



St. Mary's School Prayer

Mary Mother of us all

Be with us today just as you stood by Jesus.

Grant your blessing upon those
who need your love and guidance.

May we serve God as you did
through your actions and prayer,
And may we show care and respect
to those whom we meet on this day.

May your Son Jesus be at the centre of all we do,

As we strive to grow in wisdom and love.

Through your faith,
may you help us listen to and trust in God,
And may our St Mary's community
keep your name holy in all we say and do.

Amen



Year 2, 2017

Dear Parents,

Welcome to Year 2! We are looking forward to working with you and your children in 2017.

Curriculum Overview

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Religious Education is an important aspect of education at St. Mary's. Throughout the year the students will participate in a variety of liturgies, masses and prayer celebrations. Units have been developed through the Sharing our Story framework, adopted by the Parramatta Diocese.

We invite parents to be involved in the faith aspect of our school whenever possible.

ENGLISH

Each morning the students are involved in the Literacy Block. This includes speaking, listening, modelled, shared, guided and independent reading, modelled, shared, guided and independent composing, grammar, spelling, phonics, phonemic awareness and modelled, guided and independent handwriting. Our writing focus this term is informative texts particularly procedures. Where possible, writing will be integrated with our Science & Technology work.

MATHEMATICS

Each morning the students are involved in the Numeracy Block. This includes a warm up, an open ended task and a reflection. During the reflection the students share the strategies they have employed, their findings and their results.

Students will participate in learning experiences from all the mathematical strands including:

- Number-Whole Number, Addition/Subtraction, Multiplication/Division, Fractions, Patterns and Algebra
- Measurement and Geometry- Length, Area, Volume & Capacity, Mass, Time, 3D, 2D and Position
- Statistics and Probability- Data, Chance
- Working Mathematically outcomes are incorporated in all mathematical experiences

SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

Term 1: 'All Mixed Up'- The Material World. Students develop their understanding of the properties of materials, the way they behave and the changes they undergo as well as how these properties influence the way materials are used by people in objects, products, places and spaces. At times, the students will be required to research and complete some activities at home.



GEOGRAPHY

Term 1: People are connected to many places. Students build on their understanding of why places are built and how places vary depending on their use.

CREATIVE ARTS

Students will be involved in music with Mrs Dennis and dance/drama with Mrs Kirkness each Thursday.

Visual Art occurs with the class teachers. This term we are studying Matisse' collages. All students need a painting shirt.

PD/H/PE

In PE, children will participate in sport and physical activity with Miss Gonnett, our specialist sports teacher, on Thursdays and with class teachers on Mondays.

In PDH in Term 1, Year 2 will work on the Protective Behaviours Program and Whole School Positive Behaviour Program that includes our Anti-Bullying Program. The Anti- Bully guide is available on our school website: www.stmarysrydalmere.catholic.edu.au.

Class Rules:

- Be a kind friend
- Listen to and follow instructions
- Stay on task
- Move calmly and safely in the room
- Always do your best work
- Look after equipment

Allergy Aware School

St. Mary's is an allergy aware school. Please remember peanut butter and nutella are not suitable choices for school sandwiches. Please do not pack any food that contains nut products. Birthday cakes and lolly bags are not permitted.

Access to the School In the interest of safety for your children, we ask that you only enter the school through the front office during school hours.

Punctuality/Absences

It is important that the children arrive on time each day as we begin our learning experiences as soon as we enter the classroom. The official school starting time is 8.48am and the dismissal time is 3.10pm.



Whenever your child is late to school or needs to leave early, please complete the appropriate form from the office. This is a legal requirement and is to ensure the safety of our students. It is a legal requirement that we have a dated note signed by a parent or guardian stating the reason for the students' s absence. Either a note to the teacher on the day that the child returns to school or via the skoolbag app would be appreciated. All absences without explanation after 7 days are recorded as an unexplained absence on the roll.

Technology

Technology is used as a learning tool in our classroom. All efforts are made to ensure the safety of your children when using the Internet and students have a procedure to follow if they encounter any inappropriate sites or things that make them feel uncomfortable. It is very important that similar measures are in place at home. Students, with their parents, are asked to sign a contract for appropriate use of technology that outlines their rights and responsibilities and the consequences of misuse. Technology cannot be used without this signed agreement.

School Uniform

It is important your child is in correct full school uniform at all times. This includes the school hat. Our playground rule continues to be 'NO HAT, NO PLAY". All articles of clothing, especially hats and jackets need to be clearly labelled with your child's name. If your child is unable to wear any part of the uniform, please let us know in writing. Our uniform policy is posted on our school website. It is also very important that your child has a raincoat in their bag each day, as the weather is unpredictable.

Homework

Reading: Students should spend at least 10 minutes reading every night. It is beneficial for your child's comprehension to discuss what has been read.

Spelling: Words will be distributed each Monday. Students are asked to write and learn them.

Mathematics: Students need to revise counting, time and measurement- this can be helping with cooking- reading recipes, measuring ingredients, timing daily events- how long it is till bedtime, what time to get up in the morning; number facts e.g. $6+ 4=10$, $60+ 40= 100$.

Community Events

During the year we have a number of liturgies, masses, and assemblies to celebrate special feast days and events in our school. We would like to invite you to attend these where possible, as you are also a special part of our school community.



Parent Classroom Helpers

Parent helpers are always welcome. Parents assisting in class are legally required to complete the Child Protection Module. This is a simple procedure that you are able to complete online via our school website www.stmarysrydalmere.catholic.edu.au

If you would like to assist in the classroom please fill in your details on the parent helper sheet before you leave. All parent volunteers are now also required to complete a simple Work Health Safety induction.

Reminders

Students need to bring their reading pencil case each day.

Students wear their sports uniform on Monday and Thursday.

Students need their Library bag each Thursday.

Appointments

If you have any questions or concerns about your child we are happy to discuss them with you. Please send a note with possible appointment times, email or phone the office and we will contact you as soon as possible.

At any stage throughout the year, if you have a concern, please make a time to meet with your child's teacher, so that we can work together in the best interests of your children.

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