



# St Mary's Newsletter

## WELCOME TO WEEK 3

What an exciting day for our 100 day smarter learners today! The effort and energy was wonderful. Thank you to all families, staff and our Senior Buddies who went to the effort to engage our Preps! The classroom was filled with giggles, games and goodies! Miss Toll went to extra lengths to make sure the day was special as we were sadly not allowed to have our Mum's and Dad's in! The staff room was taken over at recess for our 100 day smarter party. Be sure to check out our pictures on FaceBook!

All families today will receive a St Mary's P&F Pie Drive form. The P&F recognise given our current scenario with Covid #19 that we have not been able to fundraise or connect with our community as we have in the past. This fundraiser will hopefully support the school and a local business. It is very important to St Mary's that we connect and support the local community that continues to support us. Thank you to the P&F and Red Gum Bakery for their joint efforts!

Post our inquiry launch the teachers spent the day planning some fantastic science based inquiry! This term from Prep - Year 6 we will explore What is Light? What is Sound? Towards the end of our term we will celebrate our learning with a learner lead light and sound show and mini science fair. We know that when our learners are required to teach others, the learning experience is so much more powerful!

Tomorrow we will release our Assembly link via Seesaw and School Stream for those parents interested. We are still not able to gather as a whole school in the Church so we will connect virtually. Awards, messages and what we are focusing on through PBIS will be shared.

We continue to be aware that life is challenging at the moment and people may be finding many aspects hard. If any of our families need any support, or to simply chat about concerns, please know that our teachers and staff are here for a phone call, or virtual chat. It is hard to keep in touch as we would normally however we still want to support our families as best we can.

As we continue to be disconnected from our community physically, Miss Santilla has been working hard at touring our school with our learners so that our community, both existing and new know what we are doing and that school is business as normal! Be sure to watch out for this this week!

*God Bless*

*Jasmine Ryan (Principal)*

## DATES AHEAD

- 28th July - PSG's / Assembly (Virtual)
- 4th Aug - PSG's continued
- 10th Aug - Enrolment Forms 2021 Due
- 13th Aug - School Photos
- 19th Aug: Victorian State Government Restrictions Reviewed
- 24th Aug: P&F Meeting





*St Mary's is a Child Safe School.*

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

## A PRAYER

### A Prayer

This Wednesday is the feast of St Martha. St Martha, along with her sister Mary and brother Lazarus were special friends of Jesus and is well known in the story from the bible, where Jesus raised Lazarus from the dead. From the bible stories we learn that Martha trusted Jesus and had great faith in Him, even when her brother Lazarus had died. Martha's story inspires us to always have faith in God and Jesus in both the good and bad times.

Saint Martha, pray for us that we might serve Jesus better.

Help us to overcome our distractions and worries to listen to his words and be present to him this day. Help us to place our faith and trust in Him always.

Amen.

### Canteen Special

#### Wednesday 29th July

BBQ Chicken Pita Pizza

\$4.50 each

Only available through  
CDF pay

### Welcome Kaden!

Today we welcome a new learner, Kaden Hollingworth! Kaden joins St Mary's and is in Year 2! Kaden was very excited to start the day here today. We know our learners and families will make them feel welcome.



### PBIS

Respecting each other by  
playing by the rules so it's  
fair for everyone.



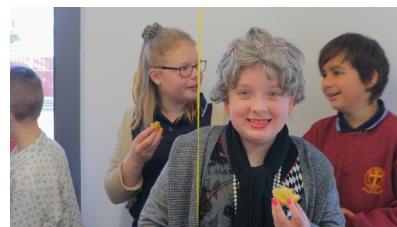
### School Masses

Father Novie has met with Mrs Kelly to again begin the class mass rotations. In the past we encouraged the whole school to attend, however due to restrictions on the Church also, it will only be an individual class mass.

Father Novie will work with the classroom teacher and learners to prepare and celebrate mass each month for the remains of the term. We are not able to have parents attend.



*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.*



# OUR LEARNING

## JUNIOR TEAM

This week the Prep, Year 1 and Year 2 learners have been learning to recognise, order and add Australian coins and notes. The years 1 and years 2 learners have been learning to add coins and notes to buy items. While the prep learners have been learning to match coins and notes with their written value.

The junior school have all been busy publishing their narrative. They have been busy typing and illustrating their stories. We are so excited to start writing information text about light and sound.

In reading, the prep learners are learning to recognise, read and write rhyming words. The year 1 and 2 learners have been building their knowledge of phonics and apply this learning to their writing. All junior learners are continuing to identify the main idea in a text.

This week the junior learners have begun their investigation on light and sound. This week they looked at sound and created cup phones. They quickly learned that you had to hold the string tight to be able to hear. Well done to all our learners, you have blown us all away with your wonderings.

## PIE DRIVE

Our pie drive is back for 2020 with the Leitchville Red Gum Bakery. Order forms have been sent home with students and are due back with full payment no later than Friday August 7th.



## SENIOR TEAM

The Senior School has been tuning into their new inquiry by showing their prior learning using a graphic organiser, creating wonderings and engaging in different learning experiences. We look forward to making connections in Religious Education and looking at Jesus being the light of our world.

This week in the Year 3 and 4 learning space this week, learners are using the actions, facial expressions and words of characters to help them infer the emotions that characters may be experiencing. We are continuing to build our skills in the area of addition. In Inquiry this week, we are investigating our eyes and how they work to help us see. In our Religion learning, we are unpacking the scripture from Luke 8:16-18 "The Lamp under the Container." Learners have been exploring the bible and how to find scripture within the bible.

This week Year 5 and 6 learners have been exploring metaphors and similes in poetry. We created our own simile poem to describe ourselves and loved publishing it using Google Documents. We are growing our mental mathematics of subtraction fast facts and enjoying our new flash card game. We have used flipped learning to grow our understanding of the subtraction algorithm. We enjoyed being blind folded and guessing and describing what item could be in our hands. It was a great eye opener to the importance of light in our world to see. We look forward to discovering how the eye works.

## BOOK CLUB

Just a reminder that bookclub is due in 28/07/2020.



Buy a book from  
**SCHOLASTIC**  
**Book Club**  
to help build  
our classroom  
resources





#### 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.



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### Homelessness Week 3 – 8 August

#### Anyone can be Homeless

Sudden unemployment, domestic violence, lack of affordable housing, mental illness can all contribute to homelessness. Natural disasters, such as bushfires, can also leave people without a home. But being homeless does not always mean living on the streets. Often they are living between family and friends houses or emergency accommodation.



#### Our Community

Homelessness often goes unnoticed in our community. However, every year NDCH supports over 200 community members who are homeless or at risk. More than 500 children are a part of these families.

#### Talk to kids about Homelessness

It is important to talk to your kids about homelessness. Don't be afraid to talk about it. Build compassion and empathy, not fear in your children. More often than not, homelessness is not due to alcohol or drugs. Let your children know that there are a lot of reasons that someone might be homeless.

[www.ndch.org.au](http://www.ndch.org.au)



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making sport inclusive, safe and fair.

Coronavirus  
(COVID-19)

## SIMPLE STEPS TO HELP STOP THE SPREAD.

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](http://health.gov.au)



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