



DATES:

Friday June 28th –
END of TERM 2.
School finishes at
2.30pm.

Sunday July 7th –
Sunday July 14th –
NAIDOC Week

Monday July 15th –
Start of Term 3

Monday July 29th –
Choral Festival

Sunday August 4th –
Aboriginal & Torres Strait
Island Children's Day

Friday August 13th –
Athletic Sports

Vision Statement:

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

Mission Statement:

Wellbeing:

Ensure a child safe,
respectful and inclusive
environment that
celebrates achievement,
promotes dignity and
resiliency.

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.

End of Term 2:

It is hard to believe that we are already at the end of Term 2. It has been a very successful term with lots of celebrations taking place. I would like to thank all teachers and staff for their tremendous efforts in achieving a successful term filled with so many activities which have enriched the lives of the children of St. Mary's.

I wish you a well-earned break and I look forward to seeing you on Monday July 15th, when we return for Term 3. For those travelling through the holidays, stay safe and enjoy your time away.

I want to take this opportunity to wish Miss McEvoy and her partner Tom the best of luck for their new life as parents. We will be sure to share the baby news when the time comes.



P & F Raffle Winner:

Congratulations to Gavin Krause, who was the lucky winner of the P & F Winter Raffle. Gavin has won himself a great Slow Cooker package. Great for these cold winter's days.



Learning Journals:

A reminder that student's Learning Journals are required to be returned to school for the start of Term 3. ***Could families please look through your child/children's Learning Journals and return them back to school asap?***

The Learning Journal is an ongoing piece of each student's work and will be added to in Terms 3 & 4. Thank you.

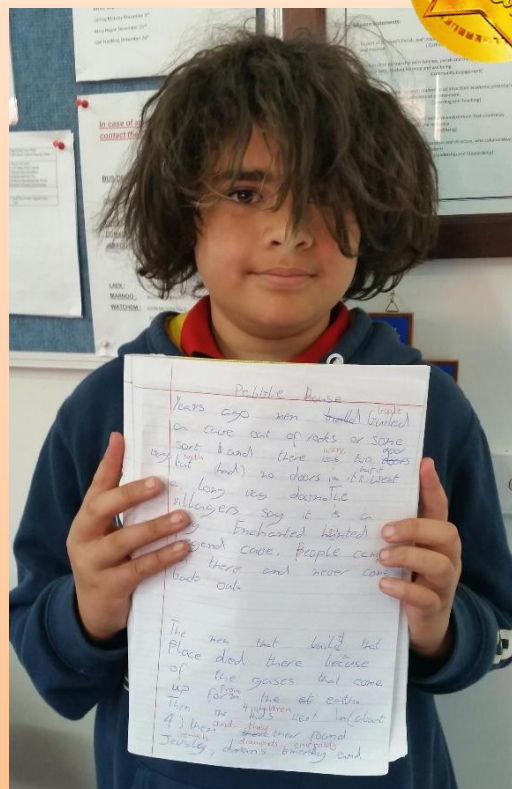
Choral Festival:

This year the Choral Festival will be held on the evening of Monday July 29th at the Donald Memorial Hall. Students have begun learning the items we will be presenting on the night and it is sounding fantastic.



Principal's Awards:

This week's Principal Award recipients were: Libby & John.
Well done!



Merit Awards:

This week's Merit award recipients acknowledged at assembly were:
Delilah & Sophie.



Change of details:

Please make sure you inform the school of any change in yours, or your child's details. This includes new phone numbers, changes of address, changes to medical conditions, addition of a medical condition, new emergency contact details etc. It is extremely important that we have the most up to date information for you and your child. It's as easy as a phone call to the office or jump on the Skoolbag App. and fill in the form.

UPDATE
YOUR
DETAILS!



School Uniform:

Families are reminded of the expectation that students wear their correct school uniform. Sports uniforms are worn on Wednesday and Friday.

Please be aware that there are some second hand uniforms that have been placed on the stage at the front of the Multi-Purpose Room until the end of Term. Families are invited to inspect them and, if any would be suitable for your child, please take it. Any family with school uniform, in good order, that they do not use, are invited to donate it to the school.

Families experiencing difficulty in providing uniform requirements are asked to contact the Principal. Assistance will be confidentially provided.

Winter Uniform – Boys

- ☒ Long grey pants
- ☒ Blue polo shirt
(embroidered with school crest)
- ☒ Grey socks
- ☒ Black shoes
- ☒ Maroon jumper
(embroidered with school crest)
- ☒ Navy jacket (optional)

Winter Uniform – Girls

- ☒ Navy slacks
- ☒ Blue polo shirt
(embroidered with school crest)
- ☒ Grey or white socks
- ☒ Black shoes
- ☒ Maroon Jumper
(embroidered with school crest)
- ☒ Navy jacket (optional)

KIDS HOLIDAY CLUB

With John & Ros Patterson

When: Wednesday 3rd, Thursday 4th & Friday 5th July

10.00am – 12.30pm

Where: Uniting Church Hall, Blair Street Donald

What: FUN, GAMES, STORIES & CRAFT

Cost: FREE

Enquiries: Kaye Geddes 0435 956 837

NAIDOC WEEK 2019

Monday, 1 Jul 2019 – Sunday, 7 Jul 2019



What is NAIDOC Week?

NAIDOC Week celebrations are held across Australia each July to celebrate the history, culture and achievements of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples. NAIDOC is celebrated not only in Indigenous communities, but by Australians from all walks of life.

NAIDOC originally stood for 'National Aborigines and Islanders Day Observance Committee'. This committee was once responsible for organising national activities during NAIDOC Week and its acronym has since become the name of the week itself.

What is the history of the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander flags?

The Australian Aboriginal Flag

The Australian Aboriginal Flag was designed by artist Harold Thomas and first flown at Victoria Square in Adelaide, South Australia, on National Aborigines Day in July 1971. It became the official flag for the Aboriginal Tent Embassy in Canberra after it was first flown there in 1972. Since then, it has become a widely recognised symbol of the unity and identity of Aboriginal people.

In view of the flag's wide acceptance and importance in Australian society, the Commonwealth took steps in 1994 to give the flag legal recognition. After a period of public consultation, in July 1995 the Aboriginal flag was proclaimed a 'Flag of Australia' under the Flags Act 1953.

The Aboriginal flag is divided horizontally into halves. The top half is black and the lower half red. There is a yellow circle in the centre of the flag.



The meanings of the three colours in the flag, are:

- **Black** – represents the Aboriginal people of Australia.
- **Yellow circle** – represents the Sun, the giver of life and protector.
- **Red** – represents the red earth, the red ochre used in ceremonies and Aboriginal peoples' spiritual relation to the land.

Torres Strait Island Flag

The Torres Strait Islander flag was designed by the late Bernard Namok as a symbol of unity and identity for Torres Strait Islanders. Adopted in 1992, it was the winning entry in a design competition run by the Island Coordinating Council, a Queensland statutory body representing the community councils in the Torres Strait.

In the same year it was recognised by the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Commission (ATSIC) and given equal prominence with the Australian Aboriginal Flag.

In July 1995 the Australian Government recognised it, with the Australian Aboriginal Flag, as an official 'Flag of Australia' under the *Flags Act 1953*.

The Torres Strait Islander flag has three horizontal panels, with green at the top and bottom and blue in between. These panels are divided by thin black lines. A white *Dhari* (traditional headdress) sits in the centre, with a five-pointed white star beneath it.



The meanings of the colours in the flag are:

- **Green** – represents the land
- **Black** – represents the Indigenous peoples
- **Blue** - represents the sea
- **White** – represents peace

The *Dhari* represents Torres Strait Islander people and the five-pointed star represents the five island groups within the Torres Strait. The star is also a symbol for seafaring people as it is used in navigation.