



St Mary's Newsletter

WELCOME TO WEEK 5

Welcome to our first complete week of remote schooling! I would firstly like to thank you all for your flexibility and willingness to again fall into this mode of learning. Thank you to everyone in our community for reading all of our communication platforms to ensure we all feel connected and informed. We are trying to support our learners and families as best we can!

The overall transition back into remote schooling has been very smooth and positive, I thank all of the families who have been supportive and offered word of encouragement to myself and the staff. We recognise that we are very much at the beginning of this journey so please be kind to yourselves and one another and only do what you can do. If there is anything further that we are able to support you with, please do not hesitate to contact me or your classroom teacher.

Many school processes will remain in place during this time. For example the teachers are still required to take attendance. Teachers will take attendance at 8:45am which will be recorded on our system. They will also keep anecdotal records of learning completed as this also necessary for assessment and reporting. If your child is absent from the morning sessions the school will follow the normal protocols of an SMS and phone call before 11am.

Again, I recognise the challenges and frustrations of remote schooling at this time and I am very aware that many families have both learners and adults all working from home. I understand the inconvenience of being in your homes but ask for your continued support at this time. Please ensure your child is on MUTE when not in direct learning conversation as we have had inappropriate language filter through our Google MEET classrooms from adults in the home. I do not underestimate the challenges of the morning routine and know that this would not be the intention of any of our parents!

An update to our onsite Covid #19 practices. As part of the conditions of onsite schooling we must take the temperature of every child who attends as per the Victorian State Government guidelines.

Be sure to share with myself and the teachers any great remote learning experiences, laughs, jokes or proud moments, we would love to share them with the whole school. Don't forget to take part in our weekly challenges as there are great prizes to be won each week. This week we are looking for creative designs of masks! See our challenge details attached!

God Bless

Jasmine Ryan (Principal)



DATES AHEAD

- 17th Aug - School Board Meeting @ 7pm
- 19th Aug: Victorian State Government Restrictions Reviewed
- 21st Aug - Book Exchange in LOTE room 12:00 - 2:00
- 24th Aug: P&F Meeting
- 25th Aug: Assembly - Virtual



St Mary's is a Child Safe School.

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

A Prayer

A PRAYER

Saturday August 8th was the feast day for Australia's only saint, St Mary McKillop. Mary McKillop lived from 1842 - 1909 and made it her life's work to care for the poor, sick and forgotten in Australia. She opened schools to educate the poor and founded the order of The Sisters of St Joseph's. This order continues her work today by helping poor communities all over the world. Mary was quoted as saying, "Never see a need without trying to do something about it", which reminds us that we all have a responsibility to try and help others whenever we can. Today we pray:

Ever generous God,

You inspired Saint Mary MacKillop

*To live her life faithful to the Gospel of Jesus Christ
and constant in bringing hope and encouragement
to those who were disheartened, lonely or needy.*

With confidence in your generous providence

and through the intercession of Saint Mary MacKillop

*We ask that you grant our request to care for us all during this pandemic. We ask that
our faith and hope be fired afresh by the Holy Spirit*

so that we too, like Mary MacKillop, may live with courage, trust and openness.

Ever generous God hear our prayer.

We ask this through Jesus Christ. Amen.

Mary MacKillop



School Photos

School photos have been re-scheduled for Monday 26th October

All monies paid will transfer over!



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Respect for self.
Being a resilient learner
during remote learning.



BIRTHDAYS



- Quinn Conlan 9th August
- Jim Watkins 9th August
- Bayley Merkel 11th August
- Noah Mathers 13th August

Remote Learning 2.0



*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.*



School Masses

All School masses will be canceled until further notice.



OUR LEARNING

JUNIOR TEAM

WOW what a fantastic start to remote learning! We are so proud of every single one of you. You have shown resilience and respect within the last week. You have amazed us with your ability to be flexible and adaptable to change.

This week the Year 2 learners have begun remote learning virtually. They have been busy brushing up on the skills needed to use google meet. They have been practising using their mute button, the chat and moving between screens. Well done to all the year 2 learners for participating in remote learning this week, you are all superstars.

The Prep and Year 1 learners have been busy completing their learning grid. We have seen lots of learning going on in the last few days. We have enjoyed getting all your pictures of your learning on seesaw. Well done to all the Preps and Year 1 learners for completing the learning grid.

We are so excited to see all of you on Monday and we are so excited to take part in remote learning 2.0! As a junior team we can not wait to see you achieve your goals this term.

SENIOR TEAM

What a fabulous start our Senior School learners have had to Remote Learning! Our learners are to be congratulated on their transference of skills from our Term 2 Remote Learning and from the classroom. They are all showing amazing resilience and flexibility and we are certainly proud of their problem solving with technology!

This week, our Year 3/4 learners are using our online MEET with our slideshows to show off their powerful learning. In Reading, we are identifying the key information within the texts that we read, identifying the topic words and using the context of the text to assist us with clarifying and solving the words. In Mathematics, Year 3 are continuing with their learning with addition while in Year 4, learners are learning with the operation of subtraction. Through Flexible Learning, we are continuing to reflect on our Zones of Regulation and the tools that we can use during Remote Learning to bring us back to the Green Zone.

In Year 5/6 learners are transitioning back into Remote Schooling and becoming flexible, independent learners. We created our own Google Site to show our learning growth in Inquiry. We are investigating light by reading information texts and we are also creating our own poetry using personal connections. We are becoming subtraction mathematicians and can use the vertical strategy to solve equations with decimals and internal zeros!

PIE DRIVE

A huge thank you to everyone in our community for supporting the pie drive! We had an overwhelming response and a number of orders.

In next weeks newsletter we will inform you of the pick up process for the 20th August.

The P&F look forward to sharing with you in the near future the total of funds raised and celebrate our community support of a local business!



Thank You!

**CARING FOR EACH OTHER
WITH PATIENCE, TOLERANCE
AND HUMILITY IS PART OF
WHAT IT MEANS TO WALK
A SPIRITUAL PATH**

Rathanath Swami



WEEK #2 REMOTE SCHOOLING CHALLENGE

Maskerade Designs

Given our new need to wear masks, be as creative as you like and design, draw or make a mask for you & your family members. Send your photos to principal@smcohuna.catholic.edu.au. All entries will be shared on FaceBook.

CHALLENGE DUE ON FRIDAY 14TH AUGUST

ST MARY'S REMOTE LEARNING APPROACH 2.0



EACH DAY WILL START ON GOOGLE MEET

All teachers will be live @ 8:45am daily

Please be online with your teacher at 8:45am for Good Morning, Prayer, the roll, RATS & the day ahead!
All learning / MEET links via Seesaw

OUR DAILY LEARNING

Live Stream Days / Flexible & Flipped

- Mon / Tue / Wed across the school will be live streamed teaching
- Junior School - 8:45am - 11:00am
- Senior School 8:45am - 12:30pm
- Recess @ 11:00 - 11:30
- Lunch @ 1:30 - 2:15



1:1 LEARNING CONFERENCES

Every learner will have at least one weekly learning conference with their teacher

- Times will be allocated by your teacher & Google MEET links sent to your email
- Learning conferences will focus on: wellbeing, goal setting & feedback, a targeted learning task



INTERVENTIONS & EXTENSIONS

Learning Discovery & Wellbeing Supports

- Mrs Kelly will continue her learning groups where possible
- Teachers may offer break out learning sessions (small groups)
- Q&A times / extra time for supported learning as per your class timetable
- Our Chaplain will continue to check in on the wellbeing of all in our community



WE ARE ALL LEARNING THE SAME THING

Every Learner will receive the same remote learning & teaching program

- Every child will receive the same remote schooling program at their targeted level
- Our learning program involves learner choice, creativity & thinking
- Our weekly challenges & competitions will start in week 5



OUR STAFF ARE ALWAYS AVAILABLE & HERE TO HELP



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.



Guidelines on Wearing a Protective Mask In Public and at Work

Together We Will Beat Coronavirus



1. Coronavirus is transmitted in droplets



2. A protective mask lowers the risk of infecting and of being infected



3. In public and at work people must wear protective masks, at home there is no need



4. The type of recommended mask for the public: a regular mask or a home-made mask



5. For a home mask, use densely woven cotton fabric that is not stretchy, (such as fabric of a percale or satin bed-sheet, folded into 3 layers)



6. It is important that the mask fit the nose and mouth tightly



Remember:

- ❑ Worn out masks, do not protect
- ❑ Check that the mask does not cause difficulty breathing. Patients with heart or lung disease should exercise caution
- ❑ Wash hands after touching the mask to prevent transmission of the virus



NDCH

Northern District Community Health

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

Talking to your child about Face Masks

Many children may find it confusing or even scary that adults are now wearing masks outside the house. Here are some tips to help you talk to your children about the reasons we are wearing them.

Make the time to talk about

Pick a time when you can give your child your full attention. It might be bedtime, tea time, bath time, or simply a quiet time at home. Having a face mask with you may help to reduce fear or stigma too.

Use positive & reassuring tones

By using calm and positive tones when you speak with your child about masks you are reducing negativity. Be sure to check your own attitude to masks before talking with your child and not bring any negativity into the conversation.

Use language your child understands

Stick to the facts and use examples that your child understands. For example 'healthy people are wearing masks to stay healthy' or 'we wear masks so that germs such as spit or saliva don't get spread'.

Tune In

Ask your child how they feel and let them know that their feelings are ok. Perhaps you could share your coping strategies with them.



<https://raisingchildren.net.au/guides/coronavirus-covid-19-guide/face-masks-coronavirus-children>

www.ndch.org.au