



Term 2 Week 3 — Wednesday 11th May 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

Now that the Covid restrictions have been eased, the return to a sense of normality or business as usual is impacting positively on the way that schools operate. Parents and families are such an important part of a school's life and the school community cannot be at its best when families are physically shut out of the school. It was a pleasure to host a couple of important events for parents over the last week.

School Events Parent and Staff Meeting: Last Wednesday morning a parent group met with staff, mapping out some key school events for the remainder of the year. We can look forward to the following events that are in the pipeline - Fathers' Day event and raffle; presence at the Hay Sheep Show; our Kinder Transition 'Reach For The Stars' program; School Sleepover in Term 4; Christmas Tree Fete. I'll speak to these closer to the time of the events happening.

Character Strength of the Week - Creativity: Mrs Nelson's class introduced this strength at last week's assembly and we've been looking at ways this week when each of us can flex our creative muscles and also spot others using this strength. Creativity is a strength that many of us can spot readily in young children but it is not always so apparent as we become older. Maybe there's a case for us adults really making every effort to view the world through the lens of our children or perhaps through the eyes of the child within ourselves that is not always so easy to find as we become so immersed in our adult lives with their stresses and responsibilities.

When we reflect on Creativity we need look no further than God whom we often address in prayer as Creator God. Children marvel at the fact that God made the Earth to be a biodiverse, colour-filled planet with a rich variety of plant life, wildlife and climates. Furthermore they appreciate that the world is a family made up of people from all different ethnicities, a reality that should unite us and never put us at odds with one another. And as people made in God's image, this idea of God being creative is one way to offer our children a clear example about how each of them is a reflection of God. In Religious Education, children spend time being creative in art and it gives teachers an easy way to connect the child's image to

God's image. This is something that the child in each of us can find hope in - that *we are all created in God's image, a human reflection of our Creator.*

Mothers' Day: On Monday evening we hosted a special Mothers Day celebration in our Nano Nagle room. It was truly a wonderful little celebration with lots of mothers and grandmothers in attendance during which the children showed their gratitude, entertaining their mums and grandmums with a special song and following this up with a demonstration of their newly acquired skills in hand massage as they gently massaged their mothers' hands. It is so fitting that Mothers' Day falls in May, the month of Mary, mother of Jesus, and the patron saint of our school. Mary is probably the most famous and renowned woman in the whole of human history. While adored and venerated by Catholics worldwide, Mary is rightly called a mother for all of humanity, irrespective of particular faith beliefs. There are many shrines devoted to Mary throughout India where she is venerated not just by Christians but by Hindus also. She also is venerated among the followers of Islam and, indeed, is mentioned more times in their holy book, the Qu'ran, than in our own Bible. As I reflect upon the current cultural composition of our St Mary's families, I cannot think of a better or more appropriate patron saint for our school than Mary.



Athletics Carnival: We have made a decision to hold our school Athletics Carnival next **Wednesday 18th May**, making use of the track markings laid out by the High School who host their own carnival the day before. In the weeks following the carnival the children will be participating in an athletics training program where we will be building on skills in the various events and looking to see who might be eligible to represent the school at the Cluster Athletics carnival to be held in Deniliquin on Monday August 8th during Term 3.

If you are able to help out at the carnival please contact Sharon at the office and let her know. We would appreciate all the assistance we can get for the day to run smoothly.

Wishing everyone a great week!

God Bless

Vince



FRIDAY 13th LUNCH DEAL

Chicken Goujons

\$2.50

Please note that there is no canteen Tuesday 17th May or Wednesday 18th May

What's Coming up in Term 2

12 May	NAPLAN (yrs 3 & 5)
16 May	WF Cross Country—Parkes
18 May	Athletics Carnival
23 May	National Reconciliation Week
26 May	National Sorry Day
7 June	Healthy Harold



He is risen!

Dear friends, as we continue to experience the overflowing joy of the Easter season, we pray with heartfelt gratitude for hope of eternal life we have received through the life, death and Resurrection of Jesus.

Here is something worthy of your reflection. Pray before and after you read it. Ask the Holy Spirit to speak to you - to reveal what this might mean for you...

A Carrot, An Egg, and A Cup of Coffee

A young woman went to her mother and told her about her life and how things were so hard for her.

She did not know how she was going to make it and wanted to give up. She was tired of fighting and struggling. It seemed as one problem was solved, a new one arose.

Her mother took her to the kitchen. She filled three pots with water and placed each on a high fire. Soon the pots came to boil. In the first she placed carrots, in the second she placed eggs, and in the last she placed ground coffee beans. She let them sit and boil, without saying a word.

In about twenty minutes she turned off the burners. She fished the carrots out and placed them in a bowl. She pulled the eggs out and placed them in a bowl. Then she ladled the coffee out and placed it in a bowl.

Turning to her daughter, she asked, "Tell me, what do you see?" "Carrots, eggs, and coffee", she replied.

Her mother brought her closer and asked her to feel the carrots. She did and noted that they were soft. The mother then asked the daughter to take an egg and break it. After pulling off the shell, she observed the hard boiled egg. Finally, the mother asked the daughter to sip the coffee. The daughter smiled as she tasted its rich aroma. The daughter then asked, "What does it mean, mother?"

Her mother explained that each of these objects had faced the same adversity - boiling water. Each reacted differently. The carrot went in strong, hard,

and unrelenting. However, after being subjected to the boiling water, it softened and became weak. The egg had been fragile. Its thin outer shell had protected its liquid interior, but after sitting through the boiling water, its inside became hardened. The ground coffee beans were unique, however. After they were in the boiling water, they had changed the water.



[The Francis Minute](#)
[The Recipe for a Happy Family](#)

**Let us pray.
Almighty ever-living God,
lead us to a share in the joys of heaven,
so that the humble flock
may reach where the brave Shepherd
has gone before.
Who lives and reigns with you
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
God, for ever and ever.
Amen.**

Never hesitate to get in touch if I can be of any assistance to you and your family. Be assured of my sincere prayers for you all every day.

God bless. Fr Paul

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Birthday Wishes

The Staff and students of St Mary's Wish the following people a very

Happy Birthday

Mrs Low for 17th May

Jye Scott for 17th May



ACTIVE KIDS ARE SMARTER KIDS



FRIDAY 20 MAY 2022

Until they're ten, children must always hold an adult's hand when crossing the road

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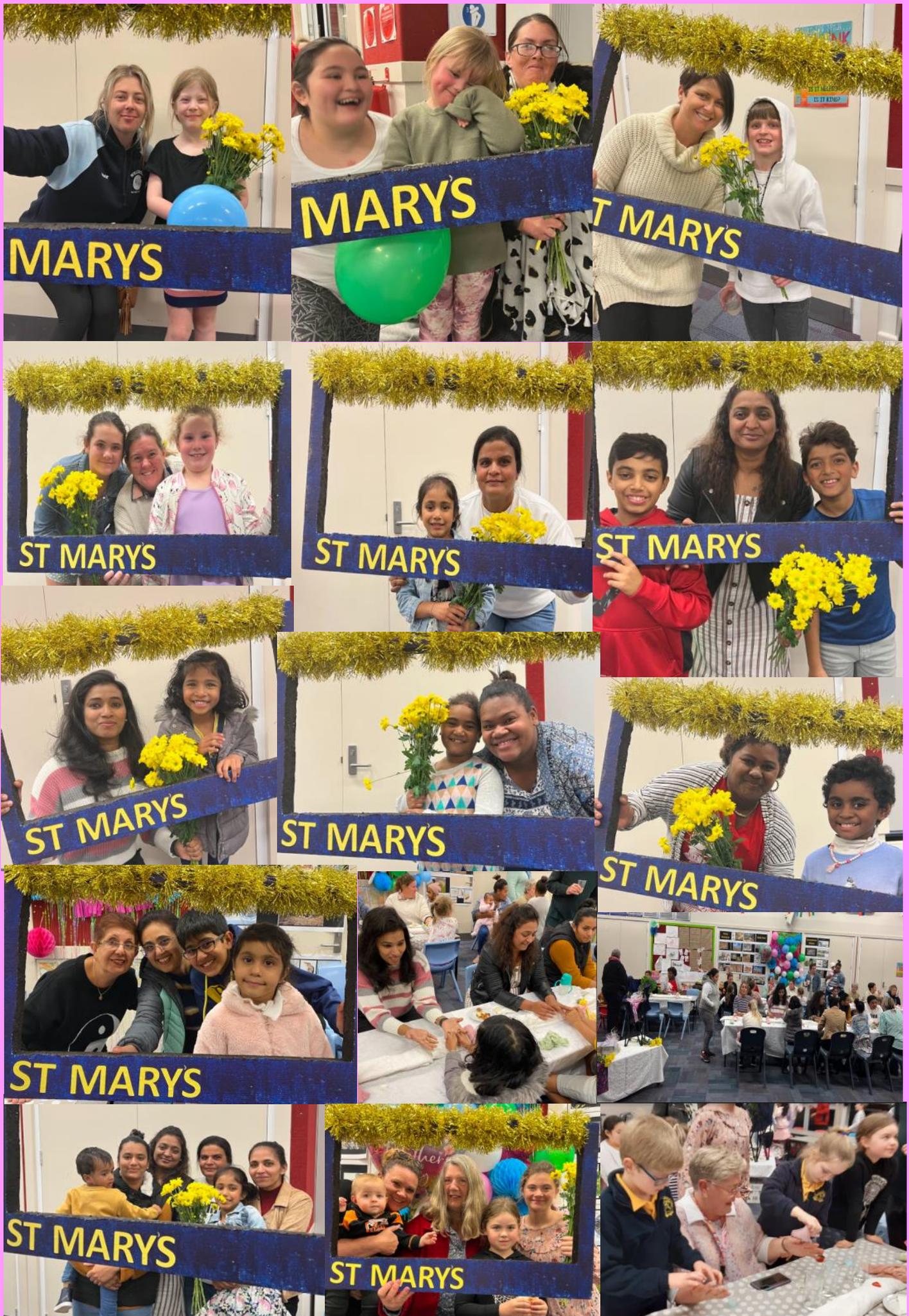
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Mother's Day 2022



Respect for Self—Respect for Others— Respect for the Environment



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WORKING WITH CHILDREN CHECKS Screening of those working in schools

Working With Children Checks are undertaken by staff working in our school. Non-exempt school volunteers, outside tutors, external providers and any staff engaged by an external organisation are also expected to provide schools with their WWCC which is verified prior to engagement.

Exemptions from Working With Children Check are:

- Children (under the age of 18);
- A 'parent of a child' includes a carer or person who has legal responsibility for a child; A 'close relative' includes a spouse or de facto partner, child, step-child, parent, step-parent, sibling, step-sibling, grandparent, step-grandparent, aunt, uncle, niece or nephew.

This exemption does not apply where the work is part of a formal mentoring program or involves intimate, personal care of children with a disability, or when volunteering on overnight camps.

The purpose of the check is to exclude people from working with children who are not suitable. A person who has been convicted or found guilty of a listed serious offence against children (whether in NSW or elsewhere) is prohibited from working in a child related role.

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 or children is received.

Volunteers who are not the parent or a close relative of a child at the school will be expected to undertake a Working With Children Check.

Further information on the Working With Children Check can be found on the website for the Office of the Children's Guardian at <https://www.kidsguardian.nsw.gov.au/>



Athletics Carnival

Our Athletics Carnival has been set for Wednesday 18th May at Number 1 Oval.

We will not be running a canteen on the day but we will have a meal deal or sausage sizzle. The details will be confirmed prior to the day.

We are looking for helpers to assist on the day with setting up the field events, running/supervising the field events and time keeping.

The day will start at 10 am with the 800m races. The age races will begin at 11.30am.

Children will come to school as normal and we will all work to the park together once the rolls have been marked.

Please indicate if you would like to help out. Field events and track events are held at different times so you can volunteer for both if you are feeling adventurous.

Many hands make light work

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Athletics Carnival 2022 Volunteer

PARENT/GUARDIAN/FRIEND NAME: _____

- I CAN HELP WITH TIME KEEPING
- I CAN HELP WITH LONG JUMP
- I CAN HELP WITH SHOT PUT
- I CAN HELP WITH HIGH JUMP
- I CAN HELP WITH DISCUS
- OR, I CAN HELP IN ANY AREA YOU NEED