



# St Mary's Newsletter

## WELCOME TO WEEK 8

We only have 18 days of school to go and we are busy right up until the end! This week we are so grateful to be able to complete a camp week! Many of our camps have been modified yet the importance of simply being together, growing our independence and resilience is what St Mary's camp program aims to nurture! We know our Learners in Year 5/6 and from Prep - Year 2 will thoroughly enjoy their camp experiences this week. I would like to take this opportunity to thank my staff who will be away from their own lives to support our learners and ensure they have a safe and wonderful time!

Testing and Assessment will begin this week and follow onto the next. This is a great opportunity for our learners and teachers to track every individual's growth. Given that we have again had an interrupted year we are still seeing great success among our learners. Our Visible learning journey has deeply involved all of our learners in the importance of growing ones self. Our learners are involved in the assessment conversation and enjoy tracking their progression.

Last week we again received changes to our Covid Safe requirements. Moving forward the school can welcome in all people to outdoor events. Parents and family members who are not vaccinated are welcome to join our outdoor events, however are unable to enter inside the school buildings. I do thank the families who continue to share your vaccination status.

Our new principal Jarrod Mullavey will come and visit on Friday 3rd December. Jarrod will spend the day at St Mary's and begin to commence handover with myself and the staff. The children will meet Mr Mullavey so that they know who will lead their school community next year. I know Jarrod is excited to learn about our community and get started at St Mary's Cohuna.

Next week St Mary's welcomes Corwin's Visible Learning team come back to school to take our second School Capabilities survey assessment. This will involve talking with the Leadership Team, teachers and learners to ascertain our key growth areas and where to next for our whole school journey. The staff and teachers can see, hear and feel a significant change in our learner dispositions and look forward to reflecting on our growth. This survey assist's the school in outlining goals for the future.

In the coming weeks there are many events. A reminder to please RSVP when you can to our End of year BBQ and celebration. Please complete the school swimming program at your earliest convenience. A reminder to Year 6 parents to also pay and confirm their attendance to our Graduation evening! I do look forward to seeing everyone over the coming weeks as we end the year!

**God Bless and have a great week!**

Jasmine Ryan (*Principal*)

## DATES AHEAD

- 25th Nov: Year 2 Stay @ School Sleepover
- 26th Nov: Prep Transition 9am - 1pm, Assembly @ 2:20pm
- 1st Dec: Sacrament of Reconciliation @ 6pm
- 2nd Dec: St Mary's swimming program begins & Miss Adams last day
- 3rd Dec: Semester 2 Reports come home
- 7th Dec: State Community Step Up Day
- 8th Dec: Optional end of year Learning Conversations





St Mary's is a Child Safe School.

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

## A PRAYER

First Week of Advent - 28th November

Advent marks the start of a season of preparation that looks forward to the celebration of Christmas and the second coming of Christ. It is a time of reflection in preparing our hearts for the coming of Christ.

### Canteen Special

THERE WILL BE NO CANTEEN SPECIALS FOR THE REST OF THE YEAR.

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.

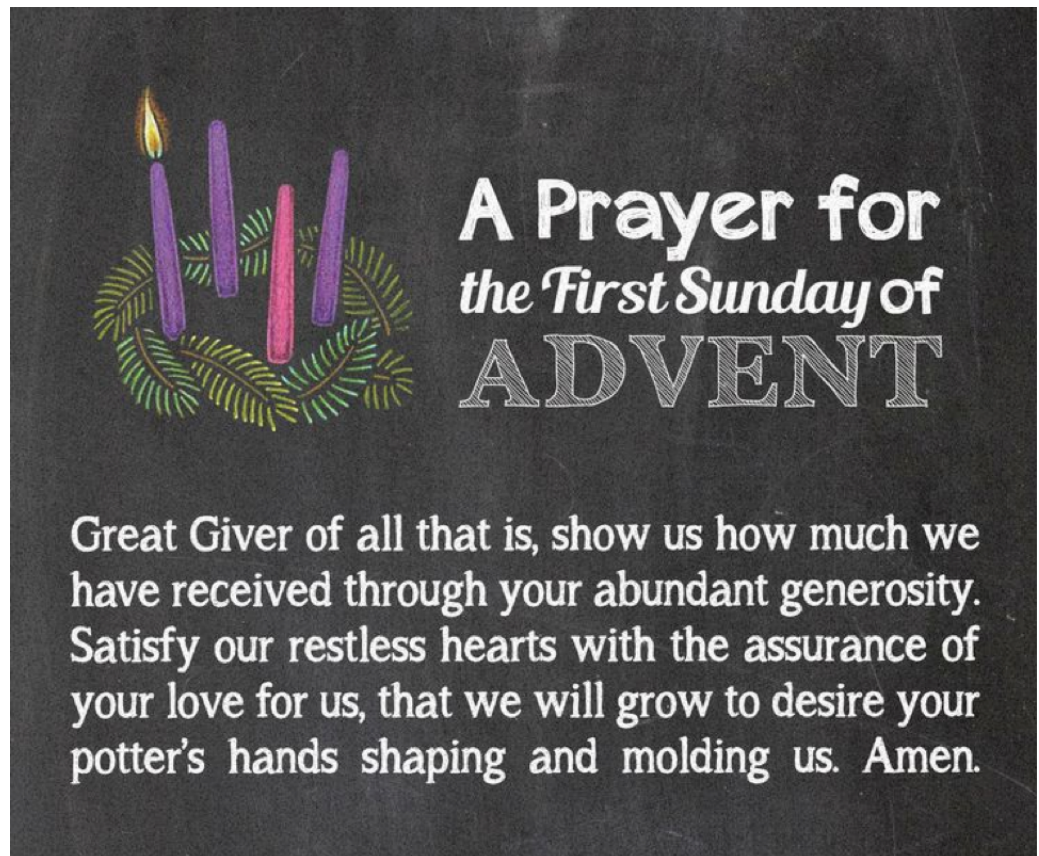
### PBIS

#### 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.*



**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/>



**TRP@HOME**



## Junior School Team

Week 7 in the Prep/1 Collaborative classroom saw us integrate our Reading and Inquiry by turning our read alouds into songs! We continued to explore 2D and 3D shapes and are beginning to learn their properties. In Writing, we enjoyed using crazy picture prompts to spark ideas for our Narratives. We are looking forward to an exciting week of testing & assessment this week as well as our Late Stay!

This week in the 2/3 Collaborative classroom we have been continuing to build our inferring skills. This week we have been learning to apply our prior knowledge to the text to help us create meaning. We have been busily planning our narrative using picture prompts. The learners have been busy brainstorming ideas and have begun to write their narratives. They have been focusing on giving feedback to extend each other's knowledge and understanding.

In Maths, we have been learning about capacity. The learners have been busy building their knowledge and understanding of capacity. They have been using sand to compare the capacity of objects.

In Inquiry the learners have started their investigation. They have been writing and creating their Christmas songs, in preparation to create their own music. We are looking forward to an exciting and busy week in the Year 2/3 classroom. The Year 2 learners will be attending the sleepover while also participating in testing and assessment. We are so excited to see all the growth that has occurred this year!



- Eliza Brown 18th November

## Senior School Team

The year 5 learners met their Prep buddy for 2022. They enjoyed spending time with them and sharing their favourite things with each other.

Learners are super excited to be going to Phillip Island this week. It's going to be a busy and fun 4 days.

The senior learners had a busy assessment week completing PAT testing. Learners have done a wonderful effort completing these tests and using their prior knowledge to support them.

In PE, learners got to try their hand at golf. Some found it very challenging to hit the ball the first swing and some excellent persistence to keep trying. It was great to see the learners having a go at a new sport and enjoying themselves.

Year 6 learners are continuing to complete their digital portfolio in readiness for graduation at the end of the year. They are enjoying looking at their photos from their years at school and how much they have grown up. It's exciting times ahead for them.



St Mary's is excited to announce...

# PLAYGROUP IS BACK !

Please join us on Wednesdays from  
10am - 11am in the St Mary's  
playground!

**Starting back 17th November 2021**  
**Proof of Full Vaccination is**  
**required for attendance**

## Remaining Playgroup Dates for 2021

17th November  
24th November  
1st December  
8th December

**COME PLAY, EXPLORE & CREATE !**

