



# St Mary's Newsletter

## WELCOME TO WEEK 6

Thank you to everyone for such a smooth and positive week of remote schooling. We problem solved ICT issues, irregularities and ensuring we all had what we needed to fulfill our roles. I have received nothing but gratitude and acts of kindness in support of the great lengths the staff are going to during our Remote schooling 2.0. This is not at all our preferred way to operate and I believe that as a community we have all become accustomed at making the best out of a challenging situation! Thank you for recognising the hard work of all of our staff - it is extremely affirming and appreciated at this time.

Just a reminder that all school devices are only to be used only for school learning and tasks. No outside apps, games or extensions are to be downloaded to these devices. It is an extensive task having devices realigned for onsite use and we ask that they remain for St Mary's educational tasks only. Headphones are a necessity during this style of teaching for school and home. Please be sure that your child has headphones for either school or home as it minimises background and screen noise to allow optimal learning to take place.

On Thursday and Friday's we have our Learning conference sessions with our teachers. These sessions are supported by two staff to meet child safe standards. These sessions have been planned by the teachers to target learning. These are not parent supported sessions or time to communicate with our teachers. We welcome our parents support in ensuring your child is on for their timetabled session as the teacher will have prepared 1:1 learning for your child. If you need to communicate with your teacher please use the various modes available.

As a result of returning to Remote schooling, St Mary's will be crediting every child \$50 in fees due to the limited ability we have to conduct incursions and excursions. We hope families find this a relief. Jenny Barry will either credit your fees or return \$50 per child to those who have paid all fees. If any family is experiencing financial hardship as a result of Covid #19, please do not hesitate to contact me in regard to fee support.

While in remote schooling, St Mary's is still obligated to track and monitor attendance. To do this we require all learners to be online at 8:45am on Google MEET. It is a legal requirement that we are able to account for everyone each school day. If your child is going to be absent it is the parents responsibility to please inform the school. This can be done via; PAM, School stream or call the school. Our admin staff will follow up if we have not been made aware by 10:30am. Thank you for your cooperation on this in these challenging times.

God Bless

*Jasmine Ryan (Principal)*



### FATHER'S DAY STALL

Wednesday this week our CDF Father's Day stall will open! \$5 Gifts, enough for one per child.

Information will be shared on Wednesday !

### DATES AHEAD

- 20th Aug: Pie Drive Pick Up - 11:30am - 2:00pm
- 21st Aug - Book Exchange in LOTE room 12:00 - 2:00 , Bake Off Challenge due
- 24th Aug: School Board Meeting @ 7pm (Virtual)
- 25th Aug: Assembly - Virtual
- 28th Aug: Enrolment Stage 2 Due to the office
- 31st Aug: School Closure Day



St Mary's is a Child Safe School.

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

## A PRAYER

### A Prayer

On Saturday the Church celebrated The Feast of the Assumption, which celebrates Mary the Mother of Jesus, ascending into Heaven body and soul. Today we offer up a prayer to Mary, written by Pope Francis, praising Mary and asking her to watch over us especially in these challenging times.

O Mary,  
you always shine on our path  
as a sign of salvation and of hope.  
We entrust ourselves to you, Health of the Sick,  
who at the cross took part in Jesus' pain, keeping your faith firm.  
You, Salvation of the Roman People,  
know what we need,  
and we are sure you will provide  
so that, as in Cana of Galilee,  
we may return to joy and to feasting  
after this time of trial.  
Help us, Mother of Divine Love,  
to conform to the will of the Father  
and to do as we are told by Jesus,  
who has taken upon himself our sufferings  
and carried our sorrows  
to lead us, through the cross,



### School Photos

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

**All monies paid will transfer over!**



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### PBIS

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



## BIRTHDAYS



- Frances Thompson 19th August
- Jack Pollock 23rd August

### School Mass

All School masses will be canceled until further notice.

*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.*



IF WE'RE GOING TO  
BRING OUT THE BEST  
IN PEOPLE,  
WE, TOO,  
NEED TO SOW  
SEEDS OF  
ENCOURAGEMENT.

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# OUR LEARNING

## JUNIOR TEAM

What a fabulous week our junior learners have had! You all continue to amaze us with your dedication to your learning. This week the Junior school has been focusing on identifying the main idea in a text. The learners have made connections to their lives by identifying the main idea of their favorite movie or TV show. In mathematics the Year 1 and 2 learners have been busy completing their unit on money. The prep learners have completed their unit on sharing and have completed their pre assessment in length.

All junior learners have been participating in problem solving activities such as subtraction and adding verbal action stories. This week the Junior learners have been busy experimenting with light and shadow. They made peek boxes that allowed them to experiment with how light works. You have blown us away with your knowledge and understanding of light and shadow. Well done to all our learners this week, you have all been amazing!

## SENIOR TEAM

Remote Schooling in the Senior school is absolutely phenomenal! We continue to show that we are independent, resilient learners who always strive to reach our learning goals.

The Year 3/4 learners have thoroughly enjoyed putting on their Science 'hats' to explore the concepts of transparent, translucent and opaque light. In Reading, learners are gaining confidence when 'reading between the lines' to infer character traits and emotions with evidence from the texts we are reading. In Mathematics this week, all Year 3 and 4 learners will be building strategies and automatic recall in the learning area of Subtraction.

The Year 5/6 learners have transformed into scientists and have explored reflection, refraction and illumination! They have created videos and posters to show their understanding of each concept and modelled their own science experiments.

In Literacy, learners are digging deeper into poetry and created a figurative poem about their favourite place in the world. We also analysed shape poetry to investigate the different features. In Mathematics, learners are developing multiplication strategies and expanding their vocabulary!

## 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.

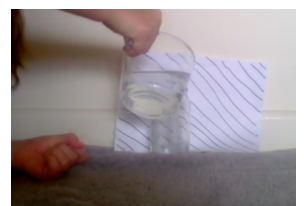
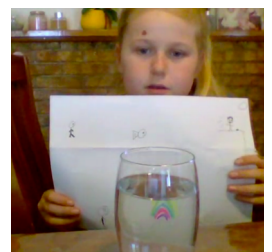
Orders will be available for collection between 11.30am - 2.00pm Thursday 20th August from the front office. An announcement will be made on School Stream when collection will begin.

We ask that social distancing is adhered to on collection. No orders will be sent home with learners as we can not store these items and we do not have adequate refrigeration.

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!







1st



2nd



3rd



Congratulations to Aesha Bisset who has taken out 1st place , Mieke Van Der Berg 2nd & Chloe & Sophie Keating taking out 3rd place.

A big thank you to everyone who competed in last weeks remote schooling challenge. We received so many fantastic designs which made it very difficult to select just 3.

Good luck for this weeks challenge, we cannot wait to see all the delicious creations you can come up with.



#### Encouraging your Child to ask for Help

Children can sometimes find it hard to ask for help. Here are some ways you can encourage them to ask for help.

##### It's Okay

Let your child know that it is okay to ask for help and that it is normal to need help sometimes. Don't view help seeking as a failure.



##### Understand

Show that you understand that it can be hard to ask for help. Don't minimise their feelings. Let them know that you care.

##### Be Positive

Respond positively when your child asks you for help. Give them your full attention. Try to help them but also teach them too.



##### Role Model

Everyone needs help sometimes. Recognise when you're not managing and ask for help.

<https://kidshelpline.com.au/parents/issues/communication-tips>

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



**WEEK #3 REMOTE  
SCHOOLING CHALLENGE**

# ST MARY'S BAKE OFF

This week spend some time cooking, baking & creating something delicious for your family. Cooking is a great way to integrate maths; measurement, counting, volume & capacity.

## PRIZES TO BE WON!

Send in a photo of your end product on Friday 21st August!  
All entries will be shared on Facebook

