



Term 2 Week 10
Wednesday 4th July 2018
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DIARY DATES

TERM 2 2018

Wednesday 4th July 3WI's

Thursday 5th July 3WI's

Friday 6th July Term 2 Concludes

TERM 3

Monday 23rd July Term 3 Commences

Monday 23rd July The Magic Words Incursion
Yrs K-2 12:15–1:15pm
Yrs 3-6 2:00–3:00pm

Thursday 26th July Children's Book Fair
8:20am to 4:00pm

Thursday 26th July GRANDPARENTS DAY
Mass—9:15am
Open Classrooms—10:00am
Morning Tea—10:50am

Friday 27th July Children's Book Fair
8:20am–4:00pm

Friday 27th July Year 5 Geography Excursion

Monday 30th July STAFF DEVELOPMENT DAY
Pupil Free Day

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE...

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Last Friday, all families received the academic report for the end of Semester One. This report gives the family a general indication of how your child is progressing in all 7 Key Learning Areas that the students study. The allocating of a grade, A to E, is a legislative requirement and reflects a dated and simplistic view of learning. Hopefully, this will change in the future but unfortunately it is the system in which we function today.

The core of the report is seen in the Religion comment, English comment, Mathematics comment and General comment along with the effort grade, personal traits and study habits. It is in these elements that your child's progress and efforts are noted along with areas for future growth. The individual nature of the child is represented through these features and allows you to celebrate growth and achievement. An equally important element of home/school connection at this point in time, is the 3 Way Interview. All students and their families are invited to sit with the teachers to discuss their learning and allow the student to discern what learning goals are most appropriate and relevant for the 6 months ahead. I hope you take this time to sit with your child and celebrate the many successes achieved and plan for the learning challenges ahead.

As we come to the end of a busy, but successful term, I thank the staff of St Mary's for their ongoing commitment to the students of our school and I wish all families (and the staff) a happy, safe and relaxing break. I look forward to seeing everyone back at school on Monday 23rd July for Day 1 of Term 3.

Peace and Best Wishes.

Richard Blissenden
PRINCIPAL



KINDERGARTEN 2019 ENROLMENTS

All acceptance letters have been sent out to our Kinder families for 2019. Please return your Acceptance of Enrolment to the school office by Friday 6th July. We have a number of children on the waitlist, so if you know you won't be accepting a position here at St Mary's, please inform the school office as soon as possible.

SCHOOL FEE'S

Payment of the second term's school fee invoice is now **overdue**. Can any family yet to settle their Term 2 account please do so as soon as possible. All families are reminded that they are welcome to commence an instalment / payment plan arrangement at any time during the year for the balance of their fees. Contact Susan Albertini in the office for further details.

APPLICATIONS FOR LEAVE

A reminder that in order to receive a Leave Application form you **MUST** first hand in a note requesting leave. The note must include the dates the child will be away, how many days off school and the reason they require leave. Once the office receives this letter, we will then send home Leave Application forms to be completed. No applications will be approved without the request letter from parents.

BIRTHDAY CELEBRATIONS

July 4	Aanya Singh Sarah Jalil Tahlia Paiva Oscar Moy
July 6	Jacob Carr
July 9	Eric Mastronardo
July 10	London Ardeleanu
July 11	Andrea Leon
July 16	Soobeen Lee Nicholas Kim Abeera Malik
July 18	Nadia LaMacchia
July 19	Nate McKinnon
July 21	Sebastian Jalil Oliver Hill
July 22	Chloe Williams
July 24	Lochlainn Melville
July 26	Alexia Jaboh
July 27	Joseph Nam
July 30	Brody Newby Zi Kei Au Maxim Avenarius
July 31	Angela de la Roche

We would like to wish all of these children a very happy birthday!!

**PRINCIPAL AWARDS
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KA	Amanda Bae & Wilson Chan
KT	Daniel Appleby & Charlie Fang
1R	Jacob Hayes & Akito Doggett
1W	Wylie Lockhart & Amelia Marsh
2H	Hannah Peaty & Olivia Asfour
2M	Elie Hart & Sebastien Pericaud
3G	Madison Cantrill & Misha Kim
3S	Lucinda Boulous & Aren Simonyan
4J	Kayla Ghalloub & Paradis Nikparvar
4K	Maiya Hughes & Lucas Piper
5E	Dylan Napoli & Isaac Vinton
5LV	Maddison Fairall & Orlando Ballout
6B	Zechariah Acosta & Josephine Keyser
6K	Christopher Mansour & Raymond Zhang

**CARE AWARDS
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KA	Jayden terWisscha & Caitlyn Ellard
KT	Zia Kim & Luca Napoli
1R	Michael Kolosakas & Daniel Rust
1W	Abeera Malik & Noah Collier
2H	Yujin Choi & Paige Hewkins
2M	Olivia Boumalhab & Isla Moyes
3G	Imogen Piper & Misa Simili
3S	Eleanor Park & Sebastian Jalil
4J	Isabelle Cesar & Brian Lim
4K	Lucas Laguzza & Alexander Teschke
5E	Min Ho Kang & Phoebe Kim
5LV	Casey Kaseke & Isaac Zaouk
6B	Usenio Lee & Luke Marnan
6K	Lucy Goss & Lukas Luburic

FROM MR BLISSENDEN...

CARS AROUND THE SCHOOL

Please continue to use the car park and drop off / pick up areas in a safe and courteous manner. Just a couple of reminders: • If using Kiss and Drop in the morning, parents stay in the car and children leave via the path side. • If using the Kiss and Drop in the morning, your children can get out at any point along the Kiss and Drop zone - you don't have to wait to get to the front of the queue.

BE CYBER SAFE

An excellent resource for parents in helping to keep your child safe in an online world is ThinkUKnow - <https://www.thinkuknow.org.au/> There is a Parent's Portal with excellent resources and also a 'report abuse' button – for those times when something needs to be investigated by the police or a site's administrator. Students in Years 5 and 6 had a presentation from our local Police Youth Liaison Officer this week who used the student presentation from ThinkUKnow.

MR BLISSENDEN'S HOLIDAY CHALLENGE

With today's Newsletter you will find the next Holiday Challenge. "Produce a Portrait" relates to the current exhibition at the Art Gallery of NSW of the Archibald prize nominees and winners. Our students are invited to paint, draw or sketch to Produce a Portrait of someone important to them. They then need to write about why that person is special to them and bring both the writing and the portrait to school on Day 1 of Term 3. Good luck producing your portrait.

RECENT GRANDPARENT DEATHS

Please keep a number of families in our community in your thoughts and prayers following the death of grandparents of some of our students. *Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord and let perpetual light shine upon them. Amen.*

GRANDPARENTS DAY...

THURSDAY 26TH JULY

8:20–8:50am	Book Fair in the Library
9:15am	Mass in the Church
10:00am	Book Fair and Open Classrooms ... come along and join an activity in your grandchild's learning space, see learning in action AND take your grandchild to the Book Fair.
10:50am	Open Classrooms conclude—join other grandparents for morning tea in the hall, hosted by the P&F, with a performance by our amazing choir.
11:20am	Morning Tea Concludes
11:20am	Book Fair Continues
4:00pm	Book Fair closes for the day but continues on Friday for classes to purchase.



TECHNOLOGY UPDATE...

This term Stage 2 have been lucky enough to have the support of Chris Maguire the Specialist Teacher - Digital Technologies from the Learning Exchange at the Catholic Education Diocese of Parramatta.



Stage 2 were supplied with 60 Chromebooks at the end of last year by CEDP and the Stage 2 teachers engaged in professional learning about how to use them to enhance student learning. In Term 2 Mr Maguire came into the classroom for 5 Mondays and worked directly with students.

Students had the opportunity to explore their Google drive and in particular Google Classroom.

We now have many experts in the room and working together with Mr Maguire was not only interesting, fun and exciting but really helped develop a collaborative spirit amongst students.

Students learned to:

- Identify the shortcut keys used on a Chromebook.
- Bookmark key learning sites on their bookmarks bar (Classroom, Drive, Gmail).
- Explore useful extensions and add to Chrome.
- Use a variety of extensions to support their learning.
- Complete and submit work on Google Classroom.
- Use Screencastify to make video submissions, explanations and give feedback.
- Use different Google docs.



Stage 2 have had a lot of fun learning about this new technology this term. It has been a really great help to our learning and we are all excited to have the chance to put our new skills into practise.

Keep your eye on this space to see what is going on across the school next term, as we explore the world of CODING!