



St Marys Public School

The small friendly school in the heart of St Marys

NEWSLETTER

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TERM 2 | WEEK 3

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Aboriginal Garden Update

Students and parents have been painting in our Community Garden during the past week. The tops of the stump seating have been painted by students and the totems have been painted black ready for the next part of the painting. I would like to thank the parents who have given up their time to help our students. It is wonderful to see what can be achieved when we work together. Well done.

NAPLAN

The NAPLAN testing for Years 3 and 5 has been completed this week. While this information is good for giving the school a snapshot of the general strengths and areas for improvement of our students, we must always remember it is information gleaned from one test on one day. Our teachers have a clear and accurate picture of student abilities through ongoing assessment and class work.

Mother's Day Stall

Our Mother's Day stall was a great success yesterday. Thank you to all the parents and community members, who came and helped up at E Block. I would also like to thank all the mothers (especially my own) for the amazing job they do. Have a wonderful Mother's Day!

A Stirring Speech

At our recent ANZAC Ceremony, I was very proud of the way our school leaders ran the ceremony. The speech made by our School captain, Jack clearly articulated what we want to achieve at our school. Below is an excerpt from that speech.

"Let's all try to live in a peaceful way. Remember our core values.

Be Respectful
Excellence Always

Safe and Sensible

Make wise choices. Choices that are positive in thought, word and deed. Let's focus on being respectful Australians who always try to solve problems in a peaceful way. Make being kind and recognising others for their achievements a habit. Be the best person you can be."

South Creek Excursion

Our South Creek Excursion for Stage 3 students will take place next Thursday. If your child is attending, please take some time to talk with them about any stories you or family members have about creeks or rivers when you were growing up. The students will be taking part in Story Circles and it would be great if they could come with some stories from home. A list of recyclable items that will be used on the day has been sent home. Please send any of those items to be used on the day to school by Monday.

Have a lovely weekend.

Robert Linas
R/ Principal

CANTEEN NEWS

The Meal Deal choices this Monday will be Nacho Dippers **or** Twista Pasta. There will be **no** nuggets or chicken burgers this week due to the need for a new canteen oven. Apologies for any inconvenience this may cause.

MOTHER'S DAY RAFFLE WINNERS

- 1st Analiza
- 2nd Damon
- 3rd Farwa
- 4th Lyka
- 5th Analissa

Student – Isabella

COMMUNITY NEWS

MEASLES

Immunisation is effective in preventing measles. It is important for everyone to ensure that they have received at least two doses of measles containing vaccine (MMR). Infants and young children are vaccinated at 12 months and 18 months. Older children and adults born during or after 1966 should ensure that they have been vaccinated with two doses of vaccine. Unless people are certain they have had two doses of measles vaccine, they should visit their GP as soon as possible for **free** measles vaccination.

The first sign of measles is usually a high fever, a runny nose, cough, and red, watery eyes. The rash usually starts on the face and upper neck and spreads over the body, hands and feet. The rash lasts for 4-7 days.

People with measles symptoms should seek medical advice as soon as possible phoning the emergency department or GP beforehand, stay home from work or school, and limit other activities to avoid exposing other vulnerable people, such as infants, to the infection.

HEAD LICE

Over the last few weeks, there have been a number of parents, keeping children home due to head lice. As a school we understand that treatments are very expensive and we have a much cheaper alternative for you – **hair conditioner**. All you need to do is smother the hair with conditioner, leave for 5 minutes then comb the hair through with a lice comb. The conditioner will suffocate the head lice, but the most important job to get done is make sure **all** eggs are removed. This can take quite a bit of time, especially if your child's hair is long. All clothing, sheets and towels used need to be washed. All other family members need to be checked and treated as necessary. Once treated, children can return to school immediately. Hair should be rechecked again in 7 days.

S1 CAKE STALL

Our next cake stall is next **Wednesday. 1/2A, 1/2B, 1/2E and 1/2L** are to kindly donate.

Cakes will be sold to all children from Preschool to Year 6 for 50c for recess. Please remember to give your children a few coins, to buy themselves something from the stall.

CALENDAR TERM 2

Please check skoolbag for changes and updates.

WEEK 3

Friday, 14 May

NAPLAN catch up day

Mother's Day raffle draw

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 In the library

COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES

Helping Hands

Tuesday 9 - 11am and Friday 1.30 - 3pm



Playgroup

Wednesday, 9am-11am

E Block

Banking

Friday, 8.30 - 9am

Library annexe

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