



ST MARY'S PRIMARY SCHOOL

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"Educating for Life Since 1912"



Term 3, Issue 25

Tuesday 23rd August 2022

August

Wed 24th @ 2.15pm

Step into Prep

Thurs 25th @ 8.30am - 10am

Uniform Shop open

Fri 26th @ 2.45pm

Assembly. All Welcome!!

Mon 29th

Y3/4 Excursion to Royal

Botanic Gardens Cranbourne

Wed 31st

District Athletics

September

Thurs 1st @ 7.45am

Father's Day Breakfast

Thurs 1st

HATS ON OUTSIDE

Book Week!

If you can read you can learn about anything!

Dear Families,

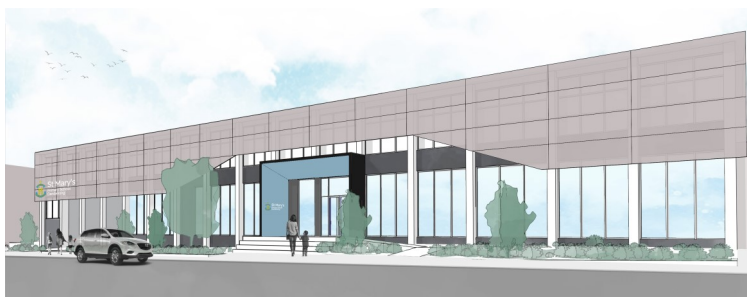
Today, I am happy! I looked out across the quadrangle at the building site and am so happy that we are making some really good progress. I am happy that we were able to celebrate Book Week together as a community, seeing all the wonderful costumes yesterday (photos inside!!!). I am happy that we have so many children just so happy to be at school, making the most of their learning opportunities. I have been out visiting local kindergartens to make the rest of the community aware of our wonderful school, hoping to build enrolments. I am so happy that we have enthusiastic staff who try to make all of the lessons that the children take part in as enjoyable and as engaging as possible. I saw my 14 year old daughter on the weekend who has been at a camp five hours away for the past five weeks, and I got to hug her and squeeze her tight (and she even cuddled back!). I am feeling very grateful this week!

School Advisory Committee (SAC) Meeting this Friday

We have our next School Advisory Committee this Friday at 2:15pm, and we welcome Mamika to the group, a parent from Year 5/6. If there are any other families out there who would be interested in being part of this group, please send me an email or catch me on duty. Happy to discuss the SAC and what their role is with you.

Building News

While there have been many challenges with the building program including pre-existing structural issues, contractor issues and resourcing issues, we have some progress in that we are into the ***Roughing In*** stage. That is where the builders are putting together the detailed structure behind plaster and running all of the data and the cables. It's an exciting time as we can begin to see all of the rooms taking shape! Here are the Architect Drawings for what the finished result should look like. Can't wait to see it all coming together!!!



Please keep Fr Brendan in Your prayers

Fr Brendan has taken ill just recently but is in good spirits (which for Fr Brendan means he is a bit feisty and cheeky!). Please keep him in your family prayers so that we can get him back on deck and at the school as quickly as possible. We miss him...

Have a wonderful week, Terry

Mr Gardiner's Rib Ticklers...

Mr Gardiner: Mrs Walsh...do you know when the moon is the heaviest?

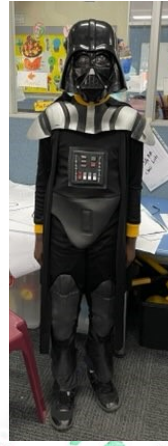
Mrs Walsh: Um...no...that sounds like a very scientific question? Doesn't it always weigh the same amount?

Mr Gardiner: No, its the heaviest when it is full...get it full? Like its eaten too much?

Mrs Walsh: Oh...that is just terrible!!! No more Mr Gardiner...no more!!!

Mr Gardiner: Ha ha!!! Next week's joke might eclipse this week's....





We are all buzzing about **Book Week**



The theme for Book Week is 'Dreaming with our Eyes Open'.

For book week, on Monday, we all dressed up as our favourite characters from books or movies. We had a parade to show off our outfits. Everyone looked amazing and looked the same as their book or movie.

In the 3/4 community we read all different books from Book Week in small groups. One person would take a turn to read a book then we would all rate the book. We also got marshmallows and hot chocolate!

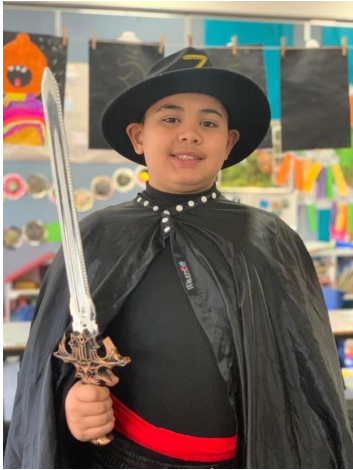
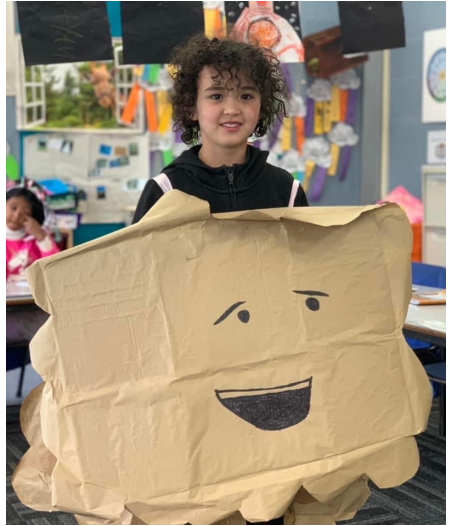


Book Week at St Mary's



We had a wonderful start to Book Week yesterday! So many fabulous book characters came alive as we celebrated and read the shortlisted books for this year. Thank you to all for the great effort you put into your costumes. Keep reading, keep dreaming!





From the Sports Desk - House Competition

Every 2 weeks we're going to announce which house colour received the most points from Beaut Behaviour Cards. There will be a great prize for the winning house at the end of the year.

Last week the results were:

RED 8

GOLD 7

BLUE 6

GREEN 5

Competition is close!

Keep up the Beaut Behaviour!



HAVE FUN • GET FIT • MAKE FRIENDS • SHOOT HOOPS



**New under 8s
players wanted.
Get your first
season free***

***FIRST SEASON FREE LIMITED TO
FIRST 20 PLAYERS TO REGISTER.
Not included in free season: Uniform Kit \$95
(Non-Refundable) and \$26 Basketball Victoria
insurance and player fee (Non-Refundable)**

**Contact Josh:
0411 059 437**

The Vales is a long established local basketball club
committed to providing opportunities for everyone to
learn and play the sport in a safe and fun environment.



St Mary's invites you to our 2022 Father's Day Breakfast



Who: Dad/Mum/grandparents/uncles/brothers/any special family members.

ALL ARE WELCOME TO ATTEND

Where: Thursday 1st September

Time: 7:45am

Where: St Mary's Hall

RSVP: By Monday 22nd August return the paper RSVP slip (soon to come home) or simply let the office know!





Join us on Social Media for more photos and stories.



September 1st

Hats are back on!

Now is a good time to wash them so they're nice and clean.

We sell hats through the Uniform Shop and in the office for \$11

Fees

It's not too late to sign up for a Direct Debit.

Enrolments 2023

If you have a child turning 5 by 30th April 2023, they may be eligible to enrol at St Mary's school for Prep next year. Please come to the office for an enrolment form. We are also taking enrolments for other year levels.

10 ways to become a better reader...

1. Read
2. READ
3. Read
4. read
5. READ
6. Read
7. Read
8. read
9. Read
10. READ



August

24th Alek
24th Srivaishnavi
25th Nishan
27th Jasneet
28th Aziel
29th Celecita

School Contacts

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