

St. Mary's Primary School Newsletter

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Newsletter No: 6

Term: 2 - Week: 2

School Notices

Yard Supervision:

Morning: 8:30 - 8:55am

Afternoon: 3:20 - 3:35pm

Bell Times:

School Begins 8:55am

Recess: 11:10-11:30am

Lunch: 1:30 - 2:20pm

Finish: 3:20pm

Student Absences:

Please phone the office by 9:00am if your child will not be at school on 57 521808.

Or mark absence on PAM.



Term 2

Wednesday 26th April

Term 3

Monday 10th July

Friday 15th September

Term 4

Monday 30th September

Wednesday 20th

December

MASS TIMES

Myrtleford

Saturday @ 6:00pm

Sunday @ 9:00am

Bright

Sunday @ 11:00am

St Patricks Whorouly

Last Sunday of the

Month @ 5:00pm



Click on the link

Lord, as we prepare for the coming of a new Term, make us ready, attentive and available to hear you. Thank You for the gift of being able to rise each day with the assurance that You walk through it with us. Thank You for the gifts of creativity and uniqueness, and the energy to put them to good use.

The weather has turned cold very quickly. Thankfully the weather during the holidays was mostly warm and sunny. Many children are coming to school without jumpers, they just do not seem to feel the cold, but it might be wise to pack jumpers in their bags just in case. Please ensure that all jumpers are clearly named, as we have a big pile of lost jumpers in the office. Feel free to come and check if any belong to your child.

COVID AND OTHER ILLNESS

The cold also seems to have brought sickness with it. Jo Bennett, Adam Davis and Anna Millar have been out with sickness. COVID is going around again! We still have many COVID tests available in the office. If you need a packet, please contact the office and we can pass it on to your family. If your child has COVID it is best to stay home to try and avoid passing it on to others. If a family member has COVID and your children are negative they are still able to be at school, a mask being advisable.

SWIMMING SUCCESS!

Congratulations to the 9 students from St Mary's who represented our school at the School Sport Victoria State Swimming Championships on Friday 28th April at Melbourne Sports & Aquatic Centre. For our small school to have such a large contingent of students at a State level championships is quite remarkable and we are all very proud.

All the students swam really well and there were lots of personal bests and some podium finishes! Congratulations everyone on these terrific results:

- * Girls 9-13 years medley relay- Daisy Howell, Alexis McGuffie, Arabella Chapman, Milla Corcoran 3rd Bronze medal!
- * Mixed 11 years freestyle relay - Hunter Szaraszek, Willow Szaraszek, Mitch McMasters, Arabella Chapman 5th
- * Mia McGuffie - Girls 9/10 years 50m freestyle 8th
- * Claye Corcoran - Boys 9/10 years 50m breaststroke 6th
- * Arabella Chapman - Girls 11 years 50m butterfly 3rd Bronze medal!
- * Girls 12 years 50m butterfly - Milla Corcoran - 8th

Go St Mary's!!!



St Mary's Primary is committed to students experiencing a sense of inclusion that is respectful of their giftedness, abilities, culture and contexts. Our student's experience learning and teaching in a child safe environment that is engaging and liberating.

Gab Jackson is off to Europe next week (Wednesday) and Leigh and myself will be teaching her class for the six weeks while Gab is away enjoying her well-deserved long service leave. Normally we would get an emergency teacher to fulfill this role, but this has proved to be impossible as I have not been able to get a teacher. While this makes it a little difficult for Leigh and myself, it also has huge benefits. We get to sharpen our skills in teaching that we as a staff have been working on in our professional development. It is also great to be with the students.

Thank you to all the children that came along to the ANZAC Day march and represented our school. Special thanks to the choir and Rachel Campbell. An amazing job singing with only six members of the choir. Thank you.

Children from Year 3 to 6 attended an incursion that had the theme around ANZAC mateship and the important role of first nations in the World War 1, last Friday at EMPAC.

Please save the date Friday 8th May, as we will be celebrating our mums, grandmothers and carers. Breakfast will be held at school in the McMahon Centre starting at 8am. We will draw the raffle at the end of breakfast. Children will be provided with cereal and mums will have Devonshire tea.

Apologies for cancelling the School Board meeting. The meeting is rescheduled for Wednesday 10th May 7pm until 8pm. As yet, I have had no takers to join the Board. I look forward to hearing from parents during the next week!!

Dr Michael Carr-Gregg, one of Australia's highest profile child and adolescent psychologists is presenting at EMPAC on the 18th May. This will be highly attended and requires parents to book on the NESAY website-<http://nesay.com.au/upcoming-events>. Dr Michael Carr-Gregg wrote his PhD at the University of NSW on adolescents with cancer and named and founded CanTeen more than 30 years ago with a group of young cancer patients. He has worked as an Associate Professor at the Centre for Adolescent Health and Managing Director of the Young and Well Cooperative Research Centre and is currently the Federal Government's representative on the Board of the Australian Children's Television Foundation. He is an author of 14 books and for the last 14 years has been the expert on Channel 7's Sunrise.

As a parent, grandparent or significant adult to a child or young person, do you want to know more, learn new strategies and hear of the research from an expert in the field?

These sessions have been designed for any community member who wants to learn and hear of Dr Carr-Greggs insights on how we can support our young people and strengthen our family connections, through discussing:

- Managing wellbeing
- Managing technology
- Communicating with adolescents
- Dealing with anxiety

These events are provided at no cost through funding received by Emergency Recovery Victoria. Doors open with light refreshments provided at 5:45pm, with each session to commence at 6:30pm and close at 7:30pm. The meeting will be held at EMPAC.

SIGNING YOUR CHILD IN & OUT & LATE TO SCHOOL PROCESS

All Children who arrive at school after 8:55am or leave school before 3:20pm MUST be signed in/out at the office.

If for any reason, you need to take your child out of school during school hours, please come to the office to sign your child out.

If your child is absent from school for any reason, it is vital that you notify the school prior to 9am, giving the reason for the absence e.g. If your child is sick, attending an appointment, family holiday etc.

- Mark absence on PAM.
- Send a note with your child on their return to school, or beforehand if you know in advance
- School answering machine is on out of hours, so you can leave a message 57521808

Why attendance matters

When your child misses school they miss important opportunities to:

-  Learn
-  Make friends
-  Build skills through fun



Days missed = years lost

A day here and there doesn't seem like much, but...

<p>When your child misses just...</p> <p>1 day per fortnight</p> <p>  </p>	<p>they miss weeks per year</p> <p>4 weeks</p> <p>  </p>	<p>and years over their school life</p> <p>Over 1 year missed</p>
<p>1 day per week</p> <p>  </p>	<p>8 weeks</p> <p>  </p>	<p>Over 2.5 years missed</p>

ANZAC DAY

Congratulations to our small but mighty choir who sang so beautifully on ANZAC Day. Thank you to members who were able to make it on the day, tricky at the end of the holidays.

They sang so well, I was so proud of them. It was a huge crowd in attendance for a beautiful service.

Thank you to Lila Murray and Milla Corcoran for laying the wreath for St Mary's Primary School.

Mrs Campbell (Music Teacher)



CHILD SAFE STANDARDS

You can access information about the Child Safe Standards and St. Mary's commitment to the implementation of these standards, including resources, policies, procedures and links, via the school website (www.smmyleford.catholic.edu.au).

SCHOOL NEWS

DATES TO REMEMBER

MAY

Friday 12 th	Mothers Day Breakfast 8am in the McMahon Center
Monday 15 th	Cross Country 9am - 9/10 Year Boys/Girls 9:30am - 11 Year Boys/Girls 10am - 12/13 Year Boys/Girls
Monday 15 th	Assembly EMPAC 2:30pm
Tuesday 23 rd	Reconciliation 6.30pm
Monday 29 th	Assembly EMPAC 2:30pm

JUNE

Wednesday 7 th	O & M Division Cross-Country Wangaratta
Monday 12 th	Public Holiday Queens Birthday
Friday 16 th	Hume Region Cross-Country Benalla
Wednesday 21 st	O & M Division Winter Sports Wangaratta
Thursday 22 nd	Whole School Mass 9:30am
Friday 23 rd	Last Day of Term 2 - 2:20pm Finish

STUDENTS OF THE WEEK



POSITIVE BEHAVIOUR AWARD



BIRTHDAYS



Welcome back to Term 2! The children have returned settled and ready for learning, which has been fantastic.

Now that the weather is cool in the mornings but often warmer during the days, we need your help to ensure your child's jumper is clearly labelled. Please see us if you have any issues.

We will be attending our annual JLC Autumn Walk this Friday, 5th May. We will be leaving after recess, walking to Rotary Park (while enjoying the trees along the way!). Once there, we will have a play and lunch before heading back. Please ensure you have signed the permission form in PAM if you haven't done so already. Students will need to wear their sport uniform and bring only their food and drinks on the walk.

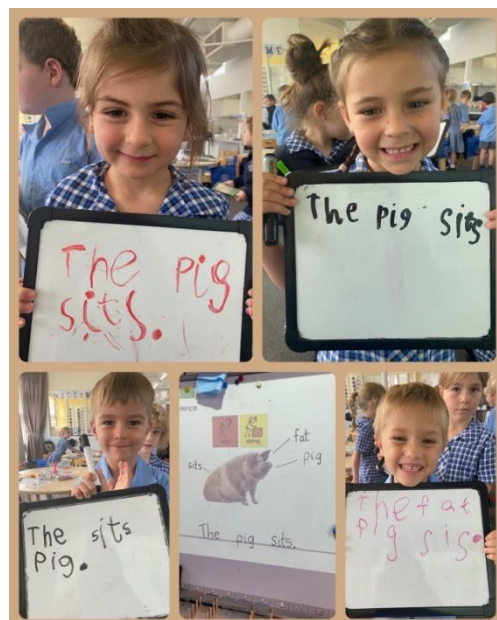
FOUNDATION

It's exciting days in Foundation as the students have now learned all of the consonant and short vowel sounds. The amount of words we are blending together is amazing! Students will continue to be sent home with the paper decodable books and a list of words to read in their homework packs. As these words become easier, they can practise reading for both speed and accuracy.

In addition, we have a beautiful new library of colourful decodable books to choose from. They are encouraged to change this book daily, or as soon as they've read it. Yellow home readers will be checked on Friday, if you could please ensure it's in your child's bag.

Since Term 1, the Foundies have been learning about the structure of a sentence and that each one contains a who/what (NOUN) and a doing word (VERB). This week we combined our knowledge of writing words and sentence structure to write our own simple sentences!

In maths, we have been focussing on the numbers to 20, including the number formation, counting and making it with a range of materials.



YEAR 1

The holidays sounded terrific! We heard all about our holiday fun...losing teeth, scrapbooking, sleepovers, birthday parties, egg hunts, Anzac marching, playing in the mud, monster trucks and camping, not to mention baby kittens and expectant sheep! Each morning we have a short conversation amongst ourselves which is a good opportunity to use oral language skills and practise taking turns. In Literacy we started with 'The Big Write'. And wrote about the Sun.

In Maths we have done some revision on what we learned in Term 1. We will be learning about money and whole numbers early this term.

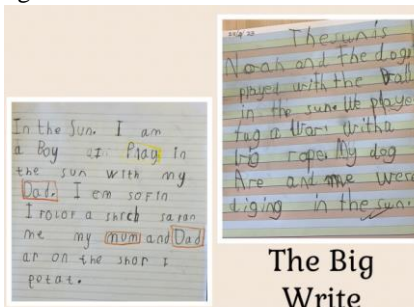
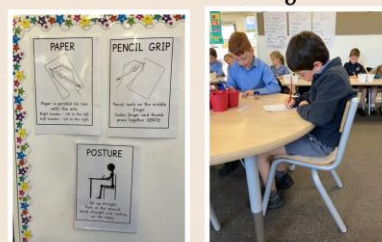
Week two's topic will be about a Star. These prompts link with our inquiry learning in LETI. Our spelling feature last week was the /ck/ spelling rule. The rule says: 'if the 'k' sound comes after a short vowel and at the end of a word, we use a /ck/'. Having a discussion at home about these spelling rules will help to reinforce your child's learning.

We continue to practise handwriting and letter formation as part of our daily literacy.

The letters we are revising this week are b / h / i / k / t / l.

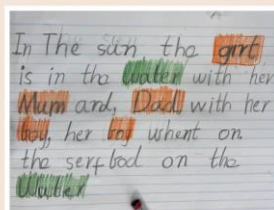
We will have a focus on 'the 3 P's'. **1. Pencil Grip. 2. Posture 3. Paper Positioning.** Some students have changed their chairs to smaller seats to accommodate for this. It is important to have a straight back and both feet flat on the floor when we write.

Hand Writing



The Big Write

Spelling



TERM 2 WELCOME

It's always great to see our students after a break and we are always amazed at how much they have grown! New haircuts, missing teeth, tales to tell...

It sounds like everyone has enjoyed their break and are ready for a great term ahead.

Myrtleford is looking absolutely beautiful with all the Autumn colours and we are also blessed to have such beautiful leaves at school. The children have enjoyed playing with them this week!



SWIMMERS

Congratulations to our classmates who went to School Sport Victoria State Swimming Championships in Melbourne last week to represent St Mary's in the swimming. This is an amazing achievement and opportunity to experience swimming at a higher level. Well done to Mia McGuffie and Claye Corcoran!

WELCOME BACK CAMIE

We'd like to welcome Camie and her family back to St Mary's. Camie was with us in Year 1/2 and has been attending school in Melbourne. It's lovely to see how well Camie has settled back into the classroom and it's like she never left.

ANZAC DAY

It seemed that quite a few families were able to make it to either the Dawn Service or the Day Service/March on ANZAC Day. On Friday, we watched a wonderful stage show called 'The Forgotten Warrior' by the Storey Players. It was about Peter Craigie, who was an Aboriginal Soldier who fought in World War One and travelled 1300 km to enlist. It was a side to ANZAC Day we rarely see, showing the hardships faced by Aboriginal soldiers who wanted to be treated and respected like everyone else. The show was held at EMPAC and we were joined by students from P-12 and Porepunkah Primary School.



SPELLING

You may be wondering where your child's Spelling List is this week?

After much thought and research, we are undertaking a new approach to the teaching of spelling this term, which aligns with our evidence based teaching practices.

Students will no longer be bringing a list home but will be learning new words at school and this will also include Morphology (the study of words and their parts) to help with their learning.

HOME READERS

Thank you to the families who are continuing to listen to their children read, completing the Green Home Reader books and returning them to school. We understand that many of the Year 3/4 students are able to read independently now, however the art of reading aloud is still required and we ask that you still make some time to listen to your children read aloud, as well as ensuring they read quietly.

UNIFORMS - SPORTS/WINTER

Next week, all students are expected to be dressed in full Winter uniform. Please ensure jumpers/jackets are clearly named as these are still being left on playgrounds. When they are clearly labelled, they are easier to give back to the students, when they are left on the playground.

MONDAY/THURSDAY - SPORTS UNIFORM

Mondays and Thursdays continue to be our Bluearth/Sport days. Sports uniforms are to be worn and water bottles are expected to be brought on these days.

LIBRARY DAYS - PLEASE BRING LIBRARY BAGS ON THESE DAYS

3/4 JH - Monday

3/4 AN - Friday

Have a good fortnight,

Julie, April, Anna and Lucia

SENIOR NEWS

Welcome back to Term 2. Following our busy Term 1 with lots of zone sporting activities, camp, NAPLAN, and photos we look forward to getting stuck into learning in a more structured way. We have finished up our Australian History topic and will begin to focus on our new topic of Places, Cultures and Environment Interconnection (Geography and Science). Much of our Literacy, reading and writing, will focus around this topic. In Religion we will be working on Creation stories. In Mathematics students will work on 24 hour time, timetables, the four operations and beginning with fractions and decimals.

TOUCH TYPING

This term the students will be practicing their touch typing skills using typing.com. The students are really challenging themselves to master typing without looking at the keyboard. Even though they are using iPads at present, they can use keyboards and will eventually use laptops and this will be an excellent life skill.

HOMEWORK

This term we will look at a slightly different format for homework. The students are still required to do at least 20 minutes reading at night, a math activity and then tasks that reinforce their learning and understanding from the week. These tasks may be to discuss a new concept they have learnt, a new Bluearth pose, or a way they can help out at home by doing things without being asked.

SPORT

Congratulations to our amazing sporting champs in the SLC - the dynamo swim team, and tennis players. Many of our kids have been busy playing in tournaments in basketball, netball, dragon boat racing and local netball, footy and soccer is on the go. Some kids do mountain bike and motorbike riding, karate or horse riding. Great to see so many getting active. This also means that they need to make sure they are organised for the day and have decided when is the best time to do their homework. Life skills.



BLUEARTH

This week in Bluearth we kept very active as the morning was fresh. The students played Everybody's It - elimination, Log, Bridge and Tree, and one of their favourites, Combat. We focus on full participation and self umpiring. Teigan will work with the students on the odd weeks. Students will still have Bluearth on Mondays and Sport on Fridays.



CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR STUDENTS OF THE WEEK

Chayse Coleman, Arabella Chapman and Violet McKeone.

Mrs Jackson will be away on LSL, Mrs Hancock and Mr Corcoran will teach the class, following the same curriculum.



MUSIC

The Senior unit presented their homemade instruments to the class this week. Students have learned about the different families of instruments and how they produce sound. The final project of this unit was to make their own musical instrument that is part of the woodwind, brass, string or percussion families. Well done students for some creative instruments.

Mrs Campbell



Have a great fortnight (I'll be thinking of you all as I travel around!)

Gab, Hannah and Ruth.

Book Club 3

The flyer for Book Club 3 went home on Tuesday. If you wish to order any books, orders need to be done on line or sent to the office by Friday 5th May. Thank you to families for supporting this fundraiser for our Library. All money raised from the sale of books goes back into purchasing new books for the library.

Lucia Southern



MOTHERS DAY RAFFLE

Raffle tickets went home Tuesday with the oldest in the family. Tickets need to be returned back to school by Thursday 11th May. Raffle will be drawn at the Mother's Day breakfast.



EASTER RAFFLE WINNERS

Thank you to all the families for supporting our Easter Raffle. We raised \$1177.20.



COMMUNITY NEWS

Community Seminar

BUILDING HAPPINESS & RESILIENCE IN YOUNG PEOPLE & THEIR FAMILIES



Guest Speaker
DR MICHAEL CARR-GREGG

Warragatta

THURSDAY
04-MAY-2023

Murrumbidgee

THURSDAY
18-MAY-2023

nesay.com.au/upcoming-events
(03) 5720 2201

Family Connections Through Art

CREATE AN ARTISTIC IMAGE OF YOUR FAMILY TREE WITH THE SUPPORT AND GUIDANCE OF LOCAL ARTIST *Lisa Bishop*

Warragatta

TUESDAY, 9TH MAY 2023

5:30PM
7:30PM

Murrumbidgee

TUESDAY, 16TH MAY 2023

5:30PM
7:30PM

PLACES ARE LIMITED, SO BOOK NOW & DON'T MISS OUT!
This is for young people aged 12-18yrs, & is parent, grandparent or other important adult in their life



LISA BISHOP

Rhythmic Drumming Together

Connect and have fun through African Drumming

Warragatta

Tuesday 23rd May 2023

5:30pm - 7:30pm

Murrumbidgee

Tuesday 6th June 2023

5:30pm - 7:30pm

This is for young people aged 12-18yrs, and a parent/grandparent or other important adult in their life
Places are limited, so book now & don't miss out!

All events are **FREE** - scan here for more:

