

# St Marys Public School

*The small friendly school in the heart of St Marys*

## NEWSLETTER

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TERM 2| WEEK 1

### PRINCIPALS MESSAGE

#### Ramps

You will notice that Phase 1 of making our school wheelchair and pram accessible was completed during the holidays. A path outside Block D has made the Kindergarten classes accessible from the front of the school. Earthworks and gardens will be put in place to help ensure the edges of the paths are safe. Phase 2, which will provide access to the Stage 1 and Stage 2 classes, will be completed over upcoming weeks. Thank you again to our parents and community who raised the funds for this work to be completed.

#### Working Together at St Marys

In my time at St Marys PS, I have found the students, the staff and the parents to be extremely positive and welcoming. Please remember if you have any concerns that you wish to raise, it is best to contact the school directly in order to speak with Teachers, Assistant Principals or myself. It is not appropriate to speak negatively about the school or about people within the school community through public posts on social media. It is important to remember that everyone associated with our school wants the best for the children who walk through the gate and we are all working together to continue to make St Marys Public School the best place it can be.

#### Working Bee

The working bee held in the holidays to build the Aboriginal garden was a huge success. Parents, students and staff worked together and you can see the results of their hard work. Work will continue in

the form of painting the totems, the stump seats, planting gardens and finishing the path. Thank you to everyone involved with this project. We will have an opening ceremony in Week 6, during Reconciliation Week.

#### ANZAC DAY ASSEMBLY



Yesterday afternoon, our ANZAC Day Assembly was held in the Hall. I would like to pay tribute to Mrs Reilly, Miss Williamson and Mrs Lee for all their hard work in making this assembly such a special occasion. Congratulations to our captains, prefects and Student Representative Council members for their excellent contribution during the Assembly. Well done everyone.

Have a lovely weekend.

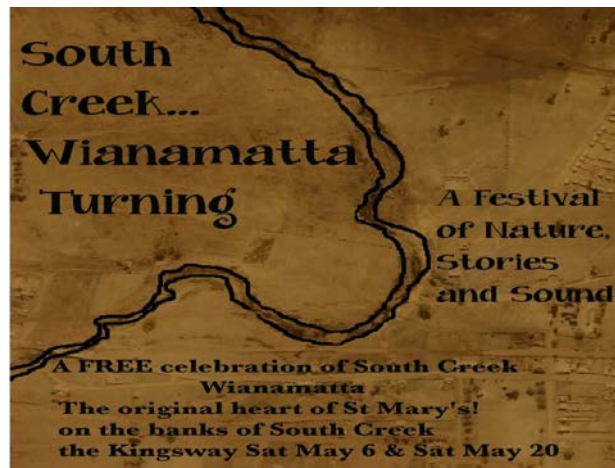
Robert Linas  
Relieving Principal



Thank you for coming to our ANZAC Assembly

## COMMUNITY NEWS

### STAGE 3 SOUTH CREEK PROJECT



#### Saturday May 6, 8am --11am

Discover what lies hidden beneath the weeds and debris!

- ☐ FREE breakfast and Clean Up Australia
- ☐ Bush regeneration with Greening Australia
- ☐ Take home FREE native seedlings
- ☐ Learn what can be recycled in Penrith.

#### Saturday May 20, 10am □ 3pm

Join us in making Sound Sculptures from recycled objects!

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**Everyone is welcome to either & both events!**

(Children under 13 must be accompanied by an adult)  
Registration is essential: 0416 239 745 or [curlytrees@gmail.com](mailto:curlytrees@gmail.com)

This is a Magnetic Places project supported by Penrith City Council.

### CANTEEN

Our canteen is operated by our P&C and is open on **Monday (Meal Deal), Wednesday, 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.

### 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

### WEDNESDAY'S PLAYGROUP



### SCRIPTURE

Scripture starts next Thursday for our Kindergarten students. At this stage, we only have a Catholic Scripture group. If you do not wish your child to attend scripture please inform their class teacher.

# CALENDAR

## CALENDAR TERM 2

Please check skoolbag for changes and updates.

### WEEK 2

**Thursday, 4 May**

Scripture starts for Kindergarten students

**Friday, 5 May**

K - 6 Cross Country

Year 5 Opportunity Class applications open

### WEEK 3

**Tuesday, 11 May - Thursday, 13 May**

Year 3 and Year 5 NAPLAN testing

**Wednesday, 10 May**

9.15am P&C Meeting in E Block

**Thursday, 11 May**

Mother's Day Stall

**Friday, 14 May**

NAPLAN catch up day

1.15pm Mother's Day raffle draw in the quad

### WEEK 4

**Wednesday, 17 May**

Stage 1 Cake Day

School Leadership Civic Reception (School Captains)

**Thursday, 18 May**

Stage 3 South Creek Excursion

**Friday, 19 May**

Stewart House Bag pick up.

### WEEK 5

**EMERGENCY DRILL THIS WEEK**

**Wednesday, 24 May**

Biggest Morning Tea

## COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES

**Helping Hands**

Tuesday in the Library

**Playgroup**

Wednesday, 9am-11am

E Block

**Banking**

Friday, 8.30 - 9am

Library annexe

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