



St Mary's Newsletter

WELCOME TO WEEK 11

Thank you everyone for an extremely challenging and in some ways rewarding school term. Again, I cannot thank our families enough for the support and commitment that you gave the school during remote schooling. We hope everyone enjoys a well deserved break, put the screens away, gets outside and is active. The school recognises that there would be uncertainty at this time with increased cases in Victoria. To date, there are no changes to schooling as we know it. If anything needs to be communicated, it will be shared via email and school stream during the holidays.

Our school reports I hope were well received. The teachers put great effort into personalising and reflecting on every child. We hope that the reports gave you some clarity as to where your child is currently at. At the end of year the reports will be inclusive of progression points which correlate to Victorian curriculum standards. Please take the opportunity to chat further with your child's teacher at learning conversation this week.

A prayer service will be held on Thursday morning to recognise the life of Mark Watkins and Russell McLoughlan for the years 3 - 6 learners in support of the Watkins and McLoughlan family. Julie McLoughlan, Jim and Luis Watkins all belong to the year 3 - 6 community and will therefore take part. A short liturgy will be held in the church to offer our prayers and community support to these families who have experienced loss during Covid. We unfortunately cannot have our parents attend at this time. Any questions, please feel free to contact me.

Our virtual open evening was a great success. We had some existing and potential families attend and we hope we shared some of our story with them! The staff did an incredible job at supporting me with the presentation. We recognise that ZOOM is not the greatest way to interact but we hope that we shared some great aspects about our school.

This week we farewell two staff members. Alex Martin will be heading off on maternity leave. We wish Alex, Brian and her family every happiness with baby number three. Jess Baker is also leaving us for a job closer to home. We are so thankful that Miss Baker has been a part of our community and we wish her well at her new school.

I hope everyone has a happy and safe holiday and I look forward to a great term of learning ahead.

God Bless

Jasmine Ryan (Principal)



DATES AHEAD

- 25th June: Learning conversations 1pm-7pm, Cross Country Sports
- 26th June: Last day of Term 2. Country and Western day
- 13th July: First day of Term 3



St Mary's is a Child Safe School.

We promote the safety, wellbeing and inclusion of all children.

Canteen Special

Wednesday 24th June

BBQ Chicken Pitta Pizza
\$4.50
Available through CDF Pay Only

Early Departure

Friday 26th June

A friendly reminder to our families that term 2 finishes this Friday 26th at 2.15pm.

PBIS

Respect for self: To wear our school uniform accurately to school everyday

St Mary's acknowledges and pays respects to the traditional custodians of the land on which we meet: the Barrapa Rappa People, and pay respects to elders both past and present.



A PRAYER

End of Term Prayer

We thank you Lord, for this term. For the challenges, the successes, and the mistakes from which we have learnt. Be with us as we spend our time with family and friends. Give us strength and courage to do what is right: to be witnesses of our faith. Help us to be a practical Christian these holidays, to appreciate what others do for us, to give time and effort to help others. To be peacemakers in our family. Keep us safe in our activities; give us good rest and good fun. Bring us back refreshed and ready for a new term. We thank you for our classmates, teachers, parents and a community that cares for us. May we always be conscious of you in our lives. Amen



New House Captains and School Leaders -

Our School and Sports leaders received their badges that they can wear daily and with pride. These badges show our learners who their leaders are in the school and if they need support or assistance they can go to the leaders. Pictured are Declan O'Mahony, Mac Ryan, Joeline Mathers, Abigail Gray, Mackenzie Dobie, Rick Bell, Campbell Wood, Isla Murray. Absent: Jorji Easton, Frances Thompson & Rylee Wilson.



Staff Term 3

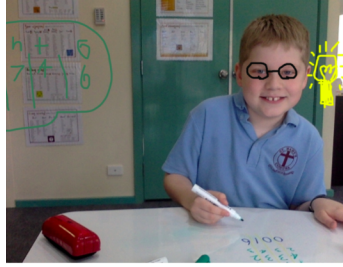
With some staff leaving us we welcome some old and new faces back to St Mary's.

Mrs Kayla Williams will be returning from her maternity leave two days a week. Mrs William's will be in the Visual Arts role for Semester 2.

Tammy McGillivray will be covering Alex Martin's maternity leave. Tammy has worked in the Bendigo Bank in Cohuna, so her face maybe familiar to some of you.

We welcome both of the ladies to our school community and know everyone will make them feel welcome.

St Mary's
onsite
Cross-Country
Learners are to come dressed in their house colours
We will be having a special lunch on this day, this can be ordered on CDF Pay
THURSDAY 25TH JUNE, 2020



OUR LEARNING

JUNIOR TEAM

This week the Prep - Yr 2 learners have been continuing to build on their skills of Visualizing. They have learnt to use their 5 senses to help create an image in their mind about the text.

The learners have been consolidating their knowledge of subtractions. They have been learning how to apply new strategies to their learning such as counting on and using number lines to help solve subtraction sums. The Junior learners have been busy recording their findings in Inquiry. They are recording their knowledge of cyber safety.

Well done to all learners on a fantastic term! You are all amazing. We are so proud of every single one of you and can not thank you enough for navigating this crazy and interesting term with us.

SENIOR TEAM

This week in Year 3 and 4 learners have been using the Thinking Hats to extend their text knowledge. They are enjoying the What's Buzzing magazines, reading a variety of different texts. In Writing, learners are continuing to write their information report draft on their chosen animal, effectively using their fact files to transfer facts into their writing. In Mathematics, learners are consolidating their skills in measuring the length of different objects and developing the skill of converting. Learners are enjoying continuing to build their Zones of Regulation toolbox, giving them different tools to use to bring them back into the Green Zone. This week in Year 5 and 6, learners have been learning to create open and closed questions when reading a text. They are continuing to consolidate their understanding of the Reciprocal Teaching process. In Writing, learners are practising their informative text planning by recording facts efficiently from the internet. In Mathematics, learners are creating many chance experiments to describe the probability using fractions, decimals and percentages. Learners are continuing to develop their understanding of the graduate outcomes and are reflecting their understanding through images and words on a skateboard. Well done to the senior school on their ability to adapt to such an unusual school term! We hope you have a happy and safe holiday with lots of relaxing!

BIRTHDAYS



- Sam Sheaar - 23rd June
- Levi Spring 24th June
- Milla Ryan 27th June
- Tai Edwards 27th June
- Sophie Keating 27th June
- Lewis Martin 27th June
- Rick Bell 3rd July



WHAT TO DO?
Complete the "First Stage - Application for Enrolment Form" found on our website. Return ASAP

**NOW
ENROLING
FOR 2021**

WHAT'S NEXT?
A "Second stage Enrolment Form" will be sent to families

Schedule a family meeting and active tour

Return all documentation relating to enrolment by 28th August 2020.



NDCH

Northern District Community Health

NDCH-your first port of call in the pursuit of good health!

Surviving School Holidays

We know, it seems like your kids have just gone back to school, and now it is holidays already! We have some tips to help you through.

Self-Care

Remember to look after yourself. Enjoy spending extra time with your kids, but don't feel guilty about doing something that you enjoy. By looking after yourself, you can be more energised and positive for your children.



Expectations

Know that not every day will go to plan. Children have just got back into a routine of going to school. It may be difficult adjusting back to holidays. Be calm and patient to help them adjust. Take notice and enjoy the time you spend with them.



Activities

With restrictions easing you can spend time with your kids doing activities these school holidays. Involve your children and ask them to write down some ideas. It can be tempting to go out to do something every day. Try to have a balance of going out and staying home. Remember to have 'lazy' days.



It's Okay to be Bored

Sometimes it's okay for your kids to be bored. Don't feel bad about not always 'doing something'. Let your kids use their imagination. This can also help develop initiative.



Ask for Help

Don't be afraid to ask for help, if you need it. Ask grandparents if they would like the kids for a day. Grandparents and kids would both love this. Seek support from and offer support to other parents.



www.ndch.org.au



Pro Rock Dance will be returning in Term 3 - July 14th 2020.

If wishing to secure a position in a dance class, please contact Bek ASAP, as there will be limited numbers. Class times and fees have changed for some students, so please read the information sent via email to all existing families.

Can't wait to start back and see you all.

Kind regards,

Bek

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