



St Mary's Newsletter

WELCOME TO WEEK 9

We are fast approaching the end of the term as we are now in Week 9! I do hope everyone enjoyed their long weekend, the winter weather and a little sunshine! Let's hope our extended weekend has refreshed us all for a busy end to our term.

Last week across the school all teachers and learners took part in term 2 testing and assessment. This is invaluable to both our staff and learners at being able to track growth and ascertain where to next for our learners. It was very affirming for our staff as our data and outcomes continue to grow. Across the school there was great growth and celebration. In line with our Visible Learning journey teachers were sharing assessment growth with their learners. Many learners were proud, sharing their excitement. It was a great acknowledgment that we all learn and grow in different ways and it is important to acknowledge and celebrate any growth at school.

Our reports will be released this Friday via family PAM accounts. We are continuing to try and remain paperless. We will share a School Stream notification once reports have been released. Anyone needing their family PAM account details, please contact the office. If any parent is wanting a paper copy, please inform your child's classroom teacher. Following our Semester 1 reports all learners and parents have the opportunity to have a learning conversation with their child(rens) teacher. Term 2 Learning Conversations link and access code are below. Bookings will close at 3pm on 22nd June to allow teachers time to prepare. At this point in time learning conversations will be held on line.

Unfortunately due to our recent lock down period and the ripple effect of Melbourne's restrictions we have had to change our term 3 closure day. The company who provide our Visible Learning professional development have had to reschedule a date due to lock down. We will no longer have a school closure day on the 23rd July, it has now been rescheduled for Monday 9th August. My apologies for this unforeseen change.

As we head to the end of term we normally finish with celebrating our learning with our community. Given that we are still required to adhere to Covid practices, at this point in time we are unable to have parents and visitors on site. We are hopeful come the end of the week that we will be able to change this. We are working behind the scenes to ensure we still share and connect our learning with you all using our on-line tools. This will also mean that we will reschedule our 'Prep For a Day' session. All families will be informed of the new date as soon as possible.

Next week we will share with you the Term 3 - Dates & Events ahead in readiness for next term.

God Bless and have a great week!

Jasmine Ryan (*Principal*)

**TERM 3 - Change of
Date - School
Closure Day is now
the 9th August**



DATES AHEAD

- 18th June: Semester 1 Reports to come home
- 22nd June: Learning Conversations Bookings to close @ 3pm
- 23rd June: Learning Conversations (12:30pm - 8pm)
- 25th June: Virtual Learning Expo, Assembly @ 12:30pm, 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

A Prayer for Resilience

Dear God,

Help me to welcome challenges in my life. Please give me strength to persevere in them. When I am feeling weak, tired or discouraged, please help me to remember to depend on you. Help me to be hard-working and remember that you gave me a spirit of self discipline and thank you that through the hard times you help us to grow.

Amen



Canteen Special

BBQ Chicken Pizza.

Pita Bread base with BBQ sauce, Roast chicken pieces & mozzarella cheese \$5.00



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.



TERM 2 LEARNING CONVERSATIONS

Today our learning conversation bookings for Term 2 are open. Please book convenient times with your child(ren) teachers. Due to Covid restrictions we will have learning conversations on line. Teachers will share Google MEET links and confirmed times with you via your child's school Google account. Any families requiring log ons, please contact your child(ren) teacher via Seesaw.

Learning Conversations: Wednesday 23rd June 12:30 - 8:00pm

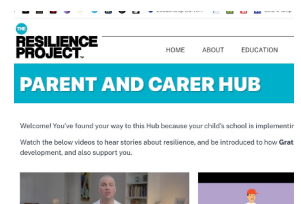
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<https://www.schoolinterviews.com.au/book/step1?z=08n1ph>



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

Wow 2 weeks left! How crazy! We have been super busy in the Junior school over the past week, continuing to get back into our routines and keeping our momentum with our inquiries. The learners have been focusing hard over the past week, completing a lot of assessments during our Testing & Assessment week. It has been so great to spend one on one time with our learners and check in with how they are progressing with their reading.

Now to the classrooms....

We have had an awesome week in Prep. We have loved seeing our narratives published and displayed in our classroom! Our testing went well and we are very proud of our progress! We are looking forward to seeing our growth next Term.

This week in Year 1 we were on fire! We all did such an amazing job with our assessment and testing and it showed just how hard we have been working this semester! We loved making 'Skip Counting Kites' in maths and enjoyed unpacking our big book 'Saved!!' Which had some wonderful links to Aboriginal culture. We began researching our favourite significant Australian in Inquiry and can't wait to continue on with that this week! Bring on Week 9!

In the 2/3 Collaborative we have been doing lots of learning together. We have been busy researching more facts for our individual inquiry topics. And have been focusing on our questions to better tailor our research to cover specific information. We have been continuing to practise our fluency in reading and share what we are grateful for to keep up with our G.E.M practices.



- Eadie Conlan 8th June
- Noah Hollingworth 12th June

Senior School Team

Week 9 - Holidays are just around the corner. Hope everyone had a wonderful long weekend. It was such a wonderful and exciting week last week and it was great to have our learners in the classroom.

The Senior learners had another busy week, with testing and assessments. It was great to see many learners progressing with their reading and being proud of it.

We are continuing to learn subtraction in maths and some learners are challenging their thinking by solving addition and subtraction equations with brackets. We have been focusing on solving subtraction equations using an algorithm and using place value to support.

During Inquiry learners have continued to research their selected topic to gather information that will match their investigation. They are preparing to have their final product video this week, in readiness for the end of term. Learners have been collecting and researching on their devices, using reliable websites to support them. We are looking forward to seeing their final productions.

In writing, learners are continuing to focus on persuasive writing and identify the key structure and elements to a persuasive piece of writing. They have been exploring descriptive and persuasive language to support their writing. Learners will continue to plan and draft their writing piece.



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.



School Holiday Program

Re-create The Starry Night

Re-produce this iconic painting by Vincent Van Gogh with your choice of medium.

For children aged 8 years and over.

Cohuna - Wednesday 30 June, 2.30pm

Kerang - Tuesday 29 June, 10.00am



Moon Lamp

Create your own beautiful, moon, night light!

All ages welcome!

Cohuna - Wednesday 7 July, 2.30pm

Kerang - Thursday 1 July, 10.00am



Wind-Up Critters

Build real, mechanised, toys using tactile modelling clay.

For school-aged children.

Cohuna - Monday 5 July, 10.00am

Kerang - Thursday 8 July, 10.00am



Bookings are essential

Children must be accompanied by an adult

Call 5452 1546 for details or to book your spot.

Activities may be cancelled subject to COVID regulations