



Term 4 Week 1 — 12 October 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

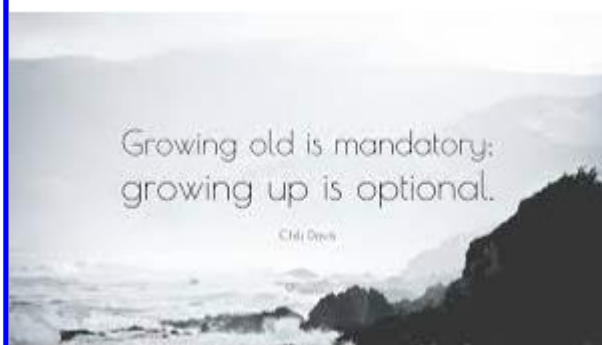
We have had a smooth start to the new term and the children have settled in very nicely to the routines and rules of school life. The school is looking terrific and the plants in our new Cultural Garden are flourishing in the wet weather. You will have noticed that we have a lovely statue of St Mary, mother of Jesus, greeting everyone who enters and leaves our school. Mary stands beautifully on a lovely River Red Gum stump that was provided by the Nelson family along with all the other logs and stumps in our Cultural Garden.



Matt Stringer, Usher and Brody's father, has done a terrific job in carefully erecting the statue and Mrs Mabon and Mrs Symons created a lovely little grotto area surrounding the statue where some traditional flowers have been planted. The practice of adoration and praying to Mary is a longstanding tradition of the Catholic faith. As I told the children on Monday, Mary, mother of Jesus, is held in the highest regard by so many people from non-Christian religions such as Hinduism and Islam. The praying of Mary's special prayer, the Holy Rosary, during the month of October is one such longstanding Catholic

tradition. Each morning before the start of school during October, weather permitting, we are gathering around our lovely new statue to pray a decade of the rosary, using traditional rosary beads. This is a lovely quiet time of meditation and prayer before the busyness of the school day.

I thought that I would share a lovely little story that was passed on to me by Fr Paul just this week. I read it and thought that it fitted in perfectly with the character strength we are introducing this week, Love of Learning. At school we strive to give the children a true Love Of Learning and emphasise that learning is something that is lifelong and not something that stops once you leave school. When children are born and throughout their early years they show a natural curiosity and love of learning new stuff. It is very exciting for them. The challenge as we grow older is to keep this exciting love of learning alive and not let the flame go out. If we can keep this love of learning alive within us, we will keep something of the joy and excitement of youthfulness within us forever. Here's the story:



*The first day of school our professor introduced himself and challenged us to get to know someone we didn't already know. I stood up to look around when a gentle hand touched my shoulder. I turned around to find a wrinkled, little old lady beaming up at me with a smile that lit up her entire being. She said, "Hi, handsome. My name is Rose. I'm eighty-seven years old. Can I give you a hug?" I laughed and enthusiastically responded, "Of course you may!" and she gave me a giant squeeze.*

"Why are you in college at such a young, innocent age?" I asked.

She jokingly replied, "I'm here to meet a rich husband, get married, have a couple of children, and then retire and travel."

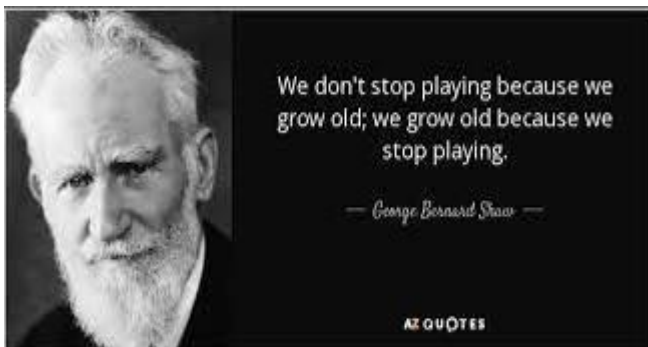
"No seriously," I asked. I was curious what may have motivated her to be taking on this challenge at her age.

"I always dreamed of having a college education and now I'm getting one!" she told me.

After class we walked to the student union building and shared a chocolate milkshake. We became instant friends. Every day for the next three months we would leave class together and talk nonstop. I was always mesmerized listening to this "time machine" as she shared her wisdom and experience with me. Over the course of the year, Rose became a campus icon and she easily made friends wherever she went. She loved to dress up and she reveled in the attention bestowed upon her from the other students. She was living it up.

At the end of the semester we invited Rose to speak at our football banquet. I'll never forget what she taught us. She was introduced and stepped up to the podium. As she began to deliver her prepared speech, she dropped her three by five cards on the floor. Frustrated and a little embarrassed she leaned into the microphone and simply said, "I'm sorry I'm so jittery. I gave up beer for Lent and this whiskey is killing me! I'll never get my speech back in order so let me just tell you what I know." As we laughed she cleared her throat and began:

**"We do not stop playing and learning because we are old; we grow old because we stop playing and learning."** There are only four secrets to staying young, being happy, and achieving success. You have to laugh and find humour every day. You've got to have a dream. When you lose your dreams, you die. We have so many people walking around who are dead and don't even know it! There is a huge difference between growing older and growing up. If you are nineteen years old and lie in bed for one full year and don't do one productive thing, you will turn twenty years old. If I am eighty-seven years old and stay in bed for a year and never do anything I will turn eighty-eight. Anybody can grow older. That doesn't take any talent or ability. The idea is to grow up by always finding the opportunity in change. Have no regrets. The elderly usually don't have regrets for what we did, but rather for things we did not do. The only people who fear death are those with regrets."



She concluded her speech by courageously singing "The Rose." She challenged each of us to study the lyrics and live them out in our daily lives. At the year's end, Rose finished the college degree she had begun all those years ago. One week after graduation Rose died peacefully in her sleep. Over two thousand college students attended her funeral in tribute to the wonderful woman who taught by example that it's never too late to be all you can possibly be.

Wishing everyone a great week and looking forward to a terrific term. We have so many great things happening this term so make sure that you're up to date with all that's happening. Two great events that are happening in Week 3 are our celebration of Diwali Festival of Lights on Monday October 24 and our Mission Activity 'Socktober' on Friday October 28.

God Bless  
Vince Campbell  
Principal





A very WARM welcome back to all the children, their families and the staff at St Mary's for Term 4. You've been missed over the holidays. I hope and pray you've had an amazing time and are refreshed and ready to dive into this final chapter of the year.

## THE MONTH OF THE ROSARY

Every year it is our Catholic custom to dedicate the month of October to the praying of the Most Holy Rosary. *The Rosary is a timeless pray about the life of Jesus through the eyes of Mary.* Why not pray a decade or two of the Rosary with your children (as a family) each night. You might find this simply introductory video on the Rosary helpful...



### [The Rosary in 2 Minutes](#)

For the month of October I will be praying the **Most Holy Rosary** before our new statue of Mother Mary at @ **1:10pm Thursdays**. Everyone is most welcome to join me. You might find it helpful to watch YouTube or listen to it as you pray the Rosary. If it helps you to focus then great. Why not give this one a try...



### [The Joyful Mysteries of the Rosary](#)

Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with thee.  
Blessed art thou among women, and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus.

## FIRST SCHOOL MASS FOR THE TERM

**10:15am Thursday, 20th October**

Everyone is most welcome to join us for our first School Mass at St Fergal's at 10:15am on Thursday, 20th October. *The Holy Mass is at the heart of all that we do and all that we believe because it is the celebration of the Life, Death and Resurrection of Jesus.*



At Mass we have the privilege of coming together as the family of God in song, prayer and encouragement. We have also booked in this term two more School Masses...

**10:15am Thursday, 24th November**

**10:15am Thursday, 15th December**

And of course the very centre of our Parish life is the hinge of our whole week - **6pm Mass Saturdays**. Please come each week with you family and friends. Get involved and see all the blessings God will give us.

I will also be meeting with various classes at **1:40pm Wednesdays** with their teacher in St Fergal's Church to dive deeper and deeper into the beautiful key teaching of our faith.

God bless. Fr Paul

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## 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

# FRIDAY 14/10/22 LUNCH DEAL

## Chicken Goujons

## \$4.00



Owen Lyons Art

5 October at 22:06 · 🌐

(Partial sneak peek) I have almost completed these 2 huge pieces (3.4x1.7 metres x2) for #Hay #catholicschool.

It's taken me a while to get my health and my head in the right place recently but I have risen above it all and managed to tackle these huge pieces that will hopefully be hanging in the #schools #cultural garden soon. I am very happy with these pieces and when I unveil I hope you will be too 😊... #mentalillness #schizophrenia #aboriginalart #wiradjuriartist #contemporaryart





# Parent Workshop

## How to support reading at home

The workshop will cover home reading and the purpose of the different books your child will bring home.

**The workshop will explain the vital component reading skills:**



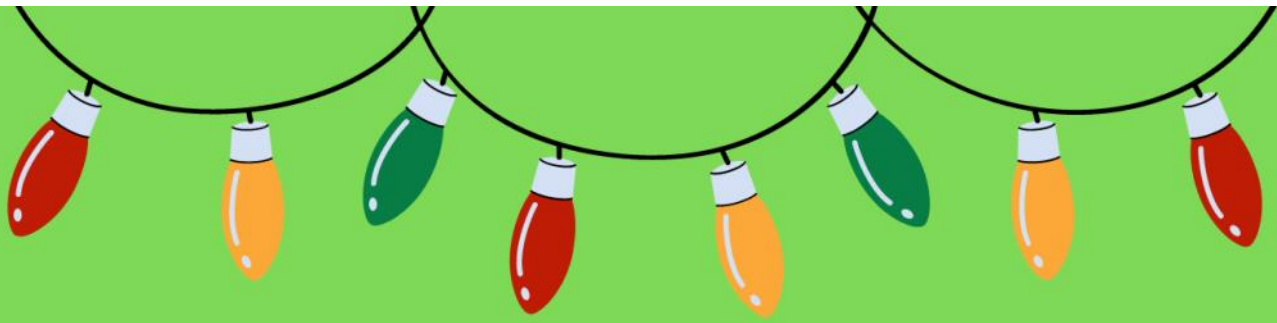
St Mary's is committed to providing exemplary instruction for our students. We continue to evaluate and refine our practices and this year we are fortunate to be able to embark upon the Early Literacy Project. This 12-month intensive program entails staff completing 24 hours of professional learning and working closely with our Literacy Consultant in the classroom to ensure we are providing the very best instruction possible to enhance your child's reading skills

We are holding a parent workshop to provide you with information about the project and the path we are taking, along with ways that you can support your child with reading at home. We do hope you are able to join us for this special event.

**Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> October, 2022 | Starting at 6pm**

Nano Nagle Hall | St Mary's Parish School

CEWF Literacy Specialist, Melissa Hill, will speak to you about reading at St Mary's School and provide some practical activities you can do at home with your child to strengthen their reading.



**CHRISTMAS TREE  
FETE MEETING  
SUNDAY 16TH OCT  
10AM  
THE CONVENT  
ALL WELCOME TO  
ATTEND**



**Term 4 - 2022 St Mary's Planner (Subject to last minute Changes)**

| Oct/Nov/Dec            | Monday  | Tuesday   | Wednesday   | Thursday   | Friday   | Sat/Sun  |
|------------------------|---|---|---|--|--|--|
| Week 1<br>October      | 10  | 11  | 12  | 13   | 14<br>Leap Into Kinder   | 15/16<br>St Ignatius<br>Feast Day<br>- Bourke      |
| Week 2<br>October      | 17  | 18  | 19  | 20<br>Whole School Mass 10.15<br>ELP Parent Meeting<br>(Decodable Readers) 6pm   | 21<br>Leap Into Kinder<br><br>5/6 Assembly   | 22/23  |
| Week 3<br>October      | 24<br>Diwali  | 25  | 26<br>Children's Day  | 27   | 28<br>Leap Into Kinder<br><br>Silly Soccer<br>Socktober day  | 29/30<br>30th<br>National<br>Grandpar<br>ents' Day |
| Week 4<br>Oct/Nov      | 31  | 1<br>Melbourne Cup Day  | 2   | 3  | 4<br>Leap Into Kinder<br><br>2/3 Assembly  | 5/6  |
| Week 5<br>November     | 7<br>Pupil Free Day<br>Staff PD K-2 Maths<br>syllabus.                      | 8<br>School Performance Tours -<br>Wadjiny 9.30am<br><br>Yr 6 to attend HWMHS to<br>practise Drumbeat each<br>Tuesday | 9   | 10<br>Year 6 to go to HWMHS<br>for Term Awards<br>Ceremony at 11.20 and<br>stay for sport  | 11<br>Leap Into Kinder<br>Remembrance Day<br>5/6 10.45 am  | 12/13<br>St<br>Laurence<br>O'Toole<br>Feast Day    |
| Week 6<br>November     | 14  | 15  | 16  | 17   | 18<br>Leap Into Kinder<br>Graduation!<br><br>K/1 Assembly  | 19/20  |
| Week 7<br>November     | 21<br>Road Safety Week  | 22  | 23  | 24<br>Whole School Mass<br>10:15am   | 25<br>Whole School Excursion<br>Altina Wildlife Park TBC   | 26/27  |
| Week 8<br>November     | 28<br>School Swimming<br>Lessons 1.30 - 2.45<br><br>Christmas Tree Fete TBC | 29<br>School Swimming Lessons<br>1.30 - 2.45<br><br>Year 6 Orientation Day<br>HWMHS                                   | 30<br>School Swimming Lessons<br>1.30 - 2.45                              | 1<br>School Swimming Lessons<br>1.30 - 2.45  | 2<br>School Swimming Lessons<br>1.30 - 2.45<br><br>Opening of Aboriginal<br>Cultural Garden<br>Blessing of Bell, Mary<br>Statue and Cultural<br>Garden and Beryl Mabon<br>plaque | 3/4<br>Confirmati<br>on<br>6.00pm                  |
| Week 9<br>November/Dec | 5<br>School Swimming<br>Lessons 1.30 - 2.45                                 | 6<br>School Swimming Lessons<br>1.30 - 2.45<br>Cath Napa - Janet  | 7<br>School Swimming Lessons<br>1.30 - 2.45<br><br>Presentation Night 6pm | 8<br>School Swimming Lessons<br>1.30 - 2.45  | 9<br>School Swimming Lessons<br>1.30 - 2.45  | 10/11<br>Carols By<br>Candlelight                  |
| Week 10<br>December    | 12  | 13  | 14  | 15<br>Year 6 Graduation and End<br>of Year Mass 10.00am &<br>parent morning tea.<br><br>2.30pm Final Assembly<br>Graduation Dinner | 16<br>Last Day of Term 4<br>ALL students & Staff<br>Summer Games   | 17/18  |
| Week 11<br>December    | 19  | 20  | 21  | 22   | 23   | 24/25<br>Christmas<br>Day                          |
| Holidays               | 26<br>Boxing Day  | 27<br>Christmas Day PH  | 28  | 29   | 30   | 31   |



# Halloween Disco



**\$3 ENTRY**

ON THE DOOR  
ALL KIDS 5 & UNDER  
FREE

**HAY SERVICES CLUB AUDITORIUM**

**FRIDAY 28TH OCTOBER**

FOOD & DRINKS  
FOR SALE

**5.00PM TO 8.00PM**



PRIZES FOR  
BEST COSTUMES  
PRIZES FOR DANCE FREEZE  
CANDY COUNT JAR



**FOR AGES 2-12 ALL  
CHILDREN 5 & UNDER  
NEED PARENTAL  
SUPERVISION FOR THE  
ENTIRE EVENT**