



St Mary's Newsletter

WELCOME TO WEEK 3

Welcome to week 3 everyone! Thank you for ensuring such a settled start for your children. It is fabulous to see our learners at school, well rested, with healthy food ready for a great day of learning. Our learners should now be coming home with appropriate readers, some spelling and number tasks to support and consolidate our learning at home. We thank all of our families for restructuring home learning into your family life.

This week we have our 2021 Parent Information evening at 6:30pm on Wednesday night. To begin the evening I will present whole school community information which parents will view via Google MEET in your child(rens) classrooms. Unfortunately, we are unable to gather as one whole group due to Covid safe practices and the number of adults allowed per room. Parents with more than one child are free to select their starting classroom. Once the whole school information is shared teachers will begin their individual class information sessions for parents. These sessions will run for approximately 20 minutes and there will be 2 rotations. This will allow families with more than one child to attend a second session. Families with 3 siblings or more, please catch up with your third teacher at the end of the evening to collect any information or handouts. Please be sure to wear your face masks while inside school buildings. Thank you.

St Mary's would enjoy seeing our volunteers return to our learning spaces. We recognise that Covid has placed restrictions on us, however your support to our learning is vital. If you are yet to complete the Volunteer process and provided the office with your current WWCC please do so at your earliest convenience. If anyone is interested in completing the Volunteer process and is unsure how, please contact the office. All parents who help in classrooms need to have completed the Volunteers process.

St Mary's this year will be actively out in our community, supporting all that it has to offer. Our first exciting event that is happening is the Bridge to Bridge Fun Run which raises funds for the Cohuna Hospital. This year St Mary's will be entering a group to allow our learners to take part with the support of staff. We will enter only three events, the Mini Miler and the 6.5km Fun Run / Walk and the 6.5km Junior Cycle. St Mary's will pay \$5 perchild that enters and we will have support staff with them during the event. There will be a small cost to parents (between \$5 - \$7.50 per child), and we will ask for those who would like to take part on school stream this week! More information to follow soon!

Our uniform over the last twelve months is much improved and the staff of St Mary's are continually seeking feedback from our learners about preference and comfort. Moving forward our learners are allowed to wear the new sport style uniform, which is the sports short / sport skort (Logo), and polo top with black shoes or completely black runners daily. Our learners, if cold are able to wear the school tracksuit pants or the yoga pants for the girls. Navy tights are only to be worn under the tunic / pinafore. Summer school dresses are also welcome during the hotter months. Our priority for our uniform is comfort, promoting an active lifestyle while at school and ease of organisation at home. St Mary's is still exploring the option of a tri colour sports top, in a light material and will share the design and style as soon as possible. We are making improvements!

God Bless Everyone & Have a wonderful week!

Jasmine Ryan (Principal)

THIS WEEK....



DATES AHEAD

- 9th Feb: PSG's for families (onsite or virtual)
- 10th Feb: Parent Information Evening 6:30pm
- 11th Feb: Beginning of Year Mass & BBQ @ 6pm
- 12th Feb: St Mary's Swimming Carnival
- 15th Feb: St Mary's School Board AGM @ 7pm
- 17th Feb: Ash Wednesday Mass @ 12:30pm
- 22nd Feb: St Mary's P&F AGM @ 6:30pm
- 26th Feb: St Mary's School Closure Day - No learners today



St Mary's is a Child Safe School.

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

A PRAYER

The Year of St Joseph

Pope Francis describes Saint Joseph as a beloved father, a tender and loving father, an obedient father, an accepting father; a father who is creatively courageous, a working father, a father in the shadows.

A Letter written by Pope Francis, marks the 150th anniversary of Blessed Pope Pius IX's declaration of St Joseph as Patron of the Universal Church. To celebrate the anniversary, Pope Francis has proclaimed a special "Year of St Joseph."



St Mary's School Board AGM

St Mary's school board AGM will be held on Monday 15th February in the staff room. All community members are welcome to attend. If you are interested in joining the school board please complete the attached nomination form and return it to the school office.



AGM
Annual General Meeting

PBIS

Respect for Self.

Respect for our unity and wearing the correct school uniform to start our year off well!



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.



St Mary's Beginning of Year Mass & BBQ

We look forward to seeing many of our families on Thursday evening @ 6pm for our Beginning of Year Mass and BBQ. Father Novie will host mass under the COLA outdoor area. Being outdoors we are able to cater for more people and we do not need to wear a mask. Please refrain from drinking until the end of the mass.

Please feel free to drop your salad or sweet into the Collaborative Classroom where the air conditioners will be on.

Some of our learners will have a part in the Mass and parents will be informed of this prior to the evening. It is very exciting that we can gather so we do hope that many can come along!

St Mary's Parents & Friends Association

On Monday 22nd February 2021 @ 6:30pm St Mary's will have its P&F Annual General Meeting! Everyone in our community is welcome to attend. If you are interested in joining the P&F please come along. All positions are declared open out our AGM and nominations are welcome!

The P&F do an amazing job at supporting events, fund raising, supporting families and simply having fun at school! Please bring along your ideas and enthusiasm. We know that many of our parents work, but an contribution is greatly appreciated.

St Mary's P&F AGM - 22nd February 2021 - All Welcome



Junior Team

Woohoo what a busy, exciting and week full of laughter and learning we have had in the Junior School!!!

The Prep learners have had a fantastic first week of school. Miss Cartwright has had lots of positive feedback about the Preps saying how impressed people all were, thinking the Preps have been here for years!

The Year 1's have been teaching Miss Adams all about our school and have been enjoying getting to know their new teacher.

Our Year 2's have been enjoying their new space and re-establishing their routines.

The Junior learners have been busy creating wonderings in Religion and Inquiry about our Charism unit.

Our learners have been very active when developing our class matrix's for our class RRR expectations. We have been practising our class routines and trying our best to remember to listen to instructions and practise being good learners.

We have all started our spelling programs and have been sending home spelling words and the home learning grid to begin practising consolidating our learning at home.

We look forward to meeting our families on Wednesday night at the Parent Information evening and showing our beautiful learning spaces and answering questions you may have about the teaching and learning in our classrooms this year.

Happy Birthday



- Willow Bolch 6th January
- Seth Hogan 29th January
- Levi Nicholson 31st January
- Aesha Bisset 2nd February
- Parker Goulding 2nd February
- Brock Mitton 3rd February
- Jonty Lucas 7th February
- Elliot Warren 10th February
- Lotti Murray 11th February

Senior Team

What a wonderful week we have had in the senior learning spaces. We had a very busy and productive week. We started to develop wonderings and questions about Charism and how we can do acts of kindness.

We created our RRR expectations for our learning spaces and discussed what whole class rewards we would like to spend our triple R's on. The Year 6 learners got to spend some time with their buddies getting to know them and what they enjoy doing when at home. Our Year 6's presented speeches to the class as to why they believe they should be house captain. All the learners did a wonderful job writing and presenting their speeches. It is great to see the learners supporting each other and expanding their friend groups. We have been learning about writer's notebook and using an 'all together hands' to help prompt our thinking.

We are looking forward to seeing our families on Wednesday night at Parent Information evening and also at Beginning Year Mass and BBQ on Thursday night. It will be great to see all our families.

St Mary's School Leaders

2021

Last week our Senior teachers met with all Year 5/6 Learners and discussed as our class sizes are larger the possibility of only having School Captains and Sport Captains. As a group they decided that it was important for them all to lead collaboratively throughout the year ahead. It is great that our learners have a voice and are able to make decisions within their school.

Sports captains were voted by their peers after listening to some impressive speeches. We look forward to the support and encouragement that our captains will offer their teams!

CARMEL: Georgie Neil, Silas Toll & Mac Ryan

LOURDES: Piper Hooper Higgs, Matilda Matthews & Charlie Hauser

FATIMA: Harry Link, Holly Hawken & Eliza Brown





Nominations for St Mary's School Advisory Council 2021

Monday 1st February 2021

Dear Parents,

This notice is to advise all in our community that we have our Annual General meeting approaching for the St Mary's School Advisory Council.

The meeting will be held on Monday 15th February 2021 at 7:00pm. Anyone in the community wanting to attend is welcome.

St Mary's has a highly effective and supportive School Advisory Council that we would like to grow. Our shared input and wisdom is a greater driver to school improvement. Everyone in our school has something to offer.

We are seeking nominations from people who would like to commit to the School Advisory Council. If you are interested in nominating yourself or someone else, please complete the form below and return to school in a sealed envelope, marked, *"To the School Advisory Council Secretary"* by Friday 12th February 2021.

Kind Regards,

Jasmine Ryan



Nominations for St Mary's School Advisory Council 2021

I put forward my nomination for membership of the St Mary's School Advisory Council.

I wish to nominate myself for a position on the St Mary's School Advisory Council. .	
Print Name:	
Signature:	
Date:	



NDCH

Northern District Community Health

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

Healthy Lunchbox Week- Get Involved!

Healthy meals & snacks are important for your children's everyday health. What children eat during their day at school plays a crucial role in their learning, development and mood. Use the following to guide healthy choices for a healthy lunchbox.

What makes a healthy lunchbox?

1. Grain Foods: Wholemeal or multigrain sandwich/wrap/roll, pasta, noodles, rice, crackers, rice/corn cakes



2. Fruit: Apple, orange, grapes, strawberries, cut-up watermelon, banana, mango, blueberries, peach, apricot, kiwi fruit, fruit salad



3. Vegetable: Cherry tomatoes, capsicum sticks, snow peas, carrot/celery/cucumber sticks



4. Dairy: Plain UHT milk, natural yoghurt, cheese cubes or sticks, smoothie, custard, yoghurt rice pudding, tzatziki



5. Protein: Chicken, egg, tuna, hummus, baked beans, lamb, pork, tofu, lentil pattie



6. Bottle of water



Pick & Mix poster:

<https://heas.health.vic.gov.au/sites/default/files/pick-mix-lunchbox-poster.pdf>

Healthy snack alternatives:

<https://healthylunchbox.com.au/healthy-swaps/>

www.ndch.org.au



Australia's Healthiest Lunchbox Competition

Nutrition Australia have joined forces with Life Education in the search for *Australia's Healthiest Lunchbox*. Upload your photo on [Life Education website](https://lifeeducation.org.au) and you'll be in the running to WIN one of three prize packs consisting of a \$250 Woolworths e-Gift card and a Healthy Harold lunch pack. Submissions close Thursday 11th February.