



Term 3 Week 4 — Wednesday 10th August 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

Firstly, a big thank you to all of you who made it to the Cluster Athletics Carnival at Deniliquin on Monday, transporting the children safely there and back again. Mrs Nelson tells me that you were a truly magnificent bunch! She was most appreciative of the great support she received throughout the carnival with a number of you stepping forward to help out in the various events. We thanked the children for their great efforts and for representing their school and their families so well at this morning's assembly. Thank you! You can check out some great pictures on our St Mary's Facebook page.



You will have noticed that there are some big changes to the front of the school with a large section of the site to the left of the entrance and in front of the Kindergarten room now a levelled-out mud plain with all the grass removed. Our Cultural Garden is now underway! Our thanks for this initial phase of the work goes to our lovely school administrative officer, Sharon Cox, her husband Daryl, and her father-in-law, Ernie, who along with our Years 2 and 3 teacher, Caitlyn Smith, toiled long and hard all day Sunday to prepare the site ready for the construction of the garden. We hope to have work continuing on the garden within the next few weeks - once it has begun, it will be completed very quickly, I've

been told. I have spoken with Aboriginal artist, Owen Lyons, who spent a few days with us last term as our artist in residence, working with children, staff and families, creating a beautiful mural. Owen tells me that the mural is almost completed and he will be bringing it over to the school within a few weeks ready to have it installed as part of the garden. Very exciting! This Aboriginal Cultural Garden has been talked about for a long time at St Mary's and it's wonderful to see that it's finally underway. Hay Shire Council has very generously offered to provide us with mulch and road base for the project and I am most grateful for this. I will keep you posted on this exciting initiative over the coming weeks as the project gathers momentum.

Monday's Athletics carnival coincided with the feast day of Australia's first saint, Mary MacKillop. We remembered this truly great Australian teacher and woman at a special liturgy held at school yesterday afternoon. Mary MacKillop was a truly inspiring schoolteacher and nun who was made a saint because she defied convention by teaching those who were being left behind - bush kids, girls, the homeless, the poor, including many Aboriginal children.



In the 1800s education was considered a privilege for the privileged. Mary MacKillop saw it as an essential for all. In a relatively short life, she virtually covered Australia with schools, large and small. She established a teaching Order of nuns, the Sisters of St Joseph and, clad in coarse brown habits, these nuns were dispersed through remote outposts. Wherever there were children needing teaching, she sent her brave, pioneer teachers. Their living conditions were often rough, way out in the hot and arid inland of the country

but, through belief and determination, they gave that precious foundation of learning without discrimination. Many of Mary MacKillop's schools continue today, as do her Josephite order of

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

nuns, affectionately known as the Brown Joey's, although their brown habits are long abandoned and the nuns are identified only by religious brooches.



In many ways, Mary's life and work is so similar to that of our own school's hero, Nano Nagle, who, like Mary, also followed Jesus's message of reaching out with compassion and care to society's most disadvantaged families and young children and helping and supporting them through the power of learning and education.

There are no better role models for our young people to aspire to than these two great women who both continue to have a huge impact in education at a national and international level, Mary MacKillop from Australia and Nano Nagle from Ireland.

Wishing everyone well for the week!

Vince Campbell



## FRIDAY LUNCH DEAL

# Spaghetti Bolognese

# \$5.50

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

*Happy Birthday*

***Zoya Shazhad for 6th August***



## What's Coming up in Term 3

15 Aug	School Photos (Full winter uniform)
15-19 Aug	National Science Week
19 Aug	WF Athletics Carnival—Parkes
22-26 Aug	Book Week
25 Aug	CWA Public Speaking
26 Aug	<i>Pupil Free Day</i>
4 Sept	Fathers Day
9 Sept	Leap Into Kinder Program Begins
15 Sept	Road Safety Day (Bicycle and scooters)
16 Sept	Leap Into Kinder Program
23 Sept	Leap Into Kinder Program
23 Sept	Last Day of Term 3

Orders are to be processed through the Compass App. Please call into the school front office if you require any assistance with this or call

03 5482 3190



# 1 WEEK

## UNTIL MSP PHOTOGRAPHY VISITS OUR SCHOOL

Please call MSP on 5482 3190 if you have any questions.

### **MONDAY 15TH AUGUST**

## **SCHOOL ATTENDANCE**

Regular attendance at school for every student is essential if students are to maximise their potential. Schools, in partnership with parents, are responsible for promoting the regular attendance of students. While parents are legally responsible for the regular attendance of their children, school staff, as part of their duty of care, monitor part or whole day absences. Schools, in providing a caring teaching and learning environment, which addresses the learning and support needs of students, including those with additional learning and support needs or complex health conditions, foster students' sense of wellbeing and belonging to the school community.

# **Sports News**

We would like to offer a special thank you to our parents who not only travelled to Deniliquin for their children to participate in the carnival but they also ended up assisting with the running of events, ensuring the students were at their correct events and rallying together to supervise the team. It is great when everyone works together to make the day a great success.



We have two students who made it to the WF Athletics which will be held in Parkes on 19th August . Congratulations to Ava and Emma.

**Wilcannia Forbes Athletics Trial 2022**

**Venue: Northparkes Oval, Alexandra Street, Parkes**

**Date: Friday 19th August, 2022**

**Time: 8.45am welcome**

**Canteen facilities available**

## *The beginning of our Cultural Garden*



The first step in the establishment of our Cultural Garden. We are so thankful for the generosity of Daryl and Ernie Cox, Caitlyn Smith and Mrs Cox who worked all day to clear the grass from the site. We must also thank Anthony from Bullant Motors, Jack O'Donnell for the loan of his trailer which made unloading the dirt a much easier task, Dave Kenton for the hire of his machinery and Geoff & Ann Cox for allowing us a spot to unload the soil. We have some very generous members of our community out there always willing to put up their hand to help out in some way.



Stay tuned for the next step of this amazing project.



## Class Awards

*Congratulations to our award winners for Friday 5th August 2022.*

*Felisha Mohamad Azmir, Swastik Sandeep, Leah Curtis, Lincoln Nelson,  
Prince Patel and Katie Black.*





**St Mary's Book Week  
Character Costume Parade  
9:15am Tuesday 23rd August**

**Students are invited to dress up as a  
book character**



# Play 2 Learn

A good beginning for every child

## Play2Learn is more than a playgroup!

Play2Learn is a fun time for you to share with your child. Play2Learn gives your child the chance to learn, grow and prepare for school.

All families with children aged 0 – 5 years are welcome to attend.

### Come and join us for:

- lots of play activities
- craft
- healthy snacks
- music & story time
- fun & friendship
- support with parenting

### Program Time & Location

**Time:** 9.30 to 11.30 am

**Day:** Every Friday during school terms

**Place:** Baden Powell Hall,  
behind Library  
Hay NSW 2711



### For More Information

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54 reasons respectfully acknowledges the traditional owners and custodians of the land on which we work, and pay respect to Elders past and present.