



# St Mary's School

## NEWSLETTER

12 June 2020

*Faith - Respect - Challenge - Teamwork*

### From Mr Will...

Dear Community Members,

Welcome to our Week 7 instalment. Now I want you to cast your minds back to 1 term ago, this is about the time that our community really started to lock down. As I reflect on it now, it seems so long ago, but is also so fresh in our minds. It was a very strange time for our community and right across our world, it changed the way many people live their lives, brought issues into focus, and allowed for reflections on the state of our world.

Many countries are very much still in the grip of this pandemic and we may well be forced to change and adapt again. Fingers and toes are crossed that does not become a reality for us. I thought that because our students have had some time back in the school that I would allow them to cast their minds back to that time. Where they stopped coming each day, where they were taught at home, used the likes of Seesaw or Teams to upload their learning and stay connected to their friends.

Below are some of the student's responses from the first session of 'On the Couch with Mr Will.' I hope to turn future sessions into little videos, as I am sure you can imagine, the responses are brilliant!



This episode focuses on 3 questions:

**How did you feel when your parents told you that you would be learning at home?**

**K/PP**

- Michael: Happy because it was very fun at home and I miss Teddy Bear.
- Sonny: I missed my bunny at school.
- Finn: I felt good because I get to play with my brothers and sister.

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- Layla: Happy, because I would get to go in the pool and do all my work in the pool.
- Gabrielle: Excited but kind of sad because I wanted to see my friends.

### Dates to Remember

#### Week 8

#### Parent/ Teacher Interview Week

Mon 15 June	Nagle Principal Visit Year 5
Thurs 18 June	P & F Meeting
Fri 19 June	Assembly 2.40pm

#### Week 9

#### Parent/ Teacher Interview Week

Wed 24 June	Parenting Connection Meeting 1-3pm
Thurs 25 June	Yr 3/4 Reconciliation 9am
Fri 26 June	NEWSLETTER Reports go home

#### Week 10

Thurs 2 July	End of Term Mass 9am School Concludes Students
Fri 3 July	<b>Pupil Free Day</b> School Concludes Staff

#### TERM 3

#### Week 1

Mon 20 July	<b>Pupil Free Day</b> School Commences Students
Tues 21 July	

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## From the Mr Will cont...

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- Torah: Shocked! Because it is very weird and we have never had to do work from home, we couldn't see our friends, and we had no teacher actually teaching us. We had to do all our work with worksheets or on devices.
- Anna: Not happy, because I did not get to see my friends.
- Billy: It was a new thing, I have never done home schooling, it was a month, but it felt like half the year. It was a bit fun though because I was with my mum.

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- Ashlee: Surprised! Because we were a small town and I didn't think it would be that major in our town.
- Mahaylah: A little bit sad because I wouldn't see my friends or anyone else.

### What did you like about learning from home?

K/PP

- Michael: Doing some work and doing whatever I want with my homework.
- Sonny: I do work and play with my toys.
- Finn: I like mum teaching us how to do our jobs.

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- Layla: I liked to watch movies after my work and when my dad gets home, I got to go on the motorbike.
- Gabrielle: I liked having free play at home and I liked doing 'just dance' for sport.

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- Torah: I like the cool experiments like the obstacle course, I like posting things on Seesaw and we got to chat on Teams, it was still fun to do things on the devices. We could finish in two hours and then we could go and have the rest of the day off.
- Anna: I liked doing the fun work, but not the boring work.
- Billy: We would have our morning exercises and we would start at 9 and finish at 1. Then I could go off and play games.

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- Ashlee: I liked doing work online and it was independent.
- Mahaylah: I liked doing Maths because I think it was fun.

### What do you like about being back at school each day?

K/PP

- Michael: Playing with my friends and seeing the teachers.
- Sonny: I like playing with my cool friends and I like my dad and my mum.
- Finn: Playing with my friends and I like Mrs Maver and my mum.

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- Gabby: Excited because I get to play in the big playground again. I also like coding on Scratch Junior on the iPads.
- Layla: I am happy because I get to see all my friends again and Miss S and get to do more work like spelling and craft and I get to play with my friends.

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- Torah: I love seeing my friends and seeing the teachers and it is still fun to do work with Mrs K and sometimes it is boring at home when you don't have your friends...and you get Saints Bake at School!
- Anna: I get to see my friends and have fun, when we have Fun Friday its fun and when we are at home, we don't get to have Fun Friday.
- Billy: Seeing all my friends and seeing Miss K again and doing all the fun work and having Fun Friday. It's really good being back at school.

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- Ashlee: I get to see my friends and it is easier to understand my work because Miss Miotti can explain it to me.
- Mahaylah: Seeing my friends and seeing different people every day.

### Staff of Stars: Mrs Briers

Now I am sure you are aware; I am a huge rugby fan. Love the game, I had a 5-6-line rant typed about the state of rugby in Australia but chose to delete it. I start with Rugby because Mrs Briers is a South African (current World Rugby champions) and a mad rugby fan, so as soon as I met her, I knew we would get along well. Mrs Briers works across Years 1-4 and is always very willing to help in whatever way is needed. Mrs Briers will often be working outside of her contracted time to finish work or assist in preparing activities for the following days or weeks.

Most recently, Mrs Briers has planned, prepared, and started facilitating our Mini-Lit Program. This is a highly researched reading intervention program for our junior years. Mrs Briers has completed a great deal of work in planning and preparing all the resources for Mini-Lit and has completed much of this in her own time. Beyond her exceptional work ethic, Mrs Briers is a fantastic member of staff who provides an honest and

well thought out opinion on all school activities, whilst providing plenty of laughs. Thank you, Mrs Briers, we are so lucky to have you, you are a star!

## Reports

Due to the period of restrictions our Semester Reports will look slightly different this term. The following points are in relation to these changes:

- The delivery of teaching and learning has been disrupted by COVID-19 and adjustments have been made to the school reports.
- Teachers will report on the curriculum taught over the course of Terms One and Two.
- Teachers will report on student progress to date, relative to the year level curriculum achievement standards.
- Students' learning progress to date will be reported as above/at/working towards the expected level.
- Students' learning progress will be reported on in all learning areas.
- Parents will be provided with information about their child's personal and social learning
- A Religious Education, Literacy, Numeracy and General Comment will be provided for all students.
- If your child is receiving a grade explaining that they are 'working towards' a standard, you will be contacted for a parent interview to explain their progress.

If you have any questions regarding reports, please feel free to contact the school.

## Bookfair

The Scholastic bookfair will roll into town on the 17<sup>th</sup> of June and continue until 26<sup>th</sup> June. Parents and children are very welcome to view and purchase books before or after school. Students will view the bookfair throughout the week in their classes. The kids were super excited when I dropped off the booklets, so I dare say you already know about it!

An Eftpos machine will be available for parents to use at the fair and parents can also access the online credit card pre-payment facility, the details are on the back of the children's wish list form. Cash and cheques are also accepted.

## Thoughts and prayers

Over the past few weeks, we have seen the passing of a number of community members. To the members of the families connected to Clayton Drage and Tyson Drage I would like offer, on behalf our community, our thoughts and prayers. It is through our words and actions that we can extend our community and offer support during tough times.

Until next time,

God Bless,

Ben

## BIRTHDAYS

June 20 Zac W

## 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.



# WHAT WE HAVE BEEN UP TO IN

# YEAR 1

## PROCEDURES

This term, one of our writing focuses has been procedural texts. Using our classroom Pizza Shop, we created our favourite pizzas, yum! We also really enjoyed creating a procedure on how to use a piece of play equipment!



In maths, we have been learning HEAPS about numbers, measurement, and shapes. We used the iPads to go on a shape hunt around the school, represented 2-digit numbers with objects around the classroom and even measured length with dinosaur prints!

## 'THREE LITTLE PIGS'

We read the 'Three Little Pigs' so many times that we are now experts! We know so much about this story, that we recreated and performed it as a puppet show. It was super fun presenting it to the class!



# OUR BOOK FAIR OPENS ON WEDNESDAY!



**WEDNESDAY JUNE 17<sup>th</sup>**

**TO**

**FRIDAY 27<sup>th</sup> JUNE**

**Before and after school**

**EFTPOS and Online  
prepayment with credit card  
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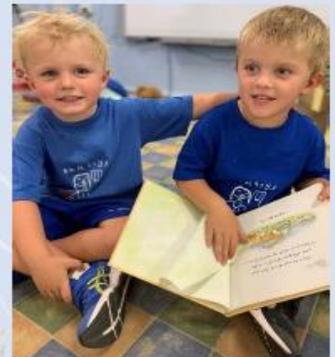
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# St Mary's School



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## EMOTIONALLY INTELLIGENT PARENTING

A FREE PARENTING WORKSHOP FOR PARENTS AND CAREGIVERS OF CHILDREN

### WOULD YOU LIKE TO LEARN HOW TO:

- Manage your children's emotions
- Support your child's development of emotional intelligence
- Emotion coach your child through challenging emotional situations

**Where:** St Mary's Primary School, 26 Mary St, Northampton

**When:** 23<sup>rd</sup> June 2020 1pm – 3pm

**Cost:** FREE

**Crèche:** Not available

**Facilitators:** Nicola Tropiano and Anna Treloar, Ngala Parenting Facilitators

**Bookings:** Please contact the school directly to register – 9996 7100

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# PARISH NEWS

## The Most Holy Body & Blood of Christ – Year A

When we eat the flesh of Jesus and drink his blood in Eucharistic communion, we share in his very life, a life poured out for all on the cross. As we gratefully receive this food of eternal life, we are called in turn to pour out our lives in loving service to our brother and sisters.

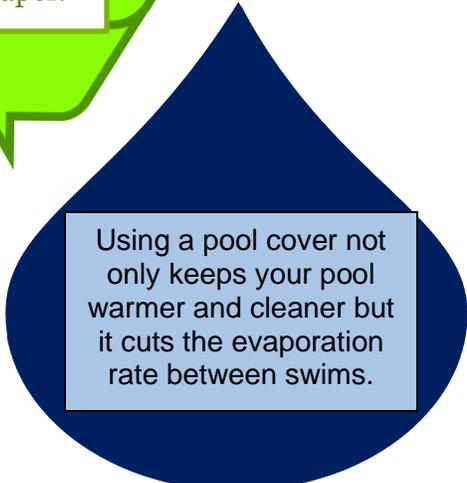
**Sequence:** Behold the bread of angels, sent  
For pilgrims in their banishment,  
The bread for God's true children meant,  
That may not unto dogs, be given:  
Oft in the olden types foreshadowed;  
In Isaac on the altar bowed,  
And in the ancient paschal food,  
And in the manna sent from heaven.

Come then, good shepherd, bread divine,  
Still show to us thy mercy sign;  
Oh, feed us still, still keep us thine;  
So may we see thy glories shine  
In fields of immortality;  
O thou, the wisest, mightiest, best,  
Our present food, our future rest,  
Come, make us each thy chosen guest,  
Co-heirs, of thine, and comrades blest  
With saints whose dwelling is with thee.

**The Parish Council meeting** will be held this Thursday, June 18<sup>th</sup> at 5pm in the Nagle Centre.

**Our Dead:** Please remember in your prayers, the soul of Frank Warr, father of Graeme & father-in-law of Susanne, who passed away on Tuesday. Also pray for all his extended family at this very sad time.

**Our Aged & Sick;** Pray for Cliff Dyer, Nell Cripps, Ines Miotti, Patricia Casey, Col Constantine, Jean Williams, Paul Leeson, Jo Mattens, Maud Brown, Betty Thompson, Jim Thompson, Sue Gravranish, Hazel Bunter, and all the residents of Brookview.



Using a pool cover not only keeps your pool warmer and cleaner but it cuts the evaporation rate between swims.

## CRUNCH AND SIP

### Are you worried about the rising cost of fresh fruit and vegetables?

While the prices of some fruit have recently increased, many varieties of fruit and vegetables are still cheap options for Crunch&Sip®. A serve of fresh carrot sticks costs no more than 30 cents and is full of vitamin A and fibre. Pack some in the school bag for Crunch&Sip® today!

