

ST MARYS PUBLIC SCHOOL

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FRIDAY 21 JULY 2017



KEY DATES

July 25: Helping Hands

July 26: P&C Meeting
6pm- 8pm

July 28: Years 3-6
Athletics Carnival

August 2: Open Day

From The Principal

Welcome Back to Term 3

I hope your holidays were enjoyable. It is wonderful to see everyone back at school this week ready to learn. A special welcome to our new students and families who have enrolled this week. We have a busy term with many events coming up.

Parent Teacher Interviews

Notes have gone home this week about Parent Teacher interviews. If you would like to have an interview with your child's teacher, please complete the note and return it to your child's teacher. Mrs Maton will hold interviews for 1/2A parents after she returns to school in Week 5.

Dance Groups

Last term we had four dance groups audition for the Nepean/Blue Mountains Dance Festival. The judges were very impressed with the standard of our performances. All four dance groups were successful and will be performing at the festival. Well done to the students and teachers who have worked so hard at getting their performances ready.

I am looking forward to the festival that will take place in week 8 this term.

Athletics Carnival

The 3- 6 Athletics Carnival will be taking place on Friday 28 July. It is expected that all children in Years 3 - 6 will attend. This will be a fun day where our students can demonstrate their fitness and sporting ability.

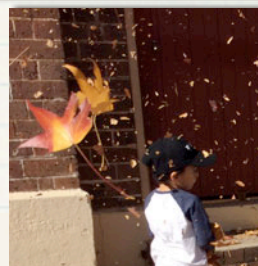
Education Week

We will be celebrating Education Week with Open Day on Wednesday 2nd August. There is information in this newsletter about Open Day. We are looking forward to welcoming you as you come and celebrate with us on that day.

Robert Linas
R/Principal



Preschool and Stage 3 children discovering the crunchy leaves outside Mr Linas' office.



Nationally consistent collection of data on school students with a disability

This year it is mandatory for our school to participate in the collection of nationally consistent data on school students with a disability.

A disability is any continuing condition that restricts everyday activities. With the assistance of appropriate aids and services, the restrictions experienced by many people with a disability may be overcome.

There may be some alarm over the term "disability", however, there is no need for any concern as it may simply mean that for a duration of time a child may have a disability in the form of a broken leg or be experiencing difficulty learning to read. These things may be a short term disability where adjustments need to be put in place to help the student have fair and equitable access to the curriculum. Learning adjustments ensure all students are on a level playing field and can achieve their personal best.

We will be collecting information already available in the school about the support that is being provided to students. Better data will help the Government plan for students with a disability.

Students receiving learning adjustments at school for a period of 10 weeks or longer will be included in this data. Students with a diagnosed disability will be included in this data even if no adjustments are necessary.

This data collection will have no impact on your child and they will not be involved in any testing process.

The NSW Department of Education and Communities will provide data to the Australian Government from all NSW public schools in such a way that no individual students or school will be able to be identified. In this way, we will ensure the privacy and confidentiality of all students.

All information is protected by privacy laws which regulate the collection, storage and disclosure of personal information. Information about the Australian Government's Privacy Policy can be found at www.education.gov.au/privacy

Further information about the data collection can be found on the Australian Government Department of Education website:

www.education.gov.au/nationally-consistent-collection-data-studentsdisability-guidelines

COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES

Helping Hands

Tuesdays 9-10 and Fridays 2-3 in E Block

Playgroup

Wednesdays 9-11 in E Block

Banking

Fridays 8:30 - 9am in the Library Annex



Great Writing from KL

The caterpillar is very hungry.



The hungry caterpillar ate an apple and then he ate two pears.



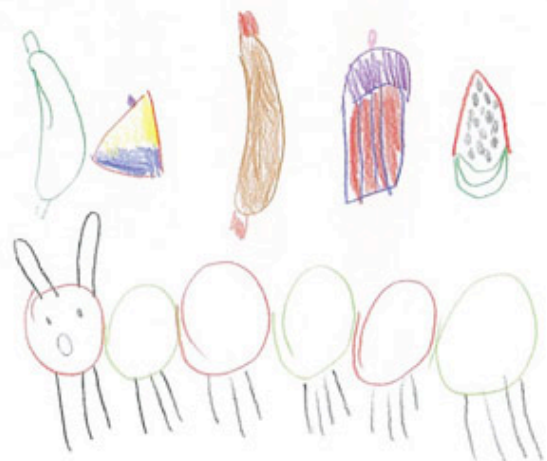
Saxon

The hungry caterpillar turned into a beautiful butterfly.



Kayden

He ate lots of food and got fat.



Ramiza

Destani

Education Week 2017

On Wednesday 2 August 2017 at 12.30 we are celebrating Education Week.

Please come along and join us.

Events of the day begin at 12.30 with

- Visiting the classrooms
- Experiencing our colourful Art Show in the hall
- Joining us for a sausage sizzle lunch
- Reading on a rug in the playground.

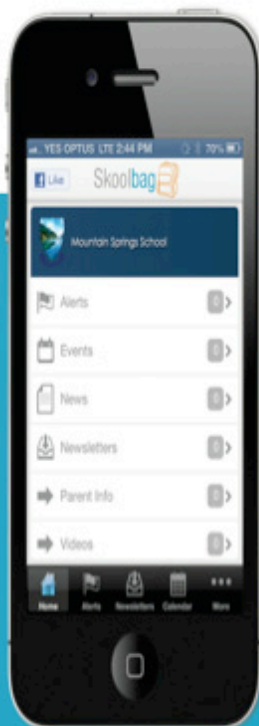


We are looking forward to seeing you,

All the students and staff at St Marys Public School

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.



Skoolbag 
Smartphone school to parent communication

Skoolbag is a mobile App for your school to communicate directly to both parents and students. It works through both smart phones and smart devices (such as iPads and Android Tablets). Ideal for:

- > School, free push notification alerts
- > School events
- > School newsletters
- > School documents
- > School RSS feeds
- > School social media (Facebook, Twitter)

Skoolbag delivers school notices directly to parents and students

