

2021  
Kindy/Pre-Primary  
Parent  
Information  
Booklet

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## 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.

Mrs Fleur Mason (Days TBC)

- HASS (Culture)
- Media Arts

Mrs Bridie Teakle (Wednesday)

- Library
- Digital Technologies



## 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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### Attendance

Although St Mary's offers five-day attendance for Kindy students, we preference Monday, Wednesday and Friday, and strongly recommend keeping to these three days for the duration of Semester One. In Semester Two, the move to more than 3 days should be made in consultation with your child's class teacher and the readiness of your child. As it impacts student numbers and teacher/student ratios, it is important that the decision is a collaborative process.

Swimming lessons for PP-6 will run for the first five Fridays of term one, this is a great opportunity for the Kindy kids to receive one on one teaching/learning time with their teachers.

### Absentee Notes

Early each term a note will be sent home requiring you to specify the days that your child will be attending school. If your child is away on these days, they will be marked absent. Written notes are required if students are absent. Alternatively, an absentee form, found in the school office, can be filled out.

### 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.

### 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 2:45. 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 Gemma Healy-Maver  
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

