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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.



"God saw all that He had made and it was very good"
- Genesis 1:1, 31

Term 3 - Thursday 30th July 2020

Dear Parents, Families and Friends,

When I sat down at home to write this week's newsletter, I wanted to think about something other than our current climate. I'm not too sure about you but everytime I turn on the radio or the TV, there seems to be a COVID update. Whilst all of this information is extremely important and ignoring it won't make it go away, I just wanted to focus on something completely unrelated, just for a moment or two.

This Sunday is National Tree Day. This event was started in 1996 and is an opportunity for us to get our hands dirty and give a little back to the earth. Usually, on this day, thousands of people volunteer their time to care for the environment and, although we cannot gather together this year, I would encourage all families to take on this challenge with their own families. Believe it or not, it was earlier this year when we witnessed the devastating bushfires in NSW. So much of our beautiful wilderness was sacrificed. Take some time this weekend to plant a plant or two or tend your own veggie garden. It is the responsibility of all of us to work for the wellbeing of God's wonderful creation. What we do now is handed down to generations to come.

Take care,

Marg

July

Fri 31st	Virtual Dance Off with Hostel residents.
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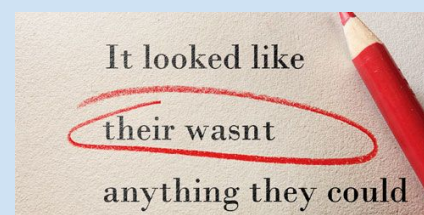
August

Mon 3rd	3 Way Chats
Mon 24th	School Advisory Board Meeting - 7pm

PUPIL FREE DAY

Friday 11th September

(Staff **WILL** be attending a virtual PD session on the analysis of writing in relation to the teaching of Spelling)



RE News & Prayer for the Week with Mrs Brohm

Today, let us make a covenant with this land.

*As new fruit can be grafted onto the branch of a mature tree,
May we wish to be grafted onto the ancient heritage, so that its
life may flow through us.*

*We commit ourselves to this land we live in and to all who
belong to it.*

*We will care for it with gentleness and patience, strength and
compassion,*

Rather than merely as something to be bought or sold.



We thank God – the Creator, Spirit, for all the earth provides.

- water, food and all the riches above and below the ground.

*As we enter more deeply into the Spirit of the land,
may we see it as a sacrament and icon of our Creator Spirit.*

Amen

COVID Updates

A big thank you to everyone for doing their part in the current circumstances. Whilst there was a bit of alarm over the weekend, we have had no indication of anyone in our school community being affected by this virus. We are continuing our processes to reduce the chance of transmission. These include using own resources, constant hand sanitising, bringing own drink bottles, midday cleaning of 'high touch' areas, full cleans of all areas every night, limited use of sports equipment, etc. I thank families for making responsible choices regarding keeping their children at home if they are feeling unwell and I encourage everyone to continue to communicate with me in regards to their family's wellbeing.

At present, it is not compulsory to wear a mask in our local area, however, it is up to individuals to make this decision and I will be supportive of any decision that you may make. Rest assured, I will always keep you all updated with any new developments.

How to stay healthy and avoid the spread of COVID-19



Use tissues and dispose immediately after use



Wash your hands regularly for 20 seconds



Stay home when sick



Avoid touching your face



Wipe high-touch surfaces often



Avoid close contact with others



Cover your mouth when coughing or sneezing

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3 Way Chats - Monday 3rd August

These will be quite different this year, with all chats being done via Google Meets, a platform that we all know how to use, thanks to Remote Learning. Confirmation of times and other relevant information were sent out yesterday to those who require these meetings.




Enrolments for 2021

With very limited opportunities for visitors to our school, including the kindergarten students, our best resource for promoting our school and sharing our learning with the wider community, is through social media. This term, I will be working with our Grade 6 student leaders to create some promotional material that we can put on our Facebook pages or in our local community. I know that they will have some creative and 'tech savvy' ideas to share.

Sport Days Reminders

P - 2: Tuesdays and Thursdays

3 - 6: Mondays and Thursdays




Reconciliation

CALLING FOR EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST
FOR THE

Sacrament of Reconciliation

If you have a child who has been baptised and you would like them to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation this year, please contact St. Mary's Primary School to register your details.
(Note: Students must be at least in Grade 2)

ST. MARY'S PRIMARY SCHOOL



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STEP INTO PREP!

We're excited to announce our program for children starting school in 2021 – 'Step into Prep'.

Commencing in Term 4, future Preps can join us each Monday from 9.30am to 11.30am.

Children will participate in classroom activities, meet new friends and become comfortable with the school environment.

Come and experience what St Mary's can offer your family.

We look forward to welcoming you into our school and community.



For more information contact Margaret Brohm (Principal) on 5438 3075.

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Like Nano.....

Mollie Terry Forsyth

Is a Person of Daring and Action.
If Nano Nagle wanted to do something, she
would do anything she could to achieve her
goal.
Mollie is working so hard at school to improve
her skills and it is certainly
showing!
Well done, Mollie!





PLEASE NOTE:
ALL MASSES ARE NOW
RESTRICTED TO 20
PEOPLE



Like Nano.....

Jimmy Rollinson

Is a Person of Community.
Nano Nagle encouraged everyone to be the
best they could be.
In the yard, it has been great to see Jimmy
persisting at tasks, even when they are
challenging and
encouraging others to
do the same.




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*



ST MARYS ICT

WHAT WE USE OUR IPADS FOR?

We have a new edition of technology at our school - we now have new 7th Generation Apple iPads! They can do most things computers can but we have found that the iPads are much more user friendly because they are a lot easier to carry, can load faster and are more creative.



WHAT WE USE OUR APPLE PENS FOR

With our new Apple iPads, we use Apple pens. They can be used to annotate and edit your work on the iPad. We have been using our Apple pens in art and also using them for drawing. The Apple pens have a lightning bolt charger nib at the end to connect up to the iPads so it can charge.



THANK YOU P&F

Thank you to the Parents and Friends for their contribution towards the purchase of our new iPads. The whole school says thank you for all that you have done for us. Thanks for your support.
From the students of St Mary's.



CREATED BY
GRADE 6 LEADERS

HALLE, BLAKE, REBEKAH
MADDY AND ADDY



ATTendance MATTERS

Tips for parents to help your child's attendance at school.

Talk to your child about how important their education is and how it will help them with their future ambitions. If they see that you value their education they too will see the value.

Always speak positively about teachers, school and education.

Don't give your child the choice of going to school, there is no choice, it is a legal requirement.

Set a good example yourself, show your children how you keep to your own commitments.

Make a technology cut off time at night, where technology is handed over to you at a nominated time each night and keep technology out of their bedrooms.

Make sure your children are getting enough sleep and waking in the morning with enough time to get dressed, have breakfast and brush their teeth. Rushed routines in the morning really won't help you or your child.

Get your child to pack their school bag and have their school uniform ready the night before.

Encourage them to take up hobbies that they enjoy such as different sports and clubs. This will help them develop positive relationships outside of school.

Encourage your child to walk to school with a friend.

Keep track of your child's absences from school, and always call the Office to notify us of your child's absence.



<p>10 days absence over the whole year</p> <p>95%-100%</p> <p>Good Attendance</p> <p>Good chance of success and progress</p>	<p>19 days absence over the whole year</p> <p>90%-95%</p> <p>Worrying</p> <p>Less chance of success Harder to make progress</p>	<p>29 days absence over the whole year</p> <p>Under 90%</p> <p>Serious Concern</p> <p>Detrimental to success and progress</p>
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