

Newsletter

Thursday February 20th, 2020

Term 1 Week 4

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DATES:

Term 1, 2020 Dates:

Tuesday February 25th –
Swimming Practice

Tuesday February 25th –
Shrove Tuesday

Wednesday February
26th – Ash Wednesday,
Mass at 12pm

Wednesday February
26th – Swimming
Practice

Thursday February 27th
– School Photos

Friday February 28th –
Swimming Carnival at
12.30pm, lunch
provided.

Vision Statement:

*St. Mary's community,
with Jesus as our
inspiration, aims to
educate and nurture the
development of the
whole child.*

**Mission Statement
focus this week:**

**Leadership &
Stewardship**

*Be educators, with a
clear sense of purpose
and direction, who work
collaboratively to deliver
quality outcomes for all
students.*

SWIMMING:

This year's swimming carnival will be held on
Friday February 28th from 12.30pm. Prior to this
day, students will be practising for the swimming
carnival on **Tuesday February 25th** and
Wednesday February 26th.

Students will require the following for
swimming each day:

- Bathers
- Swim Top
- Towel
- Thongs/Sandals
(to walk to & from the pool,
if available)



*Sunscreen will be provided by the school, but if you have
a preferred brand, you may send this with your child/ren.*

**A BBQ lunch will be provided FREE of charge
on the day of the Swimming Carnival.**

***If any families are able to help on the day,
could you please
contact the office on 54971116.***



SCHOOL PHOTOS:

School photos will be taken next Thursday, February 27th.
This week each student received a photo order envelope.
**These order envelopes need to be returned to school
even if you are not ordering photos.**

**Please make sure you are in
correct Summer school uniform,
including BLACK shoes.**

If you do not receive an envelope,
please contact the office.



***If you would like family photos, please call the office
for an order form.***

FAMILIES ELIGIBLE FOR A HEALTH CARE CARD:

Families are reminded to provide a copy of their Health Care Card to the Office to allow for the Family School Fee Discount to be noted on your Fee Statement. The Eligible family annual fee will be reduced to \$520.00.

HARMONY DAY:



On **Tuesday, March 17th** the school will celebrate **Harmony Day**.

The Theme of the week is **'Everyone Belongs'**.

St. Mary's Community is very blessed to have many different cultural backgrounds which greatly enrich our school.

Commencing after recess, students and staff will participate in games from different countries and conclude with everyone sharing lunch and celebrating the different foods that different cultures enjoy.

Any family who is able to prepare a meal from their culture to share at lunch time is asked to contact the Office.

Students and Staff are invited to wear clothes that represent their culture / National Dress of their culture. If preferred students and staff are invited to wear something **orange - the colour of Harmony Week.**

More information will follow in the coming weeks.

CHAPLAINCY AT ST. MARY'S IN 2020:

This year we are fortunate to have Mr. Corey Donnellon in the role of School Chaplain. Corey is at St. Mary's every Tuesday and Thursday in 2020. Corey is a previous student at St. Mary's and has worked in schools for some years now and is qualified to provide support through the Chaplaincy Program.

As the Chaplain, Corey's role is to support the educational, social and emotional wellbeing of St. Mary's students which includes working with staff and families as well as students.

Part of his role is being available in the school yard at both recess and lunch times. Students are free to discuss matters with him during this time or he is available to see students individually, if required.

If parents would like to discuss matters regarding their child/children with Corey, could you please contact the office for an appointment.



SCHOOL LEADERS SPEECHES 2020:

Monday morning, we were privileged to listen to the Grade 6 school leader's speeches from Cameron, Jaya, Ethan and Delilah.

All 4 students spoke extremely well and had put a lot of thought and effort into their presentations. It was wonderful to hear how proud each one is of St. Mary's School.

We wish them all a great year as our school leaders and know that they will lead by example.

Videos of the speeches will be available on the website.

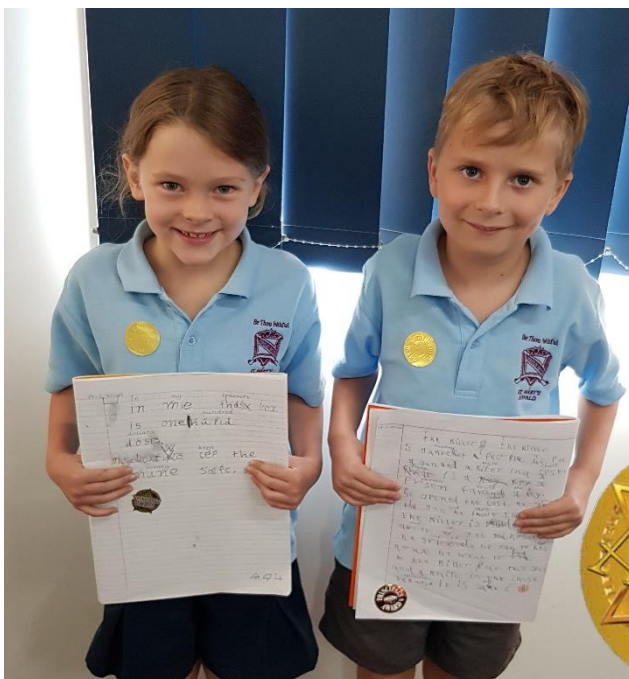


You're off to
GREAT
PLACES!
Today is your day!
Your
MOUNTAIN
is waiting
So... get on your
WAY!



PRINCIPAL'S AWARD:

These week's Principal's Award recipients were Nate & Evie. Well Done!



FOUNDATION STUDENT'S REST DAYS:

This year the Foundation students will have the following days off as rest days:

- Wednesday February 26th and
- Wednesday March 4th.

The Foundation students will commence full time school from Tuesday March 10th.

NEXT WEEK'S MERIT AWARD RECIPIENTS:

At assembly next **Monday, February 24th**, we will be acknowledging the following students:

- 🏆 Marnie
- 🏆 Nate
- 🏆 Skye
- 🏆 Nullah
- 🏆 Delilah
- 🏆 Shaine



We would like to invite all families and friends to attend our assemblies throughout the year. Each week we will notify you who is to receive awards for the following week so you can attend this special occasion.

Last week's Merit Award recipients were: Max, Larou, Darnell, Elijah, Kailie & Cameron.

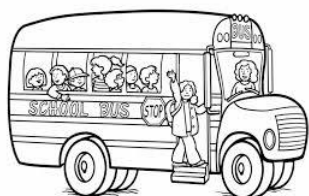
Congratulations to all these students!



BUS TRAVELLERS:

If your child is not travelling home on the bus for any reason, please make sure you notify the office or the bus duty teacher before they leave the school. It is important that we do not spend time looking for students who have already left or hold the buses up unnecessarily.

You can contact the office by phone on 54971116, text to 0439972162 or complete the online bus form on the Skoolbag App.





ASH WEDNESDAY MASS:

Next Wednesday, February 26th, we will mark the beginning of Lent with an Ash Wednesday Mass. Students and staff will attend Mass at 12.00pm. Families are welcome to attend.

Parent Teacher Interviews – Thank you:

Many thanks to the families for your attendance at the Interviews. Your ongoing support is appreciated by all teachers and hopefully you feel more informed regarding your child's progress and future learning needs.

CONTACT DETAILS:

Two weeks ago, a form regarding how you would prefer to receive information from St. Mary's e.g. newsletters, permission forms etc. was sent home attached to the newsletter.

Thank you to the families that have returned the form.

We understand that with technology advancing that paper may not be the best way for families to receive information any more.

Please complete the form attached and return to school with your preferences.

If you would prefer, you can send your form back to either:
megan@smdonald.catholic.edu.au or take a photo of the form and text back to
0439 972162

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Monday March 9th – Labour Day Public Holiday – NO STUDENTS

Saturday March 14th – School Fete – 4pm – 9pm

Tuesday March 17th – Harmony Day at St. Mary's

Thursday March 19th – Senior Leadership Day Bendigo

Friday March 20th – Summer Sports in St. Arnaud

Friday March 27th – Last Day of Term 1 - 2.30pm finish

ST. MARY'S COMMUNICATION PREFERENCES



At St. Mary's, we are committed to reducing our environmental impact and, as part of this, we are asking families to answer a few questions on the way you would like to receive notices/information from us.

Could you please provide current mobile phone numbers and email addresses and who they belong to and answers to the below questions and return to school by **Friday February 21st?**

Please note that all information/updates will continue to be provided on the Skoolbag App. as usual.

If you have any queries, please contact the office on 54971116.

Thank you

Name(s) _____

Mobile Phone number 1. _____

Mobile Phone number 2. _____

Email address 1. _____

Email address 2. _____

I would like to receive my newsletter via:

1. Skoolbag App
2. St. Mary's website
3. Paper

Please circle
your
preferred
option

I would like to receive permission notices via:p

1. Skoolbag App. (forms can be filled in, signed and returned within the App.)
2. Paper

If my child is absent I would like to be contacted via:

1. Mobile Phone (text message)
2. Mobile Phone (phone call)
3. Home Phone
4. Email