



St Mary's Newsletter

TERM 4, WEEK 4 - RAIN, RAIN GO AWAY ...

It looks like we've got another wet week ahead of us, and my thoughts and prayers are with those in our community affected by the flooding in our area. We still have staff caring for their loved ones and homes in Echuca and Kerang (and surrounding areas) and are unable to make it into work. Thank you for understanding that we are doing the best we can to support our learner's wellbeing and academic needs. This has meant combined grades at times, postponing meetings and cutting back on extra curricular activities for the time being as we focus on what we can do here at school.

I'd like to take this opportunity to publicly thank our amazing staff who have been able to make it into school and are going above and beyond to support our children. These teachers, aides and office staff are doing extra duties, caring and supporting learners and putting the needs of others before themselves. And never once has there been a complaint!

This week, Georgia Donat (CES Ltd Speech) will be in on Tuesday and Grade 6 transition to the high school will go ahead on Thursday (at this stage), however we have postponed Grandparent's day until 18th November (Week 7) when hopefully more grandparents can make it in.

The school canteen will be completed this week, however 'head chef' Leasa is needed in class to support the learners, so the canteen will not operate this week.

I hope everyone has a great week and we get to the Melbourne Cup long weekend safe and dry. If you need some support (or someone you know does) during these challenging times, please reach out. We have a freezer chock full of frozen pies just waiting to be eaten, and I'm only a phone call away if you require some school fee relief.

Take care and stay safe.

Jarrod Mullavey (Principal)



DATES AHEAD

- Tuesday 25/10 - Georgia Donat (Speech) in
- Thursday 27/10 - Yr 6 CSC transition session 9am-1pm
- Friday 28/10 - Grandparent's day - POSTPONED
- Friday 28/10 - Prep Transition Day #2



St Mary's is a Child Safe School.

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

A PRAYER

Loving God,

Fill those most affected by the floods with a sense of hope and promise in the midst of loss and grief.

Bolster those assisting, with strength, kindness and patience.

Offer our staff and students all the help, assurance and resilience they need to see these distressing times through.

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.

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Our focus for the start of Term 3 is :-

Looking after your own belongings.



Flying Doctor School Dental Program

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.



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 Prep & Yr 1/2 have been busy collaborating together through our Inquiry learning

“What is Matter?” Our focus on the different stages of matter is gradually developing as we explore what does a solid, liquid and gas look like, feel like and sound like.

We look forward to experimenting with different types of matter.

In Religious Education, our learners are focusing on the Sacrament of Reconciliation. We have been discussing good and bad choices and how we can forgive others as well as being forgiven.

We have had such an awesome week that we ran out of RRR's. There are so many 'High 5 Rainbow Hands' (RRR's) being recognised, we look forward to the coming week to share even more exciting learning.

Senior School Team

The Year 5's and 6's had a great week learning together last week, thanks to each and every one of you for showing respect towards others and your learning.

In maths, the Year 5's explored angles in the school yard, and the Year 6's consolidated their understanding of how to use a protractor by teaching the Year 5 learners. We have also had a focus on times tables, and how knowing these helps us in other areas of our maths. Remember that times tables practice is a part of the expected home learning each night. The Year 3/4's have been busy comparing and converting fractions.

In writing 5/6's have been exploring Cinquain, Diamante and Quatrain poetry, and using the correct structure to publish their own. At the end of this week they will begin to learn about and write their own text responses. Writing in Year 3/4 has seen them continuing to plan and write an explanation text about their chosen topic.

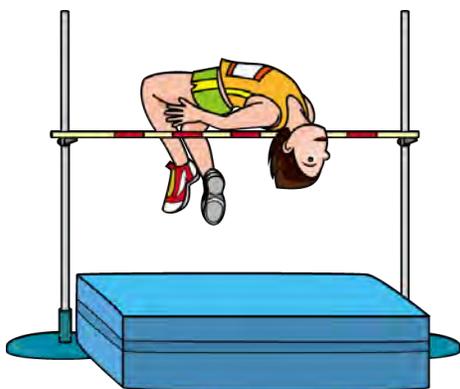
In R.E, the Year 5/6's are still learning about Sacred Stories in the Bible and making simple connections to these in their own lives, while the 3/4's are learning about the 4 steps to Reconciliation.

For Inquiry we have all been breaking apart the essential questions. The Year 5/6's have been learning about how matter, particles, atoms and molecules are related, and how these react within the different states of matter, as well as understanding the properties of an object and why they matter.

Regional District Athletics in Bendigo

Congratulations to Zarah Cricton and Kaden Hollingworth who represented our school and District in Bendigo on Monday 10th October. Zarah placed 4th in her age group in the event of Discus and Kaden placed 5th in his event of High Jump.

An amazing effort by both learners and thank you to Kaden and Zarah's families for supporting them on this day.



The Term Ahead - Term 4 - 2022



| Week | Dates & Items |
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| 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 |
| 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 - POSTPONED |
| 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 18/11 - Prep Transition Day #5 & GRANDPARENTS DAY |
| 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