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St. Mary's School Newsletter

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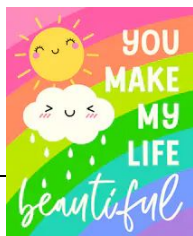
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We acknowledge and pay respect to the Jaara people as the original and ongoing custodians of the land we meet on.

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



"A sweet friendship refreshes the soul" - Proverbs 27:9

Term 2 - Thursday 21st May 2020

Dear Parents, Families and Friends,

After a very interesting journey over the past few weeks, the time has come for some of us to return to the classroom. In speaking with both students and parents, I could pretty much guarantee that all of our students are missing their friends the most. (As teachers, we are not taking this personally!!!) Friendship is an amazing thing, something that I'm sure none of us are going to take for granted again. Those incidental coffees, the school pick up chats and play dates (when we can do these things again) are going to be treasured and valued more than ever!

What is it about friends that make them so special? Friends can challenge us, confuse us and help us grow through each year of our lives. They teach us to be patient, understanding, wait our turn, reach out and try new things. Friends help us deal with stress and make better lifestyle choices that keep us strong. When we fall on hard times, friends are there to put things into perspective and help us. When we have success, they smile at our good fortune. We don't just live when we have good friends in our lives, we thrive.

So it's no wonder that the students are looking forward to seeing and spending time with their friends. If this is what friends can do, then I would want to be surrounded by them too.

Welcome back everyone!!

Marg

May

Mon 25th	PUPIL FREE DAY
Tue 26th	P/1/2 return to school 3 - 6 Home Learning National Sorry Day
Wed 27th	National Reconciliation Week

June

Mon 8th	PUBLIC HOLIDAY
Tue 9th	Gr 3-6 return to school
Fri 26th	Last Day of Term 2 2.30pm finish

Commencing next week,
ALL visitors will be asked to
ring the office before entering
school grounds.

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RE News & Prayer for the Week with Mrs Brohm

Prayer of Saint John Henry Newman

May the Lord support us all the day
long,
Til the shades lengthen and the
evening comes,
and the busy world is hushed,
and the fever of life is over,
and our work is done.
Then in his mercy
may he give us a safe lodging,
and holy rest,
and peace at the last.
AMEN

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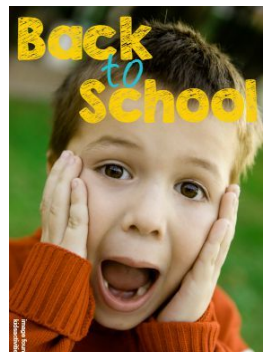
Back to School Arrangements

**With school returning to onsite learning over the coming weeks, the decision to return or not is a family one - we cannot make this decision for you. We will respect the decision you make, and we ask that you respect the guidelines that we have been asked to follow, which are outlined below.
Please ring me if you need clarification on any of these guidelines.**

Important Dates

- Monday 25th May - Pupil Free Day - Staff will be preparing for the return of students.
- All staff return to onsite working conditions.
- Tuesday 26th May - Students in Grades P-2 expected to return to onsite learning
- Students in Grades 3-6 continue learning remotely
- Tuesday 9th June - Students in Grades 3-6 expected to return to onsite learning

Once a grade level has been expected to return to onsite learning, schools are not expected to provide any learning for students of families who have chosen to not return. If your child does not attend school because you have chosen to keep them home, they will be marked 'absent' on our daily roll. Any families with medical conditions are asked to make contact with the school for alternative arrangements.



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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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Lunch Orders

Lunch orders will commence next Thursday, 28th May, for our P-2 students.

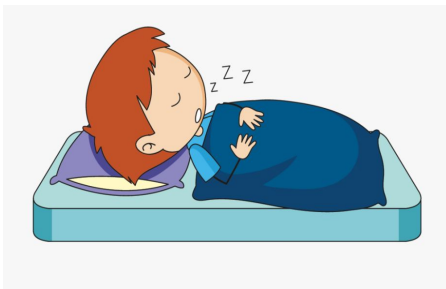
Masses Resuming at St Mary's Church

Now that some restrictions have been loosened, we are able to return to celebrating Mass at St Mary's Church, but only with 10 people in the congregation. This means we have had to create a roster and allocate places. If you would like to attend Mass, you need to let us know by either filling out our [online form](#) or contacting the parish office on 5446 8235, or email office@stmarysinglewood.org.au.

There will also be a weekday Mass every Thursday morning at 9:15am. Places will not be allocated for this Mass, but if you are planning to come, please let the parish know just in case we are getting close to the limit.

Social distancing conditions will still apply. There will be hand sanitiser available as you enter and leave the Church, and you will be asked to sit 2 metres apart. If you have any cold or flu-like symptoms please do not attend. People at particular risk may want to consider waiting longer before returning to Mass for your own safety.

Get those Sleep Routines Sorted!



It is really important that with the return to school drawing near, that your child is getting an adequate amount of sleep. Whether your child is in Prep or Year 6 they require between **9 to 11 hours** of uninterrupted sleep. Uninterrupted means no electronic devices, no Instagram, no Tic Tok, no Houseparty, no Facebook, no messages.

We are aware that some students have recently been going to bed at very late hours of the night, playing on computers or ipads and are therefore needing to sleep in the following morning. Over the past weeks staff members have received school related emails from our students as late as 10.35pm! Apart from the fact that emails at this time are not appropriate, it is time to really get this sleep routine underway so that your child/ren can be at school on time, awake, and ready to learn when they return.



The image on the right shows a sleep clock. The best way to use this clock is to work backwards. What time does my child need to be awake? Say it is somewhere between 7am-7.30am, the window on the left will show the approximate bedtime, in this case 8.30pm-9.00pm.

If you would like a copy of this Sleep Clock please let me know and I will send one to you.

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From the Convent Archives.....

A number of student stories from the early 1990's were found in the convent during a clean up. I am now in the process of contacting former students to reunite them with their stories.

(Right) **Former Student - Grant Jamieson** was very happy to receive the story he wrote back in 1994, titled 'Stephen Andrew in 1950'. *Beautifully handwritten too!* Thank you Grant for sending a photo through to us.





Like Nano.....

Xander Wilson

Is a Person of Daring and Action.
Nano Nagle was not someone who needed a lot of praise for what she did. She was happy, helping people and doing good deeds in her community.



Xander always works hard to hand all his tasks in, without looking for anything in return.



Happy Birthday!

May

29th ~ Olivia Morrison





Like Nano.....

Addison Martin

Is a Person of Compassion and Justice.
Nano loved those around her for who they were.

During her time at school during remote learning, Addy has worked and played with a variety of her peers. She always showed respect and care to Everyone.
Thanks Addy.



PLEASE NOTE:
ALL MASSES ARE NOW
RESTRICTED TO 10
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



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8 books, each 192 pp + slypces AGES 9+
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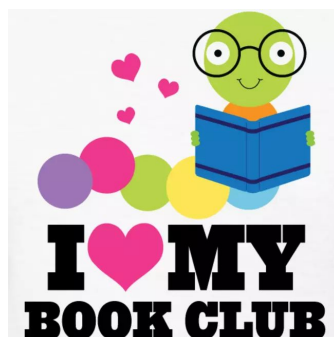
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THURSDAY 21 MAY at 7pm
ENROLMENTS CLOSE FRIDAY 5 JUNE

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DISCOVER YOUR WAY

WHERE ARE YOU HEADING?

VCE

TRAINING

APPRENTICESHIP

VCAL

iGEN

RE-GEN

UNIVERSITY

ENROL NOW

ENROLMENTS FOR YEAR 7, 2021

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

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