



# St Mary's Newsletter

## TERM 4, WEEK 3 - TAKE CARE

I hope everyone is safe and well during this severe weather event that is occurring, and again please stay safe. To our families who live in flood affected areas, our thoughts and prayers are with you at this time. Please reach out if there is anything we can do for you here at school.

Week 3 is going to provide us with challenges here at St Mary's but I have no doubt our learners, staff and families will pull together and have a positive week. As mentioned in a note sent home yesterday, we currently have a number of staff living in areas affected by rising flood waters. At this point in time school will be open as per usual this week, however we will need to make slight changes to our teaching program in response to staff shortages. We thank you in advance for your understanding of this. We will have more information to share in the coming days as the situations in Kerang, Echuca and Koondrook/Barham become more clear.

Last Friday (pupil free day) staff had a productive day learning different ways to take lessons from 'surface' to 'deep' to 'transfer' learning. Basically how we can design learning that provides opportunities for deeper thinking and ensures what is learnt is retained.

This week we have a Parents and Friends committee meeting tonight (Monday 17th Oct) at 6:30pm, on Wednesday there is a Parent Information Night for our Sacramental learners at 6:00pm and on Friday we welcome our 2023 Prep learners for their first transition morning. Please remember Grandparents Day is next Friday 28th October and we hope to see many happy faces at school then.

Thank you for your understanding with the school canteen. It looks great and is almost ready to go! Leasa is hoping to be cooking away on Wednesday - but we will let you know as soon as we know if this is happening.

Take care, stay safe and have a wonderful week.

*Jarrod Mullavey (Principal)*



## DATES AHEAD

- Monday 17/10 - P&F meeting 6:30pm
- Wednesday 19/11 - Reconciliation Parent Info Night @ 6pm
- Friday 21/10 - Prep Transition Day #1



St Mary's is a Child Safe School.

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

## A PRAYER

### A Prayer for those coping with floods

God of compassion,  
you hear the cries of all who are in trouble or distress;  
accept our prayers for those whose lives are affected  
by storms and flooding:  
strengthen them in their hour of need,  
grant them perseverance and courage to face the  
future  
and be to them a firm foundation on which to build  
their lives;  
this we ask through Jesus Christ our Lord.

### 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](mailto:dental@rfdsvic.com.au).

## Junior School Team

The Prep - Year 2 learners are exploring procedural texts. They have identified the features of a procedural text, being a title, goal, materials, steps and diagrams. To encourage your child at home to read procedural texts, look at recipes or write the steps to make something of their choice eg. make my bed, brush my teeth. Encourage your learners to use the words first, second, then, next and finally.

We are exploring statistics and probability throughout Maths. The Prep - Year 2 learners are posing questions, collecting data and graphing it accordingly.

We have finished our pre assessments, and collected our wonderings around our Inquiry topic 'What is Matter?' The learners are looking forward to getting their hands dirty when experimenting.  
TIP TIME: When reading with your children, take it in turns reading a page each to model fluency and breaking up words.



## Senior School Team

This week in writing the Year 5/6 's are learning about the features of Cinquain and Diamante Poems, after writing their own Haiku's last week. See if your child can recall some of the features and structure of a Haiku poem; they wrote some beautiful examples last week. The Year 3/4 's are beginning to write their own explanations about a topic of their choice.

In maths, the Year 3/4 's are continuing to learn about fractions; creating them and exploring fractions that are equivalent. The Year 5/6 's are strengthening their understanding of division, angles and shape.

In Reading we are continuing to make connections to texts and further our understanding of the different states of matter, as well as using inference to answer questions.

Year 3/4 R.E is all about forgiveness, and we wish those learners well who are beginning their Reconciliation Sacrament this week. Year 5/6 's are making connections between Sacred Stories from the Bible and Dreamtime stories.

In Inquiry we are all looking forward to investigating and conducting experiments around the different states of matter.

Our thoughts and prayers are with those affected by flooding around the state at this time.





# The Term Ahead - Term 4 - 2022



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

- 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