



St Mary's School

29 May 2020

NEWSLETTER

Faith - Respect - Challenge - Teamwork

From Mr Will...

Dear Parents,

This always creeps up on me, this mid-term business. I think we are travelling along pretty calmly and before I know it, bam! We are halfway. I am not complaining, it is great to see the time flying by and more importantly having our kids back **consistently** at school.

Halfway Hill

I have been speaking to several parents recently about how tired their kids are. They may be coming home completely exhausted or playing up a little bit. Around midterm, this is not uncommon, so if you too are experiencing this, do not dismay. A school day is jam packed from start to finish, the kids do not stop in the classroom and more often than not, are running around consistently all recess and lunch time.

When children come home, there is an environmental shift from home to school. This impacts children physically and mentally. They have been concentrating so hard all day and expending energy that by the time they get home, they are exhausted. It is at this point that your children may behave like they have been possessed by an alien creature.

The best solution to this is simply finding ways to switch off, and whatever way works for your child is the best way to do it. There is no blanket solution. The one recommendation that I would provide is limiting technology. As I am sure you are aware, the blue light emitted from screens keeps the brain activated, so whilst it may look like they are relaxing, their minds are still going a million miles a minute. This is why you may fall asleep reading a book before bed, but if you are looking at a screen you don't feel sleepy.

Luckily, in Northampton we have wide open spaces and going for a walk or taking in the afternoon sun is easy, simple and provides the perfect remedy. If you would like to talk about alternative ways to help your children rest and relax, or speak further about the above information, please contact me at the school.

Enjoy the long weekend and hopefully some real down time with your family.

Dates to Remember

Week 6	
Mon 1 June	PUBLIC HOLIDAY
	Yr 1 2 Assembly 2.30pm TBC
Fri 5 June	
Week 7	
Wed 10 June	School Board Meeting 6pm
Fri 12 June	NEWSLETTER
Sat 13 June	St Mary's Market Stall TBC
Week 8	
Parent/ Teacher Interview Week	
Mon 15 June	Nagle Principal Visit Year 5
Thurs 18 June	P & F Meeting
Sun 21 June	Sacrament of First Eucharist 8.30am
Week 9	
Parent/ Teacher Interview Week	
Thurs 26 June	NEWSLETTER Reports go home

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From the Mr Will cont...

Staff of Stars

Beth and Maree

I have to double up here as there are two outstanding ladies who have been working incredibly hard, really for the last 20-30 years. However, if you have been along to a Board or P&F meeting recently you would have heard that our school is transitioning to a new school administration platform. This has involved moving all our existing data across, which involved over 100 tasks to complete, days of self-directed online training and 3 intensive days in group chats to try and understand the new system.

Beth and Maree have endured all of this with laughter, smiles and plenty of determination. They are such huge pillars of our school and wider community. If you did not know any better you may think that all office teams are the same, I can assure you they are not. I have worked in 5 schools over my journey I can tell you that they are the best office team I have ever been involved with. Beth and Maree, you are so loved by the entire community, no task is ever too great, or too small. We are so lucky to be able to work with you both every day.

Until next time,

God Bless,

Ben

BIRTHDAYS

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Nagle Principal Year 5 Visits

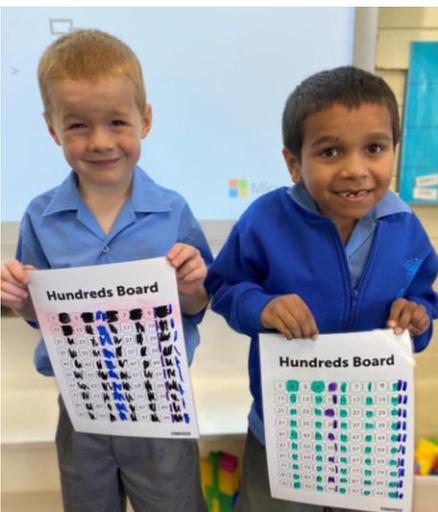
The Nagle Catholic College Principal will be visiting the school on Monday 15 June to meet with the Year 5 class. All students will be provided with an Enrolment Pack. Applications are due by Monday 10 August 2020.

Saints Bake Café Update...

The Saints Bake Café WILL BE OPERATING WEEK SIX FRIDAY 12 JUNE.

If you have paid in advance your dollars have been kept safe.





An update on our Footy Tipping

Footy is back in action from the 11th of June and we are hoping you're all still in it to WIN it!!!

It's not too late to join!!

Please refer to our advert below to join our 2020 competition.

Thank you to those who have paid, for those who have awaited the outcome of current events it would be greatly appreciated if you forward payment by the 5th June, or communicate your intention to participate.

We understand times have been difficult for many of our members, please let us know if you would like to sit this year out.



What can we recycle here at St Mary's?

Plastic Lids

Scrap paper

Bread clips

Ring pulls

Egg cartons

Cardboard boxes

Newspaper

Recycling Station located in the flexi room students are encouraged to bring in these items from home.



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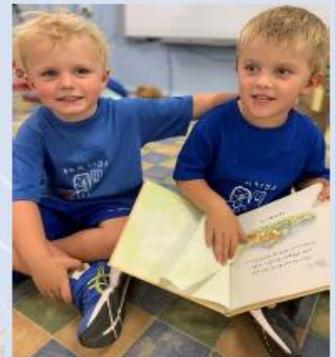


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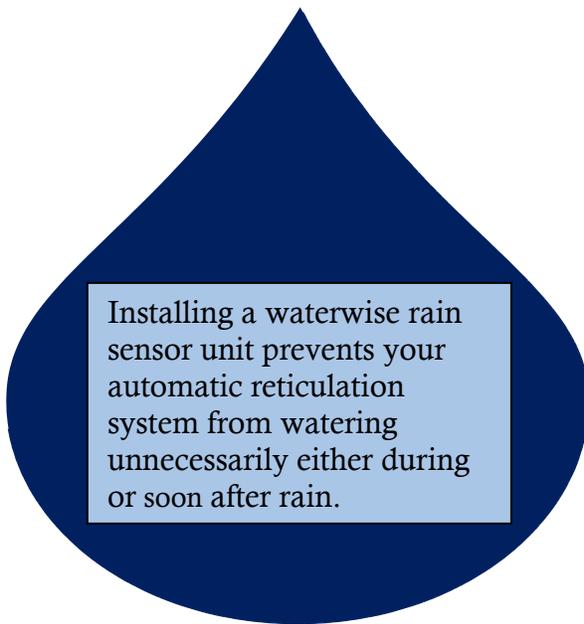
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