



# St Mary's Newsletter

## WELCOME TO WEEK 8

We start Week 8 with much gratitude for our families, our community and that we are all back together at school. Thank you to everyone in our community who supported and ensured home learning last week was done. We know how challenging this is on families and our learners and unfortunate that this may be a way of living for the foreseeable future. All teachers have collected and are correcting the learning completed. All of the learning provided was in line with all units, content and investigations that would have been taught had we been at face to face schooling. When a lock down occurs St Mary's is required to provide continued learning and education.

At the completion of any lock down period St Mary's always reflects and debriefs on the processes and practices that we implement. As a result of our recent lock down if we return to a snap / circuit breaker lock down again, devices will come home and live teaching will commence as soon as possible. We believe this will further support families and learners in sustaining momentum in their learning journeys. Teachers have foundations already prepared and devices have been set up so that on site and off site teaching and learning can occur. A similar format of 3 days live and 2 days flipped and flexible would be the weeks plan.

Currently, St Mary's in line with Victorian State Government restrictions and CECV must adhere to certain Covid Practices. Parents and non essential visitors are not allowed on site. This means that we will not have parents in classrooms for this time. If parents need anything, please come to the office area only. St Mary's is now registered with the Victorian State Government for a centralised QR code registration of all visitors onsite. Our excursions, incursions and inter school sport events are also prohibited at this time. Camps are allowed if visiting a place in regional Victoria and if the camp is only occupied by one school at a time. I know that our Year 3/4 Camp is schedule for mid July in Melbourne and I will keep families informed of whether this will go ahead as soon as it has been confirmed.

Staff when in the instruction of learners do not have to wear a mask. Staff do not have to wear a mask outside unless social distancing is not possible. Our cleaning regime continues to be vigilant with staff cleaning surfaces as well as our cleaner cleaning daily. We know that restrictions continue to challenge people however it is so important that we adhere to what is required for the health and well being of all in our community. If any parents are needing to meet or speak with teachers, please contact the front office and convenient times can be arranged.

This week across the school we have testing and assessment. This occurs termly in week 8. It is where our teachers take formative assessment to track and target each individual's learning. As a school we will analyse trends and areas that need focus. This is assessment period teachers will share with learners how they are tracking and where to next. In line with our Visible Learning journey, research supports the more aware a learner is of their academic ability, the more ownership they have.

Again thank you all for your efforts last week!

**God Bless and have a great week!**

Jasmine Ryan (**Principal**)



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## DATES AHEAD

- 7th - 11th June: Testing & Assessment Week
- 14th June: Queen's Birthday - Public Holiday - No school
- 15th June: Festival of the Sacred @ St Mary's Echuca - 5/6 Learners to attend
- 18th June: Prep for a Day (9am - 11am), Semester 1 Reports to come home
- 23rd June: Learning Conversations (1pm - 8pm)
- 25th June: End of Term 2 (2:15pm Dismissal)



St Mary's is a Child Safe School.

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

## A PRAYER



Where there is life, there is hope.  
Where there are hopes, there are dreams.  
Where there are vivid dreams repeated,  
they become goals.  
Goals become the action plans and game plans  
that winners dwell on in intricate detail,  
knowing that achievement is almost automatic  
when the goal becomes an inner commitment.

*The response to the challenges of life - purpose -  
is the healing balm that enables each of us to  
face up to adversity and strife.*

Dennis Waitley



### Canteen Special

BBQ Chicken Pizza.

Pita Bread base with BBQ sauce, Roast chicken pieces & mozzarella cheese \$4.50

&

Macaroni & Cheese Croquettes X2 for \$3.00

Via CDF Pay

Please note: If your child is absent and has a canteen order placed, please contact the school before 11am on the day so we can cancel this order.

### PBIS

#### To Try Our Best

To be the best we can be and to always have a go.



*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.*



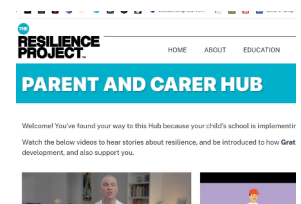
### RRR Award - PJ Day

What a great way to end our week last week with our whole school PJ Day! This day was a recognition of our whole school team effort in earning over 3000 RRR's! Every learner was asked to vote for a reward and this time it was PJ Day. It was nice to return from a short lockdown to a day of comfort and coziness! Our learners also took part in a snuggle up and read session and we all shared in a treat of hot chocolate and marshmallows! A well deserved reward for all!



**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

What a topsy, turvy, week!

We have been so impressed with the resilience and flexibility that our Junior learners have shown over the past week. We want to say to how proud we are to all of those learners who completed learning from their learning grid and posted learning to Seesaw. We appreciated all of the questions and comments from Parents on Seesaw during this time. A massive thank you to all of the Parents who once again became superheroes this week, supporting their child's learning. We have many large piles of home learning to look over and correct over the next week.

It was so great to be back at school on Friday and see all of the learners back in our classrooms getting back into some of our normal routines. The learners jumped back into learning and we are so proud of you all.

Friday was also PJ day to celebrate our Triple R reward with a surprise hot chocolate with marshmallows after we completed our storytime with all the learners together.

Next week we jump into testing and assessment week with all of the teachers completing assessments on our learners to know exactly where they are to inform our teaching. We can't wait to see how much the learners have grown and look forward to another week with our learners in the classroom again! : )



- Pippa Reid 28th May
- Lainie Spring 1st June
- Jaida Dehne 5th June



## Senior School Team

3 weeks to go. Wow time really is flying. Remote learning 4.0 was in full swing by Monday, with many learners completing their learning grid. Thank you to all our parents for their amazing support during the lockdown period and to our learners they did a wonderful job with their learning. Thank you for posting your learning when you could and completing it in your home learning books. It was wonderful to see the learners on Friday before the weekend.

Friday saw us turn up in our PJ's to celebrate our triple R and a surprise hot chocolate drink with marshmallows.

It was wonderful to see the learner excited to see each other and get back into the routine of learning.

Learners are continuing to gather research for their final Inquiry investigation project that they will present to their peers in the last week of school.

Some senior learners participated in the Fire Carries program and it was wonderful to see the respect they had for Micheal and Lousie who delivered the program virtually. Learners developed an understanding about what it 'FIRE' means and what it means to be a Fire carries.

Fr Novie joined us for Senior class Mass for Reconciliation week and enjoyed listening to our learners complete some readings and listening to them sing. Learners engaged well in the Mass and enjoyed talking to Fr Novie.

We have another wonderful week ahead.







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*Golf, Accommodation, Dining and Entertainment on the Murray River*

## Junior Golf

The Barham Gold Club invites all school aged children upto 18yrs for professional coaching with Matt Voglis.

This will be held every Sunday at 10.00am, cost is \$7.00 per session with clubs supplied.

Any queries, please contact Irene Whelan on 0427532849.

