

St Mary's Newsletter

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At St Mary's all children have the right to feel safe and be safe all of the time.

Dear Parents, Friends and Guardians,

What times we are in. The level of uncertainty on many fronts challenges us daily in our roles. The school directives are constant and ongoing making it difficult to think too far ahead. I will share with you what we do know at this time and look to keep you informed of any updates. Today is the last day of term for students but staff are expected here this week to prepare for future home learning should we be informed that it is required. As it currently stands day one for next term is still April 15th but I expect we will hear more on this.

This week staff will be working at school but given some flexibility to work from home at set times. The office will be open from 9am- 3.30pm Tuesday – Thursday. No staff will be on site Friday.

Please read the information below on the School's Framework for Home Learning.

We are planning for the first two weeks of term at this stage and will extend this planning in the event of closure being in place and extended. Each classroom teacher will play an important role in the preparation and provision of Home Learning but you as parents; will have a pivotal role in the implementation of any proposed plan. I ask for your full support on this learning to ensure that your children keep up with their studies and the rest of the class.

I ask that you be patient with the teachers through this period as they too, adapt to new ways of learning and teaching.

I ask that you pay very strict attention to the rules and behaviours that limit transmission of diseases. Refer to: <http://www.dhhs.vic.gov.au/coronavirus>

The school holidays are a high-risk period for infection. It will be difficult for children not to gather with friends, visit others etc but we know if everyone of you can adhere to the advice given, that we will be best placed to manage any spread of the disease.

Can I finish by thanking the many of you that have offered words of encouragement and support at this time. It has helped greatly. In this period of uncertainty, I thank the staff here for their ongoing willingness to provide for your children. Please look to enjoy your family and spend quality time with them so that they remain positive and upbeat. In all of the doom and gloom, we may well find ourselves spending more time with those we love most.

Brendan Atley
Principal

Term 2: Remote Learning

In the event that we will be operating from a *Remote Learning Platform* in Term 2 we are making preparations to use Google Classroom as our primary tool for keeping your child connected with their learning and their teacher.

Information and instructions on how to use this tool will be sent home via email on Wednesday with a little bit of holiday homework to get set up for next term.

We will send out a detailed plan for *Remote Learning* should this eventuate next term.

Catholic Identity

Loving God,

We come to you at this time of upheaval and uncertainty -

To ask for strength, courage and hope.

We ask that you guide our leaders at this time.

We pray that we may work together to combat the stresses we are faced with.

Give us patience and understanding. Help us to remain generous.

Keep us well in mind and body.

Help us to remember that you are with us always - in good times and hard.

Amen

ALL MASSES SUSPENDED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE**Terrific Kid Assembly**

Congratulations to the following Terrific Kid winners. The Certificates will be held and handed out at our next gathering.

Evie Gillie	Foundation Mrs Dimovski
Sophie Finn	Foundaton Mrs Kilborn
Elli Henderson	Foundation Mrs Rule & Mrs Pentreath
Ollie Kenna	Foundation Miss Rosin
Isabella Aitken	Year 1 Mrs Cockerell
Elijah McCallum	Year 1 Mrs Gould & Mrs Terrina
Amelia Lees	Year 1 Mrs Hancock
Harrison Heward	Year 1 Mrs Dunstan
Lola Mifsud	Year 2 Mrs Hedwards & Mrs Bourke
Max Taranto	Year 2 Mrs Morris
Halle Armfield	Year 2 Mrs Connoley
Harlow McCallum	Year 2 Miss Fuller
Lucy Ridge	Year 3 Miss Crowder
Jackson Arnel	Year 3 Mrs Virtue
Bae Quayle	Year 3 Miss Pearson
Ruby Andrews	Year 3 Miss Higgins
Zarah Mendoza	Year 4 Mrs Hay
Julia Taranto	Year 4 Miss Laird
Arki Mifsud	Year 4 Mr Macaulay
Macey Boyd	Year 4 Mrs Thorp & Mrs Rohde
Byron Chisholm	Year 5 Miss Daly
Eliza Raleigh	Year 5 Mr Richardson
Quinn Andrews	Year 5 Miss Kearney
Kavinu De Silva	Year 6 Mr Larkin
Taylor Emanuelli	Year 6 Mrs Lloyd & Mrs Wickham
Eliza Fraser	Year 6 Mrs Phelan & Mrs Wickham

**Easter Egg Raffle. Congratulations to**

Eva Scarfo	Curtis Karne
Eliza Raleigh	Isabel & Abigail Nevin
Head Family	Laura Snow
Stella Chapman	Indie Lubke
Lawerence O'Kelly	Bradley Denton
Luke Angove	Mia Ardley
McRae Family – Ryan	Charlotte Ryan
Caffery Family – Ewan	Evee Hazleman
Lila Mahoney	Charlotte White



2020 SCHOOL CALENDAR	
TERM 1	
23 th March	End of Term. Finish 3.05PM
TERM 2	
15 th April	First day of Term 2
24 th April	Student free day
4 th May	2021 Foundation enrolments open