



ST MARY'S NEW SLETTER

Term: 3 | Week 4 | 10th August 2018

WEEK 4

This week we began to officially welcome some new and existing families to the St Mary's community. This week I had family meetings with Preps who will attend St Mary's next year. Enrollment time for the pending year is always so exciting for everyone.

The meetings with these families was very affirming of all that we do and offer as a community. Schools are busy places and not often do you get the chance to explore why parents chose St Mary's for their children. Many thoughts shared included the priority to ensuring the children are happy, children will be supported and encouraged, time is dedicated to the faithful person they become and we are small intimate family doing all we can for the children that come here. It takes a village to raise a child and many of these sentiments are reflective of St Mary's as a whole community.

This week we celebrated Mary Mackillop's feast day. Mary is Australia's only ordained saint and an incredible woman at that. Our Learners shared their understanding of her story and the mark that she leaves behind. It is well worth recognising this feast day annually!

God Bless Everyone...

Jasmine Ryan
Principal

ARTISTS IN RESIDENCE

This week we were blessed with the opportunity to learn alongside some professional artists. The Collaborative Classroom took to the creekside to sketch, plan and prepare a painted piece of work. We were lucky enough to have Terry Jarvis who is renowned within Catholic education Sandhurst to support and guide our Learners through this process.

Our Prep - Year 2's took part in some hands on art and transformed rocks into some wonderful creations. Danida Ferres is a local artist from Kerang and shared her expertise with our Learners.

Any further reveals must be kept until the Art show which all of this learning is targeted for. Our Learners are definitely developing their artistic talents and appreciation for the full process of art.

MARY MACKILLOP - PRAY FOR US

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

Ever generous God,

You inspired Saint Mary Mackillop to live her life faithful to the Gospel of Jesus Christ and constant in bringing hope and encouragement to those who were disheartened, lonely or needy.

With confidence in your generous providence and through the intercession of Saint Mary Mackillop we ask that you grant our prayers.

We ask that our faith and hope be fired afresh by the Holy Spirit so that we too, like Mark Mackillop, may live with courage, trust and openness. Ever generous God hear our prayer.

We ask this through Jesus Christ,

Amen

DATES TO REMEMBER:

12th Aug: St Mary's first Eucharist & Confirmation @ 2pm

15th Aug: Feast of the Assumption - Mass @ 12:30pm

16th Aug: Athletics Day

20th - 24th Aug: Book Week

20th Aug: School Board Meeting @ 7:00pm

21st Aug: Yr 3 to Cohuna Library - Meet the Author

24th Aug: Local Book Parade @ 1:00pm, Prep

2019 Enrollment forms due in

28th Aug: 2:15pm Assembly in the Church - Yr 1 to Host

29th Aug: Erin Bell Resilience Workshop & Netball Clinic

31st Aug: Father's Day Breakfast & Celebration - 8:30am - 10:30am

3rd Sep: P&F Meeting @ 7:30pm

3rd Sep - 5th Sep - Collaborative Classroom Camp

Further dates available on the App under 'Calendar' website.

WINTER ILLNESS

We are still in the midst of winter and this week particularly we have had many absentees. Thank you to those families for keeping unwell children at home until they are better. Thank you also for your ongoing commitment to informing the school.

We do still have many children coming to school who possibly should not be here. Our first aid room has had very high traffic this week. Please be over vigilant in keeping your child(ren) home if they are not well as it can risk the wellness of others.

If a child when sent to the first aid room falls asleep or has reported vomiting or diarrhoea we will contact parents for collection. We thank you for your support on this.



WHAT IS HAPPENING @ SCHOOL...



P B I S BLITZ

Respect for others: To encourage the gifts & talents of others!

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Bayley Merkel - 11th

Noah Mathers - 13th

Mollie Wilson - 16th



LION'S PUBLIC SPEAKING

On Thursday evening Remy Doyle and Jorji Easton took to the next heat of the Lion's Public speaking. The girls proudly represented St Mary's and presented extremely well in front of the wider community.

The confidence, preparation and delivery was extremely impressive and neither of the girls showed a glimmer of nerves.

The girls unfortunately did not make it to the next round yet should remember their efforts proudly. Well done Remy and Jorji.

ST MARY'S ATHLETICS CARNIVAL

On Thursday 16th August St Mary's will hold it's annual athletics carnival on the second oval at the Cohuna Recreation reserve. Thank you to many parents who have volunteered to come along and help our day to be a great success! We still need more help if anyone can come along! We will be having a sausage sizzle lunch for those wanting one, orders must be in by Wednesday 15th August. Our Learners are encouraged to wear their house colours for the day!

PLAYGROUP

Friday 17th August - 9:00am - 10:30am

Please join us at Playgroup! We have been having great turn outs. We start at 9:00am each week! Please bring along your friends, family and neighbours!

Play Focus: We will be experimenting with milk & colours!

PS: Playgroup is held indoors for warmth!



ART DONATIONS

The P&F is organising prizes and raffles for the Art show. We recognise that it is a long way away however we are hoping that families might be able to donate a few art items that we can bundle up in to raffle packs. Please contribute if you can! A box will have been placed in the foyer for any donations! Thank you everyone.

Items such as;

Paint, paper, craft packs,
textas, pencils, smocks,
canvas', clay, scissors etc



PREP'S 2019

Thank you to all of the families who attended the Prep 2019 family tours / meeting. It is always a wonderful opportunity to discuss your hopes for your child joining the St Mary's community. The information that is gained from such meetings assists us in planning the best possible transition to school in term 4. Enrollment documents are due on 24th August. Welcome packs will be sent home once enrollment documents have been processed. Exciting times ahead!

DECLAN O'MAHONY

This weekend Declan will receive First Eucharist and Confirmation from the Bishop. Declan has worked hard with his family and teachers in preparation of this special day. We keep Declan in our prayers for this time! Please join us on Sunday at 2:00pm in the Church, afternoon tea to follow.

E.S.S WEEK

The coming week is Education Support Service week! This week we recognise and give thanks to our ESSs' - Mrs Fry, Miss Arthur, Mrs McLoughlan, Mrs Barry, Mrs. Edge, Sacha and Miss Jansen who help all of us all of the time at St Mary's!

FREE BOOKS

This week we have completed some more sorting of our library. Please find under the community notice board old and discontinued books that are free to claim. The books will remain there until the end of the week, so please feel free to help yourself. Happy reading!

BOOK WEEK

A reminder that book week is pending. The costume selection for each year level is below:

Collaborative Classroom: Any Roald Dahl character

Yr 3: The BFG

Yr 2: Charlie and the chocolate factory

Yr 1: The Witches

Prep: Fantastic Mr Fox

