

Term 4, Issue 33

Tuesday 15th November 2022

November

Thurs 17th @ 8.30 - 10am **Uniform Shop open** Fri 18th Whole school transition Fri 18th @ 2.45pm Assembly - All welcome! Mon 21st **School Closure Day Staff Professional Learning** Tues 22nd @ 9.15am Class Mass - Year 1/2 Thurs 24th @ 8.30 - 10am **Uniform Shop open** Thurs 24th @ 9.30 - 11am **Prep Transition Session** Thurs 24th @ 4 - 6pm **Twilight Sports** Fri 25th @ 2.45pm

December

Assembly. All welcome!

Mon 28th - Fri 9th Dec

Swimming

Mon 5th
Choir visiting Mercy Place
Wed 14th
Year 6 Graduation Day
Thurs 15th
Year 6 Fun Day
Thurs 15th
Carols Night
Fri 16th @ 1.30pm
Term 4 finishes

Dear Families,

Week Seven is a Meeting Free Week for the teachers before and after school, because as we learnt from God, on the seventh day (or week) he (they...) rested! The staff are working hard at the moment, making sure reports are being written, writing PLP's, preparing for PSGs, and still teaching at the same time as getting ready for next year! Thanks teachers, you are all doing an amazing job!

School Closure Day - This Monday 21st of November

As mentioned in previous Newsletters and on Dojo, next Monday is a Whole School Closure day so we will not be open for students. The focus of the closure day is Literacy and is being run by our partners at MACS who have been working with us all year on Literacy. Our focus on improvement has clearly been very beneficial as our latest data analysis shows so much improvement across the levels, particularly in reading, which is understandably so foundational to learning in Literacy.

We will also be spending some time on the day going through our MACSSIS data, which is data collected by the Melbourne Archdiocese of Catholic Schools through various surveys completed by the staff, the children and the families. We will of course look at where we are going well and also look at areas for improvement as we finalise our Annual Action Plan for 2023. We look forward to sharing it with you!

Whole School Twilight Sport - We're back!!

After two long years with no capacity to do our Twilight Sports because of that wretched five letter word (shhhh...COVID), we are back and ready to roll! Mr Dugan has organised our Twilight Sports for the 24th of November from 4:00pm until 6:00pm. Parents are encouraged to come along and watch the events and cheer along the children!!! Hopefully (can't believe I'm writing this in November!!!) we are not rained out!

NAPLAN Results - A Bit of a Breakdown for you as an Attachment

Our wonderful Learning and Teaching/Literacy Leader Rena Walsh has put together a summary of some of the snapshots we look at as part of our NAPLAN Data Analysis. We are really happy with how much the children have achieved, particularly given the challenges of the past few years! We always look at our results and try to see where and how we can improve and as always, we have some work to do, but it is pleasing to see the growth through the NAPLAN results match the data that we have here at school. If you want to discuss any of the data further, Rena is always up for a chat...she LOVES her data!!!

Have a wonderful week, Terry

Mr Gardiner's Rib Ticklers...

Mr Gardiner: Miss Hanney, do you know why your dog Tito can't dance? Miss Hanney: Um...no, I don't know why Tito can't dance...

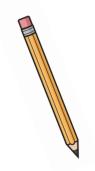
Mr Gardiner: It's because he's got two left feet! Get it??? Two left feet??? Because dogs have four feet, so two of them are left feet??? And they say that people who can't dance have two left feet?

Miss Hanney: Ah, you know it is a bad joke if you have to explain it, don't you?

Mr Gardiner: Ha ha!!! That's a ripper...

Miss Hanney: As long as you think so...





3/4's Author Visit!!



Last week we had a visitor. Angie is an author who writes children's books. She was funny and kind. She loves writing stories and holding books. She told us about how she wanted to publish her books but none of the publishers wanted to publish her books. So she went to lots of publishing houses and she kept trying. She kept trying, and trying, and trying, until one of the publishing houses actually liked her book!! This taught us to never give up.

We all got to show her our writer's notebook where we keep

our ideas. We also showed her our writing.



Angie's favourite quote. (Reet)



And she liked my drawing! (Chloe)





Literacy and Numeracy News

As some of you may be aware, we recently received our NAPLAN results. There is much cause for celebration as our results demonstrate great achievement and progress.

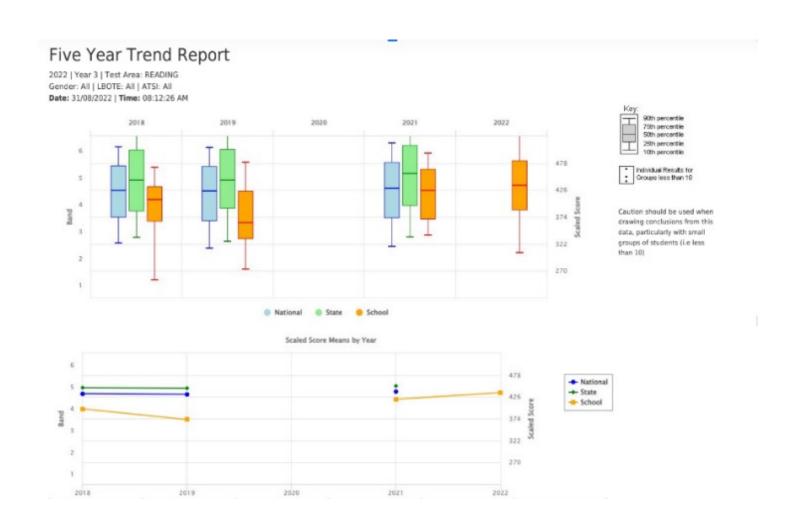


We have been working on improving our Reading and Numeracy outcomes for the past three years and were very pleased to see *the highest Reading and Numeracy mean scores* from our Year Three students in ten years!

Congratulations to all the students and teaching staff.

St Mary's School Score Results are in in the ORANGE BOX!!!

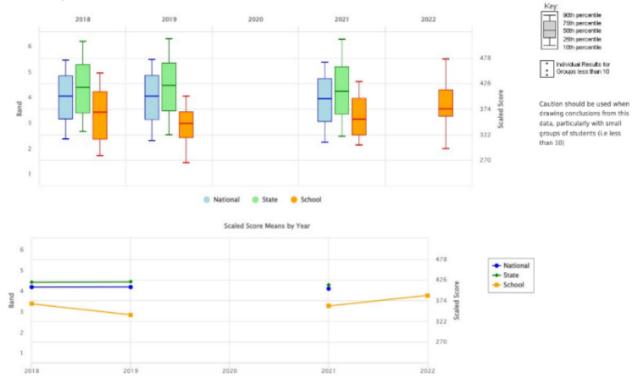
Year 3 NAPLAN Five year Trend data for Reading St Mary's School



Year 3 NAPLAN Five Year Trend data for Numeracy St Mary's School

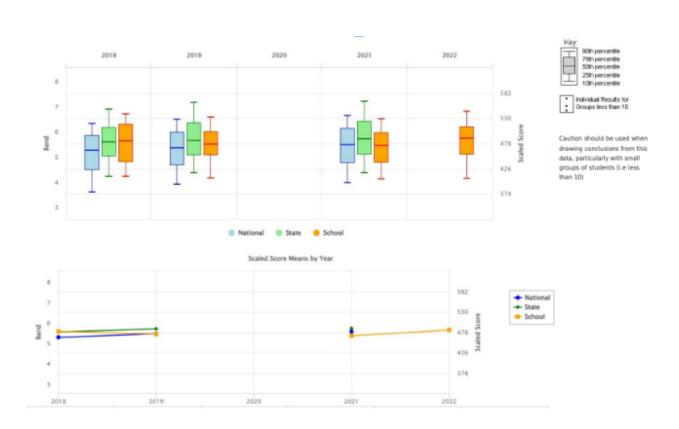
Five Year Trend Report

2022 | Year 3 | Test Area: NUMERACY Gender: All | LBOTE: All | ATSI: All Date: 31/08/2022 | Time: 08:15:12 AM



Our Year Five students continue to excel in Writing and Spelling and demonstrated an upward trend in most curriculum areas. Due to NAPLAN not being administered in 2020 we do not have our usual growth data for our Year Five students. This growth is monitored through other standardised and formative assessments.

Year 5 NAPLAN Five Year Trend data for Writing St Mary's School



Year 5 Five Year Trend data for Spelling St Mary's School



The NAPLAN 2022 results detailing the long-term national and state trends will be released towards the end of the year, but there will be no preliminary results release in August this year as closer analysis is required due to lower than usual student participation rates as a result of the pandemic, flu and floods. We will keep you updated with this.

Targets Met

We achieved quite a few targets set in our School Improvement Plan this year with 56% of our Year three students in the top two NAPLAN bands for Reading, 52% in the top two NAPLAN bands for Writing and Spelling and 44% in the top two bands for Grammar and punctuation.

36% of our Year Five students were in the top two bands for Reading and 39% in the top two bands for Spelling.

We are very proud of the students and staff and thank our families for your ongoing support and commitment to the education of your children. We continually strive for excellence and examine our data to look for strengths and areas we can continue to make progress in. Please feel free to contact myself or Rose if you would like to discuss the data in more detail. Congratulations to all!

Rena Walsh

Learning and Teaching Leader

Literacy Leader

Rose Stapleton

Numeracy Leader

Monday 21st November 2022 <u>Curriculum Day</u>



Join us at St Mary's OSHC Program for a



Packed full of activities for the children.



Balloon Faces
Clown Hats & Masks
Funny Faced Clown Puppets



Games & Activities:

Balloon Races
Musical Games
Have a go at Juggling
Pin the Nose on the Clown



Enjoy Fairy Bread for Afternoon Snack

Operating Hours are from: 7.00am - 6.00pm

(Please provide your child with a Healthy Packed Lunch & Snacks for Morning & Afternoon Tea)

BOOKINGS ARE ESSENTIAL

Contact Shereen on: 0422 803 717

Fees

Whilst we have kept our fees the same for a number of years now, in 2023 there will be a slight increase.

We have the approval of the School Advisory Committee (SAC) and make this increase in order to keep up with inflation.

	<u>2022</u>	<u>2023</u>
Family Fee	1,600.00	1,620.00
Student Levy	300.00	320.00
5/6 Camp	351.00	370.00
3/4 Camp	270.00	300.00

As with previous years we will be offering a concession to families holding a valid Health Care Card.

And as always, if you are having difficulties keeping up with your fees please make an appointment to speak with Mr Gardiner.

Scholastic Bookclub

Last one for the year!!

All orders need to be in by the
25th November,
Order online
OR

Fill out an order and please add correct money in the envelope as change will be hard to give.

Thank you for your orders throughout the year.
We look forward to offering Book Club next year!



November

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Enrolments 2023

If you have a child turning 5 by 30th April 2023, they may 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.

School Contacts

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