

St Marys Public School

The small friendly school in the heart of St Marys

NEWSLETTER

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TERM 1| WEEK 3

PRINCIPALS MESSAGE

WELCOME BACK

Even though we have had an extremely hot start to the year, it has been lovely to see so many smiling faces walk in through the school gate each morning.

I would like to welcome all the new families to our school and we look forward to you being active members of our school community.

As you would have heard, Mr Leaf is now the permanent Principal at Bennett Rd Public School. I wish to congratulate him and extend my thanks on behalf of the whole school community for the way he served St Marys Public School over the past 5 years. Our classes for 2017 were finalised last week and are as follows:-

KL – Mrs Laws

KM – Miss McAlister

KR – Ms Rankine

1/2A – Mrs Pilarowski

1/2B – Mr Bains

1/2L – Miss Downes

1/2E – Mrs Embury

3/4J – Ms Judd

3/4R – Mrs Reilly

4/5C – Mrs Donnelly

5/6D – Mrs Dyga

5/6S – Mr Smith

MURU MITTIGAR FREE EXCURSION

Our Stage 3 students have a wonderful opportunity to attend the Muru Mittigar Cultural and Education Centre at Penrith Lakes next Thursday, 16 February. This is a free excursion for our Year 5 and 6 students in order to build greater understanding of Aboriginal culture and learn about native plants and their traditional uses. Thank you to the P&C for their support in providing the funds to cover the cost of the entry into the Centre. This excursion marks the start of student work around researching, designing and creating an Aboriginal garden in the school grounds. All students will be involved in the development of this garden. Our Aboriginal Community Group, now named “St Marys Yarn Up” is very enthusiastic about this project and you will hear more about this over the coming weeks.

PAYING FOR EVENTS AT SCHOOL

With the rollout of LMBR last year, there was much information around the need to pay for events on time. This is important as there are cut off dates for the school to submit money to the Finance Department. It would be a shame if students missed out on experiences because notes and money were not handed in before the closing date. Please ensure that you take note of the closing date for payments and get the money to the school prior to that date. If you are having difficulties paying for school activities, please make an appointment to see the Principal before the closing date.

PRINCIPALS MESSAGE

HELMETS AND SAFETY

Please remember that if your child is riding a bike, they are required to wear a helmet to school. This is a law in NSW and it is important to help keep our children safe.

Have a wonderful weekend.

Robert Linas

Relieving Principal

OFFICE LETTERBOX

Place your money and notes in envelope in the office letterbox. Please make sure your child's name and class are on these.



PARENT ONLINE PAYMENTS

It is possible for parents to make online payments to the school for amounts owing for students via a secure payment page hosted by Westpac. Payments can be made using either a Visa or Master credit or debit card. The payment page is accessed from the front page of the schools website by selecting \$ Make a payment.

Items that can be paid for include excursions, sales to students, preschool payments and extracurricular activities (such as band and dance). There is also a category called 'other.' 'Other' can be used to make a complete payment of a school invoice.

You have the ability to check and change any details of the payment before the payment is processed. Receipts can be emailed and/or printed.

Details of the payments are passed daily to the school where they will be receipted against your child's account. Please supply the receipt number on the permission note required for the event.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR PARENTS

Shortly you will receive an Emergency Details Form. Please check these are correct and tick the box or if incorrect please add the correct details and return the form to the office.

If there are any changes to these details, please update them at the office.

PARKING ON SCHOOL GROUNDS

Parking on school grounds is for school staff only. This includes the parking area behind the canteen. Please do not use this area as a drop off or pick up zone

COMMUNITY NEWS

SAFETY ALERT

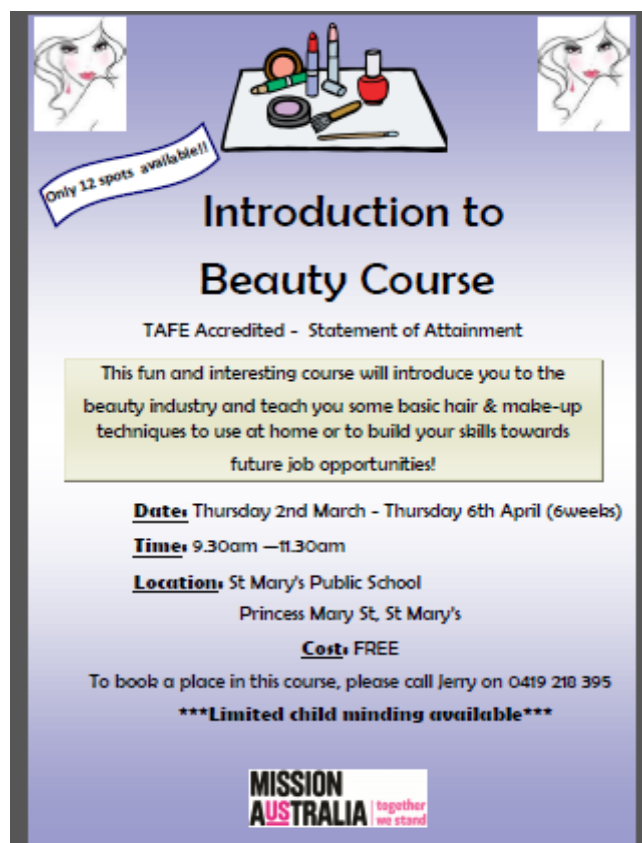
Please take care when using the Charles Hackett Drive entry gate. This car park is owned by the Village Centre and is often used by delivery trucks. These large trucks would have difficulty seeing children.

SCHOOL TIMES 9am – 3pm

Children who arrive after the 9.00am bell must report to the front office for a late note. Arriving on time is a very important start to the day. When children are regularly late, it has a big impact on their learning. Frequent lateness disrupts class routines and programs and can also affect a child's attitude to school.

If for any reason a child needs to be collected before 3 pm, the parent or caregiver must first report to the front office for a note. Details are recorded and the note is then given to the class teacher.

BEAUTY COURSE



Only 12 spots available!!

Introduction to Beauty Course

TAFE Accredited - Statement of Attainment

This fun and interesting course will introduce you to the beauty industry and teach you some basic hair & make-up techniques to use at home or to build your skills towards future job opportunities!

Date: Thursday 2nd March – Thursday 6th April (6weeks)
Time: 9.30am – 11.30am
Location: St Mary's Public School
 Princess Mary St, St Mary's
Cost: FREE

To book a place in this course, please call Jerry on 0419 210 395
*****Limited child minding available*****

MISSION AUSTRALIA together we stand

ELECTRICITY HELP



NSW GOVERNMENT Department of Industry Resources & Energy

Support to Pay Electricity and Gas Bills*

Help is available to pay your energy bills.

For information on rebates and emergency assistance go to:

www.resourcesandenergy.nsw.gov.au/rebates

or phone Service NSW on 137 788

* eligibility criteria apply

Rebates include: FAMILY ENERGY REBATE, LOW INCOME HOUSEHOLD REBATE, NSW GAS REBATE, MEDICAL ENERGY REBATE, LIFE SUPPORT REBATE, ENERGY ACCOUNTS PAYMENT ASSISTANCE.

SCHOOL BANKING

School Banking is every Friday morning in the Library annexe from 8.30am. If anyone would like to open a new account for their child you now need to do this online.

CANTEEN

Our canteen is operated by our P&C and is open on **Monday, Thursday and Friday**. The NSW Healthy School Canteen Strategy is promoted by our school. Students must place recess and lunch orders before 9.00am. They may buy things from the canteen first half of lunch only on these days also.

UNIFORM SHOP/CLOTHING POOL

Uniform shop open times are Tuesday, Thursday and Friday from 8.30am to 9.15am

WEDNESDAY'S PLAYGROUP



St. Mary's Public School Playgroup

For parents with children aged 0-5yrs

Plenty of craft and fun activities!

Every second Wednesday 9.15am – 11.15am
 Starting Wednesday 22nd February 2017
 St. Mary's Public School
 Princess Marys St, St. Mary's
 For more information please call 0475977770

Great way to meet new friends!

COMMUNITY NEWS

SKOOLBAG

Please feel free to download our free Skoolbag app. Once you have added it to your phone you can view many things such as school newsletters and notices. Alerts can be communicated directly your phone. We strongly encourage you to do this so you keep up to date with school events. Our Facebook page and school website will also keep you updated on school events.



Did you know you can send an absence note on Skoolbag?

For iPhone and iPad users:

1. Click the "App Store" icon on your Apple device.
2. Type your school name in the search, using suburb name will help.
3. If iPhone, you will see your school appear, click "Free" then "install".
4. If iPad, change the drop list to "iPhone Apps", your school will then be visible, click "Free" then "install".
5. When installed click "Open"
6. Select "OK" to receive push notifications, when asked.
7. Click the "More" button on the bottom right of the App, then "Setup".
8. Toggle on the Push Categories that are applicable for you.

For Android users:

You must first have signed up with a Google Account before installing the app.

1. Click the "Play Store" button on your Android Device
2. Click the magnifying glass icon at the top and type in your school name, using suburb name will help.
3. Click the school name when it appears in the search.
4. Click the "Install" button.
5. Click "Accept" for various permissions (please note, we do not modify any of your personal data on your device).
6. Click "Open" when installed.
7. Click the "More" button on the bottom right of the App, then "Setup".
8. Toggle on the Push Categories that are applicable for you.

HELPING HANDS



We would love your help!"

Each Tuesday morning our school's parents and friends are invited to come and help us in the library. There are always so many jobs to do. Everything is supplied as well as some morning tea.

If you have some spare time available on any Tuesday, we would love to see you. It's a great way to meet other people and support the school.

We look forward to your company and appreciate your valuable assistance in helping us help the children.

CALENDAR

CALENDAR TERM 1

Please check skoolbag for changes and updates.

WEEK 4

Thursday, 16 February
Stage 3 Excursion Muru Mittigar

Thursday, 16 February
Scripture Starts for 2017

WEEK 5

Monday, 20 February
Kinder parent information session

Wednesday, 22 February
Playgroup Starts

WEEK 6

Wednesday, 1 March
Stage 2 Cake Day

Friday, 3 March
District Swimming Carnival

BULK BILLING
WEEKNIGHTS
WEEKENDS
PUBLIC HOLIDAYS

13 SICK
7425

NATIONAL
HOME DOCTOR
SERVICE



COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES

Helping Hands
Tuesday in the Library

Playgroup
Wednesday, 9am-11am
E Block

Banking
Friday, 8.30 - 9am
Library annexe

P&C AGM Meeting
Wednesday, 8 March 9.15am
Library

Find us on Facebook –
www.facebook.com/stmaryspublic



Like us to keep up to date with
news and upcoming events.
We value your feedback !

