



St Mary's Newsletter

WELCOME TO WEEK 5

It is hard to believe that we are in week 5 already and half way through the term. The weather is getting cooler but the days have still been filled with sunshine! Thank you to all of our families with their continued vigilance on keeping unwell children at home. We have noticed the many absences across the school but thank you for your continued support on this.

Last week we officially began our preparations for the Sacraments of First Eucharist and Confirmation. This year our Year 4 and 5 Learners will combine due to the inability of being able to receive the Sacraments last year. We have nine learners preparing this year. Bishop Shane will join us on the 8th August at 2pm in the Church to celebrate the Sacraments with us. Over the coming weeks we will continue to keep these learners in our prayers.

Our Year 3 and 5 learners last week took part in Naplan. Naplan is a national test that focuses on the areas of Numeracy and Literacy. This is only one snapshot of our learners and is not the only measurement used to track a learners progress. All of our learners did their best and we were proud of all of them. Results arrive towards the middle of Term 3 and will be shared with families along with information of how to read the test results.

Our participation in the Resilience Project is well underway and it is great to see and hear our learners using the language and strategies to nurture healthy mental health. I have been pleased to receive some feedback from parents in the community who have been speaking about GEM with their children and exploring the Parent Hub clips on the website. When school and home both partner in learning we see great benefits.

Tomorrow 13 learners will head to Swan Hill to take part in the first Zone Cross country. We have a great representation of our school and we know that their training and determination will pay off! We hope they all do well and enjoy their day.

A reminder that St Mary's will have a school closure day on Friday so no learners are to be sent to school. The staff of St Mary's will be taking part in a Staff Spirituality Day exploring Catholic Identity and Indigenous connections to spirituality. We thank all of our families for making alternate arrangements for this day.

God Bless and have a great week!

Jasmine Ryan (*Principal*)



Candidates for Confirmation & Eucharist:

Jensen Fountain, Elliot Warren, Henry Gaiter,
Emily Dehne, Noah Mathers, Milla Ryan,
Pippa Reid, Cienna English & Bella Bishop.



DATES AHEAD

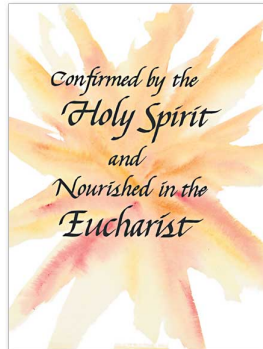
- 18th May: Swan Hill - Zone Cross Country
- 21st May: School Closure Day
- 28th May: Whole School Assembly @ 2:20pm
- 31st May: School Nurse to Visit Prep Learners, School Advisory Council Meeting @ 7pm
- 27th - 3rd June: National Reconciliation Week
- 2nd June: Senior Class Mass (Yrs 4 - 6)
- 3rd June: Lightning Premiership (Yrs 4 - 6)
- 4th June: Whole school excursion to the Pioneer Settlement



St Mary's is a Child Safe School.

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

A PRAYER



Prayer for our Learners preparing for the Sacraments of Confirmation and Eucharist

Father, you give each one of us a special life and love in our families. It is through the experience of sharing and growing together that we deepen our experience of You.

As we join with our children in this time of preparation before they celebrate the Sacraments of Confirmation and Eucharist for the first time, we ask You to be with us in the power and gift of Your Spirit.

We ask you to encourage all of us to be aware of the wonder of Your Sacramental gifts and to deepen our union with You and with one another in and through Jesus Your Son.

Amen

Canteen Special

BBQ Chicken Pizza

Pita bread base with BBQ sauce, roast chicken pieces & mozzarella cheese.

\$5.00 each

*Gluten free available

****Also please make sure you rec'v an e-mail confirmation for ALL canteen orders**

PBIS

Respect for Others

We are being mindful of how we speak to one another in tone, words and body language.



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.



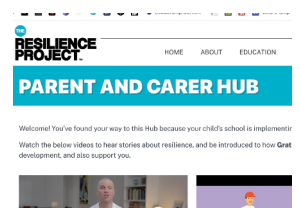
St Mary's is practising G.E.M

Yr 1: Tilly & Jimmy - Martin is really funny and teaches us about Gratitude, Empathy and Mindfulness but most of all about being resilient. We have been exploring mindfulness by doing yoga and mindful colouring.



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 School Team

Another week down, wow they are flying by!

What a busy week we have had in the Junior School, the Preps and 1's have enjoyed getting back into their learning routine and focusing on their core subjects. Whilst the 2/3's have been busy being flexible with NAPLAN.

This week in Year 1 we have been focusing on money in Maths. We are loving learning to identify Australian money and even adding it together for a challenge! In Reading, we have been looking at the features of fiction and non-fiction texts and comparing them. We have settled back into our classroom routine fantastically after a crazy week last week & we can't wait to keep kicking goals!

This week in Prep we have been focusing on our addition in maths. We are having fun adding numbers together with a focus on our friends of 10. We are exploring sounds in words and applying these to our reading and writing. We enjoyed our busy week last week, but are very excited to be back together and enjoying each other's company.

This week in Years 2/3 the Year 3's completed NAPLAN. What a wonderful job they did and we are so very proud of them for trying their best over the three day period. Whilst the 3's were completing NAPLAN, the Year 2's enjoyed some independent time focusing on their learning. We have been focusing on writing information reports, including facts and details from previous learnings during our Inquiry sessions including The Gold Rush.



- Mitchell Gray 21st May
- Jax Taylor 22nd May

Senior School Team

What another great week we have had in the senior learning spaces. The Year 5 learners did a wonderful job completing the NAPLAN tests.

In writing, the senior learners have been focusing on persuasive writing and the importance of having key arguments and evidence to support their writing. Learners will continue to focus on persuasive writing using a planner to support their writing piece.

Learners have been exploring some significant events in Australian History. They completed a mini research project on a selected topic of either Ned Kelly, Federation, Pioneers and Torres Strait Island. Learners researched their selected topic to find out interesting 'knock your socks off' facts and the impact made on Australian History.

In Inquiry, learners have developed a wondering that they would like to investigate. They will begin to research their investigation questions this week.

In Mathematics, we have been focusing on addition and learning a range of strategies to solve addition equations. Learners have been also solving word problems and learning to use the important information in the problem.

Learners will get new spelling words on Monday and we will be having our spelling tests on Thursday.



St Mary's is excited to announce...

PLAYGROUP IS BACK !

Please join us on Wednesdays
throughout the school term from
10am - 11am in the St Mary's
playground!

Starting back 12th May 2021

COME PLAY, EXPLORE & CREATE !

