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St Mary's Newsletter

TERM 4, WEEK 7 - BRING ON THE SUNSHINE!

Week 7 is here, and just when I thought the weather had turned to warm, sunny days - we get yet another downpour of solid rain!! Hopefully we get a run of sunshine soon. Week 7 can traditionally be a tough week for learners (and staff), as it's well into the term but not yet close enough to holidays to start counting down! Take care of yourselves and your family during this time.

We had a busy week last week. A huge thank you to Tamara, Georgia, Leasa and Adelia for organising and participating in last week's Yr 2 Sleepover. It was great to spend some time with these learners and I know everyone involved had a wonderful time.

Last Tuesday we were treated to a visit from the Leitchville Kinder four year olds! Thank you to Graecen for providing a wonderful experience for these youngsters - many of whom will join us in Prep next year!

Congratulations to Dan, Nina, Seth, Ayla and Miss Toll who received the Sacrament of Reconciliation last Wednesday night. Thank you to Adelia, Meg, Marie and Julianne for preparing our learners so thoroughly. Once again, thank you to Fr Dean for making the mass so reverent and relevant.

On Friday our Yr 6 learners attended the local Remembrance Day celebration in Memorial Park. Well done especially to Noah and Millah who read a prayer and Matilda who represented the school in laying a wreath.

Last night (Monday night) we had our final School Advisory Council meeting for the year. These gatherings are a valuable way that staff and parents can work together for the benefit of our children. Please make contact if you would like to join this group in 2023.

And finally, I am delighted to announce that Leiza Mathers will join the St Mary's staff in 2023! Leiza is a qualified School Chaplain and will also provide learning support in classrooms. She will be an absolute asset for our school community with skills in speech and language, behavioural support, cued articulation, brain gym just to name a few things. She is also a wonderful human being and I am excited about the impact she will have on our school.

Take care and I hope to see many happy faces at Friday's Grandparent's Day celebration!

Jarrod Mullavey (Principal)



DATES AHEAD

- 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



A PRAYER

Prayer for Grandparents

Loving God,

Bless all our grandparents, those with us here today, those who cannot be with us and those who have gone to be with you. May they heed your call to share their wisdom and faith with us. May they have courage and confidence to hand on your gifts of experience and knowledge of stories, songs and memories. May they continue to learn and grow with us day by day. Bless them.

Amen.

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

Canteen

Please note: If you child is absent and has a canteen order placed, please contact the school before 11am on the day so we can cancel this order.

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Our focus for the start of Term 3 is :-

Looking after your own belongings.



Sacrament of Reconciliation



Congratulations to the following who celebrated their Sacrament of Reconciliation last week:

Seth Hogan Ayla Wishart Dan Murray Nina Reid

Deacon Wishart

Jack Grills 16/9 Jasmine Keating 17/9 Lola McGlone 19/9 Macey Pollock 2/10 Jensen Fountain 3/10 Anna Borkowski 4/10 Connor Bishop 7/10 Jennifer Horvath 7/10 Kaden Hollingworth 16/10 Zarah Crichton 17/10 Charlie Hauser 17/10

- Beau Appleby 21/10
- Oskar Hayes 30/10
- Ella Jones 8/11
- Adelyne Kingma 9/11
- Elsie Lucas 15/11

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.

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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

Little budding scientists were exploring the various states of matter last week. Experiments that included making plastic from milk and vinegar to predicting what liquids might freeze were both very informative and fun. Further experiments this week will have all of our learners completing lab reports, collaborating, researching and hypothesizing.

As we draw closer to the end of the year we begin to focus on Advent and the true meaning of Christmas. Learners will explore the various symbols, traditions and colours of the festive season.

After completing our learning in Statistics and Probability where the learners gathered data and created graphs they are now investigating 'hefting' in Prep and fractions in Yr 1/2.





Senior School Team

Check out what we have been learning in the Senior classes!

Year 3/4

Reading: identifying the punctuation in texts and the importance it has when reading.

Writing: continuing to write our explanation texts on our chosen topic.

Maths: building on our understanding of money.

Inquiry: participating in a range of experiments that show the changes in gas and being able to see gas.

Religion: sharing our new knowledge of Reconciliation by writing a story that shows forgiveness.

The Year 3/4 camp is coming up quickly, and it looks like there are some excellent activities planned! We know that it will be a great time away.

Year 5/6

Reading: Continuing to build our understanding of a text response. Learning to locate evidence in a text that answers a question.

Writing: Learning to locate evidence in a text and write it as either a quote or paraphrase.

Maths: Building an understanding of vocabulary of mass, location and transformation. Understanding and following the order of BODMAS to solve problems.

Inquiry: Completing experiments and exploring the different states of matter. RE: completing pre assessment on their knowledge of Feasts of the Christmas Season.



Year 2 camp!

So much fun was had last Thursday and Friday on the Year 2 Camp!

It all started with us working together in teams for a Treasure Hunt around the school followed by a yummy dinner then a movie with popcorn and ice cream. The teachers let us stay up until 8.30pm!

The next day, we were up early to pack up our beds and make our breakfast and lunches. We started our day of activities with a Yoga Session at Cohuna Health Balance followed by a Gymnastics session at the Scout Hall with Palmer's Gym Bendigo. We enjoyed our lunch at Apex park with a spot of fishing and a play on the playground. The teachers had one last surprise for us before making our way back to school to share our amazing stories, an lcecream!

A big thank you to our teachers, Miss B, Mrs Mullavey, Ms Adelia, Ms Edge and Mr Mullavey for a fantastic school camp!



The Term Ahead - Term 4 - 2022 Dates & Items Week 6 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 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 Monday 21/11 - Wednesday 23/11 - Gr3/4 Camp Kyenton 8 Monday 21/11 - P&F Meeting @ 6:30pm Friday 25/11 - Prep Transition Day #6 P-6 Swimming lessons (all week) 9 ٠ Friday 2/12 - Prep Transition Day #7 10 P-6 Swimming lessons (Monday, Wednesday & Thursday) ٠ 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 Tuesday 13/12 - Grade 6 Graduation Dinner (Bower Tavern) 11 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