



St Mary's Newsletter

WELCOME TO WEEK 1

Welcome back to term 3...We are so excited that we are able to come back together for fun and learning! Even though we are governed by many restrictions at this time, our teachers are doing everything they can to ensure we have a term of learning that is engaging and exciting! On Friday we will launch this terms inquiry investigation - What is light? What is sound? The teachers already have some amazing hands on scientific learning experiences prepared.

We recognise that families are being vigilant on attendance at this time if your children are unwell. I would like to remind everyone that there are only certain reasons for absence of a child from school. This term, we are fortunate to be able to return to face to face schooling and we will be diligent on following up on absence and supporting families in having their children at school for learning. Everyday counts and consistency to learning ensures no one feels unsure of the what is happening in the classroom. Please feel free to access our Learner attendance policy on PAM for a greater understanding.

As the Victorian State Government continues to enforce restrictions due to Coronavirus, St Mary's will also continue to implement changes. We will continue to increase hand washing and sanitising, staggered drop off and pick ups, social distancing of staff and no parents or non essential visitors onsite during school times. Unfortunately, this also means that we will have no camps, excursions and incursions at this time.

Thank you to the families who completed the remote schooling survey at the end of last term. Your feedback was honest, reaffirming and great learning for our staff. It was refreshing to hear of the experiences everyone had and the partnership so many of our families hold important in regard to learning with our school.

A reminder of the many modes of communication that we have to ensure our families are well informed of what is going on. Our newsletter will be released on a Monday via School stream and email. School stream and PAM are an option for parents reporting absence. Teachers can be contacted via email or Seesaw, and virtual meetings or phone calls can be arranged if necessary. The school calendar is up to date and available on the website as well as on School Stream.

Today everyone has returned happy, rested and already settled back into the school routine. A great start!

God Bless

Jasmine Ryan (Principal)

DATES AHEAD

- 17th July - Inquiry Launch - what is Light? What is Sound?
- 27th July - 100 Days Smarter - Prep Celebrations
- 28th July - PSG's / Assembly (Virtual)
- 4th Aug - PSG's continued
- 10th Aug - Enrolment Forms 2021 Due
- 13th Aug - School Photos
- 17th Aug - School Board Meeting @ 7pm - Virtual

Welcome Back!





St Mary's is a Child Safe School.

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

A PRAYER

A Prayer

As we begin our new Term, I'd like to share a prayer of thanks with you all. Sometimes in challenging times, we find ourselves focusing on all the negative things happening around us, but it is good to remember how lucky we are to live where we do and to give thanks for all the good things we have in our lives.



Canteen Special

Wednesday 15th July

Macaroni & Cheese
Croquettes

2 for \$3.00

Available through CDF Pay
Only

ABSENTEES

If your child is away, please
inform the office via School
Stream, PAM or phone.

Thank you



Attendance Matters

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.*



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.





OUR LEARNING

JUNIOR TEAM

Welcome back to term 3! What a busy term full of lots of challenges and new learning. We are looking forward to another exciting term together full of lots of exciting things. This Friday we will have our Inquiry Launch, full of hands-on activities to inspire our thinking and creativity.

We hope you all enjoyed spending time together over the break and are feeling refreshed and ready to tackle another busy term!

SENIOR TEAM

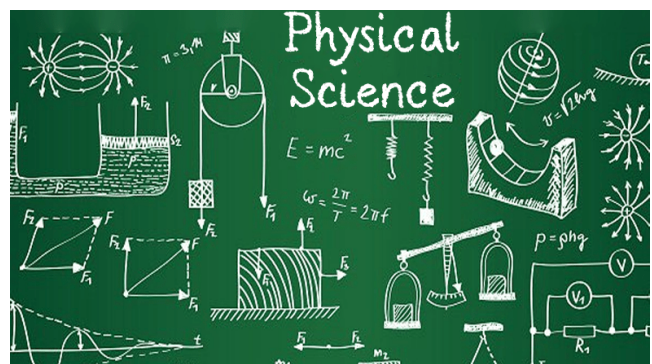
Welcome to term 3. We are looking forward to an exciting inquiry launch on Friday with a big idea question created on the curriculum area of Physical Sciences. There will be the opportunity to wonder with many hands on learning activities that connect to our everyday lives.

We are excited to return to face to face learning and would like to keep schools returning to Remote Schooling in our prayers. We hope that you had a relaxing holiday and are refreshed for a busy term of learning. A Curriculum Newsletter for each class will be sent home shortly to explain our learning for this term.

BIRTHDAYS



- Jorji Easton 17th July
- Luis Watkins 19th 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.



Today I will not stress over things I can't control.



Northern District Community Health

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

Talking to your Kids about School

We know, it can be tricky talking to your kids about school. Talking with your kids about school shows you're interested – this can improve your child's mental health, happiness and wellbeing.

Talk about Something Else

It is best not to ask about school straight away. Talk about something else first. Unpack their bags and go through any notes from the school. Take notice of when they are ready to talk.

Ask Open-Ended Questions

Ask simple and positive open-ended questions. For example, "What was fun at school today?", "What subjects did you do today?" and "What did you do at recess today?".



Make Time

Make time to talk. This might be in the car or dinner time. Talk when you are not in a rush. Your children probably won't always want to talk. Have many small conversations over time.

Look out for Signs or Problems

If you notice that your child is nervous or upset when talking about school, there could be a bigger problem. Try to talk to them and be calm. Talk to teachers and other parents.



<https://raisingchildren.net.au/school-age/school-learning/school-homework-tips/talking-about-school>

www.ndch.org.au

SIMPLE STEPS TO HELP STOP THE SPREAD.

Coronavirus (COVID-19)

Cough or sneeze into your arm



Use a tissue



Bin the tissue



Wash your hands



HELP STOP THE SPREAD AND STAY HEALTHY

TOGETHER WE CAN HELP STOP THE SPREAD AND STAY HEALTHY.

For more information about **Coronavirus (COVID-19)** visit health.gov.au



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