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Term 4 Week 1— Wednesday 6th October 2021

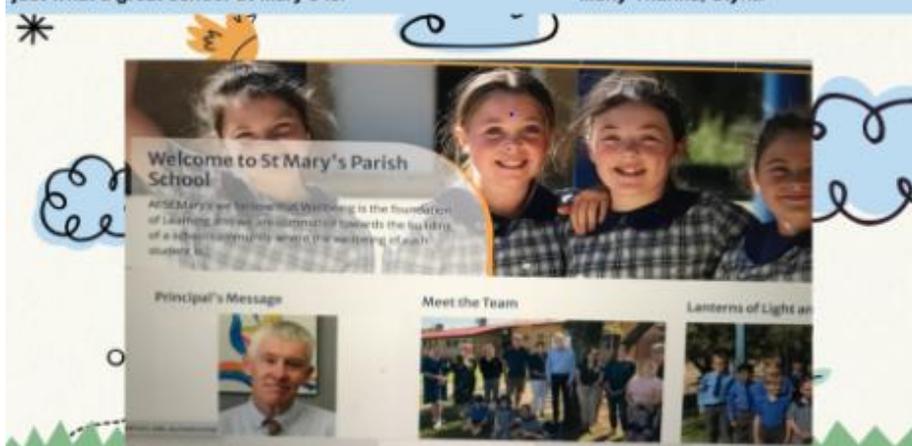
St Mary's Scoop

From the Principal

Dear Parents and Friends of St Mary's

A very warm welcome back to you all as we begin Term 4. Our staff are all nicely rested after the Spring break and raring to go! It was terrific to welcome everyone back after the holiday and to get back once again into the rhythm of school life, celebrating the joys of the classroom and playground in the company of friends, as the memory of home learning days gradually recedes. As we begin a new term we do so being very mindful of emphasising Covid safe practices of hygiene, cleanliness and access to fresh air in well ventilated classrooms. At the same time look forward to the days in the hopefully not too distant future when we can invite parents freely onto the school site.

We worked with Clynt from the IT Team at Forbes to create our new School Website, showcasing just what a great school St Mary's is. Many Thanks, Clynt!



We certainly achieved a lot at the school during last term and one of the highlights was the launch of our new school website during the final week of the term. I encourage you to check it out at

<https://hay.wf.catholic.edu.au/>

Our new site captures the spirit of our great little school quite beautifully.

It is up to date and engaging, linking in with our Facebook page and providing a one-stop shop for everything you need to know about St Mary's. We will keep the fresh and

up to date with all the latest news, including each weekly newsletter along with an archive of all newsletters for the year. While you are checking out the site you might want to take a look at our 'Term 3 Report' in the News section that highlights all the great things that happened at St Mary's throughout last term. I have highlighted a few of the report slides in this editorial.



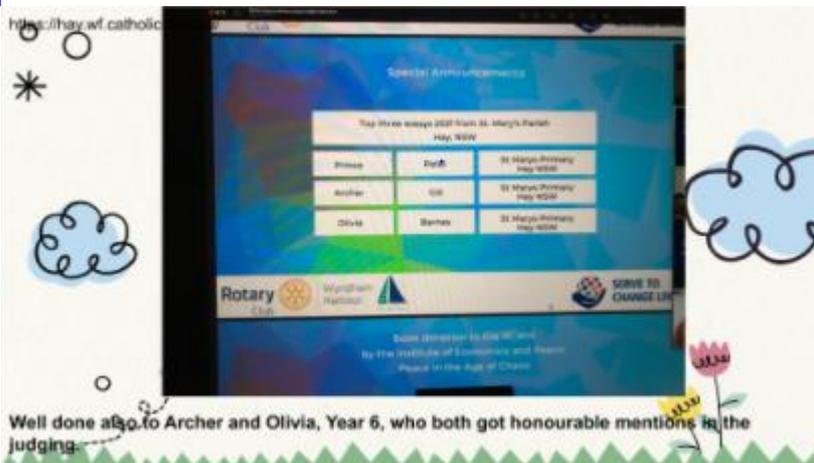
Congratulations to Prince Patel, Year 5, Winner of Rotary Club International Peace Day Essay Competition.

In the last newsletter of Term 3 I wrote a little about our school's participation in the national essay writing competition organised by the Rotary Club for International Peace Day which falls on September 21st.

During the holiday I was delighted to participate in a Zoom meeting at which the competition winners were announced. It gives me great pleasure to announce that St Mary's Year 5 student, Prince Patel, was judged as the winner of this competition. You can read Prince's essay in this

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St Mary's Year 6 students, Archer Gill and Olivia Barnes Heriot also received honourable mentions in the competition with Archer's essay being judged the best St Mary's entry and Olivia's the next best. Prince, Archer and Olivia will be receiving special certificates from the Rotary Club as well as gift voucher prizes and we will be celebrating these children's achievements at an upcoming school assembly.

During the holiday the School Admin building was repainted and is now gleaming! We are looking to now freshen up the foyer area - watch this space!



The original school building, now being used as our Religious Education and Spirituality space was also painted on the outside and looks great. The children are enjoying visiting this space for their Religious Education lessons now.

We are looking forward to utilising our new school library located in the classroom next door to the Years 5 and 6 classroom. Watch this space for some pictures as the children start to visit the library for borrowing.

Thanking you for your ongoing support and looking forward to working with you throughout what promises to be a busy and energising term ahead.

God Bless

Vince

Friday Lunch Deal

Hot Dog w/sauce

\$3.00



Religious Education News



Happy Birthday Mary

September 8, is the feast of the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Mary's Birthday!

God's gift of His Son to humankind was preceded by another precious gift-

The gift of the Mother to His Son

Weekly Compliance Articles

MEDICATION IN SCHOOLS

Antibiotics

In the case of antibiotics, generally a written request from a parent to the school in relation to the administration of antibiotics will be sufficient. Staff should be aware that some antibiotics require refrigeration.

Over the Counter Medication

Over the counter medication including panadol must not be administered by school staff unless a written request is received from the student's parent, with the medication in the original labelled container. The exception is reliever puffers for the emergency treatment of asthma.

Parents are responsible for:

- Obtaining the relevant medication forms from the school and arranging for their completion and return
- Providing the medication in the original labelled container to the nominated staff member
- Ensuring the medication is not out of date and has an original pharmacy label with the student's name, dosage and time to be taken
- Providing a request by parents and written instructions from a medical practitioner for prescription medication, indicating:
 - Name of student
 - Condition for which the medication is required
 - Guidelines for administration



★ Reach for the Stars ★



Tuesday our Reach for the stars started and we had so much fun!!
 We read 'Where is the green sheep?', went on a school tour and made our own green sheep!
 Can't wait to see you all again next Tuesday.

Term 4 Calendar

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- 12th Oct—Reach for the Stars
- 14th Oct—Parent meeting
 Re: Sacramental Program
- 19th Oct—Reach for the Stars
- 26th Oct—Reach for the Stars
- 28th Oct—Sacrament of Reconciliation
- 2nd Nov—Reach for the Stars
- 22-26 Nov—Swimming Program
 (1.45-2.45pm)
- 26th Nov—Proposed Xmas Tree Fete (TBC)
- 29th Nov—First Week of Advent
- 3rd Dec—Presentation Evening (6pm)
- 6-10 Dec—Swimming Program
 (11am—12pm)
- 9th Dec—School Mass to Farewell Yr 6
 (2pm)
- 9th Dec—Year 6 Dinner
- 15th Dec—Last day for students

Birthdays

The Staff and Students would like to wish these people who are celebrating their birthday. A very Happy Birthday to

Prince Patel for 7th October

