING GUM

A reminder that chewing gum is not allowed at school. Chewing gum causes many problems and is extremely messy when not disposed of correctly. No chewing gum is allowed at school or on bus travel. We thank you for your support.

## CDF PAY

CDF Pay is our preferred mode of payment for many items however we understand that this can have glitches at times. If you encounter an error can you please inform the school so we can rectify the problem. Thank you

## LEARNING ABOUT LEARNING

Our staff in the recent months have been deepening their understanding around the learning process. This week we had Craig Simpson, leader of Pedagogy CEO Sandhurst present to our staff and School Board Members. It was extremely interesting to delve further into the cognitive processing of the brain and how learning occurs. We hope that we can have Craig present in the early stages of next year to all parents. A few highlights that we wanted to share around this was the importance of sleep to learning and the need for monitored screen time in our children. Children of a primary school age should not be exposed to more than 2 hours of screen time a day. The 'blue light' that devices emit can impact on sleep quality. It is advised that children are off devices 2 hours prior to sleep! Interesting information for us all!

## WINTER UNIFORM

Winter uniform is the navy tunic / skirt and tights / socks for girls. Navy pants are also available for the girls. Boys are to wear navy pants on non sport days.

Navy Shorts are for sports days only.

## STUDY LEAVE

Jasmine Ryan will be on Study leave from the 7th June and will be back for the start of term 3. In my absence, Adelia Muldoon and Father Novie will be in charge. Please see them if the need arises.

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Pippa Reid - 28th  
Zoe Pollock - 29th

