



St Mary's Newsletter

WELCOME TO WEEK 9

The countdown to the end of the year continues and we have much to do and celebrate as we come to the end of 2021! In the coming weeks we have Reconciliation, our Semester 2 reports coming home, our end of year mass and BBQ as well as our Year 6 Graduation and end of year pool party! The time will pass us by very quickly!

Last week many of our learners took part in camp week. The whole week was sensational. From a fun filled trip to Phillip Island and sleepovers at school and visits to our local parks it was action packed. All of our learners whether experiencing their first sleep away from home or going that little bit further showed such courage and exceptional behaviour. The teachers could not speak more highly of how well behaved all of the children were. We even had the camp owner from Phillip Island call the school and commend our Year 5/6 learners of how exceptional they were! School camps take great organisation however with the children from St Mary's it is also a joy to take part. I would like to thank all staff who supported the many camps and nights away from their own lives.

As we approach the end of the year our 2022 Fee Structure has been set. Our 2022 Schedule of Fees will be shared with families next week in readiness for the new school year. Can I please ask families who are yet to settle 2021 fee accounts please do so promptly. Please feel free to contact me if at any time you need to discuss your financial positions.

This Friday all families will receive via PAM their child(rens) Semester 2 report. If parents feel they would like to discuss the end of year report or their child's learning before the end of the year an optional learning conversation has been made available. These conversations will take place on Wednesday 8th December between 12pm - 5pm and will be offered virtually only. These learning conversations are optional and at the discretion of parents. If any parent requires a printed report, please contact your classroom teacher directly.

Next Tuesday we have Community Step Up day where our learners will meet their 2022 classrooms teachers and also spend the day in their 2022 learning space. Classes and the configurations have been carefully planned to ensure the best possible learning outcomes for our learners. Information will also come home next Tuesday outlining the staffing for 2022 for parents.

This Friday we welcome Mr Jarrod Mullavey. Mr Mullavey will come to our school for the first time and meet the staff and learners. Mr Mullavey will spend the day learning as much as possible about our school and its community in readiness for 2022. I know that the whole community will be excited by his visit and getting to know Mr Mullavey also.

Covid safe practices and restrictions continue to be rapidly changing in our communities and our schools. As we have pending school events can I please just reiterate that at our school events we will have Covid Safe marshals among our staff. This will be to support everyone with checking in via our QR code and sighting our vaccination certificates. Our updated CECV Schools operation guide (as of 27/11/21), states that regardless of the school event or setting, proof of vaccination is required. We thank our community for your support on this.

Just a reminder to families yet to RSVP to our end of Year BBQ & Mass to please do so. We will need to finalise catering orders early next week, can we please respond on School Stream by 6th December 2021.

God Bless and have a great week!

Jasmine Ryan (*Principal*)



DATES AHEAD

- 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
- 9th Dec: End of Year Mass & BBQ - 6pm
- 10th Dec: Final Prep Transition & Parents morning tea
- 14th Dec: End of Year Pool Party & Yr 6 Graduation @ 6pm
- 15th Dec: Last Day of School - 3:15pm Dismissal



St Mary's is a Child Safe School.

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

A PRAYER

Sacrament of Reconciliation

We pray for our learners who have prepared for the Sacrament of Reconciliation. We wish them all of the best as they continue on their faith journey by celebrating the Sacrament on Wednesday December 1st @ 6.00pm.

Canteen Special

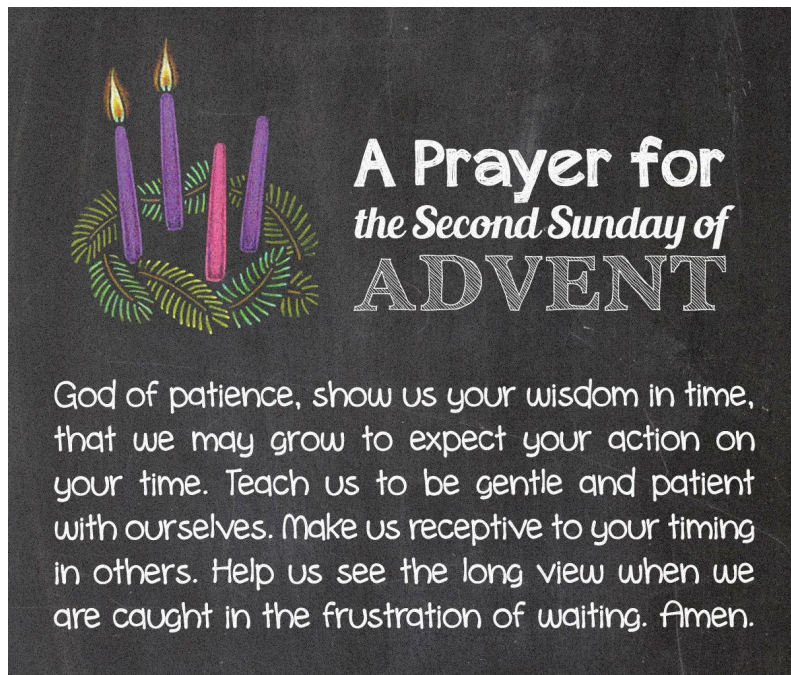
THERE WILL BE NO CANTEEN SPECIALS FOR THE REST OF THE YEAR.

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.



For parents wanting to book an optional Term 4 Learning conversation, please access the link below with the code.

<https://www.schoolinterviews.com.au/code?z=cVG7zt>

CODE: p7tkn

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/>



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Junior School Team

This week in Junior School, we are so excited to be beginning our swimming program! We are also very sad, but so excited to wish Miss Adams well this week. As this week is Miss Adams's last week with us before she leaves on maternity leave before she welcomes her beautiful babies! Congratulations and good luck to her and her partner,
Tom.

The Junior school had a wonderful week of testing which showed all of our excellent growth that we have made this year. We are all exceptionally proud of our achievements.

The Prep and Year 1 Learners had a wonderful time during their Late Stay. We enjoyed our trip to Apex park, where we enjoyed a play on the playground and a Teddy Bears Picnic! When we returned we enjoyed watching High School Musical with our Fish and Chips! We are all now hooked and want to watch the second one.

The Year 2 Learners had an awesome time at their sleepover. They enjoyed fish and chips for dinner and toasting marshmallows over Miss Toll's exquisite fire. Whilst we had a late night, all learners were super excited to head to Koondrook the next day for a play and fish!



HAPPY BIRTHDAY



Senior School Team

What another busy week we have had. Hard to believe there are only 13 days left of school.

The Yr 5/6 learners spent 4 days in Phillip Island which was amazing. They were super lucky with the weather down there and being able to go surfing and stand up paddle boarding. The chocolate factory was a big hit, learning about how the chocolate is made and exploring the factory's interactive tour. It was great to see the learners challenging themselves and trying new activities along the way. To end our camp we organised a surprise visit to Jumpz which the learners and even some teachers enjoyed.

Learners were required to wash their dishes each morning after breakfast which was rather interesting to watch. The penguin parade was amazing to watch and up close and personal was a great experience for the learners to have.

On Friday we took the learners to the creek to go fishing and Miss Adelia caught a fish.

The Year 4 learners had a busy week with Mrs Kelly. They continued completing their Inquiry investigation about music and how it is powerful.

It was great to see the Yr 4 learners taking on some leadership responsibilities while the Yr 6 learners were on camp.

We have a few busy weeks ahead with the Swimming program starting on Thursday. Please make sure you have completed the form on school stream.



- Paddy Quinlan 25th November

COHUNA SWIMMING POOL

Swimming Lessons-Stroke Correction

Pre School - School Age - Adults



SUMMER HOLIDAY LEARN TO SWIM PROGRAM 2022

Enrolments Open

Starts Tuesday 4th Jan 2022

3 Weeks

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