



# St Mary's School

*Faith - Respect - Challenge - Teamwork*

## From Mr Will...

Dear Parents and Community Members,

Earlier this week I was speaking to a colleague. He also started his Principal role around the same time as I did. We were both sharing perspectives on our school's COVID situation. During the chat, he said something that made me stop and reflect. Since we started as Principals, it has seemed like there has been a rolling state of crisis, which actually has been exacerbated in Northampton with the cyclone (and don't mention the mice) and you get to a certain point where you start to know no different, so you just have to roll with it.

As the inevitable wave of COVID-19 comes over St Mary's, we are just going to do our best and roll with it, whilst supporting our kids and parents the best that we can. There may be changes to some school operations for a time but hopefully there won't be too much disruption. We ask for your support during this period.

I would like to offer my thanks and appreciation to those parents and children who have had to isolate, they have been so supportive and expressed appreciation for all the efforts by our staff to cater for their children. Thankfully, most children have been experiencing fairly mild symptoms, or if they have been unwell, it has only been for a relatively short period. I hope this continues.

I would like to thank our staff, for their exceptional efforts in dealing with the ups and downs that COVID-19 has presented, we aren't out of the woods yet, but I have great confidence that our team can handle any challenge that is presented to us.

Finally, I would like to thank our amazing P&F, who have been putting together all the care packages for families, these contain a few goodies, to help navigate isolation. Your efforts have been so appreciated by our community, thank you.

### Father Larry

As you may be aware, Fr Larry is currently recuperating in Perth, following surgery to remove cancer in his bowel. He will undergo 6 months of chemotherapy in Geraldton after a few more weeks of rest and recovery in Perth. We are in consistent communication with Father and are praying for a quick recovery. Please keep Father in your thoughts and prayers.

### UPCOMING EVENTS

#### Week 3

Fri 13 May NEWSLETTER

#### Week 4

#### NAPLAN

#### BOOK FAIR 18-30<sup>th</sup> May

Tues 17 May Hockey Clinic

Thurs 19 May P & F Meeting TBC

#### Week 5

#### COMMUNIO WEEK

Tues 24 May Hockey Clinic

Fri 27 May NEWSLETTER

Fri 27 May Assembly

#### Week 6

Tues 31 May Hockey Clinic

Wed 1 June Yirra Yaakin Theatre

Co incursion

Fri 3 June PUPIL FREE DAY

#### Week 7

Mon 6 June PUBLIC HOLIDAY

Tues 7 June Hockey Clinic

Thurs 9 June NEWSLETTER

#### Week 8

#### PARENT TEACHER INTERVIEWS

Wed 15 June School Board Meeting

Fri 17 June Yr 1/2 Assembly

2.30pm

### REMINDER

Online LUNCH  
ORDERS need  
to be in by  
10AM please.

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## From the Mr Will cont...

### *A Blessing*

*May the road rise to meet you.  
May the wind be always at your back  
May the sunshine warm your face,  
The rain fall soft upon your fields.  
And until we meet again,  
May God hold you in the  
Palm of His hand.*

### **School Works**

As you know, we are still trying to finish construction in all the areas of our school, impacted by Cyclone Seroja. We have had some movement in the last week, which has been nice. Our footings for the K.PP Monkey Bars are getting ready to be poured, asphalt has been laid over the basketball court and we are almost ready to confirm the signage across the container, which will show a photo collage story of the presbytery.

The work on our Church and the Old Convent will begin soon and will likely continue for a month or so, it will be great to see progress on these buildings, which has suffered since the Cyclone last April.

We are in those stages of construction where everything is a little messy. There is lots of work going on behind the scenes and I am hoping that it will all come together quickly.

### **NAPLAN**

As you know, NAPLAN generally takes up a lot of media space in the lead up and during its facilitation. The national test is a highly politicalised and opinionated issue. At St Mary's, we treat it like any other test, important, but only one measure of a child's achievement. The timing of this year's NAPLAN could arguably not have been worse. We have many children isolating or recovering from COVID-19, therefore the number of children actually sitting tests on the appropriate day is very low. I don't have a crystal ball, so I am not sure how this will impact results, but as mentioned above, we will roll with it. I will say, the staff and students have been amazing throughout this week, trying their very best!

### **Welcome Tamaia**

In the busy nature of school life, I failed to mention a new staff member who has started with us at the beginning of Term 2. Tamaia Jane-Jones has commenced in the Year 3.4 class, 3 days a week as an Aboriginal Teaching Assistant. She is helping with support in the room but will also assist with Aboriginal Culture Integration across the school. Tamaia has jumped into the deep end and is doing such a great job. Welcome Tamaia, it is great to have you in the St Mary's Family.

### **The Final Word**

We continue to grow at St Mary's, I enrolled a new Year 2 student this week and we should have two more students in Year 1 and 3 commencing in a few weeks. This will take our numbers to 97, which is incredible! A heart-warming aspect of our growth was captured by a prospective parent during a conversation where I asked why St Mary's? She said that she didn't know anyone and would be new to town, but the school just looked like such a beautiful and welcoming place for her children. Well, she is right, and it just makes me feel amazing that so many people are sharing the magic that is St Mary's.

Until next time, Ben

## Calling for Catering Volunteers – St Mary’s School P & F

Throughout the year our P & F association are often asked to cater differing events as fundraising for our School. They would like to compile a list of people who are able to volunteer their time and or baking abilities for these occasions.

If you are able to help out please contact the school office by email [admin@smsn.wa.edu.au](mailto:admin@smsn.wa.edu.au) or SMS 0402332591 or phone 99967100.

### TERM DATES 2022 Please note change below.

Public Holiday	Mon 6 June
Term 2 Concludes	Fri 1 July
Term 3 Commences	Tues 19 July
Term 3 Concludes	Fri 23 Sept
Term 4 Commences	Tues 11 Oct
Term 4 Concludes (Children)	Fri 9 Dec
Term 4 Concludes (Staff)	Fri 16 Dec

### STAFF PD DAYS 2022

Fri	3 June
Mon	18 July
Fri	19 Aug
Mon	10 Oct

**CANCELLED** Students are required to attend on this day

### BIRTHDAYS

17 May	Miss Marchesi
18 May	Miss Dawson
18 May	Billy
19 May	Isla C
20 May	Makaylee
31 May	Alice
4 June	Isaac



## YOUR INVITED

THE SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR IS COMING TO ST MARY’S SCHOOL

*WEDNESDAY 18 MAY 2022 – MONDAY 30 MAY*

**IN THE SCHOOL LIBRARY**



*St Mary's School*

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10/5/2022

### **Nut Allergy Information Update**

Dear Parents,

I would like to inform you that a student within our school has been diagnosed as anaphylactic and touch sensitive to all nuts. Staff in the school have been trained to administer the appropriate medication. The school also will hold medication on site to assist with the symptoms of anaphylaxis.

**As a result of this diagnosis, St Mary's School is now Nut Aware, meaning that we request all foods containing nuts are not brought to school.**

As I am sure you are aware, some foods may not be made of nuts but have trace elements, if you are unsure, please read the label on the food packet.

This is also a timely reminder to reiterate to your children the reasons for not sharing food whilst at school.

I trust that for the safety of all the students, you will be able to find alternative options for lunchboxes.

If you do have any questions about this information, please do not hesitate to contact me at the school on 9996 7100.

Regards,

Ben



# MERIT CERTIFICATE RECIPIENTS

**Congratulations to the Merit Certificate recipients for Term Two, Week Two.**

**Year KPP**

**Keely**

*For your desire to help everyone around you. Keely, nothing is ever too much trouble, and you always display a friendly, caring attitude to all those you come into contact with. There is also no one who loves organising more than you, and there are many times where we find you making sure the teacher has what she needs or you give reminders to make sure we do something. Every classroom needs a Keely! Your work ethic is also outstanding, always putting your best effort in, listening well and producing some wonderful results. You should be very proud of your efforts and know, that we are so glad you are a member of our classroom. Way to go, Keely!*

**Easton**

*You are becoming a very confident speaker in your weekly news. I love how you share your stories and news with us. You try very hard to pause between words and speak clearly. I also love how you are joining in with imaginative play and singing songs on the mat. You are having so much fun at school.*

*Keep on being awesome Easton!*

**Tait M**

*Tait I am blown away with how much you have already learnt in one term. Your endeavor and attention towards classwork is so high and you are making leaps and bounds in your learning goals. You have written numbers from 1-20 correctly, learnt letter names and sounds and are able to use these in class activities with ease. You are always patient and polite, and I can tell that you enjoy having success at school. I can't wait to see all your marvellous achievements next term!*

**Year 1/2**

**Zavier**

*Zavier, you have proven to be a wonderful and supportive classmate, and you have demonstrated to students what it means to be a positive role model over the past two weeks. You have impressed Miss Dawson and Mrs Briers with your caring nature, and it is a delight to have you in our classroom. Keep up your superb efforts, Xavier, and congratulations.*

**Evie**

*Evie, you are an absolute delight to teach. Every day, you walk into the classroom with a smile and your enthusiasm to learn is contagious. You are kind, caring and thoughtful towards your classmates, and our classroom is a better place with you here. Keep up your hard work and I look forward to seeing your growth over the next three terms.*

**Year 3/4**

**Isla W**

*The stupendous sentences you have been writing and sharing during our book studies. Isla, you have been shining bright everytime we have a sentence activity. Always extending your sentences through the use of learned vocabulary and structure. I also love how you are constantly sharing your sentences with others and helping them write their own. Keep up this great work, Isla!*

**Jemima**

*Wow, Jemima, crafting is your superpower! Jemima you were an incredible helper during our preparation for Mother's Day. Not only were you keen to help with all tasks as much as possible, but you were also a wealth of knowledge about the Cricut machine and its uses. You really made this Mother's Day preparation easy. Keep on helping, Jemima!*

**Makaylee**

*For being such a star during vocabulary time! Makaylee, I have been extremely impressed with how you conduct yourself during our vocabulary time. You are always participating and following along with the PowerPoint and your hand is always one of the first hands to shoot up when a question is asked. You have even taken it a step further, by including your learnt vocabulary in writing pieces. Keep up this tremendous work, Makaylee!*

**Year 5/6**

**Billy**

*For having a clear understanding of concrete and abstract nouns as you were able to identify these types of nouns, in the piece of text titled, 'Trapped'. You were also able to recognise the adjectives that described the nouns. Billy, not only are you excelling in Grammar, you are working well in Maths, showing an understanding of how to carry over in addition and how to borrow in subtraction. Keep doing what you're doing, Billy! You are amazing!*

**Orlaith**

*For being an active listener during Italian lessons. This is evident when you answered questions about yourself and other family members in full Italian sentences. During Reading, you display great understanding in recognising the different tenses in verbs and can identify them in a piece of text. Orlaith, you have been at our school for a term now and you have settled into our class with ease, forming great friendships. We are looking forward to seeing you grow in your learning throughout the year. Brava, Orlaith!*

### Nate

For generating brilliant ideas in our Narrative Writing lessons this week, for example, the mysterious sound coming from the basement, launching of the rocket and the dialogue. We can't wait to see what you will produce in future narratives. You are a true writer in the making! Thank you for always entering our classroom with a cheeky grin and an energy that lights up the room. You are Miss Miotti's little PA ensuring that council jobs are completed, footy tipping is submitted each week and always offering to lend a hand without a fuss. Nate, don't ever change. You make us laugh every day. Continue to shine, Nate!

### Alex

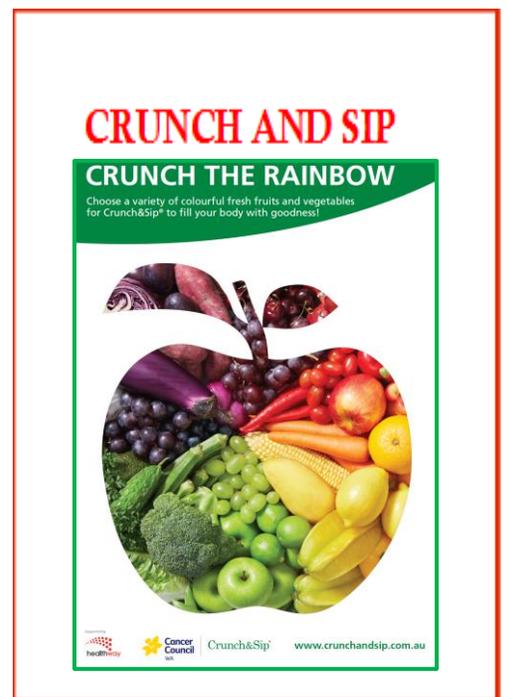
For accomplishing all tasks set with a positive attitude. The way you have transitioned into Spelling Mastery is exceptional, applying knowledge learnt from each lesson as well as from Mrs Carson's lessons into the activities. We can absolutely see your growth already! Alex, you have approached Term Two with zest, displaying excitement and energy into tasks. This shows us that you have a love for learning, and you are ready to tackle any challenge that comes your way. We are so proud of you! What a way to start Term Two!

### Health and Physical Education Leah

Leah you have shown excellent Basketball skills during our sessions this term. You have committed to every drill and practise with a high level of effort and in turn your dribbling and ball movement has developed. You have been attentive to the coach and shown great sportsmanship at all times. You also show a lot of enjoyment during play which is what I like to see the most. In our Health unit on friendships/relationships you have shown an increased knowledge of strategies to keep and build friendships, and ways to identify peer group pressure both positive and negative. Well done Leah.

### Lexile Awards:

Mardi, Zac, Isla W



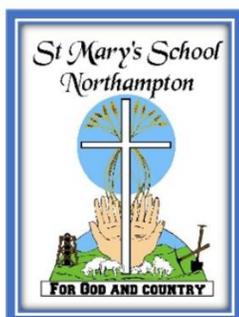
# Year 3/4 Vocabulary

In Year 3/4, the students have been focusing on improving their vocabulary this year. Each week students focus on six different exciting words from the book study of the week.

Students interact with the chosen words throughout the week by writing them in sentences, exploring synonyms and antonyms, acting the words out and defining them daily.

Scan the QR reader with your smartphone to hear the students talking about their vocabulary words.

*petrified stupendous ushered luxurious*



*monotonous courteous perseverance blunder*

**Northampton** **Roll up for WA**  
**COVID-19** COVID-19 Vaccination  
**vaccination clinic**

**Northampton Hospital**  
 Day Centre - 103 Stephen St, Northampton, 6535

**Thurs 26 May, 2022**  
**10:00am - 2:30pm**

**Ages 5+ eligible**

Get your booster (16+) or winter dose (for eligible people) to ensure you have the best protection against COVID-19, including the current Omicron strain.

Walk-ins welcome. Bookings available.

Child and Adult COVID-19 vaccines available. Everyone aged 5+ years can receive a COVID-19 vaccine.

We acknowledge the traditional owners of the land and pay our respects to their Elders, past, present and emerging.

Government of Western Australia  
 WA Country Health Service

**Hockey WA**  
**MID WEST**  
**FESTIVAL OF HOCKEY**

**FRIDAY 20 MAY**  
 4:30PM-6:00PM - TEACHERS PD  
 6:30PM-8:30PM - UMPIRING BRIEFING

**SATURDAY 21 MAY**  
 9:00AM-2:00PM - LEVEL 1 COACH COURSE  
 9:00AM-10:00AM - LEVEL 1 UMPIRING PRACTICAL  
 10:00AM-11:30AM - UNDER-12S CLINIC  
 10:00AM-11:30AM - UNDER-15S CLINIC  
 2:00PM - WOMEN'S PREMIER LEAGUE REDS V HALE  
 3:30PM - OFFICIAL OPENING OF GERALDTON HOCKEY ASSOCIATION TURF  
 3:45PM - MEN'S PREMIER LEAGUE REDS V HALE

**SUNDAY 22 MAY**  
 8:30AM-11:00AM - PANEL BREAKFAST @ SKEETAS RESTAURANT BAR & CAFE

**REGISTER AT HOCKEYWA.ORG.AU/EVENTS**

## PARISH NEWS

### Fifth Sunday of Easter – Year C

Today's Gospel comes from Jesus' Last Supper discourse. He is about to die. His final words to his beloved disciples are: "as I have loved you, you also must love one another". In the end, all that matters is love, a love that is expressed most purely when we sacrifice ourselves for the well being of others. When we love in this way we show that we are disciples of Jesus who laid down his life for us.

**Our Lady Queen of Peace Catholic Church Yuna:** As the sale of the church is now under offer, a formal closure and de-consecration will be celebrated today at 3pm. A bring and share afternoon tea will follow. Everyone is welcome.

**Our Sick;** Pray for Fr. Larry Rodillas, John Constantine, Richard Harris, Nell Cripps, Col Constantine, Jean Williams, Paul & Marjorie Leeson, Jo Mattens, Betty Thompson, Sue Gravranish, and all the residents of Brookview

**Our Dead:** Please pray for the soul of Ros Kruta whose anniversary occurs today.

**Australian Catholic Bishops Conference** has elected Archbishop Timothy Costelloe SDB president of the Conference. He is the first president of the Bishops Conference from Western Australia and as a priest of the Salesians of Don Bosco, the first member of a religious order to be elected president.

**Prayer for Vocations** Jesus you said "The harvest is great but the labourers are few, so ask the Lord of the harvest to send labourers to his harvest". We thank you for the generous Priests and Religious serving in our Diocese. We ask you, our Shepherd, to inspire and help others to answer your call to work as Priests and Religious among your people. Amen.

**Prayer for a Good Season:** God - We see and feel you in so many different ways and we know that you are there. We thank you for all the good things in our lives. Lord, we seek the blessing of your rain which brings hope to our communities of a good season. Continue to look upon us and send the rain we need in order to grow our crops and pastures so that we can provide for our families and fulfil our obligations. We ask that you grant us the support and comfort of your presence so that we can get through this season, no matter what the outcome. *Through our Lord, Jesus Christ. Amen*

# COMMUNITY NEWS

## Northampton PLAYGROUP

We would love to invite all new and existing members to join us at our fabulous centre. Enjoy a cuppa and chat while our kids play.

All Mums, Dads, Grandparents and Caregivers are welcome to attend.

Edna Bandy Centre  
 >> Stephen Street, Northampton  
 >> 9am-11am every Monday of the school term  
 >> Children aged from 0-5years

Contact: President Paula Wilson 0418 471 714 or find us on facebook!





### DONATE THE CASH THAT'S IN YOUR CONTAINERS TO NORTHAMPTON LIONS CLUB

We'll get 10 cents for each one.  
With your help, we can make a change.

Bring your eligible containers to:  
**St Mary's School Northampton**  
 Drop off anytime in the staff car park.

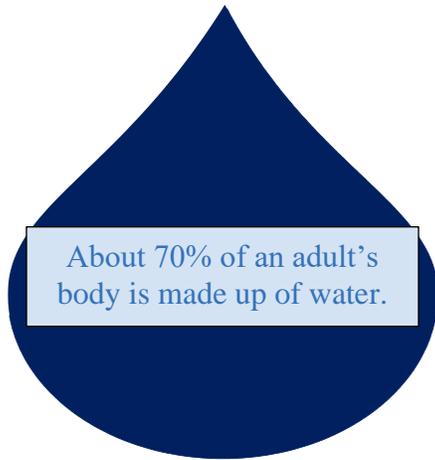


**ELIGIBLE CONTAINERS**

Most glass, plastic, aluminum, steel and paper-based cartons between 150mL and 3L.

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About 70% of an adult's body is made up of water.

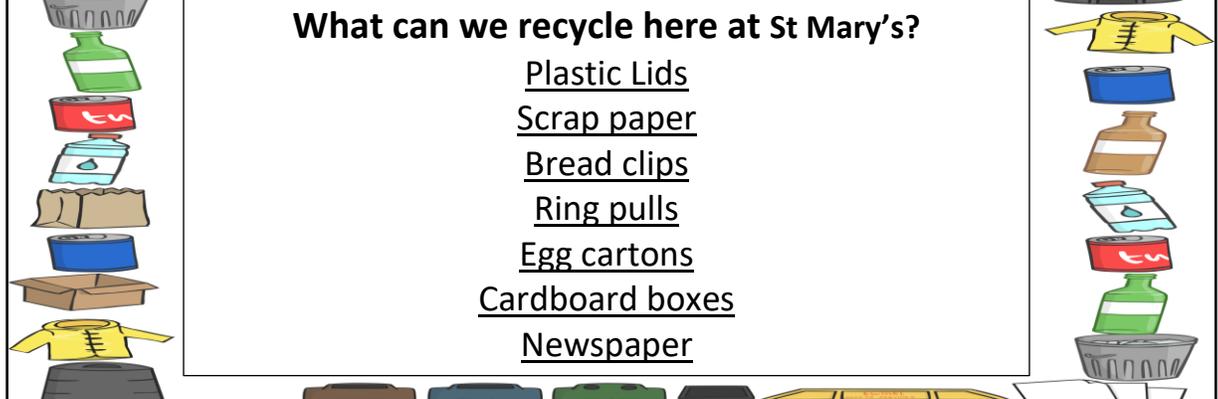


Around 376, 000 tonnes of plastic packaging are used by Australians every year.



### What can we recycle here at St Mary's?

- Plastic Lids
- Scrap paper
- Bread clips
- Ring pulls
- Egg cartons
- Cardboard boxes
- Newspaper

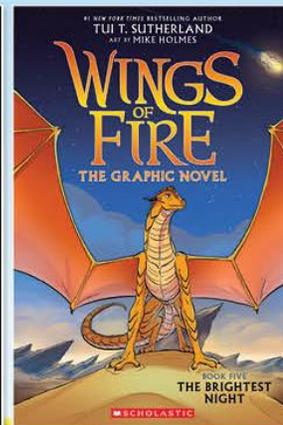
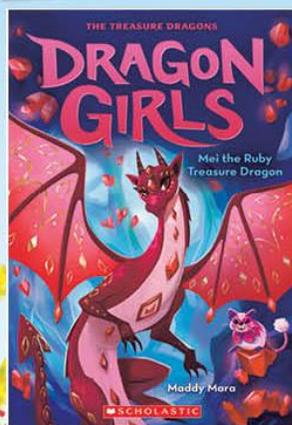
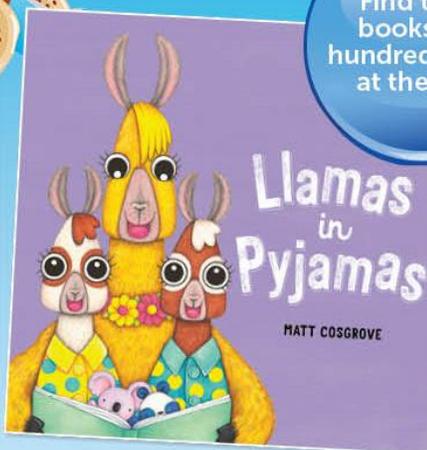
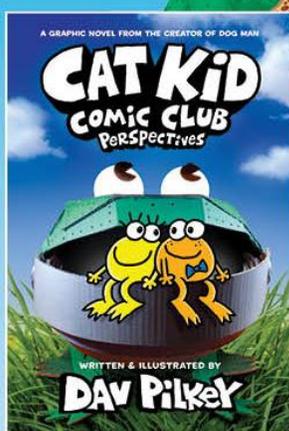
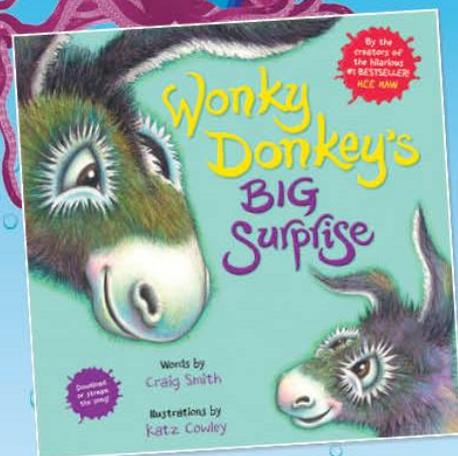


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