



St Mary's Newsletter

WELCOME TO WEEK 8

Welcome to week 8 everyone! I do hope everyone is keeping well and trying to remain positive in these challenging times. This week we welcome Spring and you can certainly feel the change in the weather. The days have been beautiful and we are lucky to live in an area where we can get out and about. I do hope we are getting outside as much as possible, given that much of our life at the moment is on screens.

Thank you to everyone for their efforts last week! We had so much positive feedback and sharing of remote learning it was fantastic! I am so proud of everyone in our community, simply doing the best they can. You are all exceeding our expectations. This week we will continue to try and keep our spirits high and get through it all together. Again, we will have Wellness Wednesday with new activities introduced! It is a great mid week break to focus on our mental and emotional well being! We also had many competitions from Book Week, to Wellness Wednesday to our Lion's public speeches. These prizes and certificates will be shared with you all this week! Everyone was recognised on our virtual assembly if you are yet to watch it!

This week we continue to be in lock down and St Mary's is preparing for a continued period. For families requiring onsite supervision please be sure to send in your authorised work permits. We are required to have accurate documentation, with corresponding dates for children onsite. If we do not have these we are unable to supervise your children at this time. Please know that we are simply supervising at school as we must ensure that all learners receive the same level of support and education at this time. There is no intervention or extension at this point in time. Teachers are doing their best to differentiate and ensure learner success through these teaching modes.

This week is normally testing and assessment week. As we are remote we have postponed this until next week. In the event that we are still in remote learning, teachers will try and complete some assessment via live modes. This may involve some small group sessions, or one on one time with a teacher to check in on reading. Your child's teacher will keep you informed closer to the end of the week.

Last week I took part in a virtual Principal's meeting with all leaders in the Sandhurst Diocese. Much of this meeting was to hear the stories and challenges faced by many of our Shepparton Catholic Schools. The community in general is in great need of our thoughts and prayers at this time. There was much discussion about the lack of food being available to families. This lack of food for many is due to financial stress when not being able to work. If anyone has the capacity to donate at this time, I know it would be appreciated. I have included the website for those who are able: www.sheppartonfoodshare.org.au

Again, I thank you all for doing all that you can at the moment to support the school and your children's learning. Please contact myself or your child's teacher at anytime if you need anything.

God Bless and have a great week!

Jasmine Ryan (*Principal*)

DATES AHEAD

- 3rd Sept: Father's Day Celebrations & Liturgy @ Home 9am - 11am
- 6th Sept: School Advisory Council Meeting @ 7pm Virtually
- 15th Sept: Learning Conversations
- 17th Sept: End of Term 3 - Dismissal @ 2:15pm





St Mary's is a Child Safe School.

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

A PRAYER

Canteen Special

There will be no canteen until further notice.

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.



A Father's Day Prayer

God,
Bless all the fathers in the world. Father, we ask that You guide them to be good role models and loving to their children. We also ask that You help them to be a father like You are. Give them grace and patience to handle situations in a loving way.
Amen



Prep for a Day - Prep 2022

St Mary's is going virtual this week for our Prep for a day session. The session will run for 45mins - 1 hour and is for our Prep learners who will join our school community next year. These children will meet their 2022 teacher and take part in some basic games and activities. We were supposed to have family tours and meetings and we will now postpone these until week 1 and 2 of next term to allow restrictions to ease and have families onsite. Prep transition dates will be shared with families as soon as possible also. Transition may also look different this year due to the pandemic.



Pie Drive - Leitchville Red Gum Bakery - PIE PICK UP

Our Pie Drive collection will take place tomorrow, Tuesday 31st August. A school stream will be shared with the community as to when pies are to be collected. Pies will be placed on tables out the front and labeled with family names. Please be prompt in collecting as we cannot refrigerate any orders.

This year you will receive one bulk family order and each family will distribute to others that may have ordered under your name! Thank you to everyone who supported this fundraiser!



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.

<https://theresilienceproject.com.au/at-home/>



RESILIENCE PROJECT



TRP@HOME

Junior School Team

WOW what a week! Jam packed full of learning, competitions, challenges, wellness, mindfulness, resilience and much much more. The educators from the Junior School are so very proud of our learners this week. They have bounced right back into their online routines and are making great progress with their learning goals. We also want to say a massive thank you and ongoing thanks to our amazing, supportive parents, who assist with the learning and wellbeing of our learners whilst in the virtual classroom. We had so many amazing phone calls with you last week, keeping up our spirits and continuing to motivate us. Thank you!

We have been continuing to keep up with our Inquiry research and are about to begin creating our action blue-prints or constructions this coming week.

Thank you to the learners who videoed themselves whether it be reading their narrative or speeches. You all did such a wonderful job! Also all the learners who put their narrative in to be judged for the narrative writing and illustration competition.

We all enjoyed dress up day on Friday for Book Week. We loved seeing all of the learners bring a spark of joy to our screens in the morning block! Our week was full of Book Week book readings from Martin and the Resilience

Project gang to the storybox library readers.

FATHER'S DAY CELEBRATIONS

St Mary's will not be beaten by the lock down and will still very much be celebrating our annual Father's day. St Mary's has an activity pack ready for each family which can be collected on Thursday. If you have purchased gifts from the Father's Day staff on CDF pay, these will also be ready for collection on this day. This Friday 3rd September from 9am - 11am all families have this time to spend with Dad! Use the activity pack, have breakfast together and join our liturgy at 10:00am. Our remote learning program on this day will begin at 11:30am for the whole school. For the learners who come onsite, they are welcome to be here for the 11:30am start also! If dad's cannot take part please let your classroom teacher know.

Each pack will have all the information you need to take part in the activities and a special treat for our Dad's!

Senior School Team

Only 3 weeks left of this term. As we completed another week of Remote learning, we thank our parents for their amazing support during this time. The learners have been doing a wonderful job completing independent learning tasks in the morning and then getting online at 11.15am for live teaching.

Well done to the learners that videoed themselves presenting their speech, they did a wonderful job. Congratulations to our winners.

Learners have been spending a lot of time completing their narrative writing and we are looking forward to having them in the classroom to share. Congratulations on our narrative book week winners. They all did an amazing job and should be very proud of their efforts.

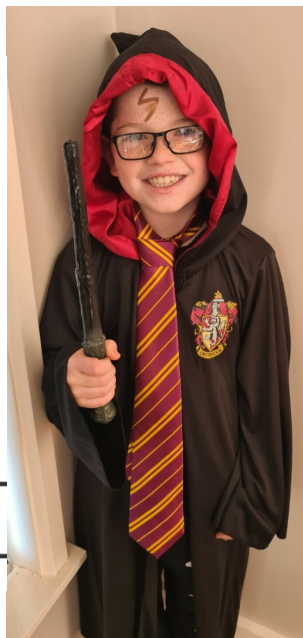
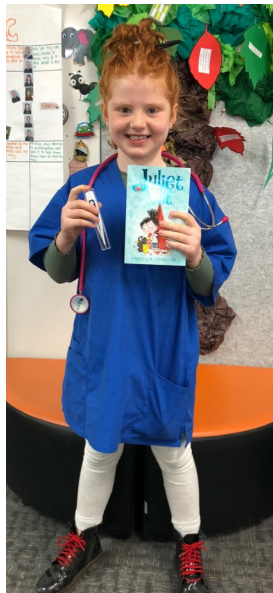
We have been learning about division while online and exploring how to solve division equations without remainders and with remainders. We will continue with this topic this week.

On Friday, learners got to dress up as their favourite book character and there were some amazing costumes out there. It was great to see all the learners having a great time dressing up and sharing their favourite book with their peers.



- Jack Pollock 23rd August
- Jacob Matthews 25th August
- Rafferty Quinlan 29th August

St Mary's Book Week 2021



INVITATION from University of Melbourne – A free online Webinar for families

August 30, 8pm to 9pm.

Gain insights and tips to help your family manage better through lockdowns.

Covid-19 has forced many families to adapt to a new reality of remote learning, working from home, cancellation of social activities and more time spent with family members which can raise the emotional temperature for everyone.

There is no doubt lockdowns are a stressful time for families, however there are also many things we can do to support and improve our wellbeing during these times.

During this discussion, the panel of health and wellbeing experts along with community members, will provide insights and tips on how families can work together to manage through lockdowns including the role parents can play, maintaining hope, tips to improve motivation for young people and more.

The webinar is ideal for families with children across Australia and allied health professionals who provide services to families. The discussion will go for 40 minutes followed by questions from the audience. Submit questions via Q&A on the day.

The webinar is hosted by Professor Jane Gunn, Dean, Faculty of Medicine, Dentistry and Health Sciences at the University of Melbourne, and forms part of the 'In pursuit of health' event series.

[Tips to help families cope during Lockdowns,](#)

Event details and bookings are [listed here](#)

CES Limited Pastoral Wellbeing Team