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From The Principal

Open Day

As a part of the Education Week celebrations, we had a wonderful Open Day on Wednesday 2nd of August. Parents and friends visited classrooms, then went to the incredible art exhibition that was held in the library. You can see the community artwork that was created on the day in the image above. Visitors to the exhibition also experienced some amazing technology, using iPads to bring artworks to life through Virtual Reality! After the sausage sizzle at lunch, parents had the opportunity to sit with children as they read books on a rug in different places around the school. Thank you to Mrs Vasilescu and Mrs Lee for all of their efforts in putting the art exhibition together. Thank you to Mr Jones for the incredible virtual reality experiences he taught our children to

create, and thank you to all staff and students who helped make the 2017 Open Day so special.

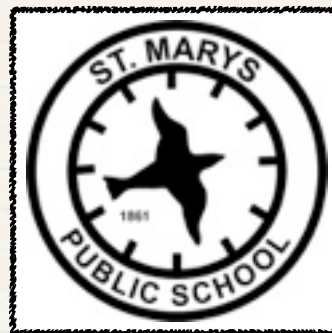
Athletics Carnival

Thank you to Mr Smith who did an outstanding job in organising this year's 3-6 Athletics Carnival. The carnival was held last Friday and it was wonderful to see students exhibiting their fitness and sporting skills. It was also great to see parents joining us in what was such an enjoyable community event.

Panthers on the Prowl

Each Wednesday this term we are very fortunate to have the team from Penrith Panthers running an active lifestyle program with our 3-6 students. The children are learning about healthy eating, exercise and living a healthy lifestyle. These

FRIDAY 4 AUGUST 2017



KEY DATES

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Aug 9: Preschool Excursion to Featherdale.

Aug 9: P&C Meeting.

Aug 9: Crazy Hair Day.
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Aug 16: Stage 3 Cake Day
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Aug 22: Kindergarten Excursion to Calmsley Hill Farm
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lessons are setting our children up for a happy and healthy life.

Online Communication

Our school has purchased SkoolBag as an electronic communication tool. Skoolbag allows for instant push notifications, POP payments, electronic absence notes and much more. Skoolbag meets our needs and will now be our official method of electronic communication. We will therefore be archiving the Facebook page and this will no longer be in use.

Have a great weekend.

Robert Linas

R/Principal



I took a selfie with this amazing group of KR children who were reading "The Bear's Lunch" to me. Wow! They are great readers!

Premier's Spelling Bee



Congratulations to the 36 students who represented their class at the 2017 St Marys PS Spelling Bee on Thursday 27th July. The competition was tough but ultimately two students claimed the title of 'Spelling Bee Stage Champion'.

Stage 2: **Winner** - Caleb 3/4R

Runner-up - Mark 4/5C

Stage 3: **Winner** - Lillian 4/5C

Runner-up - Hrithik 5/6D

Well done to all who participated and 'happee' spelling!

Mrs Lee



Photos From Around Our School



Can you see where Mrs McLister is hiding in this photo?



Fantastic Work from 5/6D

Whenever I pick up a book I read the first couple of sentences. Do those first sentences make me want to keep on reading, or put the book down?

5/6D have been working on "Sizzling Starts" in their writing. These story starts are amazing and I want to know what is going to happen next.

"GOAL!!!!!!!" Shouted Owen as he kicked the ball at a rapid speed. Wait..... what was that????

Crystal

As I was casually swimming, I saw some weird dark clouds. Being the adventurous person that I am I went to take a closer look. That was until.....

Isabel

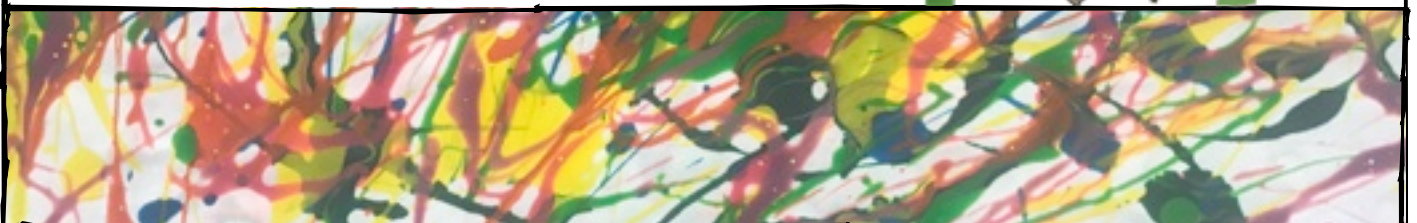
The air was thick with humidity. I crawl down the road, the lights fly down from the sky. They are coming from out of nowhere and start to flicker. BANG!

Loki

Detail of Lachlan's Jackson Pollock painting.

Summa

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COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES

Helping Hands

Tuesdays 9-11 and Fridays 1:30-3
in E Block

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Playgroup

Wednesdays 9-11 in E Block

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Banking

Fridays 8:30 - 9am in the Library
Annexe

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Canteen

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday
Tuesday is Meal Deal only day.
Wednesday **closed**.

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How To Install Skoolbag On Your Smartphone

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. St Marys Public School
3. You will see your school appear, click "Get" then "install".
4. The app is FREE to download.
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 by tapping the on/off switch.



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 by tapping the on/off switch.



Please Note: Some brands of Android phones need the setting in "Notification Manager" changed to "Allow" instead of "Notify" in order for the push notifications to work. The phone must also be running at least version 4 system software to run the app.

For Windows 81 Phone and Windows 81 or 10 device users:

1. Go to the Windows Store on your 81 Windows Phone or Windows 81/10 Device
2. Search for "Skoolbag" in the keyword app search
3. Install the Skoolbag app
4. Find your school either by using the keyword search or location service.
5. Click the "Pin" icon to pin the school tile to your Windows Phone home screen.
6. Click the "More" button on the bottom right of the App, then "Setup"
7. Toggle the Push Categories that are applicable to you by tapping the on/off switch.

Please Note: The Skoolbag Windows App is for 81 version Windows Phones, or Windows 81 and 10 devices.



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