



Term 4 Week 8

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DIARY DATES

TERM 4 2019

Thursday 5th Dec	Christmas Concert 6:30pm
Friday 6th Dec	Swimming Program Concludes
Tuesday 10th Dec	Reports to Parents
Wednesday 11th Dec	Swimming Carnival Granville
Friday 13th Dec	Year 6 End of Year Celebration
Monday 16th Dec	End of Year Awards Assembly—9:00am
Monday 16th Dec	Orientation for New Students—2:00pm
Monday 16th Dec	Year 6 Graduation Mass 7:00pm
Tuesday 17th Dec	End of Year School Mass 9:15am
Tuesday 17th Dec	Parent Helper Thank You Morning Tea—10:30am
Wednesday 18th Dec	School Concludes for Students
Thursday 19th Dec	Staff Development Day Pupil Free Day

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE...

Dear Parents,

The summer holidays are a wonderful time for children to play. Any activity can be played. The secret sauce is playfulness — the ability to see a situation and be curious about it, realise it can be enjoyable, and get involved. The benefits of play include:

Intellectual development: Play builds executive function skills, content knowledge, and creative thinking. When children build with blocks or draw, they are counting, classifying, and creating and examining patterns.

Social development: Playing with others means listening, and taking another person's perspective. Social play also requires children to share ideas and express feelings while negotiating compromises.

Emotional development: Children learn self-regulation as they follow norms and pay attention while experiencing feelings such as anticipation or frustration. Play teaches children how to set and change rules, and how to decide when to lead and when to follow.

Physical development: In sports, outdoor games, and dance, children develop strength, muscle control, coordination and reflexes. They push limits and try new things — racing down a hill, swimming underwater — that can motivate them to take risks in other circumstances.

The three indicators of playful learning: choice, wonder, and delight.

Choice looks like children setting goals, developing and sharing ideas, making rules, negotiating challenges, and choosing how long to play.

Wonder looks like children exploring, creating, pretending, imagining, and learning from trial and error.

Delight looks like happiness: children smiling, laughing, being silly, or generally feeling cosy and at ease.

HOW TO ENCOURAGE PLAY

- Plan for play and create the space for it. If children have been spending too much time in front of screens, say to them, "Tomorrow, let's have some of your friends over here to play," or "Let's walk over to the playground".
- Find fun in the materials you have. Rather than always buying new toys, encourage children to find their own materials.
- Be open to risk. If you let children know that you trust them to take small risks, they'll enjoy creating and exploring and won't mind a few bumps and bruises.
- Model play. If children watch their parents or grandparents having hobbies, enjoying sports, being creative, being outside, then it's more likely they will find interesting things to do with their time.
- Play together. Your children actually do want to play with you. Build sandcastles together, dress up together, or tell stories together. Really get into the spirit of the play and doing it together. That's the beauty of summertime. Wait out the cries of "I'm bored". Children often have to pass through that initial discomfort and recover the space and presence to be self-directed and curious.

Acknowledgement: Leah Shafer, 12 June 2018

Peace and Best Wishes.
Mr Blissenden—PRINCIPAL



LIBRARY NEWS

A **BIG** thank you to all the parents who helped cover library books this year. The students and I really appreciate it.

Apologies for having to stop borrowing, but it's stocktake time so please make sure that all library books are returned as soon as possible.

The good news is that (during the holidays) on **Thursday, 16th January**, between **10:00am and 1:00pm**, you are invited to come to the library with your families to share some stories and stock up on your favourite books. This will also be great for those of you who need books for the *Executive Director's Summer Reading Challenge*. In addition, you can join in the activities I have planned and there will also be some lucky door prizes to win! Oh, and just between you and me, you will get to see lots of brand new, wonderful books from my "secret stash" and be the very first to borrow them! Have a safe and happy holiday everyone and I hope to see you at our **Library Open Day** so we can "GO WILD for READING" this summer!

Happy Reading!

Mrs Radocchia – Teacher Librarian

SWIMMING CARNIVAL

We have placed the Event sheets for the upcoming Swimming Carnival in the notice-board on the Marist site. Can you please take the time to have a look and make sure your child has been placed in the correct events. If you require any changes or have any questions, please see Miss Eid as soon as possible.

Thank you.

BIRTHDAY CELEBRATIONS



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| December 4 | Samuel P |
| December 6 | Ned D
Matilda C |
| December 8 | Sienna T |
| December 10 | Jireh S |
| December 11 | Isla M |
| December 12 | Aimon L |
| December 13 | Tyler N |
| December 14 | Nathaniel N |
| December 16 | Panos C |
| December 17 | Nathan D |

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

IMPORTANT DATES REMINDER

What is on and when...

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| Thurs 5 th | Christmas Concert 6.30pm |
| Wed 11 th | Swimming Carnival |
| Thurs 12 th | Farewell for Miss Boidin
8.50am |
| Mon 16 th | Awards Ceremony 9am |
| Mon 16 th | Year 6 Graduation Mass
7:00pm |
| Tues 17 th | End of Year Mass 9.15am |
| Tues 17 th | Parent Thank You Morning
Tea – following mass |
| Wed 18 th | Last Day for Students 2019 |

PRINCIPAL AWARDS
TERM 4–Week 6



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| KE | Jessica B & Zain S |
| KS | Sophie C & Zain S |
| 1C | Josie C & Amy L |
| 1R | Isabella W & Jackson N |
| 2A | Wylie L & Zi Kei A |
| 2M | Lucas N & Amelia M |

CARE AWARDS
TERM 4–Week 6



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| KE | Riley I & Christian G |
| KS | Jemma L & Alyssa M |
| 1C | Alexander J & Oliver T |
| 1R | Hope B & Isabella C |
| 2A | Jasmin S & Nishaan V |
| 2M | Ava A & Manuel S |

FROM MR BLISSENDEN...

ST MARY'S STREET LIBRARY

Recently, St Mary's bought a street library. It is a colourful box that looks like a large bird house. The street library has a door made of glass so you can see the books that are in there before you open it. It is also made of wood, but it is waterproof, so the books won't get wet when it rains. The street library has wheels so if there is a need, it can be moved.

The type of books available in the street library include fiction and nonfiction children's books. Some of the book covers are hard and some are soft. The Street Library is located near the school office where students, staff and parents can look in and choose a book. They can also leave a book behind as a donation. There is only one rule for the Street Library which is "take a book or leave a book". *By Sami (YR 5)*

CHRISTMAS CONCERT

All members of our community are invited to our **2019 Christmas Celebrations**. Our school's Christmas concert is on **TOMORROW NIGHT** commencing at 6:30pm. All children are to be at school by 6:10pm. This is an opportunity to celebrate the reason for the season - The Birth of our Saviour, Jesus, through song and dance. It is a night to come together as a school community and to reflect on the true meaning of Christmas. It will be held on the Marist site and we ask that you bring rugs to sit on. There will be room for picnic chairs. This will be located at the back of the rug area. In the event of wet weather, our Christmas concert will be held in the hall. It is expected that all children attend and perform in the concert. We look forward to seeing you here at school tomorrow evening to celebrate with us the Joy of this Christmas Season.

TEACHERS ARE LEARNERS TOO

Over the past few weeks the staff have completed training in Anaphylaxis, Asthma, Emergency First Aide and CPR. Mrs Gosper and Mrs Waterhouse attended a Mathematics data analysis day. Last week we also hosted Mr Michael McDowell, a Canadian Educator with experience in Inquiry. He worked with Mrs Violaris, Mrs Gierek, Mrs Kirkness and Mr Blissenden to refine our work in the area of Inquiry.

6 QUESTIONS IN 60 SECONDS...

Did you know the following about Miss Stacey?

What is your favourite thing about working at St Mary's? *I love meeting all the new families each year, and watching the children learn and grow.*

What is your favourite TV show, song or movie? *My favourite TV show is Game of Thrones and my favourite movie is Almost Famous.*

Do you have any pets? *I have an Australian Shepherd named Louie. If you walk past my desk you will see a picture of him, he's very handsome.*

What hobbies do you have? *I love cooking, going to the gym and hanging out with family and friends.*

If you could travel anywhere in the world, where would it be? *Sorrento, Italy.*

What are three words that best describe you? *Smiling, friendly and organised.*

Read & win

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S
SUMMER READING CHALLENGE

Win a
**GOOGLE
CHROMEBOOK**

Read as many books as you can, tell us why you love them, and you could win one of **two Google Chromebooks** or one of **thirty gift vouchers** valued at \$30.

The more books you read, the more chances you have to win.

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closes at 5pm on 2 February 2020

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