



St. Mary's School Newsletter

Always faithful to God, ourselves and others in the spirit of the Presentation tradition.

St. Mary's is committed to Child Safety and the inclusion of all children.

Respect Ourselves - Respect Others - Respect our Environment

Term 4 - Week 1 - Friday 8th October, 2021

IMPORTANT DATES

Sunday 31 October
Confirmation

Monday 1 November
Report Writing Day -
Student Free day

Tuesday 2 November
Melbourne Cup Day
Holiday

Thursday 2 December
PD for Staff
(Maths Conference)

Friday 3 December
PD for Staff
(Maths Conference)

Weekend Mass Times

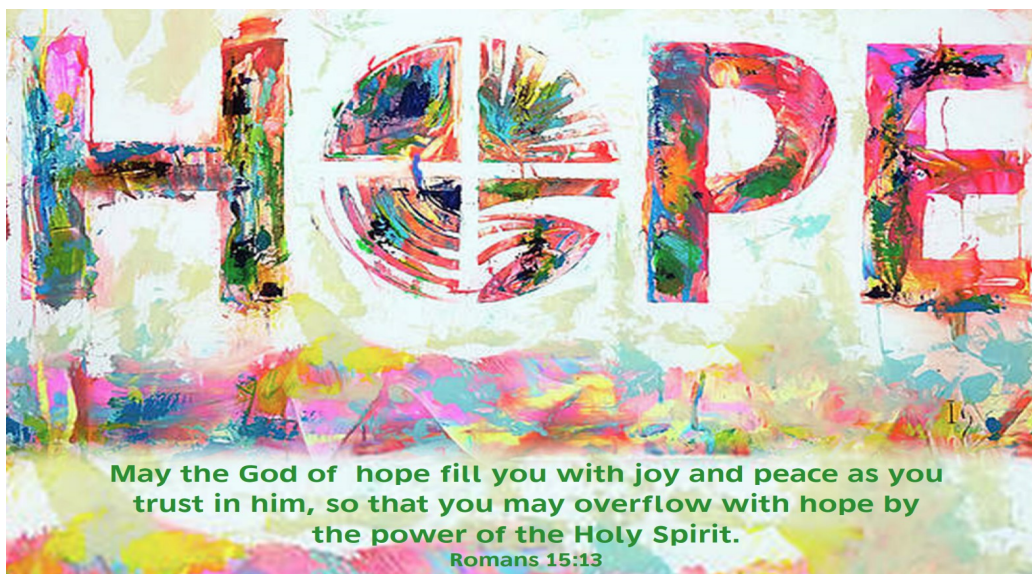
Saturday 6pm
Chiltern

Sunday 9am
Rutherglen

Sunday 10.30am
Wahgunyah

PBIS Expectations: Sharing and responding to each other

Dear Parents/ Carers,



Reflection for Parents

In our society, greatness is often about being number one, a winner, a success. It's about power, control, wealth, fame, reputation, status, and position. Being last and servant of all is not what we usually strive for. "The greatness of a man is not in how much wealth he acquires, but in his integrity and his ability to affect those around him positively." (Bob Marley) Greatness is found not in what we have accomplished and gained for ourselves but in what we have done and given to those who are vulnerable, powerless, and dependent.

Jesus gives us the beautiful image of welcoming and receiving into our arms the 'the child'.

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8.00am—4.00pm

Pupil Free Days This term

There are a few pupil free days this term in our important dates so please make sure you mark these on your calendar.

Monday 1st November Report Writing Day
Thursday 2nd December & Friday the 3rd December for a virtual Maths Conference.

IMPORTANT: COVID Restrictions and Updates:

Getting Regional Students Safely Back In The Classroom

30 September 2021

"The Victorian Government is ensuring students in regional Victoria can return to face-to-face learning as soon as possible – with a plan outlined to return regional areas to school quickly and safely in Term Four, alongside extra measures to protect school communities and detect outbreaks as early as possible.

From Monday 11 October, a staggered approach will apply so all students are back in the classroom at least part-time.

Years 3-4 and 8-9 will attend school on Tuesdays and Wednesdays, and Years 5-6 and 10 will attend on Thursdays and Fridays – while Year 7 will also return five days a week.

From Tuesday 26 October, all students will be back in the classroom full-time."

Important for Years 3 – 6 Students:

As we have a high number of Yr 3-6 students attending onsite now, due to the relaxing of working & permit restrictions, all students who need to attend school on site during the next 2 weeks will be required to be at school for the entire normal school day that finishes at 3.25 pm.

Masks & QR Check In:

All parents, unless you have a medical exemption, are required to wear a mask on school grounds. You have to QR code check in if you enter any room of the school. Every door has a QR code sign.

Drop Off & Pick up:

All parents and carers have been great in this area. Please just drop off and pick up your child from the rear car park. This system is working well. Only enter the school grounds if absolutely necessary.

Sick Children:

A reminder students, even with the mildest symptoms, of a cold, running nose, cough etc are not to be at school.

If a student does present to school with these symptoms we will have to send them home.

Thanks to all families who have been vigilant in this area.



Parent Teacher Interviews

Thank you to all those that attended our remote interviews on Tuesday. If you haven't had an interview with your child's teacher and wish to please contact your child's teacher via email to organise a time.

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Sports this term

This term we will be doing hockey and cricket clinics with visiting coaches which should be great fun for the children.

Happy Birthday



We send our best wishes to those who are celebrating their birthday's this week. We also send our best wishes to those students who celebrated their birthday's during remote learning .



Freya



Oscar



Colton



Annabelle



Declan



Zoe



Acacia



Declan



Steph



Congratulations to this week's class room award winners

Callum, Jackson, Patty, Maddy, Hamish, Declan, Ryan, Flynn, Arthur, Maiya, Millie, Matilda, Acacia, Noah, Oscar, Murray, Adelyn, Gemma, Elijah, Natasha and Colton





Public Speaking

Congratulations to Travis, Noah & Isabel who won a book each for their Public Speaking back in Term 3.



Sandpit Kitchen

The children are loving playing with the new sandpit kitchen.

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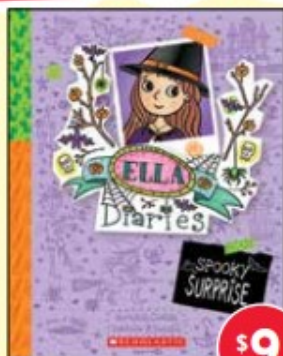
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DUE BACK BY:

Friday 15 October 2021

Book Club

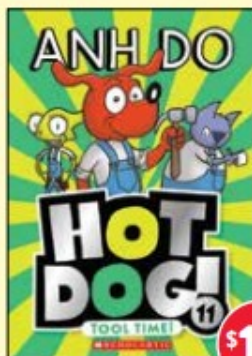
WELCOME TO
Book Club

Want to learn more?
See our Parents' Guide
scholastic.com.au/parents



001
NEW! Spooky Surprise
Ella is determined to find out what all the strange noises are.
144 pp. AGES 7+
~~\$14.99~~

\$9



002
NEW! Tool Time!
Hotdog, Lizzie and Kev start The Fix-It Friends, to make money fast!
128 pp. AGES 6+
~~\$14.99~~

\$10



003
NEW! Monday
Justin's mum has just married a vampire. His dad is driving a giant toilet on wheels. And a psychotic bully is making life miserable...
192 pp. AGES 8+
~~\$24.98~~
CLUB PRICE \$12.00

LOL



004
Wings of Fire: The First Ten Books
Five dragonets must fulfill an ancient prophecy and reunite the seven dragon tribes.
Each 336 pp + slipcase.
AGES 10+
~~\$120.00~~

\$85

SAVE
\$35.00

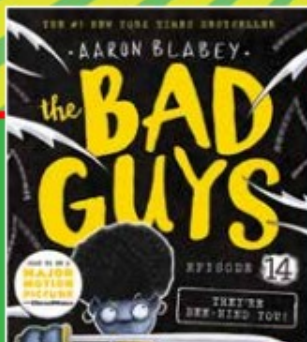
Limited and Quoted
Range 710L/790L



005
NEW! Dragon Diary
Keep your secrets safe in this lockable journal.
192-pp hardcover, padlock, 2 keys. AGES 8+
~~\$22.98~~ **CLUB PRICE \$17.00**



006
NEW! Another Book About Santa
Santa is very busy and so tired of starring in every Christmas book!
48-pp hardcover. AGES 4+
~~\$17.99~~ **CLUB PRICE \$12.00**



007
NEW! The Bad Guys Episode 14: They're Bee-Hind You!
Don't forget to look behind you because THE MULTIVERSE IS GETTING WORSE!
192 pp. AGES 7+



008
The Craziest Christmas Crack-Ups Ever!
Over 300 hilarious jokes ready to crack you up!
96 pp. AGES 6+
~~\$19.98~~



009
Where's Santa?
Help Detective Inspector Scrooge track Santa down in time to save Christmas.
24 pp. AGES 4+

\$3



Nature Art

We read the book, 'How to make a bird'. The students then created their own birds using natural materials found in the school playground.

This was such a fun and engaging activity that was completed in the beautiful spring weather.



Myer Centrepoint Book week art competition

During last term, our school entered book week artwork into the Myer Centrepoint Book week art competition.

As a whole school we were successful in being awarded a \$200 Dymocks book voucher for our whole school efforts.

Lexie Wilson was awarded equal runner up in the Grade 5 and 6 category and will receive a \$100 Myer Centrepoint gift card.

\$30 Dymock gift cards were also awarded to the following students for their terrific artwork;

- * Harper Potter
- * Amelia Rose-Sheppard
- * Isabel Neil
- * Colton Pearson
- * Hamish Neil

We are yet to receive their awards however, as soon as we do they will be handed to those awarded.

Jane van Zanten

Mackillop Art Exhibition

Unfortunately, as a school we have decided not to submit work to the Mackillop Art Exhibition. This proved difficult with lockdown and getting physical artwork to the exhibition.

We thank those who returned permission notes to allow their child/ren to submit work to this exhibition.

We look forward to participating in this art exhibition next year.

PBIS Focus this week

Sharing and responding to each other

As we have been at home learning as a staff we thought this PBIS expectation would be appropriate as the children return to school.

Sharing and responding to each other.	Respect Ourselves	Respect Others	Respect our Environment
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Listen to the person speaking. • Learn from making mistakes. • Persist and keep trying. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Listen to the person speaking. • Encourage others to have a go and persist. • Be inclusive of others. • Take turns. • Give positive feedback. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Respect the work of others in the classroom. • Respect our ICT resources when sharing presentations.

Well done to this week's PBIS winners:

Alex, Steph, Jed and Colton



Have a great weekend and please don't hesitate to make contact if you have any questions.



Libby Dickinson



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Term 4

Sunday 31 October	Confirmation
Kinder Transition days to be confirmed	
Monday 1 November	Report Writing Day - Student Free day
Tuesday 2 November	Melbourne Cup Day Holiday
Thursday 2 December	PD for Staff (Maths Conference)
Friday 3 December	PD for Staff (Maths Conference)
Tuesday 7 December	State Transition Day (TBC)
Wednesday 8 December	Nativity Play & Awards
Friday 10 December	End of Year School Mass/ Graduation
Tuesday 14 December	Fun Pool Day (TBC)
Wednesday 15 December	Last Day Term 4 for Students (Casual Clothes Day - gold coin donation) 3.30pm finish

Important Calendar Dates - 2022

Term 1

Monday 31 January	1st day Term 1 Students Return
Friday 8 April	Last Day Term 1 for Students (Casual Clothes Day - gold coin donation) 3.30pm finish
Friday 15 April	Good Friday

Term 2

Tuesday 26 April	1st day Term 2
Monday 13 June	Queen's Birthday Holiday
Friday 24 June	Last Day Term 2 for Students

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