



St Mary's Newsletter

WELCOME TO WEEK 3

What an incredible week Catholic Education week is! We celebrate our faith in our community and connect with one another in our own and local communities. Thank you to every learner who brought such zest and excitement everyday! I had many say, "We love Catholic Education Week!" The effort from our staff and parents makes it all worthwhile! Thank you to our families for also supporting our Catholic Education week activities and the staff for preparing such wonderful experiences.

We have only this week been given a confirmation date for some professional development for our staff. We have a presenter coming up from Melbourne to share some inquiry curriculum learning with staff. For this day to be beneficial we will be having a closure day on Friday 14th June. This will be a busy yet short week for our community however I am hoping there is ample time for family arrangements. Thank you for your support on this.

Sadly, over the past few weeks we have had some young youths using our school grounds after hours and inappropriately. The police have been contacted and these young people have been informed that they are not to be on St Mary's school grounds for the safety of themselves and others. Unfortunately, for the short time we will be locking the back gate and front gate when the school is not staffed or open.

God Bless

Jasmine Ryan

Principal



FOR THE CALENDAR

- 9th May: 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 - Special lunch for NAPLAN on Thursday
- 20th May: P&F Meeting
- 21st May: Swan Hill Zone Cross Country
- Hill Zone Cross Country
- 23rd May: CSC Transition Session #2
- 24th May: Back up day for Good Samaritan Cup
- 28th May: Assembly 2.15pm
- 5th Jun: Class Mass - Yr 5/6 to Host
- 7th Jun: Chaplain Network Group day
- 10th Jun: Public Holiday
- 11th - 13th Jun: Yr 3/4 Camp



*St Mary's is committed to Child Safety.
We believe all children have the right to feel safe and be safe.*

Parent Learning Support

Thank you to our parents who have offered their support in our classrooms via Parent Learning Support.

As many of you are aware we are trialling a variety of booking systems to see which is most suitable for both the teachers and our parents. Please bare with us while we explore the possibilities and challenges.

If you can not access the booking page that has been released via Seesaw this week, please contact your classroom teacher via email as soon as you can.

We will endeavour to have a flawless system in place soon!



A Reflection

Thank You Mum

A special thanks goes to every mother,
From every daughter and son;
Remembering and appreciating you,
For all the things you've done.
You've supported and encouraged us,
To dream and reach so far;
You've always helped us to believe,
That we could reach that farthest star.
We thank you for protecting us,
From our own selves, sometimes, it's true;
And always being there to give us wise counsel,
As just a small part of all you do.
Thank you mothers for blessing us,
With a love strong, fast and true;
There could never be words in all the world,
To express what's owed to you.

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

Canteen News

Mrs Edge was so excited about the support of the Weekly Wednesday surprise lunch! She has experienced many orders in the last two weeks with pasta and pizza on the menu! I wonder what will come next?

Just informing everyone that we will not have a Friday canteen on Friday 24th May due to Good Sam Cup and then again on 14th June due to our closure day. A great opportunity to order the "Wednesday" special on those weeks!



Mother's Day Stall - Reminder



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.



Leitchville Pavers



Leitchville kindergarten is about to run a paver fundraiser for current and past families to purchase and they will be used to pave around our community veggie patch to be established in our front lawn area. Leitchville kindergarten will have order forms available in our office as of Thursday for interested families.



A great initiative for the new Leitchville Kindergarten!



OUR LEARNING...

JUNIOR TEAM (Prep - Year 2)

The Prep – Year 2 have been busy exploring the essential questions for our Inquiry, 'What Cycles keep us going?' We have been looking at wondering and explore different living organism. This week we have been looking at what living things are. The learners have been busy watching our chrysalis grow and develop. They are eagerly waiting for them to hatch into Monarch Butterflies. The Prep learner have been busy sequencing narrative by images and sentence, identifying the Introduction, problem and solution in the stories. The Year 1 and Year 2 learners have been writing procedure text. This week the junior learners went on a creation walk, to launch our Religion topic of 'God's Creation'. We discover living things and natural landscapes that God created. The learners all enjoyed exploring God's creations that exist in our local community.



SENIOR TEAM (Year 3 - Year 6)

In writing we are continuing to explore persuasive texts, and how authors try to convince their audience to agree with their opinion. We are very close to starting our own persuasive texts. The Year 3/4's have started stamina writing in the literacy block, which means that they have to write about anything they choose for 10-15 minutes. It has been great to see the creative ideas that have been put down on paper during this time!

There has been a focus on mental maths at the start of each maths session, with learners being asked a variety of maths questions that require them to use a mental strategy to solve it. Next week the Year 3's and 5's will sit NAPLAN testing. Both classes have been spending time familiarising themselves with the style of testing, and completing practice questions to allow the learners to feel more comfortable going into the tests.

BIRTHDAYS

- Chloe Keating - 9th May
- Ami Murray - 9th May
- Emily Dehne - 12th May
- Nina Reid - 14th May

