



# St Mary's Newsletter

## WELCOME TO WEEK 2

The term is definitely well underway and the learning environments ablaze with wondering and curiosity! Our learners are coming to school fresh and ready for the busy school day ahead which is wonderful to see. Thank you to our families for all the continued support.

On Sunday we commemorated Anzac day. As a school group we marched among our community and we were well represented with just over 40 learners walking proudly for those who have, and do serve for our country. The service was a beautiful act of gratitude and recognition of our servicemen and women and our learners continue to learn about the importance of Anzac day. I thank all families who supported the school in bring their children along.

Next week we celebrate Catholic Education week. I hope all families have had the opportunity to look at our weeks timetable which is full of fun and learning. As we celebrate inside school we will also open the school for others to come along and enjoy our learning and find out about who we are. Today I will share with you all invites for our family Count Us In night and our Mother's Day celebration and morning tea. If families can RSVP to these as soon as possible to allow us to prepare events and catering.

Last week we used the voice of the P&F to check in and seek feedback on the end of day pick up. While Covid remains at bay for the moment the consensus was that our pick up and drop off is fast and efficient. While we still live, work and learn in a Covid context we feel it best to keep these processes in place throughout winter. We realise that these processes can allow us all to feel disconnected as a community, please be assured that if at any time parents need to see any staff, we can arrange mutually convenient times.

This term carrying on from the foundations of our term 1 inquiry we have officially started the Resilience Digital Program in our school. Our staff and learners have been learning about Gratitude, Empathy and Mindfulness. We hope your child(ren) have been sharing their learning and understanding with you at home. This learning journey is a partnership with our families and there is a Parent Hub to further support this holistic learning in our community. Over this term and next we will keep the link in the newsletter for families to access at their convenience. We do hope this is of benefit to all in the St Mary's community.

Next Wednesday night is our annual Open Evening which we are grateful to be able to hold in person. If you have a child or know of a family interested in the prospect of starting at St Mary's in 2022 please invite them to attend. Please see further details on our Facebook page - we look forward to seeing many there!

God Bless Everyone & Have a wonderful week!

Jasmine Ryan (Principal)



## DATES AHEAD

- 30th Apr: St Mary's Cross Country Athletics, Whole School Assembly @ 2:20pm
- 3rd - 7th May: Catholic Education Week
- 3rd May: Hoodie Up Day / Count Us In Family Maths Night
- 4th May: PSG's, Crazy Hair Day, Tri Board Meeting
- 5th May: Good Samaritan Cup (Welcome St Joe's & St Pat's), Open Evening for 2022 @ 7pm
- 6th May: Leadership Day, Yr 5/6 - Hub Leadership Conference @ St Mary's Echuca
- 7th May: St Mary's Mother's Day - 9am - 11:20am



St Mary's is a Child Safe School.

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

## A PRAYER

Prayer for Gratitude

Thank You Lord for the abundance that is making my life richer,

for blessings filling my life now.

Thank You for loving me and where I am now in my life and for divine ideas that are helping me prosper in a continuous way.

Reflection: What can you say you are grateful for today?



### Canteen Special

This Wednesday's canteen special is Ham & Pineapple Pizza.

Pita bread base topped with Tomato Pizza Sauce, Ham, Pineapple & Mozzarella Cheese

\*Gluten Free Option available



\$5.00 through CDF Pay

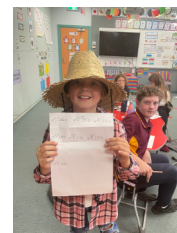
### Project Compassion

Thank you to our community for their generous donations to support Project Compassion. If you have not yet returned your box as yet can you please return it to the office as soon as possible.

### Inquiry Launch - Was life in Australia always the same for everyone?

What a step back in time to launch our inquiry term 2! We hope all families have been able to view the days reflection on our schools Facebook page! It was a day of challenge and learning. From learning to write in cursive script using a quill and ink, to digging for gold, to bush dancing and exploring the artifacts of our first Australian. The learning was rich, real and engaging!

The day has definitely sparked wondering, questions and some knowledge of what the past was like. We look forward to exploring our wondering and finding out the answers to the many questions that we now have. This inquiry would welcome conversations with our grandparents of what the differences are from times when they grew up.



### PBIS

#### Respect for Environment

We are working together to have minimum rubbish at school and in our yard.

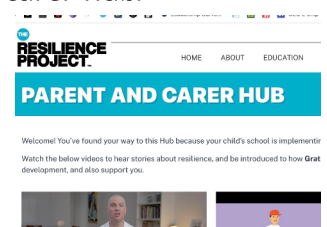


*St Mary's acknowledges and pays respects to the traditional custodians of the land on which we meet; the Barrapa Rappa People, and pay respects to elders both past and present.*



**We welcome our families to the Resilience project journey and hope you join us by exploring and discussing GEM at home. Please use the link below to get started. We look forward to hearing your feedback and learning throughout the year !**

<https://theresilienceproject.com.au/parent-and-carer-hub/>



## Junior Team

Week 1 done!

In the Junior School we sure have been busy bee's this week completing lots of learning. We have had school photos, first rotation of specialists for the term and our Inquiry launch. We had so much fun dressing up and learning many new things about Australian history and how life has changed over time.

This week in Year 2/3 we have been practising our counting strategies in Maths. Counting forwards and backwards from any starting number by 1's, 2's, and 10's and all learners have been practising their individual learning goals within counting. In Literacy we have been learning about comparing and contrasting differing perspectives of settlement and focusing on short vowel sounds. We also went to the Church and created artworks of our perspectives of St Mary's Immaculate Conception Church.

This week in Year 1 we have continued to focus on addition in Maths. We have been applying all of our knowledge of adjectives, nouns and verbs in reading while also learning the strategy Tryin' Lion. Learners have loved being back in our classroom and have had a sensational start to Term 2!

Prep this week focused on counting backwards! Jasmine set us a challenge and we are determined to succeed!

We are making connections when we are reading. We learned we could all make connections to The Very Hungry Caterpillar because we have all been very hungry before, some of us even hangry!

## Well Done Edie!

Edie did an exceptional job at representing our school yesterday at the State Championships! Awesome Edie!



- Millah Crichton 29th April
- Harry Mathers 29th April

## Senior Team

Welcome back to Term 2. It is wonderful to see all our learners happy and ready to learn. They have had a busy week 1 with School Photos, Inquiry launch and some class assessments. Learners have enjoyed seeing their friends and catching up what happened on their holidays.

The Inquiry launch was a lot of fun with a range of learning experiences that provide learners with a taste of Australian History. Learners participated in a range of activities from making butter, gold mining to bush dancing. It was great to see them step out of their comfort zone and participate in the activities.

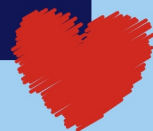
The Senior learners have completed some maths assessments with a focus on addition and subtraction. In mathematics we will be developing our understanding about addition and subtraction by making connections, using a range of strategies and algorithms to support their learning.

In writing the senior learning will be exploring persuasive writing. They will look at the structure and identify key language that needs to be included to make a strong persuasive piece of writing. They will continue with 'writer's notebook' which is independent writing for the learners. They are able to select their own prompt for their writing.

During sport time learners will be developing their skills for football, netball or T-ball. This is in preparation for the Good Samaritan Cup and Lightning Premiership. Our Year 6 learners are showing excellent leadership skills with support learners through a range of activities that are helping to develop these skills.

## CATHOLIC EDUCATION WEEK 2021

DAY & DATE	ACTIVITY	EXTRA INFORMATION
Monday 3rd May	Huddle Up Day for Autism / Count Us In Family Maths Night	Gold Coin Donation
Tuesday 4th May	Crazy Hair Day	Prizes to be won!
Wednesday 5th May	Good Samaritan Cup / Open Evening	Sports Uniform
Thursday 6th May	We are all leaders!	Yr 5/6 to Leadership Conference
Friday 7th May	Mother's Day Liturgy	\$ for Mother's Day Stall



In All Things May God Be  
Glorified

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INVITES OUR  
COMMUNITY TO  
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# OPEN EVENING 2022

Come and learn about who we are! At St Mary's all will be included, nurtured, faith-filled, respected & inspired to reach their full potential.

**MAY 5, 2021 | 7PM**  
**Please enter via the office**



[WWW.SMCOHUNA.CATHOLIC.EDU.AU](http://WWW.SMCOHUNA.CATHOLIC.EDU.AU)





AFL CENTRAL VICTORIA

# FOOTBALL

## GIRLS PROGRAM 2021

Ages 8 – 13 Years of Age

**4 WEEK PROGRAM**

Tuesday Nights 5:00 PM – 6:00 PM  
SWAN HILL RECREATION RESERVE

SESSION 1 – 4<sup>TH</sup> MAY  
SESSION 2 – 11<sup>TH</sup> MAY  
SESSION 3 – 18<sup>TH</sup> MAY  
SESSION 4 – 25<sup>TH</sup> MAY

Focus is introduction to the game.  
Fundamental Skills.  
Small, sided Matches

Attend all 4 Sessions and receive a Synthetic Sherrin Football  
Program is at **NO CHARGE**

Any questions please contact:  
David Alderuccio 0437 558 971 or david.alderuccio@afl.com.au

**REGISTRATION LINK - REGISTER TODAY!**

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## Count Us In Family Maths Night

## St Mary's Count Us In Family Maths Night

Our families are invited to join us for an evening of Maths learning experiences to share & connect how we learn maths at school. The evening aims to educate families on fun ways to support maths at home.

Monday 3rd May 5:30 - 7:30 @ St Mary's  
Dinner will be provided  
Please RSVP on School Stream by 30th April



You are invited to our

## Year 7 2022 INFORMATION EVENING

Wednesday, 5th May at 7pm

*Principal tours: by appointment*

*Enquiries: 5456 2555*

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