



St Mary's Newsletter

WELCOME TO WEEK 5

Thank you again for baring with the many changes that are facing our school, our children and our families at the moment. I recognise that each time we are placed into lock downs they are getting harder on us all. St Mary's staff and myself continue to be so thankful for the positive feedback and support we continuously receive from our community for our collective efforts of trying to continue the teaching and learning and support the well being of our learners. If at anytime, families need extra support, please contact me. St Mary's is well supported and has access to resources that may be of benefit to our families at the moment.

Yesterday our staff continued with their professional development of Visible Learning. Our day was extremely informative and provided staff with next steps in our journey. We built our capacity in the areas of nurturing the Visible Learner and the power of feedback. Over the remains of the year all staff will be embedding their learning in their classrooms and we hope that these new practices will see a positive change in our learners also.

This week I am meeting with all staff for Annual Review Meetings. These meetings provide staff with the opportunity to professionally reflect, discuss supports and future growth areas as well as table intentions for the 2022 year. The planning of a school year takes much consideration and problem solving so the leadership team will embark on this planning towards the end of term.

Behind the scenes we are continuing to prepare for our Prep enrolments for 2022. We are waiting on changes in restrictions to be able to hold our Family tours and meetings, as well as our Prep for a Day session if the term allows. At this point in time we think it is best to reschedule these family meetings for week 9 to live in hope of being able to have our new preps through the school. If you have made a booking, you will be contacted by the front office to opt for a new time to be scheduled in Week 9. Can I also remind existing families who are yet to submit their stage one enrolment forms to do so at your earliest convenience. I have asked Tammy to contact you all as a friendly reminder in the coming week. Thank you.

Our athletics day has been rescheduled to Thursday 19th August. As a school we decided that the change of date may allow us to have spectators support us on the day. Miss Spence and classroom teachers will be in communication with changes to our day.

Today sacramental candidates will be contacted via email. The St Mary's parish and school are trying to collaborate to ensure we have our sacraments of First Eucharist and Confirmation as soon as possible. If parents of these children could please check their email asap.

God Bless and have a great week!

Jasmine Ryan (**Principal**)



DATES AHEAD

- 11th Aug: Junior Class Mass @ 12:30
- 14th Aug: Pie drive orders open via CDF Pay
- 16th Aug: Whole School Sustainability Excursion to the Leitchville Compost Farm @ 11.40am
- 19th Aug: St Mary's Athletics day @ Cohuna 2nd Oval
- 20th Aug: Pie drive orders close via CDF Pay
- 23rd - 27th Aug: BOOK WEEK - Old World's, New World's, Other World's & Scolastic book fair opens in our Library this week
- 27 Aug: Book Parade - Assembly TBA



St Mary's is a Child Safe School.

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

A PRAYER



The Story of the Assumption

When the apostles heard that Mary, the mother of Jesus, was going to be taken from this world, they gathered at her house and kept watch with her. And behold, the Lord Jesus came with his angels and took her up to heaven as the beginning and image of the Church coming to perfection, and as a sign of hope and comfort to God's people.

Canteen Special

This Wednesday's special is Pasta Wheels with Fresh Tomato Sauce & Cheese.



****Gluten free option available**

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.



Pie Drive - Leitchville Red Gum Bakery

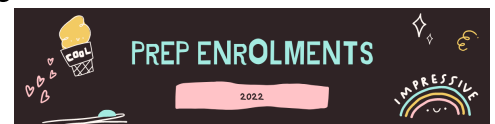
We are lucky to be able to run our Pie Drive for the P&F once again this year. There will be order forms sent home tomorrow with a limited selection of delicious pies, pasties & sausage rolls. All orders & payments this year will be done through CDF Pay. All orders and payments must be completed beginning Saturday 14th August and completed no later than Friday 20th August, via CDF Pay. No late orders can be accepted.



PREP Enrolments 2022

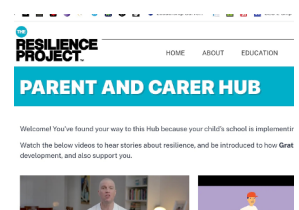
St Mary's is on schedule with our Enrolment process. Can we please remind existing families to submit Stage 1 of our enrolment process. We recognise that it is a detailed process and one we stagger to support families and ensure we are organised.

Thank you to the many families who have submitted their documentation already. Please contact the office to make your family meeting time and tour for the week 16th - 20th August.



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 another amazing week it has been! We are so proud of our learners for their persistence and getting stuck into some serious learning!

We are super excited to be learning collaboratively in Prep/1. We have settled well into our new normal and are enjoying the opportunities that collaborative learning presents us. We have loved exploring procedural texts in writing this week as well as continuing to delve into sustainability for inquiry. We have loved keeping track of our Australian Olympians and the medals they have won! We have created a medal tally and are graphing the data we have collected.

In the 2/3 Collaborative have been busily completing their speeches in readiness to present as soon as we can. The Year 2's will present theirs to the class, while the 3s will present them to the 3/4 's in the near future. We have been exploring the two terms 'Sustainability' and 'Environment' in relation to the world around us. We have been using Google Earth to research different environments and have begun organising our learning using the jellyfish organiser. This week coming learners will be creating their own narratives once again for our annual Book Week narrative competition.

We are so excited for our up and coming Book Week celebration in week 7! The theme for Book Week this year is 'Old Worlds, New Worlds and Other Worlds'. For Book Week each class has an author and learners are welcome to dress up in a costume from any of the authors books. The Junior Worlds are:

Prep/1: The World of Beatrix Potter.

2/3 's: The World of Harry Potter.



- Liam Bowland 6th August
- Nate Edwards 7th August

Senior School Team

What a wonderful and busy week we had in the senior learning space.

Many Year 5/6 learners presented their speeches to their peers and did a wonderful effort. The Year 4 learners are yet to present their speech. It was great to listen to the speeches and the way we can help protect the environment.

We have begun looking at essential questions for our Inquiry investigation. Learners have brainstormed ideas and their thinking about each question on a jellyfish organiser. It was great to see their thinking and ideas that connect to the environment. On Friday it was great to have many learners online for our whole school Inquiry Investigation. Learners explored how sustainable their house is and looked at different advertisements that show how they are more sustainable for our environment. Thank you to our parents for their support during this lockdown.

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Year 5/6: The world of Enid Blyton - for example; The Magic Faraway tree.

Year 4/5: The World of C.S Lewis - for Example; The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe.

Learners will begin to write a narrative that will be used for book week. They will use the text structure and key language to provide detail and engagement to their stories.