



St Mary's Newsletter

WELCOME TO WEEK 6

Welcome to Week 6 everyone, it has hard to believe with all of the ups and downs, opens and closes that we are half way through the term. I would like to thank everyone for their commitment in having all of your children school ready. It is wonderful to be back on site and learning together, and each lock down we see our learners truly appreciate their time at school. Our teachers are doing their very best to support the social and emotional well being of our learners in these uncertain times as well as keeping their continuum of learning as a priority. It is comforting to see and feel our whole community in unison around this.

On Sunday we were blessed to be able to celebrate the Sacrament of Confirmation and Eucharist with Bishop Shane MacKinlay. Bishop Shane and Father Novie did an incredible job at making this occasion in our school grounds a memorable one. We had 13 candidates attend, and we still have 4 yet to receive these Sacraments. We continue to keep all of these people in our prayers as they begin to lead their faith life with independence. For the families yet to receive the Sacrament, this will be celebrated with Father Novie on Friday 27th August @ 6pm in the Church.

Last week, and again today we are excited by the fact that we can take our learning outside the classroom! Last week we toured our community and explored the ways we can promote a sustainable lifestyle. Today we head to the compost farm to further our understanding. This inquiry investigation has generated great discussion both at home and school and our learners have a shared awareness and growing understanding that a sustainable life is the responsibility of all of us. We look forward to all learners sharing their new knowledge with us at all at the end of term Learning Expo - Our Sustainable Science Fair!

A reminder to all in our community that we are required to wear the full St Mary's uniform daily. We are finding that many learners are wearing the incorrect colour pants and non school jumpers. If anyone is missing uniform, please let your child's class teacher know. Learners who do not come in accurate uniform are provided with lost property uniform. Please be sure to check that all uniform is clearly labeled so we can minimise missing items. Thank you all for your support on this.

St Mary's is currently monitoring restrictions to be able to reschedule any missed events. We realise that our Prep 2022 families are waiting for tours, our existing families are hopeful to take part in our book parade and pending Literacy night. In the background, we are planning and trying to be creative to ensure we complete all of these events to the best of our ability. We will continue to keep you all informed as we can.

Book week is right around the corner and I am sure families are busy making costumes. This week Mrs Fry and her helpers are busy setting up the Scholastic Book Fair organised in the library and teachers are exploring the short listed books. Over the week we will share with families how our learners and community may be able to view and purchase books. It has been two years since we have been able to have a book fair so we are very excited that we may be able to nurture a love of reading among our community!

God Bless and have a great week!

Jasmine Ryan (**Principal**)



DATES AHEAD

- 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 & Scholastic book fair opens in our Library this week
- 27 Aug: Book Parade - Assembly TBA
- 30th - 3rd: Testing & Assessment Week
- 1st Sept: Senior Class Mass @ 12:30
- 3rd Sept: Father's Day Breakfast & Liturgy



St Mary's is a Child Safe School.

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

A PRAYER

A PRAYER OF GRATITUDE FOR CREATION

God of the universe, we thank you for your many good gifts –

For the beauty of creation and it's rich and varied Fruits,

For clean water and fresh air, for food and shelter, for animals and Plants.

Forgive us for the times we have taken the earth's resources for granted and wasted what you have given us.

Transform our hearts and minds so that we would learn to care and share,

To touch the earth with gentleness and with love, respecting all living things.

We pray for all those who suffer as a result of our waste, greed and indifference, and we pray that the day would come when everyone has enough food and clean water.

Help us to respect the rights of all people and all species and help us to willingly share your gifts today and always.

Amen.

-Fiona Murdoch, Eco-Congregation Ireland

Canteen Special

This Wednesday's special is BBQ chicken Pizza.

Pita bread base with BBQ Sauce, Roast chicken pieces & mozzarella cheese



Please note: If you child is absent and has a canteen order placed, please contact the school before

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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.



Sacraments of First Eucharist and Confirmation

On Sunday 15th August, we welcomed the Most Reverend Bishop Shane Mackinlay and Fr Novie to St Mary's to celebrate Mass with the Sacraments of First Eucharist and Confirmation.

It was a fabulous day to share with our learners and their families as they continue on their faith journey.

We congratulate our candidates: Bella Bishop, Cienna English, Henry Gaiter, Jensen Fountain, Abbey Wishart and Noah Mathers. They participated in the Mass beautifully and we were very proud of the respect they demonstrated.

Thank you to all families, staff and parishioners who were able to come and celebrate this very special day with them .

We look forward to celebrating the Sacraments with our remaining learners: Elliot Warren, Pippa Reid, Emily Dehne and Milla Ryan on Friday 27th August @ 6.00pm, St Mary's church with Fr Novie.

Pie Drive - Leitchville Red Gum Bakery

We hope everyone has been busying sharing our Pie Drive with our community over the weekend. Just a reminder that orders will close this Friday. All orders & payments this year will be completed through CDF Pay. Families need to collect their orders and money and then the school family, using their CDF pay account must log the complete Pie order. Please keep your order forms for your records and delivery. As the Red Gum Bakery needs time for stock and cooking, no late orders can be accepted.



ORDERS DUE ON CDF PAY - FRIDAY 20TH AUGUST

Junior School Team

We are all so excited for the upcoming week of adventure we have planned! The learners are incredibly excited to be participating in our Athletics Carnival on Thursday and today going off to learn more about sustainability practices in our town.

Wow! What a crazy week it has been. We have adapted so well to so many changes and are continuing to find our groove in our collaborative classroom. In Reading, we have been exploring texts that relate to environments and are making many links to our Inquiry unit. We have loved beginning to learn about procedural texts and the important parts of these. We enjoyed our excursion to the Garden Park to explore Creation for Religion and expressed our gratitude for all the wonderful things around us! Bring on Week 6!

In 2/3 the learners have been busily preparing for their speeches which were presented on Friday. Miss Toll and I were absolutely blown away by the amount of effort and preparation that went into both writing and presenting their speeches. We are so proud of you all for getting up in front of the class and for the learners who presented to the 2/3/4/5 learners wow just wow. The 2/3 learners completed some feedback after each speech and were so supportive of each other's achievements. Well done everyone!

The learners have also begun brainstorming, planning and have written bold beginnings for their Book Week narratives. We cannot wait to share them with you all soon.



- Quinn Conlan 9th August
- Jim Watkins 9th August
- Bayley Merkel 11th August
- Noah Mathers 13th August

Senior School Team

It's hard to believe that we are halfway through the term and what another busy term it has been.

It was great to have all our learners back onsite Tuesday and thank you to our parents for their support. We have begun reading a novel that connects to our theme for book week. This is helping to prompt the learners thinking about costumes and the type of author Enid Blyton and C.S Lewis are. We are looking forward to seeing all the costumes next week.

Learners have done a wonderful effort with their speeches and presented them to their peers. Teachers will share with the learners who will be presenting their speech to the Lions club this week. We congratulate them all on their outstanding efforts. It's not always easy standing up in front of your peers and presenting to them. It was great to see all the learners present their speech and many stepped out of their comfort zone.

We have begun writing our narrative in preparation for book week. We have been focusing on the text structure and hooking the reader in. Learners will plan, draft and publish over the next 2 weeks.

We will have about School Athletics on Thursday down at the second oval. Please make sure your child/ren have permission for the day. We are looking forward to having the learners come in their house colours cheering each other on.

Learners will end the week with a post assessment multiplication test. They will complete a paper assessment and also one online.

For Inquiry we will be exploring how Sustainable our local community is and discussing ideas on how we can be more sustainable at school, home and in our community. Learners will explore a local compost farm on their Sustainability excursion and go to a local business and identify ways they are sustainable.

St Mary's, at this current time is investing greatly in the Resilience of our community. We invite our parents to do the same. The Resilience project has shared with us, The Resilience Project at Home. Please take the time to explore and try something with your family.



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