



St Mary's Newsletter

TERM 4, WEEK 6 - IT'S NOVEMBER!

It is Week 6 and the school looks very different from last week. We finally had the lawns mowed after weeks of false starts with wet weather, the old decommissioned toilet block is no more and the school canteen transformation is almost complete! (We are still unsure when the canteen will reopen as we tick the final health and safety boxes).

As I look through the list of school events we have between now and the end of the school year, I am excited about the experiences that lay ahead for our learners. I have updated the Term 4 Term Ahead document again - please take note of Learning Conversations which will take place on Wednesday 7th December (Week 10). Also be aware that these learning conversations will begin at 9am and conclude at 4pm. We will trial this new timing and welcome any feedback.

We have another busy week ahead, with Leitchville Kinder visiting tomorrow (Tuesday), the Sacrament of Reconciliation at 6pm on Wednesday night, Yr 2 Camp on Thursday/Friday and 2023 Prep orientation on Friday. Also, don't forget that Grandparent's day is Friday week (18th November).

It is with mixed emotions that we announce some staff changes for next year. Adelia Muldoon, Sarah Toll, Tamara Brereton and Tammy McGillivray will all move on to St Mary's Echuca at the beginning of the 2023 school year and I am thrilled for them. We have been blessed to have each of these high quality people at our school. They will be greatly missed and will be real assets at Echuca. I will say more about each of these teachers and staff members at a later point, however their appointments will be announced in Echuca this week, and we wanted to let our community know ahead of time.

I am excited to announce that we will have new staff members join our team next year. Again, I will say more about these appointments at a later stage and introduce these people more formally, however I am thrilled with the appointment of Zoe Dennis (teacher) and looking forward to welcoming back Meaghan Lamb and Chloe Adams from maternity leave. I will have further announcements in the coming weeks regarding staffing additions to our school.

I hope everyone is enjoying the sunshine and dodging the mozzies!

Jarrod Mullavey (Principal)



DATES AHEAD

- Tuesday 8/11 - Leitchville Kinder visit
- Wednesday 9/11 - Sacrament of Reconciliation @ 6pm
- Thursday 11/Friday 12 - Yr2 Camp
- Friday 11/11 - Jarrod out - Principal's Network
- Friday 11/10 - Prep Transition Day #4



St Mary's is a Child Safe School.

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

A PRAYER

We pray for the Learners who will be celebrating the Sacrament of Reconciliation on Wednesday 9th November: Nina Reid, Dan Murray, Seth Hogan, Ayla Wishart and Deacon Wishart.

Loving God

Help us to teach our children

That you love us all totally and unconditionally.

Guide us to model for them

How to grow in love each day.

May we lead by example,

In our words and actions

Showing kindness and forgiveness

And teaching the value of a genuine 'I'm sorry'

You always forgive.

May we, as parents of our precious children

Be always ready to forgive and to offer a fresh start.

Remind us to pray with our children

And to share our faith with them as we journey together.

We ask this through Christ our Lord

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.



A Prayer for Remembrance

Ever-living God,
We remember those whom you have gathered from the storm of war into the peace of your presence; may that same peace calm our fears, bring justice to all peoples and establish harmony among the nations, through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

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

Holey Moley! We are halfway through the term, and there is so much exciting learning happening in the junior school.

The Prep - Year 2 learners are loving the opportunity to become scientists in investigating states of matter. They are confident in describing the differences between solids, liquids and gases and can even demonstrate how the molecules behave.

The junior school are coming to the end of their procedural texts unit, where the learners are finishing up their final copy. The Preps have written their own magic spells that they can't wait to share.

The Year 2s are very excited about their upcoming camp happening this week. They can't wait for their sleepover at school, and are so excited to see what Miss B, Miss Adelia, Ms Edge and Mrs Mullavey have planned for them.

Senior School Team

Wow, it is hard to believe that we are halfway through Term 4, with lots coming up to make the end of the year arrive very quickly.

In the classrooms, the senior learners have been exploring all things matter in Inquiry- including investigating what particles are and what changes they go through when heating and cooling is applied. The learners are nearly ready to begin their own choice of Inquiry experiment that demonstrates the changes between matter. In reading, the Year 3/4 learners are continuing to make inferences when reading different texts, and the Year 5/6 's are making connections and finding evidence within the text to justify these connections.

For maths, the Year 6's are learning about BODMAS and data collection, the Year 5's are strengthening their understanding of the properties of shapes, and the Year 3/4 's are continuing to build their knowledge of fractions on a number line.

The Year 6's are continuing to prepare their memories for their Graduation at the end of the year; they are excitedly going through photos of their years at St. Mary's, bringing up some great memories for them.



MACKILLOP ART EXHIBITION

L-R: Kookaburra, Jason Kelly, Yr 5 and Budgerigar, Bella Cui, Yr 5, St Therese's PS Kennington - 2021 Winners General: Primary Group Art Award (P-6)

OPENING AND AWARDS CEREMONY
Fri 11 November 2022
Remembrance Day 🇺🇲
6pm - 8pm
Sacred Heart Cathedral Bendigo
Booking: trybooking.com/BXFWG
(or scan QR code)
Livestream: links.poweray.com.au/ciy

OPEN FOR VIEWING
11-27 November 2022
Open Wed-Sat | 10am - 4pm
Poppies: extracted from WWI, Ashton Commission, Yr 5, St Mary's PS Mooropina

ENQUIRIES
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ONLINE
From Mon 14 November 2022
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VOTE FOR PEOPLE'S CHOICE AWARDS
until Sun 27 November 2022

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Come and join Swan Hill's all female cricket competition.
PLAYING ON WEDNESDAY NIGHTS IN SWAN HILL
FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT ALAN ON 0459 803 194

Remembrance Day



Please note there will be poppies, pens, badges and wristbands available from the office from Tuesday 8th November from as little as \$1.00.

The Term Ahead - Term 4 - 2022



Week	Dates & Items
6	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Tuesday 8/11 - Leitchville Kinder visit Wednesday 9/11 - Sacrament of Reconciliation @ 6pm Thursday 11/Friday 12 - Yr2 Camp 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 18/11 - Grandparent's day Friday 18/11 - 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) Welcome Daisy McGlone (work experience week) Tuesday 6/12 - Community Step Up Day Tuesday 6/12 - CSC transition session 9am-1pm Tuesday 6/12 - Prep Transition Day #8 Wednesday 7/12 - Learning Conversations (9am-4pm) 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
11	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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

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