



# St Mary's Newsletter

## WELCOME TO WEEK 4

The term is well underway now and the weeks are passing by! St Mary's is well into the routine of learning and we are observing the support from home also! Thank you all for establishing good home learning routines.

Thank you to those families who attended our Parent Information night. It is always great to be able to share with you all that is happening at St Mary's and a great opportunity for you all to meet the 2019 teachers. For those families who did not attend you will have received what was discussed and additional information last week. Please take the time to read the correspondence.

Some great celebration this week in the Zone swimming! St Mary's was well represented and proved very competitive. Well done to Alfie, Noah, Jorji, Liam, Lachlan, Mackenzie and Mac for giving their best in the pool! We are very proud! Well done to those of you who will continue on next Monday - we wish you the best!

In the coming weeks we will welcome the return of Playgroup to St Mary's. Please see the attached flyer and let anyone in the community who may find this of interest. We hope to see many pre-schoolers there!

This Thursday night we open our 2019 school year with the Beginning of year Mass and family BBQ. We will take this opportunity to include our new Prep learners and families. We hope that many of you can attend our school community event.

God Bless

Jasmine Ryan



## FOR THE CALENDAR

- 21st Feb: Beginning of Year Mass & BBQ
- 26th Feb: Parent Learning Support Training ! 1:30 / 6:30pm, Assembly in the Church @ 2:15 Yr 3/4
- 27th Feb: Prep's to attend full time
- 5th Mar: Shrove Tuesday
- 6th Mar: Ash Wednesday @ 12.00
- 11th Mar: Labour Day - No School
- 14th Mar: School Board AGM @ 7pm
- 15th Mar: School Photos
- 17th Mar: Family Mass lead by Yrs 5/6
- 26th Mar: Assembly - Host Yr 2
- 28th Mar: Learning Conversations 1:30 - 7:00pm



## P&F NEWS

Our P&F has confirmed a Cake Stall date - Thursday 14th March! We hope that all in our community will be able to bake and donate some goods which we can sell.

Our stall will be held outside the IGA Cohuna and some pre-ordered morning teas go to local businesses! This is a great fund raiser for our school! More detailed information as well as a container will come home in the near future.

Towards the end of term we will have our infamous Easter Egg Raffle. We are asking for Easter egg or chocolate donations from our families to make up small prizes. Raffle books will come home this week. We are hoping to give families as much notice as possible.

Thank you all for your incredible support!

### St Mary's School Board AGM

St Mary's AGM is on Thursday 14th March @ 7pm. We are looking for new members to join us!

Please complete the attached nomination form.

### Start of Year Mass & BBQ

Looking forward to seeing as many families as possible at our start of year Mass this Thursday at 6pm. Our BBQ will follow. Please drop sweets / salads in the Collaborative Classroom!

### PARENT LEARNING SUPPORT TRAINING

Miss Adelia will be running this training course on Tuesday 26th Feb @ 1:30pm / 6:30pm  
Complete your interest on the App



## A PRAYER

Builder of Bridges

Lord Jesus, help us to become builders of bridges. Bridges that will link our school, our teachers and our parents, our hopes for our children and the realisation of these hopes.

And, above all, help our children to see the relevance of their Faith, and ours, to their everyday lives.

Amen.

**Put on them, as God's chosen ones ... compassion, kindness, lowliness, meekness and patience ... and above all these, put on love which binds everything together in perfect harmony. And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts.**

**Colossians 3: 12-15**

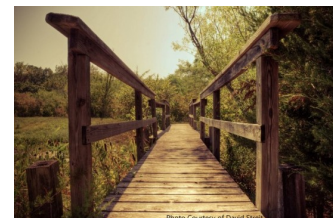


Photo Courtesy of David Smith

## PAM - PARENT ACCESS MODULE



Last week we launched PAM - Parent Access Module at our Parent Info Evening. St Mary's school has been using this web based intranet for almost two years now. We have launched the PAM to allow our families further communication as well as access to ongoing learning, assessment and reporting as well as keeping your child(rens) medical files current.

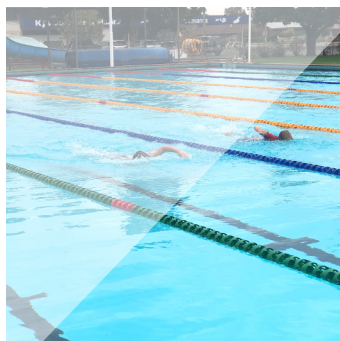
Each family received their user name, password and instructions as to how to log onto PAM. We ask that families do this as soon as they can.

Once families have accessed their account, can medical records please be completed for your child(ren). We are asking that this be completed by the end of term 1.

If anyone would like help in setting this up, please feel free to contact the office.

Thank you everyone!





## OUR LEARNING

### JUNIOR TEAM (Prep - Year 2)

The P-2 learners have had a very exciting week. We had a visit from Harold the giraffe, he taught us all about personal safety. Harold showed us the difference between sometimes and always foods. The Preps enjoyed cuddling up to Harold and exploring his home in the Life Education Van. This week the Prep learners took part in a meditation session that allowed them to relax and enjoy their time at school.

## BIRTHDAYS

- Chloe Hawken - 20th February
- Sam Dobie - 23rd February



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

The 3-6 area has had a wonderful week of learning! The Life Ed van was a hit, with lots of hands on learning and new ideas being discovered about how to stay safe with medicine, and respecting and connecting with others. Grades 3-6 joined together on Monday and Tuesday to develop our own definitions of what safe and unsafe mean to us, in order to deepen our understanding of our Inquiry topic 'How Safe Are We?'

Well done to Mackenzie, Jorji, Mac, Liam, Noah, Alfie & Lachlan on their amazing efforts at the zone swimming on Monday. The learners had a wonderful day and the weather was great. Representing the school at the next stage of swimming in Swan Hill on Monday 25th February is Mac, Jorji, Lachlan, Alfie and Mackenzie. We wish you all the best.



### The Flying Doctor Dental team is returning to St Mary's Cohuna Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> February

The Flying Doctor Dental team will be visiting St Mary's school on Tuesday 26th of February to provide:

- FREE dental check-ups
- Education about healthy teeth and gums

If you would like your child to have a dental check-up, please complete this consent form and return it to your child's school. After your child's check-up, the dental team will send home a report. If your child requires follow-up treatment this will be in the report.

The Flying Doctor Dental team will have a clinic in Cohuna April - May 2019. If follow-up treatment is required, your child can have their treatment at no cost on our clinic. Alternatively, you can visit your nearest public or private practice.

Who can receive free treatment in the Flying Doctor Dental Clinic:

- All children 0 - 12 years
- All young people 13 - 17 years
- Adults aged 18 years and over, who have a Health Care or Pensioner Concession card or are dependents of concession card holders
- All Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders
- All refugees and asylum seekers

For more information or to book an appointment at our clinic for yourself or other family members, please contact Flying Doctor Dental Team on (03) 8412 0444.



# NDCH

Northern District Community Health

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## Making Smart Devices Safe for Kids

It can be tricky keeping up with all the latest technology our kids are exposed to and even trickier to ensure our kids are safe while using them. This easy to follow guide helps you to set your devices up safely for your kids to use for some of the most commonly used devices.





# MRS MAC'S PLAY GROUP



**WHEN:** Wednesdays

**WHERE:** St Mary's  
Primary School.

**TIME:** 10 till 11 am.

**COST:** \$10.00 annually  
To cover cost and fees.

Starting 27th of February  
2019

Fun and safe environment.

Encourage social skills.

Different activities to develop  
skills.