



# St Mary's Newsletter

## WELCOME TO WEEK 7

What a wonderful end to our love of literacy and reading last week with Book Week! On behalf of St Mary's thank you to all families and the effort you all go to, to present such a spectacle at our community Book Parade! All of our learners looked amazing! A huge congratulations to our winning writers - I hope you are enjoying your new reads!

This coming Tuesday St Mary's has its Pastoral Well Being Review. This review is a presentation of a learning journey where we as a community have reflected on our policies and practices around pastoral well being. Thank you to everyone in our community who shared opinions and input to add to our reflection. The most important aspect of this journey are the goals we plan for our future.

Over the past week I have been meeting with our staff in their Annual Review Meetings. This meeting is a time of professional reflection and planning moving forward. I thank all staff at St Mary's for the depths of their reflections and the overall love they have for what they do. Our staff truly do their very best for all learners.

Just a reminder if parents have items to drop off or are picking up / dropping off children during learning times to please do so at the request of our office ladies. Learning times are 9am - 3pm and we strive very hard to minimise disruptions to all learners during the day.

This weekend we celebrate Father's day! We thank every Dad or special man in our wonderful community for all that you do for your children and our school! We wish you all a fabulous Father's Day on Sunday!

God Bless

Jasmine Ryan - **Principal**



## FOR THE CALENDAR

- 29th Aug: St Mary's Athletics
- 30th Aug: Father's Day Breakfast @ 8:30am
- 3rd Sep: St Mary's Pastoral Well being Review
- 4th Sep: Whole School Mass
- 6th Sep: Zone athletics @ Kerang
- 11th Sep: Learning Conversations 1:30 - 7:00 - Footy Colours Day
- 12th Sep: Leitchville preschoolers visit
- 16th Sep: Mallee Zone Athletics @ Kerang
- 20th Sep: End of Term 3 - 2:10 Dismissal
- 4th Oct: Term 4 commences
- 11th Oct: Prep 2020 Transition 9am - 11am
- 14th Oct: School Closure Day
- 18th Oct: Prep 2020 Transition 9am-11am
- 18th Oct: Collaborative Planning
- 21st Oct: Collaborative Planning
- 25th Oct: Grandparents Day



## Production News

### COSTUME REMINDER

The production is closing in and rehearsals and putting the show together are nearing. In readiness for next term we are asking that all families pay their \$5 costume levy before the end of term. Thank you to those that have already.

Next week Alex will start reminder calls so that this can be finalised before the end of term 3. Thank you for your support on this!

### PASSIVE PLAY

Miss Wood and Miss Arthur have been offering passive play throughout this term. In line with the colder weather and the interest of our learners.

Passive play allows learners the choice to do quiet, tackle activities. Miss Wood and Mrs Arthur have explored arts and crafts, mindful colouring and sensory boards.

Passive play runs on Tuesday and Thursday lunch times!



On Friday 20th September between 12:30 - 1:30 we will have a progressive learning expo! All classrooms will celebrate their learning of the performing arts! Please allow yourself the hour as we will move from class to class as one group so all can perform!

On Monday canteen each week in term three students are welcome to purchase a hot chocolate and a piece of raisin toast for one dollar each at recess!



**PLEASE BRING ALONG YOUR PLASTIC  
KEEP CUP TO SUPPORT OUR GREEN TEAM!**

### PARENT LEARNING SUPPORT

We are still well in the swing of learning and welcome any parent who is a trained Parent Support person to be in our learning spaces. We know of late that we have had booking form issues and we hope that this now has been rectified!

Please check your child(ren)s class booking form via Seesaw and come in when you can. If you are experiencing issues with bookings please let your class teacher know.

The more support in our classrooms - the greater gains for our learners!



## A Prayer

We give thanks for the fathers and special people in our lives.

Fatherhood does not come with a manual and we remember the many sacrifices fathers make for their children and families – and the ways – both big and small – they lift children to achieve dreams thought beyond reach.

For those who are fathers, we ask for wisdom and humility in the face of the task of parenting. Grant that we, their sons and daughters, may honour them always with a spirit of respect.

Lord, bless these men, that they may have strength as Fathers. Let the example of their faith and love shine forth.

Amen







## OUR LEARNING...

### JUNIOR TEAM (Prep - Year 2)

The Prep – Year 2 learners enjoyed the book parade and had a great time watching everyone in their costumes. The Prep- Year 2 learners have now completing Inquiry as individual classes. We are beginning to plan and create our performances to be presented at the end of term. The Prep learners are continuing to develop strategies to share between groups. This week the prep learners are being exposed to persuasive text. We are looking at different ways that text try to persuade us. The Prep learners have been writing opinions about why they think dogs are better than cats. The Year 1 learners are continuing to explore shape. They are exploring the features of 2D and 3D shapes. Year 1 is beginning to write scripts during writing. Year 2 are finishing off measurement and area within numeracy. The year 2 learners have been looking at readers theatre.

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

In the Year 3/4 learning space, we have been 'reading between the lines' to find the author's purpose. We have been identifying the setting in fiction texts and how this can affect the plot. In mathematics, we have continued our learning about 3D shapes using lots of mathematics words to describe them. Learners have been enjoying their 'Blast Off' multiplication challenge and reaching a personal best. In Inquiry, learners have been working collaboratively in groups to begin preparing a performance of our fairy tales "Jack and the Beanstalk" and "Hansel and Gretel." Learners are very excited about showing different ways to express themselves in our performances!

In Yr 5/6 they have started preparing for their end of term performance for Inquiry. They are focusing on a fractured version of 'Snow White'. In Maths they are learning to create equivalent fractions through the use of puzzles. In reading they have been looking at a range of different multimode text and for writing they are collaborating to write an information text about a music genre. We are all looking forward to Athletics Day on Thursday!



### FOOTY COLOURS DAY - 11th September

Our Senior leaders will lead our footy colours day! With us all dressed in our team colours, a pie / sausage roll will be available to order for lunch! These will be the only items available to order for lunch on that day, as well as the usual drinks and paddle pops. All available on CDF pay!

The afternoon session will see our leaders run footy clinics and celebrate our collective love of anything footy!

We ask that we donate a gold coin donation which goes to Cancer research!

There will be a few prizes for best dressed!



- Rafferty Quinlan - 29th August
- Caelan Appleby - 2nd September



# Wipe out Waste

We can reduce waste by packing Nude Food.

**Pack**

- ✓ Snacks in reusable containers
- ✓ Drinks in a reusable bottle
- ✓ Reusable utensils when needed
- ✓ A reusable lunchbox or backpack



**Avoid**

- ✗ Food packed in plastic bags, cling film or foil
- ✗ Single-use drink boxes, cans, cartons and bottles
- ✗ Single-use forks and spoons
- ✗ Pre-packaged or single serve food items

Our family will pack Nude Food on Tuesday and Thursday

# The Importance of Dads

Kerang



In this 2 hour session for Dad's of children 0 - 10 we will:

- Explore the unique role of Dad's in their child's development.
- Consider the benefits of play.
- Learn how Dads can maximise their child's social, emotional and academic growth.

**Dads, Grandads, Uncles and Male Carers are all welcome to attend this workshop**

## Term 3, 2019

**When:** Wednesday 4th September 2019

**Time:** Arrival and Registration 5.45pm (Dinner provided on arrival)  
Session 6.00pm - 8.00pm

**Where:** Sir John Gorton Library, Cnr Shadforth Street and Murray Valley Highway, Kerang

**Cost:** Free

**Childcare:** Sorry, no childcare provided

**Facilitators:** CCS Family and Relationship Services

Groups are subject to maximum and minimum numbers determined seven working days prior to start date. Please register early



Bookings and enquiries contact Kerang Library on 5452 1546 or Email [library@gl.vic.gov.au](mailto:library@gl.vic.gov.au) - Bookings Essential

We're wearing our **FOOTY COLOURS** on: **11<sup>th</sup> Sept**

**Fight Cancer FOOTY COLOURS DAY!**



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## St Mary's, Cohuna Garden Walk

**Sunday November 10th, 10am - 2pm**

Come and explore our beautiful local gardens  
Tickets \$15 includes a light lunch at the school  
Tickets available at St Mary's Primary School now or on the day

Major prize proudly donated by



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