

Term 2 | Week 9 | Date: 16th June 2021

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TERM 2 CALENDAR

- 17 June - Excursion to Maude
- 18 June - K/1 Assembly
- 19 June - Sheep Show Catering
- 24 June - Mufti Day (Gold Coin Donation)
- 25 June - Reports Sent Home
- 25 June- LAST DAY OF TERM

TERM 3 CALENDAR

- 12 July - Term 3 Begins
- 14 July - Whole School Excursion to Toogimbie
- 19-23 July - Parent Teacher Interviews
- 26 July - School Photos
- 16 -19 Aug - Yr 5/6 Excursion
- 17 Aug - Kinder 2022 Program Starts
- 20 Aug - Pupil Free Day
- 24 Aug - Kinder 2022 Program
- 31 Aug - Kinder 2022 Program
- 7 Sept - Kinder 2022 Program
- 14 Sept - Kinder 2022 Program
- 17 Sept - Last Day Term 3

Please note that all events are subject to change.

Dear Parents and Friends of St Mary's

"Carry out a random act of kindness, with no expectation of reward, safe in the knowledge that one day someone might do the same for you." – Princess Diana



One of the greatest ways to inspire children is to tell them about great and heroic actions performed by ordinary people just going about doing what they do every day without any fanfare or fuss. People performing such actions do so not with the aim of getting special recognition but simply out of an innate

sense of human kindness and a desire to help others in moments of need. When this happens it is an expression of our humanity at its very best. It is inspiring and restores our faith in human nature. It is a wonderful lesson for our children and indeed for each of us.

I came across this picture on a social media newsfeed just a couple of days ago and it resonated strongly with me. It shows an Iranian teacher who visits one of his students each day, sitting outside his hospital ward where the young boy is being treated for cancer. The teacher is speaking to his student on his mobile phone, filling him in on work he has missed that day at school. What a lesson in compassion and kindness in action and how inspiring, I thought.

Looking at the picture I was reminded of the great Australian high school maths teacher, Eddie Woo, who in 2012 started recording all his lessons for a sick student, helping him keep up with his work. Eddie now has his own You Tube channel with around 1.2 million subscribers. Eddie, a devout Christian, was motivated, like his Iranian colleague in education, by that desire to reach out and show kindness and compassion towards another person in need.



At St Mary's staff and children are intentionally focusing upon building up a shared language and understanding of character strengths, recognising these strengths in each other and celebrating them when we see them being used. In such a way we build and shape the culture of the school we seek to create. The character strengths of *Gratitude*, thankfulness for what we have, and *Kindness*, the ways in which we reach out towards others are two of our key strengths and ones that I emphasise at school each day. They are strengths that are at the core of our humanity and at the core of the world's great religions. They sit comfortably at home in Eddie Woo's Christianity just as they do within the Islamic beliefs of the dedicated Iranian teacher. Indeed they are at the core of the message of Jesus, our own inspiration at St Mary's, who called himself 'rabbi' or 'teacher.' My message: Be thankful and be kind.

Vince Campbell

Principal

History in the Making SCHOOL EXCURSION TO MAUDE

DON'T FORGET WE ARE HEADING TO MAUDE TOMORROW TO LEARN ABOUT THE STRUCTURE AND BUILDING OF THE NEW MAUDE BRIDGE.

**STUDENTS WILL ATTEND SCHOOL IN THE MORNING AT THE USUAL TIME
THE BUS WILL PICK EVERYONE UP AT 9.30am & RETURN TO SCHOOL FOR NORMAL
END OF DAY TIMES.**

STUDENTS WILL NEED THEIR RECESS/WATER BOTTLE/HAT

lunch will be provided

**A MEDIA RELEASE FORM WENT HOME TODAY & WILL NEED TO BE RETURNED
THURSDAY MORNING.**

Religious Education News



Mini Vinnies News

The St Vincent de Paul Winter Appeal began last week. Mini Vinnies are supporting the appeal by holding a **mufti day** on **Thursday 24th June**.

The children St Mary's may wear casual clothes to school on this day, and are asked to contribute a gold coin, which will be donated to the local St Vincent de Paul Society.

Mufti Day

24th June

Gold Coin
Donation



HELP END THE PAIN OF POVERTY. DONATE TODAY.

Please give by calling 13 18 12 or visiting vinnies.org.au

 St Vincent de Paul Society
1861-2014

Student Reports: Semester 1 2021

Children will receive hard copies of mid-year reports to bring home this Friday and the electronic copies will be sent out through Compass also at the same time. Parent Teacher conferences to discuss the reports and ongoing goals for students will be held in Week 2 next term. There have been some alterations to the reporting format this year and the following information from the Catholic Education Office explains this:

Reporting procedures for Catholic systemic schools are determined in accordance with section 59(5) of the *Australian Education Regulation 2013*. As a result of the COVID disruption to schooling last year, the then Minister for Education, the Hon Dan Tehan MP, approved flexibility for Semester 1, 2020 reporting. Following the issue of these modified reports, school communities across Wilcannia-Forbes requested a review of current student reporting. Staff groups in all schools were consulted and changes have been made to student reports in view of the feedback provided. The scope for change is limited due to the requirement to adhere to the obligations under the *Australian Education Regulation 2013*.

What is new in reporting student achievement?

In the Key Learning Areas (KLAs) *English, Mathematics, Science and Technology, Human Society and Its Environment (HSIE), Personal Development, Health and Physical Education (PDHPE)* and *Creative Arts*, word descriptors (Outstanding; Extensive; At Level; Developing; Requires Support) have replaced the A to E scale previously used.

Achievement for the strands within each Key Learning Area is reported using the existing five-point scale, as outlined below.

An overall result will not be reported on for each Key Learning Area.

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| Outstanding | The student has an extensive knowledge and understanding of the content and can readily apply this knowledge. In addition, the student has achieved a very high level of competence in the processes and skills and can apply these skills to new situations. |
| Extensive | The student has a thorough knowledge and understanding of the content and a high level of competence in the processes and skills. In addition, the student is able to apply this knowledge and these skills to most situations. |
| At Level | The student has a sound knowledge and understanding of the main areas of content and has achieved an adequate level of competence in the processes and skills. |
| Developing | The student has a basic knowledge and understanding of the content and has achieved a limited level of competence in the processes and skills. |
| Requires Support | The student has an elementary knowledge and understanding in few areas of content and has achieved very limited competence in some of the processes and skills. |
| N/A | Some strands may not have been taught and assessed this semester. |



**YOU ARE INVITED TO
ST. MARY'S PARISH SCHOOL**

BUSH TUCKER GARDEN OPENING

**Wednesday 14th July 2021 at 2.15pm
St. Mary's Parish School Kitchen Garden**

Please ASAP to the front office on 02 6993 1775

Friday Lunch Deal
Home Made
Sausage Roll
w/sauce
\$3.50



School holidays are just around the corner!

HCS are opening enrolments for the term 2 school holidays.

What: Child led program with an emphasis on fun, implemented by qualified and experienced Educators.

Who can attend: Children 3 years to 10 years inclusive.

When: Week days, Monday 28th June - Friday 9th July from 8.30am to 5.30pm

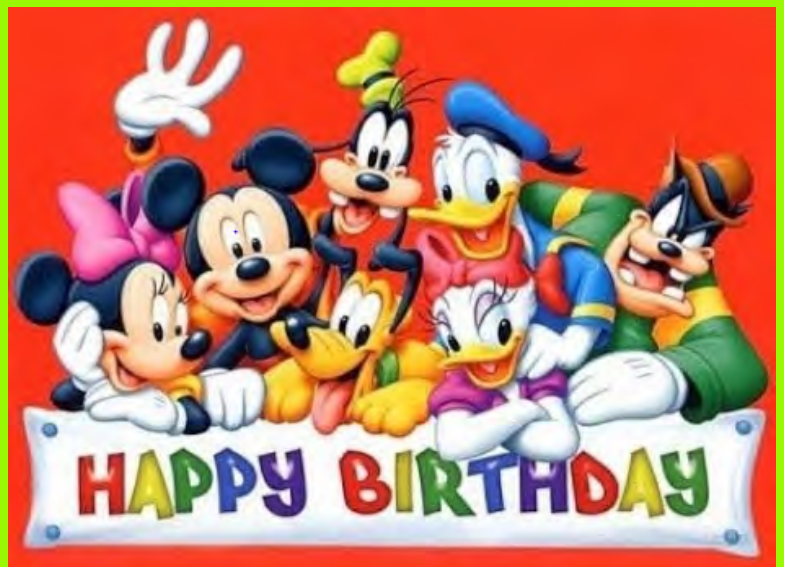
Where: Hay Preschool premises, 348 Church Street.

Cost: \$25 per day per child (invoiced in advance and payment terms will apply, CCS subsidy does not apply).

Contact: Ph 6993 1757 or admin@haycs.com.au for further information or to enrol.

Enrolments CLOSE 9th June 2021

We would like to wish these students a very
Happy Birthday
we hope you have a special day
Lanushka Snyman 15th June
Sam Martin 22nd June



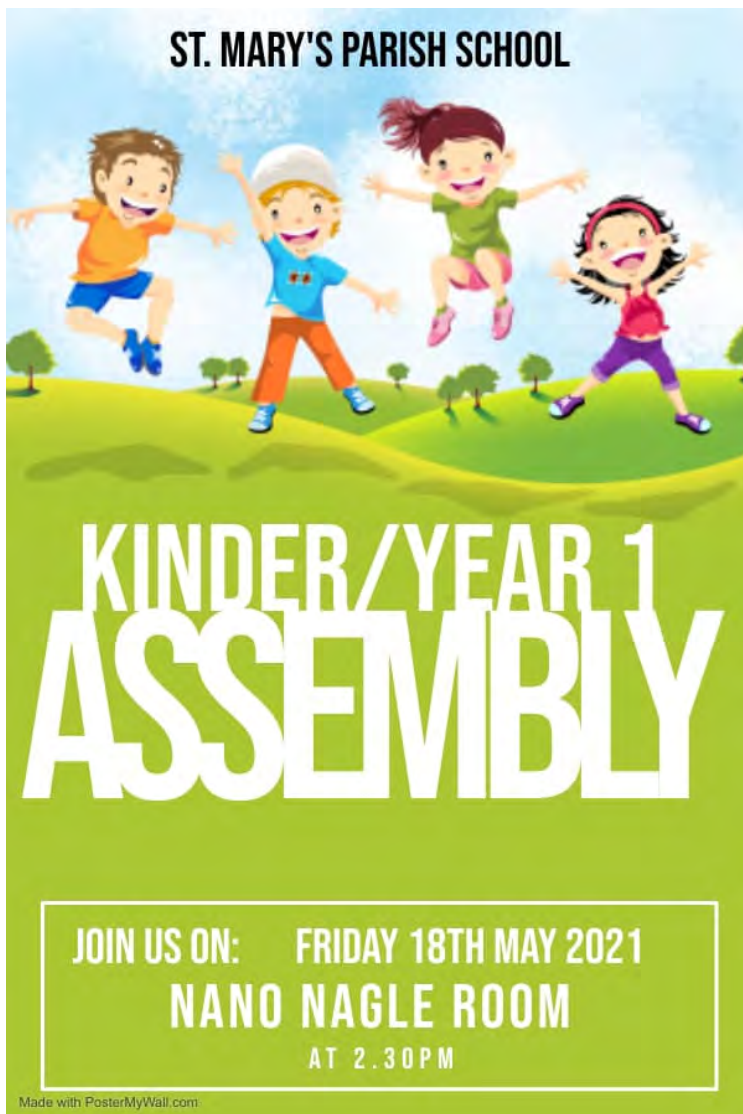
Weekly Compliance Articles

CHILD SAFE SCHOOLS AND SUPPORTIVE ENVIRONMENTS


INFORMATION FOR PARENT HELPERS/VOLUNTEERS

The participation of parents and close relatives of students at the school as volunteers is welcomed and appreciated for various activities in the school. It is important that all volunteers are aware that they are subject to child protection legislation. This means all volunteers must:

- sign in on the *Compass Kiosk* at the front office and obtain a visitor's badge or slip as per school procedure;
- check with the school to ascertain the current legal requirements for working with children;
- not engage in any inappropriate behaviour towards any children. In particular, although parents and volunteers are not employed by the school, they are considered to be 'staff' for legal purposes and are subject to an investigation if an allegation of inappropriate behaviour towards a child is received.



ST. MARY'S PARISH SCHOOL



**KINDER/YEAR 1
ASSEMBLY**

**JOIN US ON: FRIDAY 18TH MAY 2021
NANO NAGLE ROOM
AT 2.30PM**

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 **ST. MARY'S PARISH SCHOOL HAY**

REACH FOR THE STARS

KINDERGARTEN TRANSITION PROGRAM



**Is your child ready for school next year?
Is school ready for your child next year?**

Set your child up for success in 2022 by enrolling them in the St Mary's 2021 Reach for the Stars Kindergarten Transition Program.

**When:
Each Tuesday, 9.00am to 3.00pm, for 10 weeks, starting Tuesday August 17th and running until Tuesday November 2nd.**

Please contact the school office on 6993 1775 to book a place for your child.

St Mary's Fundraiser



HAY SHEEP SHOW CATERING

Saturday, June 19th 2021

Hay Show Grounds

Thank you to those who have volunteered to help run the canteen at the Sheep Show this year. For those who wish to make a cake/slice or biscuits please drop them to the school office Friday afternoon before 3.30pm or drop them to the pavilion at the Hay Show Grounds on Saturday morning anytime after 7am.

This is a great opportunity to spend some time in the kitchen with your children and enjoy cooking up a storm to help raise money for your school.

All proceeds go directly to our school benefiting our students.



THIS SATURDAY 19TH JUNE

PLEASE DON'T FORGET