



Term 1 Week 3 — Thursday 10th February 2022 436 Moppett St Hay 2711 02 6993 1775 admin.hay@wf.catholic.edu.au

St Mary's Weekly Newsletter

Dear Parents and Friends of St Mary's



The warmest of welcomes back to the start of a new year at our lovely little school! At the same time I offer an especially warm welcome to all those families who are joining or reconnecting with St Mary's again. May your time with us be one of great joy filled with many blessings and good times and may your children be happy and thrive in their learning and wellbeing.

And now a quick introduction to our wonderful new students at the start of this year:

And so we welcome.....

A big welcome to Felisha! Felisha is a delightful little girl with a wonderfully strong spirit who is full of so much positive energy and has a real twinkle in her eye. Thank you for coming to St Mary's, Felisha!

A big welcome to Hannah! Hannah is little 'pocket rocket,' a beautiful girl with such a strong, confident attitude and love of learning. Get well soon, Hannah, and we look forward to seeing you here at St Mary's shortly. Thank you for coming to St Mary's, Hannah!

All the way from Japan, the land of the rising sun, a big welcome to little Haya! I did some cosmic yoga with Haya in the classroom yesterday and she was very amused! She is such a happy little child and is able to communicate in both Japanese and English with the most beautiful manners. She loves cuddling the little platypus in the Kinder room. Thank you for coming to St Mary's, Haya!

A big welcome to Krishi! Krishi has a big brother, Prince, in Year 6 and she has been just busting to come to St Mary's for long time. What a joy it was to see Krishi and Prince arriving at school yesterday on their scooters. Krishi just loves to learn and has a great general knowledge about so many things. Thank you for coming to St Mary's, Krishi!

A big welcome to lovely Sera! Bulla Sera! I got to know Sera last year when she came to our Reach for the Stars program. I admired her colourful T-shirts with great messages on them. Sera is already showing a real love of learning. Thank you for coming to St Mary's, Sera!

And last but not least, a big welcome to Swastik! Swastik is a vibrant ball of energy with a great love of learning who is such a good boy at school and has such great positive energy and enthusiasm for life. Thank you for coming to St Mary's, Swastik!

And here they are, the St Mary's Kindergarten class of 2022:



Our two lovely new teachers, Miss Evie Gray (Kinder and Year 1) and Miss Caitlyn Smith (Years 2, 3 and 4) have already introduced themselves to you via our school's Compass portal. I simply take this opportunity of formally welcoming both Evie and Caitlyn to our St Mary's family, wishing them both a wonderful year filled with lots of good times and great learnings.

As we begin the year we are blessed to have our new parish priest, Fr Paul Newton, working closely with us in the position of Religious Education Coordinator. Fr Paul will be visiting our school regularly, speaking with the children, working alongside our staff members in their mission of spreading the Good News of Jesus to the children and helping and guiding us as we prepare masses and liturgies that make the presence of Jesus alive in our school family. Tomorrow Fr Paul will lead us as we gather for our Beginning of School Year Mass for children and staff at 10.30 am in the church. This will be a simple and prayerful mass, acknowledging Mary, Jesus's mother, as our mother also and the patroness of our school, St Mary's.

**SAVE THE DATE:** Of course, St Mary's School is a key part of our parish of St Fergal's. Together, in the company of all the St Fergal's parishioners, Fr Paul will be leading us in the celebration of a **Special Family Mass on Saturday February 19th at 6.00 pm**. During this mass we will present our 2022 school leaders with their badges and they will make their leadership pledge for the year. We will also be formally welcoming our new staff members at this mass. Everyone is invited and It would be lovely to have as many of you present as possible. Fr Paul will be communicating with you on this special mass in next week's newsletter.



As we begin this new year once again under the shroud of Covid and the many restrictions that accompany it, St Mary's will strive to create a vibrant learning environment for all students and seek to maximise the involvement of you all in your child's or children's educational and learning journey this year. Please always feel welcome to contact myself and the teaching staff at any time.

Wishing everyone a wonderful week and thanking you for your ongoing support for St Mary's.

Vince

### Hay War Memorial High School Canteen

**We would like to advise our families that the Hay High School P&C Canteen offers our students the opportunity to purchase a lunch order from their amazing canteen on a daily basis.**

**A 2022 menu will be sent home once it in the coming weeks.**

**There is a special menu offer each Friday and you will find this on the weekly newsletter.**

**Lunch orders are to be placed in the silver box outside of the front door of the office as soon as the student arrives at school.**

**Please use a brown/white paper bag, provide correct money for your order & write clearly on the bag.**

# 2022 Swimming Carnival

It was fun in the sun for all the St Mary's kids and staff today (apart from the principal in the comfort of his air-conditioned office back at school!) as they made a big splash at today's swimming carnival, competing with great zest and energy and supporting each other every inch of the way. Great to see new teacher, Caitlyn Smith, giving a master class in how it should be done too! Well done to everyone and a special thank you to all helpers. Great job everyone - Teamwork makes the Dream work!!



Term 1 Planner. Please note that all events are subject to change.

Term 1 – 2022 St Mary's, Hay, Planner

Jan	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Sat/Sun
Holidays					New Year's Day	1/2
Holidays	3	4	5	6	7	8/9
Holidays	10	11	12	13	14	15/16
Holidays	17	18	19	20	21	22/23
Week 1 January	24	25	Australia Day PH	27	28	29/30
Week 2 January/ February	31 <i>St Mary's Feast Day to be celebrated this week - tbc with Fr Paul</i>	1	2	3	4	5/6
Week 3 February	7 Students return	8	9 School Swimming Carnival at Hay Pool - walk to pool	10 Mass 10.30 am	11 Back-up Polding Basketball & Tennis	12/13
Week 4 February	14	15	16 Cluster Swimming Carnival at Hay Pool TBC	17 Welcome Back Picnic in park 6.00 pm	18 Assembly TBC	19/20
Week 5 February	21	22	23	24	25 WF AFL Trials (Hay)	26/27
Week 6 February/ March	28 Dio Swimming Trial	1	2 Ash Wednesday Mass 12.15	3	4 Assembly TBC	5/6
Week 7 March	7	8	9	10	11 WF Boys Cricket Trials (Parkes)	12/13
Week 8 March	14	15 WF Winter Trials (Parkes)	16	17 St Patrick's Day Mass at 10.30 am	18 Lenten Prayer Back-up WF Winter Trials Assembly TBC	19/20
Week 9 March	21 Harmony Day	22 NSWCPS Swimming - SOPAC	23	24 NAPLAN Practice Test	25 Polding Touch Trials (Port Macquarie)	26/27
Week 10 March/April	28	29	30	31 Big Vegetable Crunch 10 am Polding AFL Trials (Newcastle) NSWPSSA Swimming - SOPAC TBC	1 Assembly TBC	2/3
Week 11	4	5 Back-up Polding AFL	6	7 Mass 10.30 am	8 Last day Term 1 Staff PD Day PUPIL FREE DAY	9/10

**Do you have any clear 2 litre bottles lying around that you don't need?**



**Our students are going to be creating their very own terrariums and require 2 litre bottles for this project. If you have any please send them with your child or drop them to the front office.**



**Thank you very much**