

ST MARYS PUBLIC SCHOOL

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From The Principal

SASS Appreciation Week

This coming week, from the 4th to the 8th of September is SASS Appreciation Week. Our School Administrative and Support Staff are very easy people to appreciate. In our office we have Mrs Guy, our School Administrative Manager. Mrs Kershaw, Mrs Tattam and Mrs Grech are our School Administrative Officers. They are an amazing team and keep the school running efficiently.

We also have Mrs Jones, Mrs Trotter, Mrs Snowden, Mr Fuad and Mr Aekins who are our School Learning Support Officers (SLSOs). They work closely with our students to help provide the support they need in and outside the classroom.

Mr Vasilescu is our General Assistant. He not only does an amazing job of maintaining the school site, he is always thinking about ideas that will help the staff, the students and the community.

I hope you get a sense of how

fortunate we are at St Marys Public School to have such a dedicated and hard working group of School Administrative and Support Staff. I would like to thank each and every one of our SAS Staff for the amazing job they do.

St Marys Under The Stars

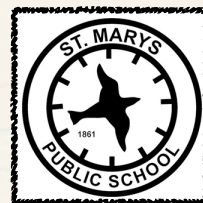
St Marys Under The Stars will be on Tuesday 19 September at St Marys Memorial Hall (Corner of Great Western Highway and Mamre Rd)

This extravaganza of dance, music, drama and theatre is sure to entertain and enthrall the audience on the night. More details will be coming through notes and Skoolbag notifications. I hope to see you all there.

Robotics at St Marys

Over the past two weeks, Mr Jones has been trialling a small robot called Sphero. After seeing students engage with

FRIDAY 1 SEPTEMBER 2017



KEY DATES

Sept 1: Cardboard Arcade Day

Sept 4 - Sept 8: Nepean/Blue Mountains Dance Festival

Sept 4 - Sept 8: SASS Appreciation Week

Sept 11: Senior Basketball Gala Day

Sept 13: P & C Meeting

Sept 19: St Marys Under The Stars

Sept 20: End of term Assembly

Sept 21: Footy Colours Day



coding language and mathematical concepts of speed, length, direction and problem solving, we have purchased 13 sphero robots. The work our children are doing with these robots are foundational skills in preparing them for the future.

Dance Festival

Next week more than one hundred of our students will be performing at the Nepean Blue Mountains Dance Festival. We have an extremely talented group of students and teachers and I am so looking forward to this wonderful event.

District Athletics

Congratulations to all our students who represented St Marys at the District Athletics Carnival held this week at Blacktown Sports

Centre. Our children showed outstanding sportsmanship and they all tried their best.

NAPLAN Readiness Test

All NSW schools will participate in a school readiness test between 14 August and 22 September 2017. The school readiness test is a 'practice run' for schools to assess their technology ahead of NAPLAN Online. The readiness test is not an assessment of student ability. The readiness test allows schools to:

- become familiar with the NAPLAN Online test format and processes
- check whether they have the technical capacity, rooms and devices to administer NAPLAN Online
- provide students in NAPLAN Years 3 and 5 with the

opportunity to experience the online test question types and format by completing a practice NAPLAN online test.

All students at St Marys in Years 3 and 5 will participate in the trial between the 11th and 15th of September.

Robert Linas

Acting principal

Book Character Parade



4/C Write About The Panthers Fitness Program

The Panthers program is so awesome, it's hard to describe in words! It teaches you so much about new skills, healthy eating, exercise, perseverance and more! I absolutely love it! It's full of FUN!!

By Joshua



We have loved our time with the Panthers crew who have taught us how important it is to exercise in the morning. This is because it wakes you up and helps you with your skill aspects. It warms up your body and get your blood circulating. We've been improving our running, controlling, and have focused on skills like juggling, sprinting, and many co-operative teamwork activities.

By Kyle and Mark

Panthers have been coming to our school this term to help us become fit and healthy. We enjoy this as they teach us new skills, new games and all about healthy eating.

By Sanudi and Kait



We have had so much fun with the Panthers on the Prowl Crew. We have learned many new things including how many serves of each food group we need each day. It is important to be active to keep fit and healthy. You do this by taking part in exercise and sport games.

By Gloria and Payton

Panthers have taught us many different fitness activities. They have been helping us improve our fitness, strength, ability and diet. Some of the activities include relays, star jumps, push ups, burpies and step ups.

By Wafiq and Milad



We love Wednesdays when Panthers come to help us develop our running and sport skills. Panthers have helped improve our group skills and fitness abilities. They have taught us different skills like throwing, catching and juggling.

By Souad and Mary.

The Panthers have been helping us exercise and keep fit. They help us exercise parts of our body like our hamstrings. They also showed us the food circle and taught us what foods we should eat. We enjoyed doing sports with them because it improves our health, fitness and has improved our team work.

By Faith, Skye, Demi and Alex



We have had such a great time with the Panthers on the Prowl Crew. We have learnt how many serves we need a day from each food group, it is very important to follow this to keep up a nutritious and healthy diet. We have taken part in fun activities such as naughts and crosses, relays, a fitness circuit and so much more!

By Shania and Lillian

We really liked the Panthers Crew coming to teach us every Wednesday. Everything that the Panthers have showed us was fun, interesting and exciting. We have learned things like different relays activities, games, stretches, juggling and the five food groups. It has been a lot of fun! Thank you panthers

By Gailashan, Ethan and Lawrence



The Panthers crew have taught us about healthy life styles, how many serves a day of each food group we should eat and the importance of staying healthy. They motivate us to be more active and taught us to persevere with a task. There are different types of sports that help us become stronger, happier and healthier. That is why Panthers on the prowll is a good scheme for all kids.

By Abbas and Selim



I would like to thank the Panthers on the Prowl team who have worked so well with our staff and students. They have engaged our children in fun and meaningful health and fitness activities. I am looking forward to them working with our Kindergarten to Year 2 students next term.

Mr Linas

Preschool Excursion to Featherdale

On Wednesday 9th August, Preschool visited Featherdale Wildlife Park to support our learning about Australian Animals. We travelled on the bus with Mr Jones and Mrs Tattam and 8 fantastic parents.

We enjoyed feeding and patting the kangaroos. The crocodile was very popular! We learned that a baby echidna is called a puggle and baby kangaroos and koalas are called joeys. After seeing the wombat dig, Lukas called the wombats "underground excavators". Logan told us his dad has spikey cheeks like an echidna.

Thank you families for your support in allowing your children to share this fantastic experience with us!



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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Destination DISCOVER YMCA VACATION CARE



Sep/Oct 2017 Holiday Program

MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI
25 September	26 September	27 September	28 September	29 September
\$60 Incursion Runaway Circus Tricks Could you become a circus performer? Learn new skills.	\$50 Day Camp Inside/outside backwards day Walk, talk & dress backwards. Eat your lunch backwards.	\$68 Excursion Camp Yarramundi Springwood Low ropes, mazes & high swing. Challenge yourself!	\$50 Day Camp Cultural Dress Up Sing and dance along to cultural music and be creative with some henna designs.	\$50 Day Camp Pyjama & Technology Crazy Relax and be comfy for the day whilst chilling with your friends.
2 October	3 October	4 October	5 October	6 October
Public Holiday No Vacation Care	\$50 Day Camp Bunnings Visit Create a car track garden to use with your friends, zoom and race with your cars.	\$60 Incursion Koori Connection Cooking Day Explore, learn, create & taste bush tucker food.	\$50 Day Camp Obstacle Challenge Day Have fun wiggling, jumping & running through the course.	\$68 Excursion The Edge Movie Theatre See the latest and greatest movie at Katoomba.

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