



St Mary's Newsletter

WELCOME TO WEEK 2

Welcome to Week 2! Last week we had a great week settling back into our current school setting. It was fantastic to have our Year Prep - 3 learners onsite filling our school with learning and laughter. We are so proud of our Year 4 - 6 Learners who are continuing to strive and persevere with remote learning. I recognise that everyone is doing their best and we thank our learners and families for continuing to be flexible and cooperative.

Friday we started our Term 4 Inquiry investigation launch - How powerful is music? The creativity and imagination that we saw was fabulous, from our teachers to our learners. We saw an array of musicians and groups and the launch itself would have been a new learning experience for many! We look forward to sharing our wonderings, prior knowledge and exploring our essential questions over the coming term.

This week will see our Year 4 - 6 Learners return to face to face teaching on a Thursday and Friday of week 2 and 3, and then all of the school will return in its entirety on Tuesday 26th October. We are able to combine our Year 4 - 6 learners due to their collaborative class setting. In line with government directions that mandates our community be vaccinated, we will soon share the process for collecting proof of vaccination with our families.

On Friday night we concluded our Sacraments of First Eucharist and Confirmation with our remaining candidates. It was a beautifully intimate celebration with around 20 people and Father Novie. Emily Dehne, Elliot Warren, Pippa Reid, Allegra Toll, Sadie Jones and Milla Ryan received these sacraments. We thank our families and teachers for their support in preparing our candidates during this time. We will continue to keep these learners in our prayers as they continue their faith journey into the future.

As we return to face to face schooling a reminder to please attend school in our required uniform. A reminder that black runners are expected with the school uniform and runners are to be worn on sports days only. Thank you for our parents support on this.

At the end of last week our application for our two teaching positions closed. We were happy with the applicants and now shortlisting will begin to start the interview and appointment process. These two positions are to fulfill our two maternity leave roles for 12 months. Once appointments are made the community will be informed. I will be working with the leadership team over the coming weeks to assign teachers to classes for 2022 in readiness for our Community Step Up Day in December. This is a complex process and takes great planning and organisation.

God Bless and have a great week!

Jasmine Ryan (**Principal**)



DATES AHEAD

- 11th Oct: SAC Principal Consultation Meeting @ 7pm
- 11th - 15th Oct: PIVOT Learner Survey for Teachers
- 28th Oct: Grandparents Day / World Teachers Day / Assembly (Live Streamed) @ 2:20pm
- 1st Nov: School Closure Day - No school
- 2nd Nov: Melbourne Cup Day - Public Holiday
- 3rd Nov: Class Mass @ 12:30
- 8th Nov: School Board Meeting @ 7pm
- 10th Nov: Sacrament of Reconciliation @ 6pm
- 15th Nov: P&F Meeting @ 6:30pm



St Mary's is a Child Safe School.

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

A PRAYER

Serenity Prayer Written by Reinhold Neibuhr (1892-1971)

God grant me the serenity
To accept the things I cannot change;
Courage to change the things I can;
And wisdom to know the difference.
Living one day at a time;
Enjoying one moment at a time.

Amen.



Canteen Special

Canteen will resume on 27th October 2021 when all learners return to face schooling!



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.



Sacraments of Confirmation and Eucharist

Congratulations to Milla Ryan, Pippa Reid, Elliot Warren, Emily Dehne, Allegra Toll and Sadie Jones who celebrated the Sacraments of Confirmation and Eucharist on Friday 8th October. It was a lovely Mass, with our candidates well prepared and presenting beautifully. Fr Novie captured the essence of the Sacraments through his Homily. We thank our families for their support.



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/>



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Junior School Team

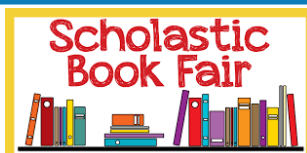
We are so excited to be back at school together! We have started the term with lots of smiles and giggles. We are excited to have the Year 3's back at school with us finally!!!

The Year 1's have welcomed Matteo back to their class. We are so excited to have him back in our class.

On Friday we celebrated our Inquiry launch into music "How is music powerful?" with a variety of exciting experiences; guessing games, dancing, musical instrument making and playing and we all thoroughly enjoyed dressing up.

Sadly we could not have the Year 2 camp night away experience due to current Covid Restrictions, however Miss Toll and Mrs Lamb are thinking of other alternative ideas for when our situation changes.

All learners in the Junior school have been beginning pre assessments in all curriculum areas to help for future planning of learning experiences to tailor the terms direction. We also sent home our curriculum newsletters via Seesaw on Friday, so please have a read of what is coming up this term in each of the learning spaces.



This week all students will be taken to our School's Library to finally view all the fantastic books we were sent for our Book Fair with a Wish List. This has been postponed from Term 3 and all orders and payment will be due back 22nd October. *Please note payment options have changed and can be paid directly on-line. All information will be sent home this week with Childrens wish lists.

This will also coincide with our bumper Christmas Book Club Issue which will be due back on the 20th October.

What a fantastic time to start your Christmas shopping!



- Macey Pollock 2nd October
- Jensen Fountain 3rd October
- Connor Bishop 7th October
- Jennifer Horvath 7th October
- Kaden Hollingworth 16th October

Senior School Team

The Senior learners have returned back to remote learning with great motivation and determination. We are excited to get back into school gradually.

The Year 4/5 learners have welcomed Allegra back into their class. We are so excited to have her back in the classroom.

The Senior learners have all been completing Pre assessment to guide, support and differentiate the learning for each individual learner. Learners also enjoyed sharing their holidays in a creative way and what they are looking forward to in Term 4. We also had the specialist teachers remotely teach their curriculum, all learners had fun and enjoyed seeing their teachers' faces again.

On Friday we celebrated our Inquiry launch both at school and at home. This Term we are investigating music; "How is music powerful?" The learners participated in a variety of different experiences; guessing games, dancing, musical instrument making and playing. Excellent effort and creativity in all learners on the costumes that were worn, we all thoroughly enjoyed dressing up and even some lucky learners received a prize.

COVID-19 VACCINATION CLINICS

Check your eligibility for COVID-19 vaccination
covid-vaccine.healthdirect.gov.au/eligibility
1800 675 398

Speak to your GP about any medical concerns

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| <p>■ Kerang COVID-19 Vaccination Clinics
Kerang District Health
WD Thomas Activity Centre, Burgoyne St, Kerang
By Appointment Only
Call the KDH Vaccination line on 5450 8099</p> | <p>■ Bendigo Health
113-133 Mollison St, Bendigo
bendigohealth.org.au/registerforvaccine
By Appointment Only
1800 675 398</p> |
| <p>■ Cohuna COVID-19 Vaccination Clinic
NDCH, 33 King Edward Street, Cohuna
By Appointment Only
5451 0200</p> | <p>■ Kerang Medical Clinic
47 Victoria St, Kerang
By Appointment Only
5450 8060</p> |
| <p>■ Echuca Regional Health
Vivid Building, 238 High St, Echuca
erh.org.au/covid-19-vaccinations
Pfizer By Appointment Only. AstraZeneca walk in
5485 5000</p> | <p>■ Boort Community Pharmacy
108-112 Godfrey St, Boort
AstraZeneca & Moderna available
Walk in available
5455 2044</p> |
| <p>■ Boort District Medical Centre
2 Courts St, Boort
By Appointment Only
5451 5220</p> | <p>■ Ochre Medical Centre Cohuna
111 King George St, Cohuna
Pfizer & AstraZeneca By Appointment Only
5456 2609</p> |
| <p>■ Swan Hill District Health
152 Campbell St, Swan Hill (Tristar Medical Clinic)
www.shdh.org.au
hotdoc.com.au - Swan Hill Respiratory Clinic
By Appointment Only
5033 9968</p> | <p>■ Mallee District Aboriginal Services
Kerang 9 Nolan St, Kerang
Swan Hill 70 Nyah Rd, Swan Hill
Mildura 120 Madden Ave, Mildura
By Appointment Only
1800 183 593</p> |
| <p>■ Terry White Chemmart
Kerang 28/32 Victoria St, Kerang
Cohuna 63-67 King George St, Cohuna
terrywhitechemmart.com.au/health-services/covid-19-vaccination
AstraZeneca available. Moderna from October 3.
By Appointment - limited walk in available</p> | |

To view all clinics within the local area visit
www.murrayphn.org.au/vaccinationclinics/



Inquiry Term 4: "How is Music Powerful?"

Congratulations to our winners of our Inquiry Launch Costumes:

Prep: Ellie Dye

Year 1: Abraham Matthews

Year 2/3: Macey Pollock

Year 4/5: Lainie Spring

Year 5/6: Jack Pollock

Thank you to everyone who dressed up, it was so fantastic to see such a broad range of musicians showcased and everyone looked fantastic! Well Done to all!

