



# St Mary's Newsletter

## TERM 3, WEEK 8 - CAMP WEEK!

Today is a busy day for our St Mary's learners. Our Senior learners left this morning for Harrietville where they will spend the next four days on camp, challenging themselves through various activities such as ropes courses, flying fox and archery. They will also experience a forestry program and an Indigenous program. They will go bike riding and have a day at the snow! Thank you to Mrs Williams for leading the organisation of this camp, and to Miss Vevers, Mrs McLoughlan and Miss Toll who are giving up their time to care for our learners.

Also today many of our Grade 3/4 learners will represent our school at the Sandhurst Arts on Show day at Echuca performing a dance to the song 'Fly Away' (please note - it is 'Tones and I's' song - not the Lenny Kravitz song)!!. I would like to take this opportunity to thank Miss Jodie who has led the learners with this performance!

During the week I had a meeting with the builder and architect to get an update on our various buildings around the school. Our new canteen is on track to be completed and ready to go by the start of Term 4 (Mrs Edge is very excited!!). The decommissioned toilet block will be demolished during the term 3 school holidays.

The Prep and Grade 1 learners have been busy too. On Thursday they enjoyed a day in Echuca, followed by a 'late stay' at school. Whilst in Echuca these learners experienced travel on a paddle steamer and explored learning related to their Inquiry topic at Twisted Science. Thank you to Miss Brereton and Miss Cartwright for organising these wonderful experiences for our learners.

We capped off a fantastic Book Week with our community Book Parade on Friday. Well done to all the parents and carers who went above and beyond to provide costumes for our learners. And congratulations to those learners who won the Story Writing competition for their class: Anna (Prep), Abraham (Gr1/2TAM), Matilda (Gr1/2RAE), Victoria (Gr3/4), Pippa (Gr5) and Bayley (Gr6). And well done to the Principal's Award winner: Jack G (Gr6).

I am looking forward to Friday ... not just because I will be home from camp by then, but because we will celebrate Father's Day on this day. The breakfast will be delicious, the activities look great, and the liturgy will follow.

Have a great week and if your footy or netball team is playing finals - good luck!!

*Jarrod Mullavey (Principal)*

## DATES AHEAD

### Week 8

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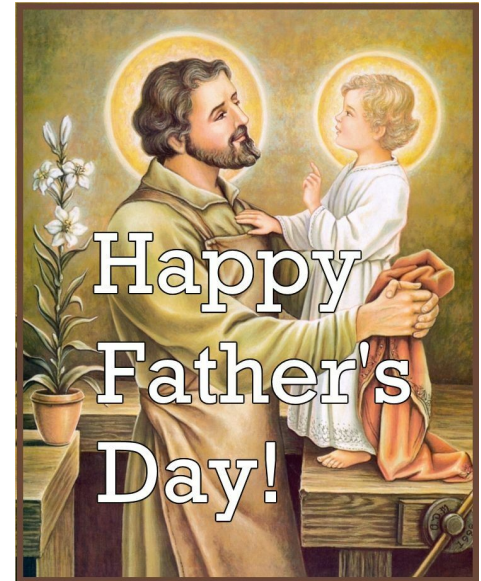
We promote the safety, wellbeing and inclusion of all children.

## A PRAYER

### Father's Day Prayer

Let us praise those men who have "fathered" us in their role as mentors and guides.

Let us praise those men who are about to become fathers; may they openly delight in their children.



### Canteen

**Lunch orders must be placed before 8:45am in the mornings. The new cut off time for lunch orders is 8:45am!**

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

Our focus for the start of Term 3 is :-

**Looking after your own belongings.**



- Jack Pollock 23rd August
- Isabelle Coombs 25th August
- Jacob Matthews 25th August
- Alba Mathers 28th August
- Rafferty Quinlan 29th August

*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.*



### Flying Doctor School Dental Program

The Flying Doctor Dental team will now be visiting St. Mary's in August or September to provide FREE dental check-ups and education about healthy teeth and gums. Please be aware that this dental check-up is a basic evaluation and does not take the place of a full comprehensive dental examination. If you would like your child to have a dental check-up, please complete the consent form which will be sent home shortly, and return it to school. After your child's check-up, the dental team will send home a report. If your child requires follow-up treatment this will be stated in the report. The mobile public clinic will be in town shortly after and your child can have their treatment completed at no cost, or you can visit your nearest public or private practice. If you require any further information please contact Flying Doctor Dental Team on (03) 8412 0444 or [dental@rfdsvic.com.au](mailto:dental@rfdsvic.com.au).

## Junior School Team

We can't believe there are only three weeks left until the holidays! Great to have so many learners back at school fit and healthy, however please stay vigilant as there are still some bugs going around. It was wonderful to visit our local Cohuna in celebration for Book Week. Pia the librarian was fabulous and so welcoming.

During inquiry, learners confirmed their Australian landmark of choice, we can't wait to recreate our 3D model at school. Parents you are welcome to assist, however a majority of work needs to be completed at School. We have plenty of storage for boxes, etc - happy for learners to bring crafty resources in. Our weekly spelling activities are well received, it is great to see writing Wednesday results soaring as well!

Our Prep/ Year 1 classes had the best time exploring Echuca, traveling on the steam boat and then enjoying a movie and dinner at school as part of their special late stay celebration. Please check out our class seesaw and facebook media links for photos.

Cohuna really turned on the perfect weather for the annual book week parade in town, we loved seeing all the costumes, parents thank you for your efforts. A huge congratulations to our readers that spoke in front of the community and our learners that won prizes for their narrative piece of writing.

During religious studies we continue to make connections with the seven sacraments and make comparisons with celebrations we have had at home. Please keep those family celebration photos coming - our learners love sharing!

Please label clothing and lunchboxes and remember to pack a healthy snack in your child's lunchbox for our 10am fruit break. Stay safe - Junior Team.



## Senior School Team

It will be a bit quieter around the school yard this week with the 5/6 learners heading off to Harrierville today for their 3 night camp. We are sure they will have an amazing time. Year 5 and 6 families, please keep an eye on SeeSaw and St. Mary's social pages to see what they are up to each day! Last week the Year 6 learners investigated the route to Harrierville, how long it would take to get there, and which towns it would be best to stop at for their breaks; a great way to look at mapping and elapsed time.

In the Year 3/4 room, the learners have completed their pre-assessment on time, to see their strengths and where to next in this area. For Book Week, all senior classes read shortlisted books, breaking apart the meaning and investigating the characters, as well as discussing why they thought the book had been shortlisted.

In Inquiry, the learners continue to research information about their chosen topic, as well as how to present it as an infographic, ready for our learning expo on the last day of term. More details about this to come. The 3/4's are revising an information report structure and its features in Writing. They are also breaking apart the different sections of the mass and putting them back in order to demonstrate their understanding in Religion. Well done to everyone on their efforts with their Book Week costumes for the Book Parade on Friday. Congratulations also to those learners who progressed through to the next stage of Athletics on Friday, we wish you the best of luck in your events. We are looking forward to seeing lots of dads and special friends at our Father's Day celebrations this Friday morning.



# The Term Ahead - Term 3 - 2022



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## Week 9

- Monday - Welcome Remy (Work Experience)
- Wednesday 7/9 - Junior Class Mass @ 12.30pm
- Thursday 8/9 - Prep enrolment welcome packs sent out
- Friday 9/9 - Assembly Yr 5/6

## Week 10

- **Tuesday 13/9 - Learning Conversations - new date**
- Learning Expo (date TBC)
- Friday 16/9 - last day Term 3 (2:15pm finish)

## *Term Dates for the Year:*

TERM 1: 28th January - 8th April

TERM 2: 26th April - 24th June

TERM 3: 11th July - 16th September

TERM 4: 3rd October - 20th December

