



**ST MARY'S PRIMARY SCHOOL**

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## Term 1, Issue 5

**Tuesday 28th March 2023**

Hello to all our wonderful families!

This will be the last newsletter for Term 1 as we are on holidays after next week. Terry is on leave (although he is joining the campers tomorrow) so I am lucky to be writing this newsletter for you this week!

### Harmony Day

Yes we were back to our absolute best with Harmony Day! It was fantastic to see so many families return after a 3 year break!! We also got to showcase our new Quadrangle with a Solomon Islands musician performing for the students in the afternoon and our family dinner in the evening. Once again it was beautiful to see so many students in traditional cultural dress and the colour orange, as well as families in the evening. I was lucky enough to receive a Kurta brought back from India by Shyla Rathnam to wear on the day which was very special. Thank you!

Particular thanks to Yvette Silva, Jennifer D'Souza and everyone who made the day the great success it was. Fr Brendan, Fr Aurillio and Deacon George joined us for the paraliturgy which was very prayerful and reflective. The choir, lead by Rena Walsh and Cristine Gostimir, also sang like angels!! Thank you to all the families who contributed to the success of the day. You are all angels too!! We hope, if you joined us for any element of the day, you enjoyed your time with us. There are lots of photos in this newsletter to celebrate the day. Hopefully you can find yourself or your child in one of the photos!

### 5/ 6 Camp- Rumbug

We wish our 5/ 6 community a brilliant and enjoyable camp from tomorrow until Friday. Shame I will miss the mud run - sounds like lots of fun!!! Travel safe and we will see you all back safe and tired (I am sure) on Friday. Thank you to our staff who are accompanying the students on the bus, I am sure you will all have a wonderful time.

### School Dates into Term 2 - Students commence Wednesday 26th April

Next Wednesday we finish for Easter and the holidays at 1:30 pm. On Thursday the teachers are learning about the impact trauma can have towards student learning led by our school counsellor Dominique Furet and Melissa Nelson our Art Therapist. Yvette Silva and I have also supported the planning for the day as well. Hopefully the staff find this a beneficial day of learning.

Monday 24th of April is also a closure day for Report Writing for the teachers and on-line learning for other staff. Tuesday 25th of April is Anzac Day so our first day back for Term 2 will be **Wednesday 26th of April.**

### Happy Easter/ Holy Week

Next week begins the most sacred season of the Church calendar. With Palm Sunday this weekend and Jesus' triumphant arrival in Jerusalem by donkey (this will be presented at assembly by our Preps this Friday). Then we remember the Last Supper on Thursday followed by Good Friday when Jesus died on the cross for all humanity. We will be having a special assembly next Wednesday at 12:30 to commemorate and reflect on these events - all families are welcome to join us!

I want to wish everyone a Holy and relaxing Easter and holiday with your family.

Bryan Handasyde, Deputy Principal

### **March**

**Wed 29th - Fri 31st**  
**5/6 Camp Rumbug**

### **April**

**Wed 5th @12.30pm**

**Special Assembly**  
**All Welcome!**

**Wed 5th @1.30pm**

**Term 1 Finishes**

**Thurs 6th**

**School Closure Day**

**Staff Professional**

**Learning Day**

**Mon 24th**

**School Closure Day**

**Report Writing Day**

**Tues 25th**

**School Closed**

**ANZAC Day**

**Wed 26th @8.40am**

**Term 2 Begins**

# Prep Maths: We have been Learning about Length.

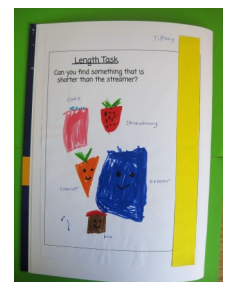
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measuring and  
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that are longer  
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that are shorter  
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After we measured  
and compared the  
different lengths,  
we drew our results.

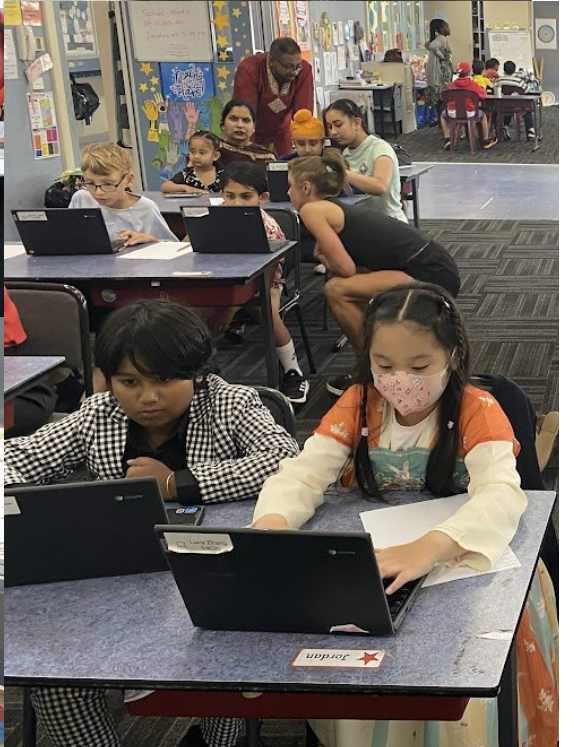
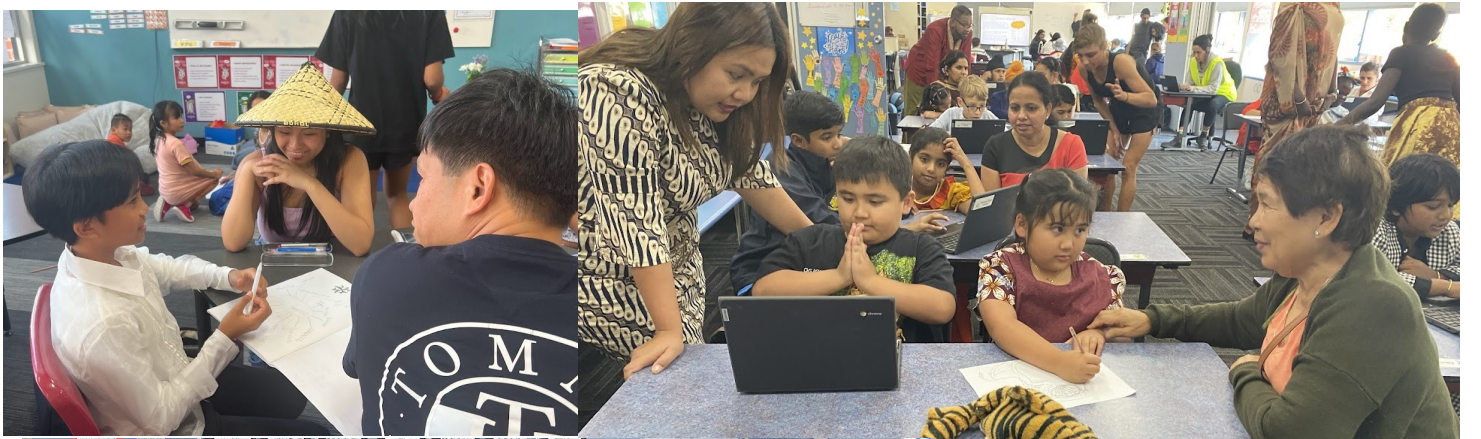


We have also been using  
the story of Goldilocks  
and the Three Bears to  
order three different  
sizes and lengths.























## New Uniform Items Coming Term 2



**Bomber Jacket**  
Child \$47  
Adult \$51



**Short Sleeve Polo**  
Child \$36  
Adult \$38



**Long Sleeve Polo**  
Child \$38  
Adult \$40



**Navy Slouch or  
Bucket Hat**  
\$11

Thursdays 8.30am – 10am

### Big News!

Parts of our School Uniform are changing.

We will begin phasing in the new polo shirts, bomber jackets and hats from next term.

Students can still wear the old uniform until they need something new, then you can purchase from the new range.

We hope you like the new colours and styles!

### Clearance Specials

**Sky Blue HATS**  
now \$8.00



**S/Sleeve &  
L/Sleeve Polos**  
now \$25.00  
Limited stock

**Fleecy V-Neck  
Jumper**  
now \$25.00



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## Reconciliation

Last Saturday some of our students made their first reconciliation at St Mary's church. It was a beautiful day for the next step in their faith journey.



### Fees

If you have a Health Care Card and sign up for a direct debit (or pay your fees in full) you will receive a significant discount.

Come and see us in the office.



#### March

28th Nikolina  
28th Manteshwar  
28th Brahmjot  
29th Nyalwak  
29th Zorawar

#### April

1st Chrismark  
1st Viraj  
5th Oliver  
7th Ethan  
7th Lydon  
9th Chaazaq  
10th Anthony  
11th Angelina

14th Nyajur  
14th Garry  
14th Achol  
16th Seerat  
17th Aliyana  
21st Noah  
24th Kon  
26th Anthony  
28th Luna  
29th Jada

### Enrolments 2023

We are still taking enrolments for this year.

If you have a child turning 5 by 30th April 2023, they may eligible to enrol at St Mary's school for Prep this 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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