



St Mary's Newsletter

WELCOME TO WEEK 2

What a disjointed first week! Our week one came and went extremely quickly. Starting school at the tail end of Easter possibly brought many of our learners back to school tired and not able to get into momentum. Thankfully, this week has seen our learners engaged and rested. I think our Mum's and Dad's may have experienced the lack of momentum also!

An incredible turn out for our community Anzac day march this year. We had over 40 learners and supporting families walk the street alongside us. Thank you to all families who made this happen. It is extremely important that we continue to grow our children's learning around our nations struggles of war and commemorate all service people both past and present. Thank you all again.

To start the week our Year 5/6 learners took part in the Northern Plains Leadership conference. This involves eight Catholic schools who we strive to work closely with over time. The learners heard from wheelchair bound people who have portrayed great resilience and courage throughout their lives. They also took part in many team based activities where they had to think creatively and work collaboratively! Our learners worked in a variety of teams and networks and I was given feedback from colleagues who observed how well our St Mary's learners mingle and speak confidently with others. I was very proud and also agree strongly with their observations.

God Bless

Principal - Jasmine Ryan



FOR THE CALENDAR

- 1st May: Mass @ 12:30 - Yr 2 to Host
- 2nd May: St Mary's Cross Country Sports Day
- 6th - 10th May: Catholic Education Week
- 6th May: Pyjama Day
- 7th May: PSG Meetings, DJ Day
- 8th May: Crazy Hair Day, St Mary's Open Evening @ 7:00pm
- 9th May: Good Samaritan Cup @ St Patrick's , Tri Board dinner
- 10th May: Mother's Day Liturgy & Celebration 9am - 11am, Mother's Day stall
- 13th May: School Board Meeting @ 7pm
- 14th - 16th May: Yr 3 & Yr 5 - NAPLAN
- 20th May: P&F Meeting
- 21st May: Swan Hill Zone Cross Country
- 23rd May: CSC Transition Session #2



Parent Voice Survey

Thank you to the third of our community who completed the Parent Voice survey which explored: Assessment / Uniform / Communication.

Many great ideas and recommendations were put forward. These findings in conjunction with staff and learners voice will be explored more deeply in the near future. No changes are being made yet.

A few surmising points to share:

- Comfort is most important to our uniform
- Purchasing from school is valued
- Our uniform does not wash and wear well
- 40% are interested in a separate sport uniform
- Our App is our preferred mode of communication
- 40% believe we receive sound communication
- Learning conversations are most valued around individual children
- 85% responded that Learning conversations on one day were suitable to families & to be held termly

A Reflection

The song from Disney's Lion King about the "Circle of Life" describes that we are all swept up in this circle of our life. Like the animals, we humans are called to realise that this process is inevitable and yet wondrous – all at the same.

As we get older, we see this circle of seasons repeat in the seasons of nature. We even see it in the seasons of our life – as children, then growing through adolescence to adulthood, entering our mid-life years and finally our senior years.

Perhaps not often enough do some of us realise that this regular cycle of change is a true blessing with its variety and beauty. There's little opportunity to get bored and no good reason to lose hope because change helps us to see our life with new eyes at the approach of each new season.

It is comforting to know that God is our friend and companion, our fellow-journeyer as we venture through the Circle of Life.



Calendar & Dates

Our PAM and school calendar are up to date as much as is known.

Coming home is a sheet of termly dates to help family planning!



OUR TIMETABLE

St Mary's looks forward to celebrating Catholic Education week 2019...Please find our timetable below:

Monday:

PJ Day - Wear your pyjamas

Tuesday:

DJ Day (Lunchtime Disco)

Wednesday:

RRR Award Day - Crazy Hair Day! Prizes to be won!

Thursday:

Good Samaritan Cup @ St Patrick's Pyramid Hill

Friday:

Mother's Day Liturgy & Celebrations (9am - 11am)

Mother's Day Stall



On Friday 10th May all of our learners will have the opportunity to shop at our P&F Mother's day stall. There is enough gifts for one per child. All gifts are \$5. If the correct money can be sent in next Friday please.



SCHOOL PRODUCTION NEWS

The Yr 5 & 6 learners are very excited to be auditioning next week for parts in our school production. All classes are being allocated their special songs and dances for the show. It is fabulous to see such enthusiasm and dedication!

SCHOOL PRODUCTION "JULES" COMMITTEE MEETING

Many thanks to those parents who have offered their assistance throughout the production. There will be a "Jules" Committee Meeting on Monday 6th May 11.00am, for anyone who might like to come and join in the fun. We will be discussing props and costumes as well as other organisational details. Everyone is welcome.



OUR LEARNING...

JUNIOR TEAM (Prep - Year 2)

Our learners are continuing to tune in to our inquiry investigation of 'What cycles keep us going?' Our learners have been hunting around the school for different types of living things. The learners have demonstrated their prior knowledge and developed some wonderings about living organisms. The Prep learners are continuing to focus on place value and counting. The Year 2 learners are beginning to explore multiplication and division. Year 1 are beginning to focus on addition and subtraction straggles. Our learners would all like to congratulate Miss Cartwright on graduating from her University degree, we all hope that you have a great day and enjoy your time celebrating.

SENIOR TEAM (Year 3 - Year 6)

We are continuing to learn about the history of ANZAC Day in class, after commemorating it so respectfully last week. Learners have had the opportunity to read about a different aspect of WW1, such as Gallipoli or the recruitment process, and in turn share the facts they have learnt within a smaller group. In Bounce Back we are focusing on being courageous, with learners discussing what it means to have courage, why being courageous is important, and sharing times when they have been brave. In literacy we are focusing on persuasive writing, and have started to investigate the structure of this text type. On Tuesday we had guest speaker Krystal Grills in to teach us about the cycle of organic matter, and how it breaks down into compost. She also helped us to make a worm farm, which we will keep at school and put some of our food scraps in to make our own compost for our gardens at school.

FOOTBALL CLINICS

On Friday the Yr 3 - 6 learners ventured to Cohuna Consolidated to meet some Richmond Football players and complete a range of different skills. They got to meet Daniel Rioli, Dion Prestia, Kane Lambert and Toby Nankervis. Campbell and Jimmy did an excellent job at answering a question each about the players and received a signed football to keep. It was great to see all learners having a go and participating in the different skills and trying their very best.

While the Yr 3-6 learners were completing their footy clinic the Prep - Yr 2 learners also got to have their own football clinic at school. A group of dad's came to school and engaged our learners in a variety of different football skills. They really enjoyed participating in the clinic and learning new skills. We thank Blaise Ryan, Leigh Fletcher, Camm Mihailovic, Ryan Keating, Ben Appleby, Rob Grills and Tim Douglass for coming in and helping out with the clinic.



ST MARY'S OPEN EVENING

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ALL IN OUR COMMUNITY ARE INVITED TO JOIN US FOR OUR OPEN EVENING -
8TH MAY 2019 @ 7:00PM

LEARN ABOUT WHO WE ARE AND
HOW WE CAN BE PARTNERS WITH
YOUR FAMILY

PRE SCHOOL CHILDREN WELCOME -
CARE PROVIDED



NDCH

Northern District Community Health

Supporting healthy rural communities

World Asthma Day 2019

Be in the know about WHO has Asthma

Do you know your child's friends who have asthma?

This World Asthma Day, May the 5th, we are encouraging our local families to know who of your children's friends have asthma. As adults simply knowing this means we are able to help the child or young person quickly in the event of an asthma attack, which can come on suddenly.

1 in 9 Australians live with asthma and children and young people make up over 50% of hospital admissions for it. Asthma is a lifelong disease which commonly causes

- wheezing
- breathlessness
- chest tightness
- coughing

Check out these FABULOUS supports:

Download the [Kiss My Asthma App](#), developed by young people for young people. Click here

<https://itunes.apple.com/app/id1117750114>

Sign up for JAM, a free text message service designed to give you the information and skills to sweeten your asthma management, right in the palm of your hand. Over four weeks you will receive 13 asthma related messages. Click here <https://www.asthmaaustralia.org.au/national/about-asthma/resources/asthma-text-message-service>

Join the COACH Program®, a confidential, FREE health service delivered over the phone by trained Asthma Australia Coaches. The program aims to help people with asthma, or those who care for someone with asthma, improve their general health and asthma control – Call 1800 278 462.

St Mary's Open Evening 2020

It is hard to believe that we begin the conversation around Prep children joining us in 2020.

On Wednesday 8th May @ 7:00pm, St Mary's will hold its annual Open Evening for our community. This evening aims to share much of who we are and what we do. This evening does outline the enrollment process for Prep children 2020.

We do ask that both possibly interested and existing families attend this evening so that the journey of schooling can be shared with all. Mrs Fry will be available to care for preschoolers who come along.

If you know anyone in the community with children approaching the school ready age, please invite them along to learn who we are!

