



# St Mary's Newsletter

## WELCOME TO WEEK 2

My official welcome to everyone for what has been the beginning of a sensational school year! It is wonderful to have the yard and learning spaces filled with happy children, reconnecting with friends, playing, laughing, enjoying their school! The year is off to a flying start with a positive and energetic vibe throughout the whole place.

There is a great deal going on behind the scenes to ensure everyone in the community is set up for a successful year. Next week we hold our annual Parent Information Evening where we discuss unified expectations, meet the teachers and share with our community the major initiatives that lie ahead. Please read the additional information for this and we would appreciate as much attendance as possible.

Our new Preps are extremely well settled and have been welcomed with open arms into the St Mary's community. With not one tear from a child on the first day, we must be very proud of the Transition program that St Mary's provides leading into Prep.

This year our newsletter will be released each Wednesday.

I hope all families have settled well into the new year and I look forward to seeing you all at our Beginning of year Mass and BBQ!

God Bless

Jasmine Ryan



## FOR THE CALENDAR

- 8th Feb: Swimming Sports
- 11th Feb: P&F AGM / Meeting
- 13th & 14th Feb: Life Ed Van Incursion & Parent Workshop
- 13th Feb: The Year Ahead - Parent Information Evening @ 7pm
- 18th Feb: Zone Swimming @ Kerang
- 19th Feb: PSG Meetings Term

### Term 1

- 21st Feb: Beginning of Year Mass & BBQ
- 26th Feb: Assembly in the Church @ 2:15
- 27th Feb: Prep's to attend full time
- 5th Mar: Shrove Tuesday
- 6th Mar: Ash Wednesday - Mass @ 12:00



## P&F AGM

On Monday 11th February our P&F will meet for the 2019 Annual General Meeting. Our P&F are an incredible group of people who continue to bring energy and ideas into the school to raise funds and support our families.

At the AGM we invite new members to join us and show their interest of being a part of such a great team. Please come along and see what we do!

If you are continuing on with the P&F we hope you join us at the AGM also.

Our meeting will be held on Monday 11th February in the Staffroom at 7:00pm.

We are looking forward to reflecting on the year and tabling some great occasions ahead!



## A PRAYER

### Our Year Ahead

Lord,

We have had time to rest,  
And now we are full of energy.

We have had time to think,  
And now we are full of ideas.

We have had time to stop,  
And now it's time to get going.

Be with us God we pray.

Amen



### St Mary's School Board AGM

St Mary's AGM is on Thursday 24th March @ 7pm. We are looking for new members to join us!

Please complete the attached nomination form.

### Second Hand Uniform Sale

On Friday 15th February St Mary's between 3:00 - 3:30 will have for sale some second hand uniforms that have been donated to the school. The majority is small sizing. All funds raised will go to CARITAS.

### Second Hand Apple MacBook Airs For Sale

St Mary's has six end of lease MacBook Airs for sale. They have minor imperfections and cannot be returned. These laptops are \$200 each. Please see the office if of interest.

### OUR NEWSLETTER IN 2019

St Mary's will release the newsletter each Wednesday this year!

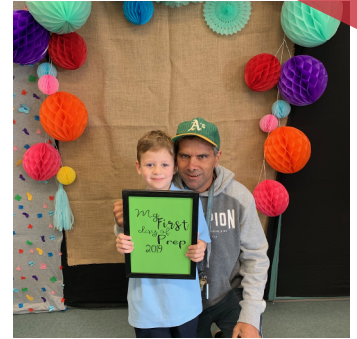
## HOW SAFE ARE WE?

On Tuesday we launched our Term 1 Inquiry investigation, How Safe Are We? The school was a sea of high vis colours, helmets, work boots and first aid kits! A wonderful effort to promote excitement and engagement as we begin this terms learning. T

This investigation will be varied at different levels of the school and will explore Child Safe curriculum, how our body feels and reacts when feeling safe and unsafe and establishing strategies of what to do in times of danger.

Next week we have the Life Education van coming to St Mary's to take part in workshops around child safety. The Life Ed van also provides a **Parent session which will take place on Thursday 14th February at 2:30pm**. Any parents on pick up are encouraged to come along a little earlier to take part!

We look forward to sharing with you all our learning journey for this investigation. A great support from home would be to discuss safe and unsafe possibilities in the home and what we can do to keep ourselves safe.



## OUR LEARNING

### JUNIOR TEAM (Prep - Year 2)

What a wonderful start to the year! Our learners are well rested and are eager to begin learning. The P-2 learners have settled in well to their new classrooms and have been enjoying catching up with their friends. On Tuesday the 5th February we celebrated the launch of our Inquiry, 'How Safe Are We?' There were construction workers, super heroes and traffic lights as well as various objects which help to make our learners feel safe. We have completed numeracy testing and are continuing to update our literacy assessments. Well done to all learners they have done a wonderful job.

### SENIOR TEAM (Year 3 - Year 6)

Learners have settled into their classrooms well, getting to know each other and their new teachers. They enjoyed their inquiry launch on Tuesday, being introduced to their topic 'How Safe Are We?' They are very enthusiastic about all areas of their learning, as are the teachers, and as a team we are looking forward to a great term!

## BIRTHDAYS



- Kody Oliver - 3rd February
- Eliot Warren - 10th February

**BEGINNING  
OF YEAR  
MASS & BBQ**

All families are invited to join us at 6pm on Thursday 21st February for our welcome Mass and BBQ.

BBQ meat, icy poles and fun times will be provided!

A form will be released on the App soon!



## Cohuna Bridge to Bridge

*Sunday, March 3*

- Mini-miler (1.6km kids run)
- 6.5km fun run/walk
- 12.5km trail run
- Half marathon trail run
- 6.5km junior cycle
- 25km cycle
- 50km cycle

15% family discount!

Go to [www.bridgetobridge.org.au](http://www.bridgetobridge.org.au) for full details and follow us on Facebook.

## CDF PAY

In 2019 St Mary's will continue to use CDF pay for uniform, canteen and events that occur throughout the year. This platform allows us to run a cashless school, a more time efficient process for everyone. Please find attached St Mary's QR Code for easy access to our school account. The link has also been provided for your convenience. New families will have received detailed information on an account set up today.

Our office is happy to help anyone who is having difficulties.

Thank you



## BIRD AVERY FOR SALE

In line with our building preparations we are putting our old bird Avery up for sale. The eating area will eventually be cleared and this is part of the process.

If this is something of interest to you, please place a bid in an envelope with your name and contact details on it and return it to the office by Friday 15th February.

The Avery will go to the highest bidder!



Wednesday 6th February 2019

## Nominations for St Mary's School Board 2019

Dear Parents,

This notice is to advise all in our community that we have our Annual General meeting approaching for the St Mary's School Board.

The meeting will be held on Thursday 14th March 2019 at 7:00pm in the Collaborative Learning Space. Anyone in the community wanting to attend is welcome.

St Mary's has a highly effective and supportive School Board that we would like to grow. Our shared input and wisdom is a greater driver to school improvement. Everyone in our school has something to offer.

We are seeking nominations from people who would like to commit to the school board. If you are interested in nominating yourself or someone else, please complete the form below and return to school in a sealed envelope, marked, ***"To the School Board Secretary"*** by Thursday 7th March 2019.

Kind Regards,

Jasmine Ryan



## Nominations for St Mary's School Board 2019

I put forward my nomination for membership of the St Mary's School Board.	
I wish to nominate myself for a position on the St Mary's School Board.	
Print Name:	
Signature:	
Date:	