

St Marys Public School

The small friendly school in the heart of St Marys

NEWSLETTER

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TERM 2 | WEEK 5

PRINCIPALS MESSAGE

Parent Meetings

While we understand that parents may need to pass on important information to their child's classroom teacher, I ask that you please be mindful of the fact that teachers have a duty of care for their students when they are entering the classroom at the beginning of each school day. Teachers are also busy ensuring our students are learning throughout the day. Please do not go to classrooms without a prior appointment. If you need to see a teacher, organise a time through the school office that is mutually convenient to you both. Your cooperation and understanding in this matter is appreciated.

Wianamatta Community Garden

It has been wonderful to see the development of the Wianamatta Community Garden and the Yarning circle in our school. Teachers, students and parents have done an incredible job to see this "dream" realised. Next Wednesday the 31st May we will be having a special opening ceremony for the garden. Elders of the Darug nation, Uncle Greg and Uncle Wes, will attend our ceremony and we will be led through the Welcome to Country and Smoking Ceremony. Students will be performing and this will be a fitting celebration during Reconciliation Week 2017. I would like to thank Mr Mitchell and Mrs Judd for their tireless efforts and hard work in leading this initiative.

District Cross Country

Congratulations to all of our students who represented St Marys Public School at the

District Cross Country, which was held at The Kingsway on Tuesday 23rd May. I had the pleasure of popping over to the carnival during the day and was most impressed by not only the fantastic results of the students, but also by such a wonderful display of both behaviour and sportsmanship. Well done boys and girls, you are a credit to your school. Thank you Mr Smith and Ms Williamson for all your hard work with the District Cross Country team.

BIGGEST MORNING TEA

St Marys Public School hosted a Cancer Council Biggest Morning Tea on Wednesday in the Library. Thank you to everyone who came along and we raised \$500 for the Cancer Council. A special thank you to Mrs McLister, for all her hard work in organising this wonderful event.

Robert Linas
Relieving Principal

Students planting native plants at South Creek



ASSEMBLY AWARD WINNERS

Week 4

KR Ellyse and Luke
KL Leah and Destani-Daize
KM Phoenix and Joshua
1/2B Siarra and Samuel
1/2L Emily and Blake
1/2E Dominic and Isabelle
1/2A Mercy and Baydene
3/4R Zecharia and Dylan
3/4J Jahrome and Matilda
4/5C Matilda and Payton
5/6D Crystal and Irfan

Students from 4/5C, 5/6D and 5/6S at South Creek working with Sound Sculptures



CALENDAR TERM 2

Please check skoolbag for changes and updates.

WEEK 6

Tuesday, 30 May

Netball Gala Day
Helping Hands

Wednesday, 31 May

Wianamatta Community Garden Opening Day

Friday, 2 June

S3 Penrith Council Art Incursion
Helping Hands

WEEK 7

Tuesday, 6 June

Helping Hands

Thursday, 8 June

Edutech excursion – selected Stage 3 students

Friday, 9 June

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Helping Hands
Blue Mountains Nepean Dance Festival auditions

WEEK 8

Monday, 12 June

PUBLIC HOLIDAY

Tuesday, 13 June

Stewart House Bag Collection
Helping Hands

Wednesday, 14 June

Sydney West Cross Country
Assembly

Friday, 16 June

Helping Hands

WEEK 9

Friday, 23 June

K – 2 Athletics Carnival
Assembly

WEEK 10

Wednesday, 26 June

Preschool Cleaning Day
End of Term Assembly

COMMUNITY NEWS

COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES

Helping Hands

Tuesday and Fridays in the E Block

Playgroup

Wednesday, 9am-11am

E Block

Banking

Friday, 8.30 - 9am

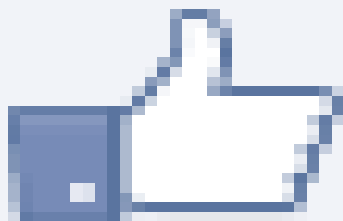
Library annexe

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Community invited to join in sound sculptures, stories and nature in the heart of St Marys

On Saturday June 3, residents are invited to a free day of adventure at South Creek St Marys, making Sound Sculptures from recycled items, sharing stories of local history and Darug culture and taking part in guided nature walks and tree plantings.

'South Creek Wianamatta Turning' is a Magnetic Places Project supported by Penrith City Council. "It's about bringing people to the creek and creating new connections with it" said Sound Artist Oonagh Sherrard, who will be working throughout the day on sound sculptures made with recyclables found at a recent clean up held at the creek. Sixth generation St Marys resident Norma Thorburn of St Marys Historic Society will be sharing stories about the role South Creek has played in the history of the township. Darug elder and St Marys local Colin Gale will share stories of how the Creek was used traditionally and guided walks looking at flora and fauna and pollution and an opportunity to do some tree planting in the reserve will also be taking place led by Greening Australia.

Participants are welcome to join in a free lunch and take home some free native seedlings. The event is free and runs from 10am till 3pm, for more details and to register please contact curlytrees@gmail.com or see www.facebook.com/SouthCreekTurning