



St Marys Public School

Where every child is excited to learn and grow every day.

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PRINCIPALS REPORT

Looking back at term 2, there have been some exciting and wonderful experiences at St Marys Public School.

In May, our school captains, Chase and Isaac attended the Penrith Council Primary School Leaders Civic Reception where they met the Mayor of Penrith and represented our school as our student leaders.

We had our school cross country carnival and representatives from our school attended the District Cross Country Carnival at Penrith Lakes.

Our Aboriginal students and families joined us for our Meet the Mob BBQ where we were able to enjoy a BBQ meal, have a yarn and create artworks together.

The AFL sports program began and we have had AFL experts provide sport lessons for our children.

We celebrated National Reconciliation Week with a day of activities that included a BBQ, family stone decorations and the creation of our "Be Brave Make Change" mural. It was a wonderful day with so many families coming into the school to share such a fantastic experience.

The SRC organised pyjama day in June and this was a fun day to raise funds for our school.

Our talented dancers auditioned for the Blue Mountains/ Penrith Dance Festival, and after 2 years of no festival, it was terrific to see our children were successful at the audition and will be performing at the Festival in September next term.

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KEY DATES

**1
JULY**

LAST DAY OF
TERM 2

**19
JULY**

FIRST DAY TERM
3 FOR STUDENTS

**20
JULY**

STAGE 3 SCIENCE
TRANSITION

**21
JULY**

YR2-6
ATHLETICS

**26
JULY**

NAIDOC
CELEBRATIONS

**27
JULY**

YEAR 4 CARES
EXCURSION

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Last week our elected Junior Aboriginal Education Consultative Group (AECG), consisting of Jemma, Tyson and Kruze attended the first joint Junior AECG meeting at Kimberwalli in Whalan. This was a great meeting and our Jnr AECG members will continue to represent our school in this forum.

We look forward to many exciting and fun activities filled with learning opportunities for our children next term.

Have an enjoyable and safe holiday.

Mr Robert Linas

Principal



K Barrugin learning about the seasons

Barrugin Wumbat

KINDERGARTEN

KW and KB have been busy learning about school, being respectful to their teachers and making new friends. They have been learning about numbers, letters and how print works. We are learning skills to get along with our friends in a program called Second Step. The children are learning about the importance of listening and looking to be active learners.



Kindergarten
Barrugin Play
investigations- the
boys working in a
police station,
writing letters.

Kindergarten
Wumbats played a
subitising game
using a Pop It during
which they
developed their
turn-taking skills.





Above : Kinder Barrugin showing us how they "focus" their attention

Tate from Kinder Barrugin parking cars to learn numbers 1-10

And below Kinder Wumbat sequenced numbers for numeracy from 1-10

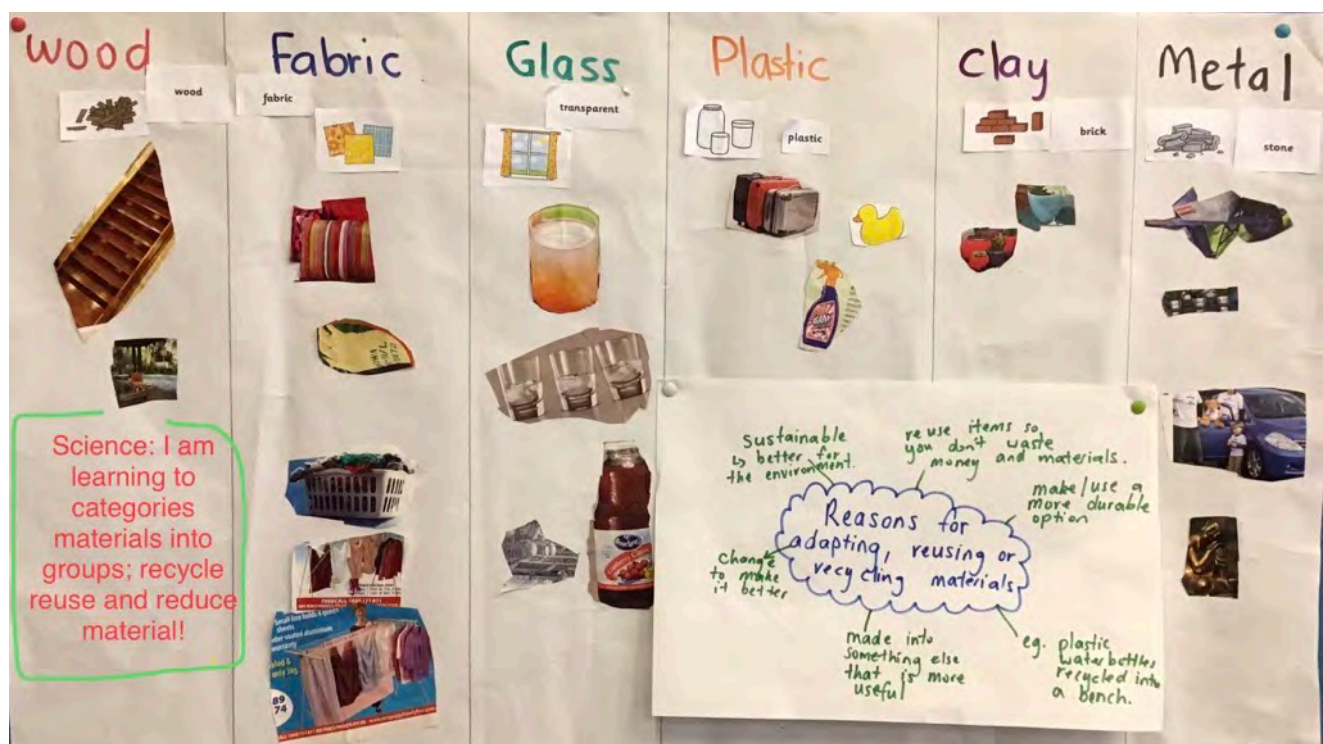


Djubi Gulamany

YEAR ONE

1D and 1G have been working hard to be better writers and the importance of recording their own ideas. They have been learning about place value of tens and ones and to count in number patterns of twos, fives and tens.

They have listened to many great stories and explored how to sequence events. In Science, we have talked about materials and mixtures.



Murawung

Preschool

Murawung children started visits to the school library each Wednesday carrying their new library bags. They have met Miss Tree, the librarian, and borrowed books to take home to share with their family. On the way they walk in two lines and practice crossing the road safely at the driveway and pedestrian crossing. We love walking past the classrooms and waving to the students in Year 5 and 6.



When returning from a library visits the children enjoyed exploring the autumn leaves on the ground outside Mr Linas's office. We stopped for a photo on a beautiful Autumn day and when we returned to preschool we used the leaves as a provocation for an art experience. The children explored prints made by the leaves and we discussed how we can also make prints using our fingers. We looked at all the prints and discovered that everyone has a unique fingerprint.

Murawung Children also participated in creating family trees after joining in for Simultaneous Story Time in the library. We shared a story called "Family Tree" written by Josh Pyke. After the story we returned to preschool and discussed our families with the children. We then drew pictures of our families and added a special leaf that was a picture of themselves to add to the family tree. It was lots of fun and the children are developing their drawing and fine motor skills.



Have a safe and restful break and we will see you all in Term 3 on Tuesday 18 July.

Buru

Preschool

This term the BURU children have begun their transition to school process by engaging in a number of planned learning experiences which will help them to become familiar with and develop a sense of belonging to St Marys PS.

The children visited the school library carrying their new library bags. They met Miss Tree, the librarian, and borrowed books to take home to share with their family. On the way they walked in 2 lines and looked for cars as they crossed the driveway at the pedestrian crossing. When returning from one of the library visits the children enjoyed exploring the autumn leaves on the ground outside Mr Linas's office. Mr Linas joined the BURU children and then invited them into his office. They also visited the ladies in the front office and saw how they answer the buzzer at the front gate when a parent arrives at school.



During Reconciliation Week the BURU children buddied up with 5/6 Malya for their first visit to the school hall where their buddies helped them to add their handprints to the school artwork. The 5/6 buddies also visited the preschool for a Pyjama Party lunch on Pyjama Day.



Our BURU children will be ready to transition to Kindergarten in 2023!

STAGE 2

Bugari Wallaru Dingu Gugulug

Warami/Hello to all our St Marys' families from 2B, 2/3W, 3/4D and 3/4G,

It has been a busy first half of the school year, with some flexible learning during the school closure, due to the floods. Our classes have been very enthusiastic about learning a new Darug word each week and learning about the animal their class is named after.

During Term 1 students in all classes have been creating some amazing work in visual arts, based on books they have been studying in class.

We celebrated Harmony Day with orange spiders, which was organised by our lovely learning support teachers. As part of Harmony Day, students learnt about the importance of acceptance and tolerance of our differences and those of others.

The last week of term had been a busy week, with ANZAC Day presentation prepared by Mrs Lee, End of Term Assembly, Easter celebrations and school photos.

Wow, what a busy Term 1.



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With a blink of the eye, the Term 1 holidays were over and it was Term 2. Another busy term. We completed activities for Sorry Day and Reconciliation Week, which ended with a BBQ lunch for our whole school community. So



wonderful to see our parents, carers and extended families visiting our school again. We had Cross Country Carnival and my favourite Pyjama Day organised by our amazing SRC students, Mrs Pfeiffer and Miss Gomes.

It has been very cold lately and needing to have our doors and windows open for ventilation to help combat the spread of Covid in our school, as meant our classrooms are cooler than they usually would be.

During Term 2, our Year 3 and 4 students have had fun participating in an AFL program organised by Mr Cohen. Thank you, our students have really enjoyed their Monday morning session.

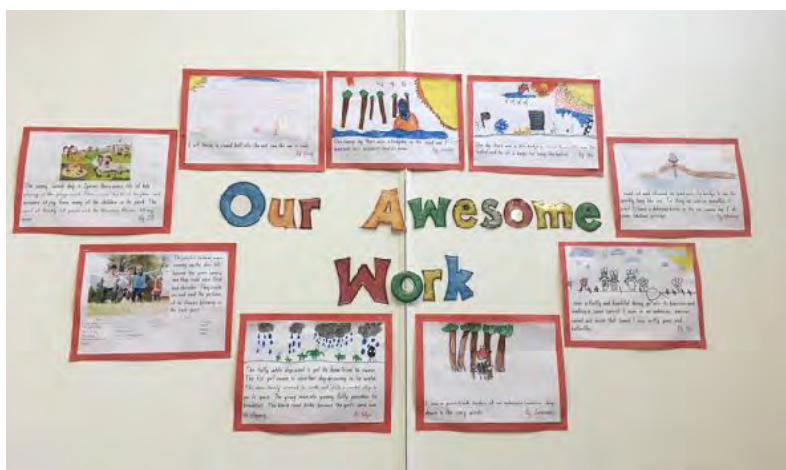
Next term, we are looking forward to the Athletics Carnival in Week 1, NAIDOC celebrations and CARES for Year 4 in Week 2, Education Week in Week 3 and to meeting with our parents for Parent/Teacher interviews. We are also working on plans for an excursion for our Year 2 and Stage 2 classes.

Thank you to all the amazing teachers, who have worked hard to prepare these special events and celebrations for us to enjoy participating in.

Wishing our students and families a safe and happy school holiday break.

Yanu/Goodbye

Mrs Gayle McLister



Bunmarra

4/5B MS LAZIC

Our class name is 4/5B, it is a mix of Year 4 and Year 5. 4/5B's B stands for "Bunmarra" in Dharug Language, it means "Blue Tongued Lizard". Our teacher's name is "Miss Lazic" Instead of using the first letter of their last name, this year we use animal names. We have 28 people in total.

These are some things about our class animal the Blue Tongue Lizard. Blue Tongues eat, crickets, worms, snails, and slugs. They live in an open country with lots of ground cover such as tussocky grasses or leaf litter. Blue tongue lizards are reptiles and have an average lifespan of 20 years. They can also grow up to 30 to 60cm in length.

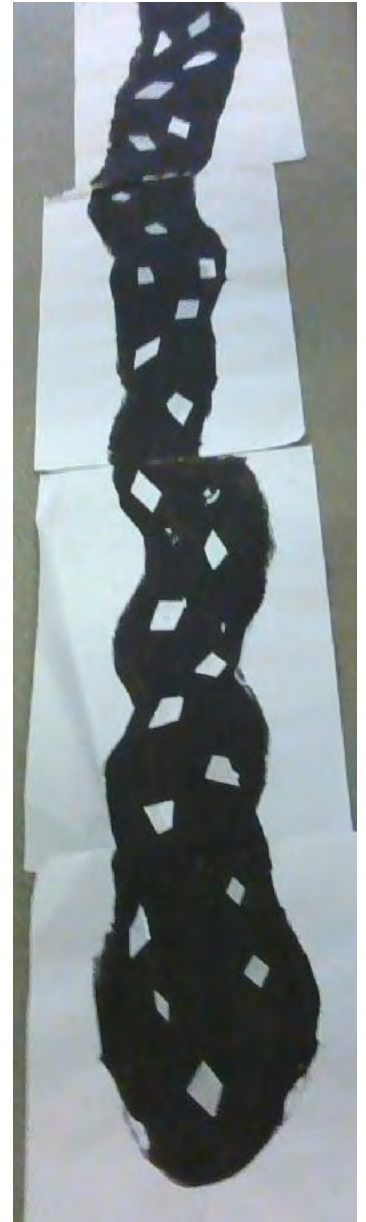


MALYA

5/6 MS HEMMINGS

The malya (diamond python) is closely related to the commonly recognised carpet python. Its scientific name is *morelia spilota*. They can be found in bushland areas, national parks of Sydney and coastal areas of New South Wales. The average size of a malya is 3 metres long. They can live for around 20 years.

The malya is often undetected by its slow-moving habits. They can sit still for about 2 weeks waiting for prey to walk past. Even though they are non-venomous they can make a nasty bite with their curved teeth. Like all pythons, the malya kill its prey by suffocation. Just like other pythons they are carnivorous. Possums, rodents, birds and bats are their most common meal choice. The colours of malyas can be olive, dark, light, green or brown and even black.



SPORT LEADERSHIP

Our Sports Captains and Vice Captains were elected by their sport houses at the beginning of Term 1. They were able to attend the



Badging Ceremony in Week 8, where Mr Cohen and Miss Lazic presented them with their Badges. Next term, our Sports Captains and Vice Captains will assist with organising our weekly sports and playground equipment. They are very excited for the opportunity to help our teachers and students!

Tech Team

At the end of Term1 we established a tech team from stage 3 who have been setting up and facilitating our online fortnightly and end of term assemblies. They have learnt how to adjust powerpoint presentations and conduct meetings via Microsoft teams. This is no easy feat and sometimes nerve wracking when things don't always work as expected. Great work tech team !



SPORT

School cross country

Representatives from our school, accompanied by Mr Cohen, Mrs McLister and Mrs Gauci, participated in the District Cross Country at the Sydney International Regatta Centre. They all tried their hardest and persevered through their races. Some students will be representing our school next week at the Sydney West carnival. It was amazing to see how respectful and well behaved everyone was. Well done everyone!



SPORT

Sydney West PSSA

I represented our school in the AFL Sydney West Team. We played at Coffs Harbour, it was the perfect temperature for footy and one of the grounds was really muddy. We won two of the six rounds against Western and South West Sydney. I played at my best and I thought about the school every time I played.

- **Isaac 5/6 Wirriga**



I represented my school and Sydney West at the rugby league 11s tournament in Parkes NSW. We played 7 games over 3 days. The highlight for me was my try saving tackle in our semi final allowing us to through to the grand final.

We lost the grand final to a strong Sydney East team.

I am grateful for the opportunity to represent my school St Marys Public School.- **Thiago M 5/6**

Wirriga

ANZAC DAY SERVICE

PENRITH PACEWAY

On Tuesday the 5th of April, the school leaders were invited to attend an ANZAC day ceremony that was held at Penrith Paceway.

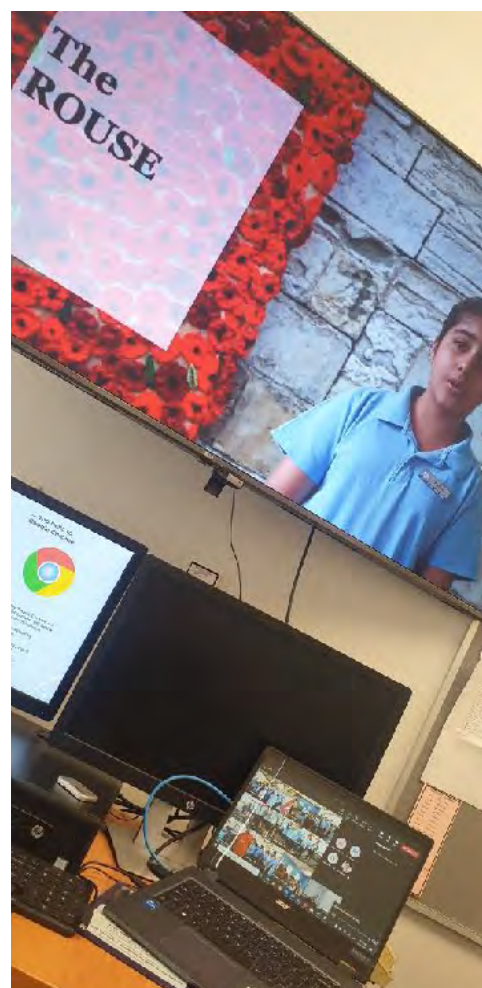
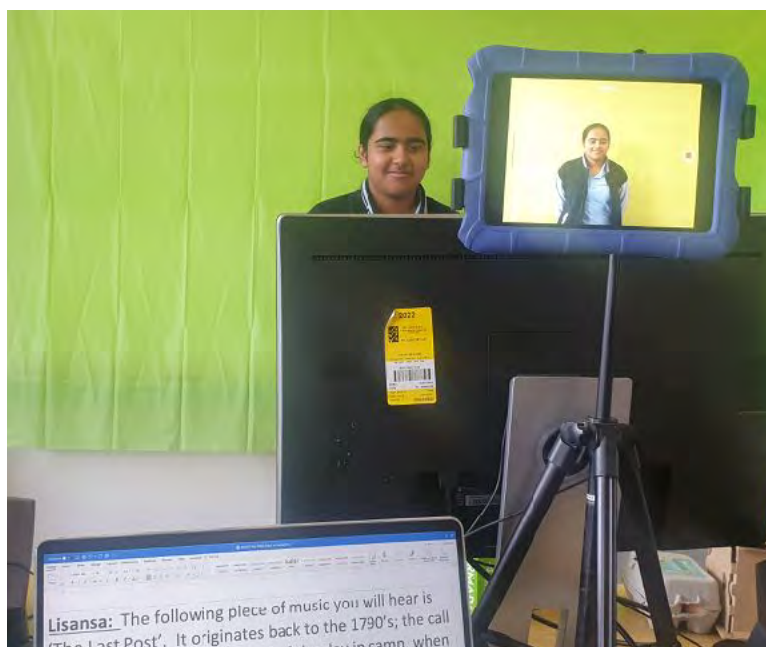
We were picked up from school in the morning and were driven there by bus with Mrs Lee and Mrs

Vasilescu. There, we learned more about ANZAC day and the significance it holds in Australian history. Our School Captains were invited to pay their respects, alongside 20 other schools, by placing a Wreath before the minute silence. It was a fantastic day!



ANZAC DAY SCHOOL SERVICE

The school leaders pre recorded this years school ANZAC day service as they were to attend the ceremony held at the Paceway this year. They spent some time rehearsing and recording with Mrs McKenzie using iPads, a green screen and teleprompter. The recording can be found by scanning the Qr Code on this



Easter guessing competition



Pyjama Day



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JUNIOR AECG

This term, our Junior AECG President (Tyson), Vice President (Jemma) and Secretary (Kruze) were invited to Kimberwalli. We got to meet other students that were a part of their Junior AECG, we played some games and we had a tour of all of their facilities. We really loved playing the games and our cookies at the end!



MEET THE MOB

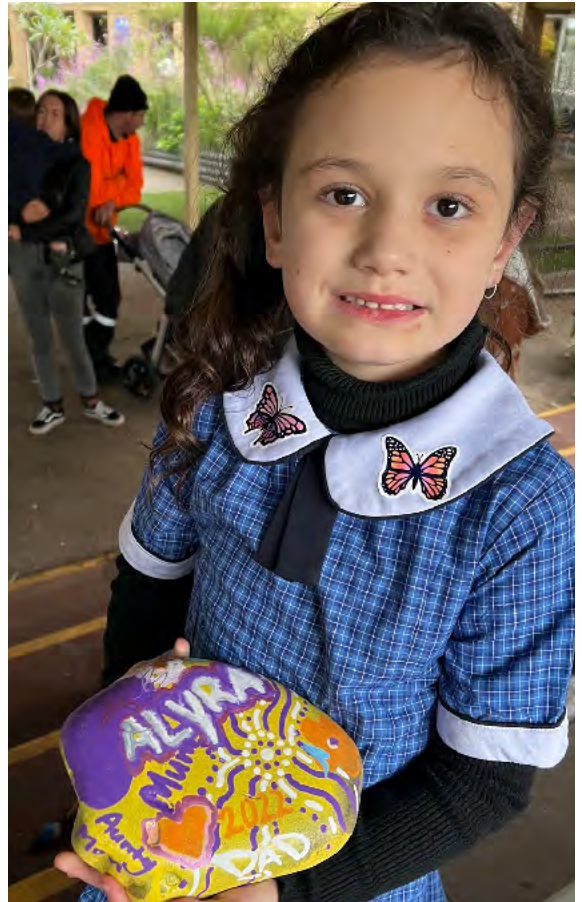
In term 2 Mr Cohen Met the Mob. Families engaged in some art and our newest student to the school Elizabeth sang in the language of her own mob.

It was wonderful to have the opportunity to gather and talk about what we are doing as a school with regards to Aboriginal Education



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RECONCILIATION DAY - BE BRAVE MAKE CHANGE



PLAYGROUP



PLAYGROUP returned to SMPS in Term 2 and we've had a lot of fun meeting new friends and families, playing inside and out.

Playgroup runs every Wednesday 9am -10:30am in the E Block with Mrs McKenzie. Hope to see some new families in Term 3 .



Parents and Citizens Association

The St Marys P&C met for the first time in 2 years this term and held it's Annual General Meeting. At this Meeting the following positions were filled :

President : Lucrecia Perez

Vice President 1 & 2 : vacant

Treasurer : Cheryll Francia

Secretary : Sylvia McKenzie

Congratulations to our new office bearers and we look forward to working together with our school community in 2022.