



St Mary's Newsletter

TERM 4, WEEK 2 - GETTING BUSY!!

Well Week 1 is behind and we are well and truly into the term now. Our learners made a really smooth transition back into our school routines and staff are looking forward to an enjoyable and productive final term of the year. Wellness Week was a success, with learners and staff taking time each afternoon to slow down and reflect on the important things in life.

This week is busy again. On Monday we have PSG's throughout the day and a School Advisory Council meeting at night.

On Thursday we are off to Kerang for the Good Samaritan Cup. We will begin the day by celebrating mass with St Joseph's and St Patrick's at 10am in Kerang, then participate in different sporting activities. Please ensure that permission forms are completed via School Stream - or contact your child's teacher if you would prefer a 'paper' permission form. Families are welcome to attend the Good Samaritan Cup in Kerang.

We will complete the week with our Visible Learning pupil free day on Friday! A reminder that there will be no learners at school on Friday 14th October.

The new canteen is almost ready and I know Leasa is busting to get in there, (to give it a good clean!), and get cooking! Thank you for your patience as we transition from the old canteen to the new one. We hope to be operational by the start of next week (Week 3).

The Term 4 Term Ahead dates have been updated since last newsletter. Please be aware of our Reconciliation Parent Information meeting (Week 3) and the Sacrament of Reconciliation (Week 6) which involve those families of a child who is making their Reconciliation this year. Also, please keep Friday 28th October free for Grandparent's Day.

Fr Dean contacted me during the week to ask if we could sell some raffle tickets - with the proceeds going to help support St Patrick's Pyramid Hill parish. If you are able to provide some support, tickets are \$2 each and can be purchased from our office. 1st prize is \$500, 2nd prize - \$300 and 3rd prize is \$200.

Hopefully this sunshine continues throughout the week!

Jarrod Mullavey (Principal)



DATES AHEAD

- Monday 10/10 - SAC meeting @ 7.00pm
- Tuesday 11/10 - Welcome Georgia Donat (CES Speech Therapist) and Steve Hicks
- Wednesday 12/10 - Welcome Ally Hooper
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A PRAYER

Gracious God,
Thank you for the gift of today.
Refresh me. Invite me to discover your presence
In each person that I meet
And every event that I encounter.
Teach me when to speak and when to listen
When to ponder and when to share.
In moments of challenge and decision
Attune my heart to the whisperings of your Wisdom.
As I undertake ordinary and unnoticed tasks,
Gift me with simple joy.
When my day goes well, may I rejoice.
When it grows difficult, surprise me with
New possibilities.
May my living today reveal your Goodness.
Amen

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.



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.



Save the date
GRANDPARENTS DAY!



FRIDAY 28TH OCTOBER

Flying Doctor School Dental Program

The Flying Doctor Dental team will be visiting St. Mary's on **WEDNESDAY 23RD NOVEMBER** & will return on **THURSDAY 24TH NOVEMBER** to see our grade 3/4's who will be back from camp this day 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. 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.

Junior School Team

The junior school had an amazing first week back celebrating wellness week all together. We saw lots of creative mad scientist costumes and our learners loved the inquiry launch that prompted lots of thoughts and questions.

We are looking forward to being back into our own classroom this week and collaborating for inquiry lessons. Remember for all learners to be wearing their school hats, please ensure they are labeled.



Senior School Team

Welcome to another busy week, with The Good Samaritan Cup being held in Kerang on Thursday, and a Student Free day on Friday. We still have lots to pack into the week though!

The Year 3/4 's are exploring the story of Zacchaeus, and investigating what it was like to live in the time of Jesus, as well using character profiles to gain a deeper understanding of how the characters changed throughout the story. In Year 5/6 , the learners are consolidating their punctuation knowledge, and when to use different punctuation correctly in a text. They are also reading about Matter, in a link to Inquiry, and using their literal and inferred comprehension skills to understand the texts they read. In writing, they are exploring different styles of poetry, and using the different structures to create their own pieces of poetry. The Year 3/4 's are learning to write explanation texts by observing an experiment and writing an explanation of what happened.

In maths this week, the Year 5/6 's are learning how to divide larger numbers with remainders, and different ways these remainders can be represented. The Year 3/4 's are focusing on the understanding that fractions are made by breaking a whole object into smaller, equal parts.

After the success of our Inquiry launch on Friday, we will begin to explore our unit topic of 'What's the Matter?' We will capture the students' interest and find out what they think they know about changes that occur to materials in their everyday lives.



The Term Ahead - Term 4 - 2022



Week	Dates & Items
2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Monday 10/10 - SAC meeting @ 7.00pm Tuesday 11/10 - Welcome Georgia Donat (CES Speech Therapist) and Steve Hicks Wednesday 12/10 - Welcome Ally Hooper Thursday 13/10 - Good Samaritan Cup Friday 14/10 - Pupil Free Day - Visible Learning
3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Monday 17/10 - P&F meeting 6:30pm Wednesday 19/11 - Reconciliation Parent Info Night @ 6pm Friday 21/10 - Prep Transition Day #1
4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Tuesday 25/10 - Georgia Donat (Speech) in Thursday 27/10 - Yr 6 CSC transition session 9am-1pm Friday 28/10 - Grandparent's day
5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Monday 31/10 - Pupil Free day - Report Writing Day Tuesday 1/11 - Melbourne Cup Public Holiday Wednesday 2/11 - Feast of All Souls Day - Mass @ 12:30pm Friday 4/11 - Just CARITAS - Yr 5's Echuca Friday 4/11 - Prep Transition Day #3
6	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Tuesday 8/11 - Leitchville Kinder visit Wednesday 9/11 - Sacrament of Reconciliation Thursday 11/Friday 12 - Yr2 Camp at Treetops Friday 11/11 - Jarrod out - Principal's Network Friday 11/10 - Prep Transition Day #4
7	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Monday 14/11 - SAC Meeting @ 7pm Tuesday 15/11 - Georgia Donat (Speech) Thursday 17/11 - Jarrod out - Director's Briefing Friday 18/10 - Prep Transition Day #5
8	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Monday 21/11 - Wednesday 23/11 - Gr3/4 Camp Kyenton Monday 21/11 - P&F Meeting @ 6:30pm Friday 25/11 - Prep Transition Day #6
9	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> P-6 Swimming lessons (all week) Friday 2/12 - Prep Transition Day #7
10	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> P-6 Swimming lessons (Monday, Wednesday & Thursday) Tuesday 6/12 - Community Step Up Day Tuesday 6/12 - CSC transition session 9am-1pm Tuesday 6/12 - Prep Transition Day #8 Thursday 8/12 - St Mary's Feast Day Thursday 8/12 - End of Year Mass @ 6pm (TBC) Friday 9/12 - Prep Transition Celebration #9 Friday 9/12 - P-6 St Marys Swimming Carnival & Pool Party

- Tuesday 13/12 - Grade 6 Graduation Dinner (Bower Tavern)
- Tuesday 13/12 - Yr6 CSC transition day
- Wednesday 14/12 - Learner's last day
- Thursday 15/12 - Staff 2023 Planning Day
- Friday 16/12 - Staff last day

Term Dates for the Year:

TERM 1: 28th January - 8th April (Learners Start on 28th Jan)

TERM 2: 26th April - 24th June

TERM 3: 11th July - 16th September

TERM 4: 3rd October - 20th December