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Classes and teachers

I can confirm that the classes for 2019 that have been formed will remain based on current enrolments. It has been a smooth beginning to the year and I thank you for your patience and the part you have played in assisting with the start of the year.

Updated emergency information

Calendar Calendar February Monday 18th 11.45am Kimz Bootcamp Wednesday 20th 9.15-11am Playgroup 2-3pm Helping Hands Thursday 21st 8.30am Community Cafe: 2-3pm Helping Hands

It is crucial that the school has the latest mobile phone numbers, emergency contacts and health care information. If any of these have changed recently could you please advise the school as soon as possible.

School Gates and Safety

In order to ensure the safety of all of our children, we will be locking the school gates at 9:30am. The gates will be unlocked at 2:45pm. The pedestrian gate next to the driveway at the front of the school will be closed with the top bolt holding the gate closed. This gate is not locked and the top bolt can be moved from outside to allow the gate to open. Please



Kindergarten learning about road safety

close the gate and slide the top bolt back into position after moving through the gate. Thank you for understanding our need to ensure every child in our school is safe and cared for.

Use our Pedestrian Gates, Not the Driveways

Please enter and leave the school via the pedestrian gates. There are 4 pedestrian gates, 2 that lead to Princess Mary Street, one that is near the OOSCH at Charles Hackett Drive and one that leads out to Lang Park at the back of the school. There are two driveway gates that are for vehicles only. One is on Princess Mary St that leads to the staff car park and one is next to St Marys Band Club. Do not drive into the school to drop your children off inside the gates as this poses a significant safety issue. Do not use those driveway gates to walk into or out of the school with your children. Children learn by example and I do not any of our children to learn unsafe habits around driveways and cars. I am very concerned that this practice of using driveways to enter or leave the school will lead to our children being in an unsafe space around cars.

P&C

We had a very informative P&C Meeting this week on Wednesday. I would like to thank our current P&C for their contribution to St Marys Public School over the past year. The P&C AGM will be held in the school hall on Wednesday 13 March at 9:15 and this will be followed by a P&C General Meeting. Everyone is welcome to attend these meetings.

Best Start Assessments

The Best Start Assessments for our new Kindergarten children took place this week. Best Start is a state wide assessment that helps teachers identify the numeracy and literacy skills of each kindergarten child in their class. Before the end of the term parents of kindergarten children will receive information about the skills their child demonstrated during the assessment.

iPlay in the Mornings

Our teachers have been involved in professional learning about the importance of movement and physical education. You may have noticed that our children are out and moving and playing physical games first thing in the



morning. There is much research about the importance of physical activity that improves and enhances learning. It is truly wonderful to see our children being active and having so much fun. It is also great to know that these activities are engaging their brains so they are ready to learn.

Have a wonderful weekend,

Robert Linas



Every Wednesday 9.15 -11am In the Community Room All children aged 0-5 years welcome!





Uniform Shop

Opening Times

Monday afternoon : 2.30pm - 3.00pm

Wednesday morning : 8.30am - 9.00am

> Friday morning : 8.30am - 9.00am

Helping Hands

Wednesday & Thursday afternoons 2pm to 3pm

Block E











Now Thursday mornings 8.30am to 9am Join us for coffee, biscuit and a chat.



HOUSE SPORT NEWS

Congratulations to the students voted in as House Captains and Vice-Captains. Students from Years 3-6 attended annual House Meetings to elect their leaders for 2019. The following students were elected by their peers to leadership positions:



BLAXLAND

Captains - Matthew and Faith Vice Captains - Abbas and Eijaz

<u>LAWSON</u>

Captains - Laga and Anastasia Vice Captains - Jhai and Isabella

MACQUARIE

Captains – Mark and Demi Vice Captains – Caleb and Chloe K

WENTWORTH

Captains - Micah and Mary Vice Captains - Erin and Chloe S.

Congratulations!

Remember to have fun during sport and play fair at all times.

Have a great year St Marys!

Mr Smith



Kim Z (1997) Boot Camp

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Kim'z Bootcamp When : Mondays Time: 11.45 - 12.45pm Where: St Marys Public School Hall cost: \$5 per session Free child minding on site Suited to all levels from beginners and to the more experienced Bring a towel, water & maybe a friend!





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