

2022 Kindy/Pre-Primary Parent Information Booklet



Mrs Corinna Mulgrew (Mon-Tues)

Mrs Carisa Mincherton (Wed-Fri)

Mrs Terri Keeffe

Mrs Elizabeth Rae

Mrs Melanie Box

Mrs Deanne Simpson

Faith - Respect - Challenge - Teamwork

School Prayer

O God, guide us to make good
choices at all times.

Bless this School, Church and
Community and bless
everything we do.

With the help of Jesus and our teachers,

We grow in faith here at St Mary's.

Holy Mary, Mother of God.

Pray for us.



Beliefs and Expectations

We believe that each child is an individual, and as educators we will value and develop each child's strengths, interests, skills, abilities and knowledge to extend their learning. We will aim to provide a safe and nurturing environment, which supports each child's social, emotional, physical and cognitive development.

Through a range of engaging and fun learning experiences, we hope to assist your child to reach their personal potential in all areas.

Our classroom rules encourage positive behaviour to ensure all class members feel safe and supported. We encourage students to be mindful of their actions and to think about how their actions may affect others.

Our classroom promises are:

We promise to...

- be kind to others.
- to keep our hands to ourselves.
- show good mat manners.
- look after our classroom.
- move safely around the room.



Specialist Teachers

We are fortunate to have two specialist teachers adding to our weekly teaching and learning in 2022.

Mrs Carisa Mincherton

Mrs Elisha Criddle



Important Information...

This Term's Teaching and Learning:

In the areas of physical, social and emotional development, we will be focussing on the following:

- Following rules and routines
- Using equipment appropriately
- Independent and appropriate toileting
- Effective listening and speaking skills
- Taking turns/sharing
- Communicating needs/wants appropriately
- Learning independence while putting on hats and sunscreen, managing recess/lunch and school bags
- Developing imaginative skills
- Perceptual motor program (PMP)- focussing on seeing, hearing, touching, reacting, balance and gross motor skills

Fruit and Lunchboxes

The students eat fruit each morning at around 9:30am.

Can you please pack your child's fruit in a separate container (clearly labelled), cut up and ready to eat.

Variety is much appreciated, as is a positive attitude towards healthy eating. When packing lunchboxes please be aware that as a waste-wise school we preference no plastic wrap or packaging. We emphasise the importance of being waste-wise in order to care for our environment. Please be sure to add an ice brick to ensure your child's lunch stays cool. Lunch orders are available from The Shearing Shed Cafe five days a week. Food

availability abides by the 'Traffic Light' system in a bid to encourage a healthy diet. 'ORANGE' foods, those which are high in fats and salt, are only available for order on Fridays. Lunch orders can be ordered via the Bopple Application.

Communication:

We have decided to use text message as the main form of communication between home and school. This has been identified as the easiest, most effective way to instantaneously get messages out. If you have any questions or concerns, feel free to send through a text. You are welcome to approach us before/after school for any quick discussions. Please contact us via email if you would like to organise a meeting, we are only too happy to speak to you regarding any questions/concerns you have.
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Please follow the school on Facebook and Instagram to share in our content. The school also sends SMS to parents regarding whole school information.

Attendance

St Mary's offers 3-day attendance for Kindy on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday. In extenuating circumstances Kindy students may be allowed to attend on Tuesday and Thursday. Extra students on Tuesdays and Thursdays will impact teacher/student ratios, and therefore the decision needs to be a collaborative process between parent, teacher, and Principal.

Swimming

Swimming lessons commence for PP-6 in term one, this is a great opportunity for the Kindy kids to receive one on one teaching/learning time with their teacher. Dates for these days will be sent out early in 2022

Absentee Notes

If your child is away, they will be marked absent. Written notes are required if students are absent. There are absentee forms in the office, or you can go onto the school website and follow the prompts to attendance, which is the most convenient option.

Medical Information

We update our medical records from the information you provide to the school at Enrolment, if this information changes, please come to the office to update our records.

Change of Clothing

Please pack a change of clothing for your child, to be kept in their bag until needed.

Birthdays

We believe birthdays are to be celebrated. Please feel free to send in cupcakes (as opposed to a cake that needs to be cut up) or any individually packed treat (Freddo frog, icy pole) on your child's birthday. These will be shared at some point throughout the day.

Sun Smart

We encourage sun smart behaviour at St Mary's. All students are required to wear a hat when playing outside. Please ensure your child has a St Mary's hat at school at all times. As there will be water play, please pack a change of clothing in your child's bag. Sun-cream will be provided before outside play.

Library

Library will commence week 1. Our library day for the year will be Wednesday. Children require a library bag (St Mary's homework bag) to borrow a book.

News Telling

News telling will commence in week five. You will be informed of your child's news day.

Sport Factions

Your child will be placed into a sport faction, either Nagle (green) or Kelly (yellow). If your child has a sibling in the school, they will automatically be placed in the same faction. We will send home a note detailing your child's faction week one. The students are provided with faction t-shirts in the lead up to each carnival. These are then to be washed and sent back to class at your earliest convenience. We use our factions to also give 'tokens' in which students can earn free dress.

Parent Roster

Parent help will commence week five, to allow new children to adjust/settle in. We encourage any keen and willing parents, grandparents or family members to join us in the classroom for parent help (usually morning session). Please refer to the roster on the classroom door and add names where appropriate. All visitors into the school must firstly sign in at the office.

Washing Roster

Please find the washing roster on the classroom door – it would be greatly appreciated if all parents contributed to the washing of the tea towels, cloths and art shirts. Please add your name where appropriate.

Assemblies

Assemblies will be on Friday afternoons commencing at 2:40. Dates to be confirmed. If your child is receiving a certificate you will be notified in advance via text message.

Many thanks,

Mrs Corinna Mulgrew
Mrs Carisa Mincherton
K/PP Teachers



Term One News Telling Themes

Week	Theme
5	Family Photo (can email through if easier)
6	All about me bag (note will be sent home)
7	My favourite toy
8	My favourite book
9	Free choice
10	Free choice