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St. Mary's School Newsletter



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We acknowledge and pay respect to the Jaara people as the original and ongoing custodians of the land we meet on.

We commit ourselves to actively work alongside Aboriginal people for reconciliation and justice.



"Be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other, just as in Christ, God forgave you" - Ephesians 4:32

Term 2 - Thursday 4th June 2020

Dear Parents, Families and Friends,

Whilst so much of the country's news has recently been consumed by the developments related to COVID 19, yesterday brought an end to another very important week in the lives of so many in our country - National Reconciliation Week. It is interesting to note that both of these events of 2020 share a common slogan - *"In This Together"*. Although in their individual contexts, this slogan meant different things, it highlights the importance of unity and a common care for the wellbeing of all.

At its heart, Reconciliation is about strengthening our relationships with others - relationships with our friends, family, community, country and our God. Reconciliation is a journey for all Australians, a journey in which we all have a part to play. We all need to strive for a more just and equitable nation, where everyone is treated with mutual respect and understanding. When we unite together to build this mutual respect and understanding, we shape a better future for generations to come.

Let's all take this journey together so that we all can benefit from the success of our country.

Marg

June	
Mon 8th	PUBLIC HOLIDAY Queens Birthday
Tues 9th	Assembly - 9am - Nano Nagle Awards - Home Reading acknowledgements
ASSEMBLY DETAILS As we are unable to have gatherings in our school at present, we have arranged to have this assembly recorded and it will be placed on the SMPS Families Facebook page on Tuesday.	
Fri 26th	Last Day of Term 2 2.30pm finish
July	
Mon 13th	First Day Term 3

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RE News & Prayer for the Week with Mrs Brohm

*Lord, we are companions on a
journey.
Only you, Dear Lord,
know the identity and depth of me.
You know my hurts and pains,
those frustrations I feel in this
land.*

*So please, I ask you take my hand
and comfort me.
Reconcile and guide me in justice
and in faith.
Lord, set me free
and let me be the servant I want to
be.*

*Lord, I thank you
for hearing and understanding me.
For Lord,
You are always on my mind
and on my lips and in my heart
And there's simply no other way
that it could be.*



Welcome Back Everyone!!

It was great to have everyone back to school this week! There were lots of smiling faces and chatter between friends. Whilst the last 9 weeks have been challenging on so many levels, it has also given us the opportunity to reflect upon what is really important to us all. Here at school, the kids are what is important to us.

I want to thank everyone for their contributions and efforts over this time.

To the staff....

for their commitment and dedication in providing engaging learning experiences for all students.

To Franceen....

for her support of families and students and tending to everyone's wellbeing,

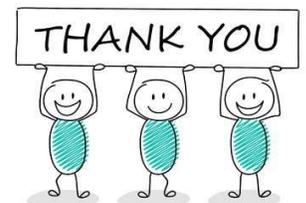
To the parents...

for facilitating and supporting the learning at home (and keeping everyone sane!)

And to the students...

for embracing home learning and finding skills that they never thought they had.

We will never take school for granted again!!



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A Reminder of Back to School Arrangements...

Social Distancing Measures

- Parents are asked to remain in cars when dropping off and picking up students each day at the front of the school.
- All visitors to the school will be restricted where possible. If you do need to come to the school, you will be asked to ring the office prior to entering.
- Students will be encouraged to play in and use the open spaces in our playground wisely.

Hygiene and Cleaning

- Everyone will be encouraged to use hand sanitiser and/or soap when exiting and entering all school buildings.
- School equipment will be cleaned on a daily, regular basis.
- ALL STUDENTS MUST BRING THEIR OWN WATER BOTTLE EVERY DAY
- Where possible, students will be using their own resources, which will reduce the sharing of pencils, scissors and glue sticks. This will apply to the P-2 student as well - resources will be provided by the school.
- Bus travellers will need to practise safe hygiene when getting on and off buses. All students will be allocated set seats to use each day.

Changes to School Practises

- There will be no assemblies, camps or events with any large gatherings until further notice.
- Students will receive a modified and adapted Semester 1 report. All parents will receive a letter with the changes outlined and explained in detail.
- At this point the following events have been currently placed 'on hold' until further information is available - Grade 3/4 Camp, Energy Breakthrough and our School Production.

Return of School Resources

Throughout the period of Home Learning, there were several different resources that were sent home. Some can be kept for revision of concepts at home but can you please ensure the following are returned to school when students come back:

- Laptops and iPads - WITH CHARGERS
- Headphones
- Readers / Reader Diaries
- Guided Reading Books
- Workbooks that students have been using for any written work.
- Pencil Cases (Grades 3-6)



Sport Days Reminders

P - 2: Tuesdays and Thursdays
3 - 6: Mondays and Thursdays

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Bus Shelter for Nora

Plans are going ahead for the construction of a bus shelter for Nora, our school bus. After much discussion at a School Board level, it was decided that the most accessible location for this shelter is at the front of the school, beside the brick classroom building. The driveway access will be extended to the end of the far end of the building. The design of the shelter will allow for light to still reach into the classrooms, whilst protecting the bus from weather. It is anticipated that the shed will be built during the coming school holidays.

End of Semester Reports

There is still an expectation that students will receive a written report this semester. However, there will be some changes to the usual format. Staff have been asked to comment on areas of the curriculum that have been taught and provide some indication of student progress in these areas. As a staff, we have decided that we will not be showing the progression of any learning standards this semester, but rather, providing a written description of what the students have achieved in each area. Reports will be available in Week 11 of Term 2.

New Take Home Readers

Over the coming weeks, you may notice some new readers appearing in your child's reading. During the time of Home Learning, we purchased about 200 new readers to top up our supplies. A lot of these readers were for the Senior grades but some have been placed in the Junior room as well. There are a lot of great non-fiction books with some very interesting topics! Happy reading!!

Reader Diaries

It is time for us all to get back into routine with our daily reading. Please make sure that your child is reading every night and that you are signing their reader diaries to indicate that this has been done. The teachers will be monitoring this very closely over the next few weeks.



School Photos

These were scheduled for early Term 2. With recent events, our school photos have now been booked for Monday 19th October. This was the first available date for the photographers.

Maintenance of School Grounds

Shane Maxwell will now be taking over the caretaking of our school grounds on an ongoing basis. I would like to thank Shane for undertaking this role since November last year, in a volunteer capacity, when Twinks became unwell. His support was very much appreciated. We will find an opportunity to formally thank Twinks for all that he has done for our school over many years, in the near future.

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Fun Times

Our Junior students have been enjoying playing in the autumn leaves this week and there are plenty of them!!!



Masses at St Mary's

With the recent easing of restrictions, we are now able to celebrate Mass at St Mary's with 20 people present. Although this makes things much easier, you will still need to book ahead if you would like to attend Mass and spots will be allocated.

We also are celebrating a Mass every Thursday morning at 9:15am. You are welcome to just turn up to this Mass, but we will need to record the names and contact details of everyone who is present.

For the time being, I will be the celebrant at the Masses.

I am looking forward to seeing more of you all as the restrictions continue to ease.

Fr. Stephen

PLEASE NOTE:
ALL MASSES ARE NOW
RESTRICTED TO 20
PEOPLE

MASS TIMES

St Peter's, Bridgewater

*1st Sunday of the Month,
8:00am*

St Mary's, Inglewood

*Thursday's
9.15am
Each other Sunday of the Month,
8:00am*





THANK
YOU

Catholic Education Sandhurst

would like to thank staff, students,
parents & guardians
for your support, hard work & commitment
to remote learning during
COVID-19 restrictions



Like Nano.....



Kiarah McEwan

Is a Person of Daring and Action.

In her life, Nano Nagle needed confidence to believe in her own abilities and to have faith in what she was trying to do.

Kiarah has returned to school with a renewed confidence in her own abilities, answering questions and offering ideas in class discussions.



Like Nano.....



Blake Smyth

Is a Person of Faith.

Nano Nagle was inspired to help others and often asked God for His guidance and support. During our morning prayer time together, Blake always contributes meaningful and inspirational prayers,

often with a focus on ways in which he can help others in our school community.



HAPPY
BIRTHDAY

June

8th ~ Tyler McEwan

15th ~ Finley Hodge

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YEAR 7 ENROLMENTS FOR 2021 ARE OPEN

Head to the website
for application forms,
virtual tours and information.

<http://www.marist.vic.edu.au/wp/enrolments/>

APPLICATIONS CLOSE FRIDAY, 19 JUNE 2020.

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DISCOVER YOUR WAY

WHERE ARE
YOU HEADING?



ENROLMENTS FOR YEAR 7, 2021

We welcome enrolments from all families in our region.
Enrolments for Year 7, 2021 close Friday 12 June, 2020.

VIEW PROSPECTUS | DOWNLOAD ENROLMENT FORM

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COLLEGE TOURS & ENQUIRIES

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