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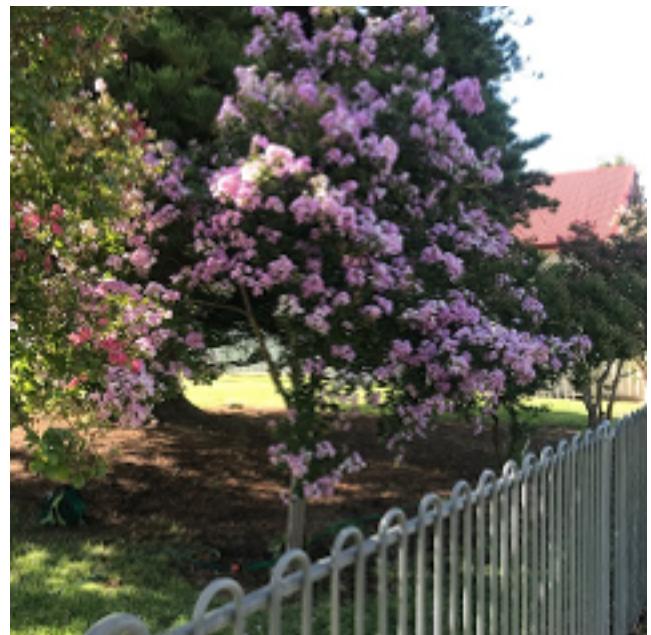
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A MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents/Guardians and Friends of St Mary's

In my walks around Hay I have often stopped to admire a number of the beautifully well-tended gardens. There's no shortage of these in this town and it is so visually refreshing to see lush verdant lawns and flourishing rose bushes and crepe myrtles in glorious abundance in the little precinct around the school.



The flourishing well-tended garden speaks to me of the idea of wellbeing at an individual and community level. When we forget about gardens and leave them unattended they gradually become weedy, dry wastelands. When we water them, feed them and carefully nurture the plantings, they become environments of great beauty that enrich the experience of all who visit them.

The same principles apply to our children. When they are nurtured with love, kindness, compassion and positive life-giving messages, they will grow and flourish and be their best selves just like the blooming roses in the Hay Court House gardens. As parents and teachers it is our primary role to see the beauty within each child, reverence that beauty as a masterpiece of God's creative handiwork and strive to help that child grow in goodness and wellbeing.

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Building positive school communities with an intentional focus on student wellbeing continues to be an abiding passion for me and one that I want to embed within the St Mary's community. I was delighted to see that these self-same principles are being promoted by the NRL representatives who visited St Mary's on Tuesday with their message about the power of 'Gratitude' as a booster for wellbeing. Scientific research studies from the emerging field of positive psychology attest to the positive effects of Gratitude and the related field of Character Strengths on individual wellbeing and I will continue to emphasise these twin practices with children and staff at St Mary's this year.

On a closing note, I would like to affirm and give a big 'shout out' to our Year 6 Leaders whom it was my pleasure to present to the gathered community at our special Year 6 Induction Mass on Tuesday: Congratulations to Tilly and Archer, 2021 School Captains, and to Olivia, Brodie, Jaylen, Sophie, Joel, and Rhett, 2021 School Vice Captains. I am really looking forward to working with these young leaders, nurturing them and helping them to flourish and grow like the best of the Hay gardens!

God Bless

Vincent Campbell

Vince

GOLD - House winners for our 2021 Swimming Carnival

Congratulations to all the students in Gold. What a great day with a tremendous amount of fun, effort and team spirit shown by all. The carnival was a very enjoyable way to start our sporting calendar year. We look forward to hosting our Cluster Carnival on Monday 15th February.



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| Week 4 February | 15 Southern Cluster Carnival- Hay | 16 Shrove Tuesday | 17 Ash Wednesday Mass - 9am | 18 | 19 WF AFL Trials (Hay) |
| Week 5 February | 22 | 23 | 24 | 25 | 26 |
| | St Mary's Swimming Program- Times TBC | | | | |
| Week 6 March | 1 Diocesan Swimming Trials | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 Yr 2/3/4 - Stations of the Cross |
| | St Mary's Swimming Program- Times TBC | | | | |
| Week 7 March | 8 | 9 WF Touch Trials | 10 | 11 Yr 5/6 Stations of the Cross | 12 Back up WF Touch Trials |

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

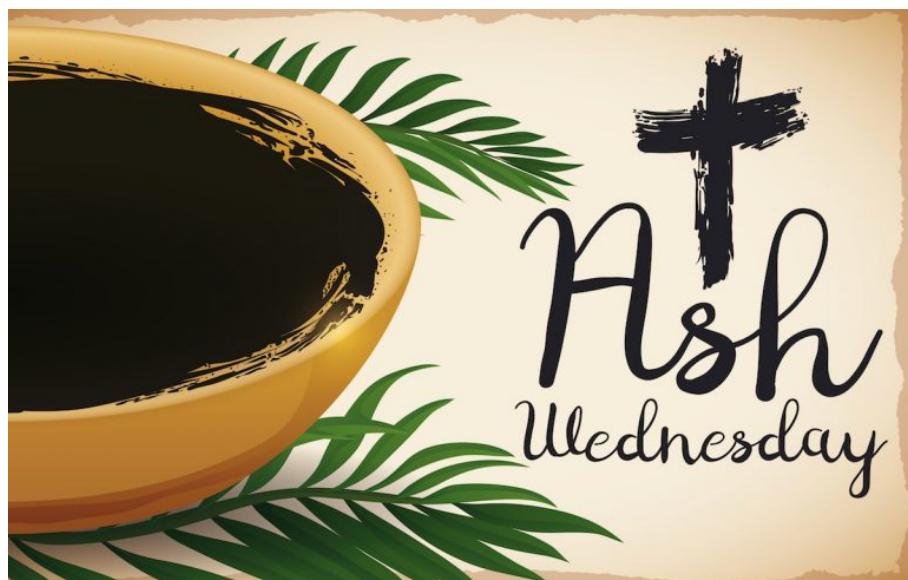
Year 6 Leadership Mass

Today the Year 6 students received their Captains and Vice-Captains badges during the Leadership Mass. Congratulations to Rhett, Olivia, Archer, Tilly, Jaylen, Sophie, Brody and Joel. Unfortunately Joel was unable to attend the Mass, he will be inducted as a Vice-Captain when he returns to school. Thank you to all family members who were able to join us for this special celebration.



Ash Wednesday Mass - 17th February

All families are invited to attend Ash Wednesday Mass at St Fergal's Church next Wednesday at 9am. Ash Wednesday is the first day of Lent. Lent is a season of reflection and preparation before the celebrations of Easter.



SCHOOL SWIMMING CARNIVAL

The school swimming carnival was held on Monday. The weather was fantastic for everyone at the pool and the students all swam very well. Every student showed great sportsmanship towards all swimmers in the pool and they all had a wonderful day.

Thank you to all the families who attended the day and especially those that assisted with the running of the carnival. We would like to especially thank Kerry Barnes, Gayle Munn and Kelly Robson for their help.

We are hosting the Southern Cluster Carnival next Monday 8th Feb and we would be grateful for anybody that can help us on the day. Please contact the office if you can assist.

The successful house on the day was Gold. Well done to all the Gold swimmers.

Age Champions:

Junior Girl: Giselle Gil



Runner Up: Ava Headon

Junior Boy: Jye Scott

Runner up: Cooper Barnes-Herriot



11 Year Girl: Emma Curtis



Runner Up: Tilly Weeks

11 Year Boy: Prince Patel.

Runner Up: Uzair Shahzard

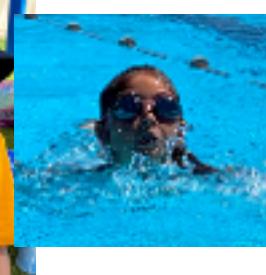


Senior Girl: Olivia Barnes-Herriot



Senior Boy: Archer Gill

Runner up: Rhett Meiling



Weekly Compliance Articles

CHILD SAFE SCHOOLS AND SUPPORTIVE ENVIRONMENTS INFORMATION FOR PARENTS

We take our responsibility to protect children seriously. All staff are expected to promote child safety by having a clear understanding of their legal child protection responsibilities and act in accordance with those responsibilities.

In particular the school will:

- Maintain professionalism in our interactions with children at all times by exercising appropriate duty of care and maintaining professional boundaries.
- Follow an established process to address allegations of inappropriate behaviour by staff towards children.
- Ensure all people working in our school who are required to undertake a Working With Children Check have a valid clearance.
- Respond appropriately when we suspect a child is at risk of significant harm due to possible abuse or neglect by a parent/carer or other adult.

RESPONDING TO RISK OF HARM

All school staff are mandatory reporters. This means that if there are reasonable grounds to suspect that a child is at risk of 'significant harm' from abuse or neglect, then a report must be made to the Department of Communities & Justice Child Protection Helpline (CP Helpline).

School staff are to inform the Principal if they are concerned that a child may be at risk. It is the role of the Principal to make the report to the CP Helpline.

In making a report the Principal will consider all of the information and seek appropriate advice from the Catholic Education Office. Any information about a child at risk is kept confidentially by the Principal.

In situations where a child is considered to be at risk, the school will work with the child and family to assist them as much as possible.

If you have any concerns about a child who you consider may be at risk, please discuss your concerns with the Principal as soon as possible and maintain confidentiality.



Bible Study and Classes: We start the evening off by studying a part of God's Word, followed by a light supper and games.
Skills Night: Two nights per term. We start off with Bible Study, then we will give a guest in to teach us a life skill, which can include skills such as cooking, outdoor skills, self-defence, money and budgeting etc etc etc.

Every Friday Night @ Hay Baptist Church of Hope

Start: Friday 12th February
End: Friday 29th March

Time: 7pm – 9:30pm

Light supper provided.
Young will be dropped off back at their homes.
Contact: Rob (Moses) : 0409 021 240



POLDING TENNIS TRIAL

Congratulations to the following students who represented Wilcannia Forbes at the Polding Tennis Trials held at Newcastle on Friday. Hayden Arndell - Parkes, Jaylen Dixon - Hay, Zavier Jones - Parkes, Tilly Weeks - Hay and Poppy Fisher - Parkes.

Many thanks to Shannon Kelly from Forbes who traveled to Newcastle to support and manage our students. Your time and passion is greatly appreciated, Shannon. Thank you also to the parents who transported their children and for abiding by the strict COVID rules of no spectators.

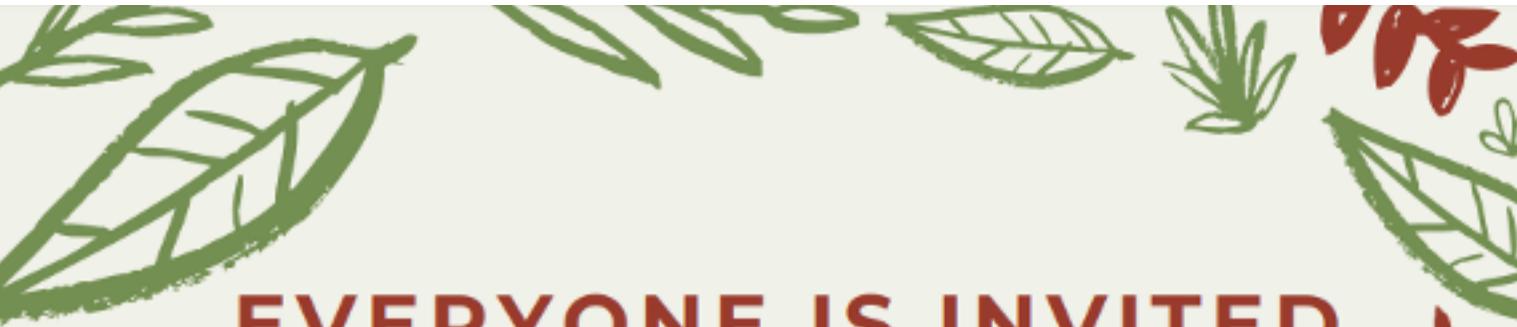


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NRL VISIT

We hosted three ambassadors from Play Rugby League South West NSW. Andrew, Dean and Courtney were here to promote health and well-being by explaining the key values of Resilience, Support and Gratitude. Our students were able to provide great answers and examples of these values in their daily lives and enjoyed some fun games as well.





EVERYONE IS INVITED *
TO ST MARY'S SCHOOL

Picnic in the Park

6pm Monday 22nd February 2021

**BYO Picnic Dinner or food to
barbeque, drinks and rug/chairs.**

**Moppett Street
entrance.**

