



ST MARY'S PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear Families,

WELCOME BACK!

The Joy...Utter and Simple Joy...

Well everybody, we made it back in one piece after our lockdown from school and we have got almost everyone back to school. The teachers have been simply overjoyed to see the children again and have hit the ground running!

I am so proud of the children for really coping so well with what has been an experience that hopefully no one will ever have to go through again. The nervous but face-stretching smiles were undeniable as the children hopped out of their cars, and could only be beaten by the smiles on the teachers face, which came as close as you could to actually splitting their faces in half!!! I found myself smiling on the way to school on Monday, and for the first time, was ecstatic at having to slow down for the local 40km speed zone for schools!

To me, the spirit of St Mary's was summed up in one photo from Monday morning...it was big brother looking after little brother as he got back to school, supporting him but not doing it for him, while Mr Handasyde watched on chatting to other students. All together, independent, but supported.

Great to be back families...great to be back!

Pandemic Leave Payment

The Australian Government has announced support for Victorians who can't earn an income because they must self isolate or quarantine at home or they are caring for someone with COVID-19.

For more information visit the following website.

<https://www.serviceaustralia.gov.au/individuals/news/pandemic-leave-payment-if-you-live-victoria>

COVID Test Isolation Payment.

Also, Victorian workers can apply for a \$450 Coronavirus Test Isolation Payment. The payment is financial support while you self isolate waiting for test results.

For more information visit the following website.

<https://www.dhhs.vic.gov.au/employee-isolation-payment-covid-19>

Fees

All fees are now due. We understand that it may be difficult for some families at this time so if you have any concerns please contact the school to make an appointment to speak with me.

Have a great week, Terry

October

Next week is Book Week—Curious Creatures, Wild Minds

Tues 20th

Book Week Parade

Fri 23rd

Grand Final Public

Holiday School is closed

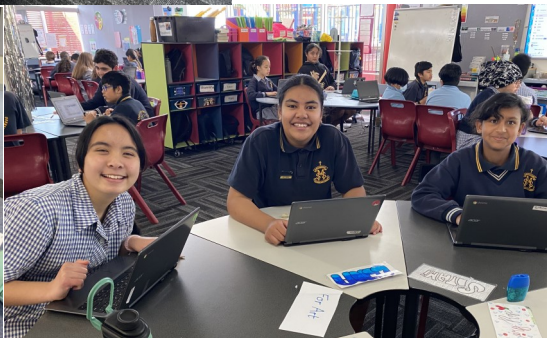


Birthdays

16th October Atheeng

Hooray School is Back!!

It was with great excitement that we welcomed the students back to school on Monday. Watching them re-engage with their friends and hearing the laughter has made this week so special. Everyone has settled back into the routine of school exceptionally well and we thank our staff and families for making the transition back to school so smooth.



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