

CANDELA



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DEAR PARENTS AND CARERS,

A message from Acting Principal Gabee Leone

It has been an absolute pleasure writing the Candelas as Acting Principal of St Mary's! This will be my final one as Marisa will return to school on Monday.

Overall, the experience as Acting Principal has given me the opportunity to delve deeper into many aspects of school life and I feel I have a new perspective on leading and absolute admiration for Principals.

I hand back the baton with a greater understanding of the Principal role and with a heart filled with absolute gratitude to all Father Steve, Jacinta Bright, Jude Caspersz, all staff, students and parents.

I sincerely thank Laurina Van Der El for her absolute diligence in all aspects of the 'job' and ongoing support as Acting Deputy (in charge). I have enjoyed working and learning with Laurina and all the Leadership Team. The Leadership Team have continued to work cohesively and effectively while providing continued Professional Learning and supporting the staff, parents, and students through remote learning.

A Huge Shout out to the staff for their adaptability, professionalism and continued support in the last 8 weeks. The Administration Staff honestly need a massive golden star for all their work supporting and caring for me. They are an incredibly talented Admin Team who shine with professionalism and bring wellness to all.

Thank you parents for your encouraging words and support during a difficult time. I feel I have got to know everyone a little better. But the best thing is those faces that look up at you and some even down at me as we share the learning, answer the questions or even make a comment and greet each other. I am so grateful for the opportunity to continue to work with such beautiful individuals.

Father's Day Prayer

Thinking of you on Father's Day and offering a prayer that God will keep you always, in the shelter of His care.

May He guide you in your daily work,

Bless everything you do,

And grant you all those special joys that mean the most to you.

Amen.

A message from Acting Principal Gabee Leone, continued.

OUR VISION

**St. Mary's is a dynamic
Catholic community of
empowered learners
engaging justly in the
world.**

Remote Learning

Thank you for your continued support during remote learning and the encouragement you give to your children to do their best and participate in their specific Meets.

Over the weeks I have enjoyed reviewing the variety of different tasks on SeeSaw and reflecting on the most effective techniques for learning.

In Term 4, a MACS (Melbourne Archdiocese Catholic Schools) Survey will be distributed to a random selection of parents to allow for feedback to be collected and analysed for school improvement. The teachers and students year 4 to 6 will also be invited to complete the adapted survey.

Hats at School

School hats are to be worn during all outside activities, by all students and staff, as of 01/09/2021.

Around the School Grounds

During the next few weeks a new fence will be erected beginning at the front of the Williams Street gate, along the oval following the footpath and finishing out the front of the Admin Building (outside Marisa's office) along with the widening of the footpath. The preparation work commenced last week and this will continue through to completion during the Term 3 break.

Book Week 2021

Would you gauge the success of Book Week by looking at engagement and exposure? Well then BOOK WEEK 2021 really rocked! Everywhere I turned I heard stories being read via Google Meets, then followed by interactive activities on SeeSaw and Google Classes. Thank you for all the spectacular preparations and scanning Laurina Van Der El and thank you for organising all the books Tilly Stooove!

Maths Evening via Zoom!

Last night Belinda Cheong and Alison Hall presented an interactive session to inform parents about how Maths is taught at St Mary's for all grade levels. During the session they explained how 'Learning Intentions', 'Success Criteria' and 'This is because' begin a lesson. They also clarified vertical algorithms and shared strategies that are used to develop mathematical concepts. On the Mary's website, there is a function called upschooling. The leaders and students will be uploading different education clips such as this mathematical session to provide support to parents and learners.

Remote Learning Specialist

After receiving feedback from students and parents the Specialist Teachers have moved to live Google Meets.

Required Work Permit

Following the State Government's announcement this week regarding further COVID restrictions for Melbourne. The school has had to review provisions of on-site supervision for students. I am conscious that I am required to have as many staff as possible working from home and limit commuting to work. In the COVID Safe Instructions the school is required to keep a register of all students on-site aligning with Work Permits and justification for Vulnerable students. We ask that all authorised workers send in [updated](#) Work Permits and ensure you provide your days and hours as outlined on the permit.

Teachers as Co-Learners (Languages - Italian)

This Thursday morning Laurina Van Der El, Michelle Bates and I ran a Google Meet for selected Staff members from St Joseph's Springvale, St Francis Box Hill, St Peter's Epping who were interested to hear about how we learn Italian at St Mary's. They really wanted to visit but unfortunately were unable to at this time. Thank you Laurina & Michelle for your work in this area. It is so exciting to receive emails from principals who are keen to hear about St Mary's innovative approaches.

NAPLAN 2021

Students who participated in this year's NAPLAN testing will each receive an individual report from ACARA (Australian Curriculum, Assessment and Reporting Authority). We have just received these reports, we will distribute these on Friday to students in Year 3 and Year 5, 2021. The leadership team will work on analysis data. There will be a PLT in Term 4 to delve deeper into the data and we will definitely share this information in the coming weeks. I would like to take this opportunity to once again thank our hard working teachers, who continue to ensure each day that all students are well supported at their point of need in regards to their learning. We are indeed so very fortunate to have such capable and caring staff at our school!

A message from Acting Principal Gabee Leone, continued.

Happy Father's Day!

Wishing all of the Father's, those with us and those gone before us, a very Happy Father's Day this weekend. As we celebrate all the joy, love and friendship. Happy Father's Day!

The Winners of the Father's Day giveaway are:

- Daniel Schmidt - 3rd Prize Winner
- James Warburton - 2nd Prize Winner
- Travis Hyacinthe - 1st Prize Winner



On Friday afternoon I am signing off as Acting Principal and look forward to the return of Marisa Matthys! Again, thank you from the bottom of my heart for your support during these past couple of months.

God Bless and Take Care,

Gabee Leone

Acting Principal

SEP



S	M	T	W	T	F	S
			1 Family Maths Zoom Mtg 7-8pm	2	3 Years 1-5 Dance & Gym 9-10 am & 1-2pm	4 Sacrament of Eucharist 6:30-7:30pm
5 Father's Day	National eSmart Week				10 Years 1-5 Dance & Gym 9-10 am & 1-2pm	11 Working Bee Year 2
12 Sacrament of Eucharist 8-9am & 10- 11am	13	14	15 Parents Association Meeting 7:00 PM	16 Footy Day	17 Last day of Term! Early Dismissal 1:45pm	18 Sacrament of Eucharist 6:30-7:30pm

School Holidays

OCT



S	M	T	W	T	F	S
3	4 First Day of Term 4. Welcome Back!	5	6	7	8 Year 6 Circus Skills Program Years 1-5 Dance & Gym 9-10 am & 1-2pm	9
10	11	12 Reconciliation Faith Night Session 1: 5:30pm- 6:30pm Session 2: 7pm-8pm	13	14	15 Year 6 Circus Skills Program Years 1-5 Dance & Gym 9-10 am & 1-2pm	16
17	18	19	20 Parents Association Meeting 7:00 PM	21 Mission Mass, 9:15- 10:15am Prep 2022 Info & Welcome Evening, 7- 8pm	22 Italian Day Fiesta! Year 6 Circus Skills Program Years 1-5 Dance & Gym 9-10 am & 1-2pm	23 Reconciliation Commitment Mass 6:30-7:30pm
24 Reconciliation Commitment Mass 10am-11am & 5pm-6pm	25	26 Reconciliation Reflection Day 9am-3:30pm	27	28 Whole School House Sports Day	29 Year 6 Circus Skills Program Years 1-5 Dance & Gym 9-10 am & 1-2pm	30
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NOV



S	M	T	W	T	F	S
	1	2	3 Prep 2022 Transition Morning 9:30-10:45am	4	5 Year 6 Circus Skills Program Years 1-5 Dance & Gym 9-10 am & 1-2pm	6 Sacrament of Eucharist 6:30-7:30pm
7	8	9 Prep 2022 Transition Morning 9:30-10:45am	10	11 Sacrament of Reconciliation (2021 Cohort) 5:30-6:30pm & 7- 8pm	12 Year 6 Circus Skills Program Years 1-5 Dance & Gym 9-10 am & 1-2pm	13 Working Bee Year 3

Shout Outs!

"To Gabee for always being so positive and welcoming at school each day and for always showing patience and understanding with parents!"

"For Mykah in grade 6 who made his prep buddy so happy with a beautiful letter!"

"To Ms. Grace Gibbons: the cooking class was excellent!"

"To the whole prep team, who always makes the children's learning as fun as can be! The kids love beginning each day with a Google Meet and seeing a friendly face. Thank you for providing a connection for our students at this time."

"I WOULD LIKE TO SAY A MASSIVE SHOUT-OUT FOR MR WILLIAMS SW. ROB ALWAYS SENDS US PARENTS EMAILS TO MAKE SURE WE ARE ALL OK AND ALWAYS CHECKS ON THE KIDS WELL-BEING!"

"To Mr. Luke Egan he has brought life back to the PE program! The challenges are fun."

"To the staff working onsite- I know it is not easy to juggle so many different students doing different things so thanks for providing a safe space during uncertain times for our children."

"Gabee for listening to feedback and providing a response."

Shout Outs!

"ALL THE TEACHERS are just amazing and need to be credited for all that they're doing whilst trying to manage their own lives!"

"To Ms. Laurina! Thank you for supporting Michael (and so many other children) with writing tasks."

"To Mr. Geyer!
He explains his classes well and is very funny.
If you do your work well he gives great feedback."

"To Ms. Studdert for taking over as class teacher and being patient and understanding. Thanks for great communication with parents."

"SHOUT OUT TO ALL THE TEACHERS AND SUPPORT STAFF AT ST MARYS. THANKS FOR DOING YOUR BEST TO TEACH, ENGAGE AND CARE FOR OUR CHILDREN UNDER VERY DIFFICULT CIRCUMSTANCES, ESPECIALLY THOSE WHO ALSO HAVE SCHOOL AGE (OR YOUNGER) CHILDREN AT HOME AND ARE JUGGLING BOTH. I HOPE THAT YOU ARE ALL COPING OK. THANKS FOR YOUR DEDICATION AND EFFORTS!"

"Mr. Egan's engagement has been just inspiring and motivating for the kids, so good to see!"

Shout Outs!

"Thank so much for all the smiling faces we see every-time we drop off or pick up Skylah at school when we can't do homeschooling. It's tricky getting her to school some days and the smiling faces that greet her make it so much easier."

"Thanks to all the staff at St Mary's. You are amazing. I seriously don't know if we could do this without you all."

"All the staff behind the scenes keeping the school running during lockdown. Even though we haven't needed much help from you we know that you are working super hard to keep everything on track."

"TO ALL THE LSO'S FOR THEIR UNWAVERING SUPPORT AND DEDICATION TO THE CHILDREN'S LEARNING. WE APPRECIATE ALL YOU DO FOR OUR CHILDREN. "

"Thank you for making all of the classes and lockdown fun! your support has meant a lot to me and whenever I need help you are always there for me. I'm looking forward to seeing you again in person!"

"Mrs. Micomonaco, for always going above and beyond with unconditional positive regard. For also making Fridays so fun with a wellbeing check in and a fun game. We've hit the jackpot having you- Archer L. & family."

Shout Outs!

"Mr. Miller - for being a great student teacher by really taking the time to sit and support students while showing care. He also plays the guitar really well!"

Mrs. Macisaac- for your hard work and dedication to keeping Koby motivated through remote learning. We have really appreciated all of your honesty and feedback you give- Koby L & family.

"I WOULD LIKE TO DO A SHOUT OUT TO ALL OF THE YEAR 6 TEACHERS, ESPECIALLY MRS. BATES. THE LEVEL OF INTERACTION IS GREAT. THEY SET GOOD EXPECTATIONS FOR THE WORK AND ARE QUICK TO SEND A MESSAGE IF THERE IS AN ISSUE. A GREAT JOB IN TOUGH TIMES."

"To Ms. Feltrin- for your constant support, care and kindness you show. We truly appreciate you- Archer L. & Family.."

"To Mrs. Greig for all her hard work ensuring children can do remote learning! We appreciate you!"

Thank you to the lovely ladies in the office for making us laugh and bringing us a bit of joy every day!

Student of the Week

Prep S

Darcy L

For remaining positive throughout this remote learning period. Always smiling, laughing and putting in 100% effort into all your work. You should be very proud of yourself!

Hannah D

For always joining our Google Meets with a smile and beautiful manners. Well done on completing all your Seesaw learning with such enthusiasm and pride. Well done Hannah!

Prep D

Banjo T-M

For working hard to complete all remote learning tasks and for participating with enthusiasm in Google Meets. You always strive to do your best!!

Emily J

For always joining Google Meets with a smile and beautiful manners. Well done on completing all your Seesaw learning with such enthusiasm and care. Keep up the amazing effort Emily.

Prep KB

Skylah O K

For demonstrating a positive and resilient attitude throughout remote learning. Whether you are at school or learning from home you, always have a smile and participate in all aspects of remote learning. Awesome job Skylah!

Massimo R

For your positive energy during our class Google Meets and for the wonderful effort you are putting into your reading and heart words. Keep up the effort Massimo!

1MZ

Jackson C

For showing great persistence as a learner and engaging in Google Meets with enthusiasm. It is wonderful how you ask for support when you need it. You have also displayed a great commitment to your writing with improved results.

John S

For showing enthusiasm at our morning Meets and always being ready to share some special item for Show and Tell.

1V

Savannah B

For your wonderful work during remote learning. Your creative and enthusiastic story retell using puppets was especially fantastic! Thank you for continuing to listen to and respond to feedback on your learning tasks. Keep up the fantastic effort!

Ashleigh M

For your excellent work during remote learning. It has been wonderful to see you grow more confident in contributing your fantastic ideas to our discussions during our Google Meets. Keep up the great effort!

1W

Louis P

For your positivity and hard work during remote learning. You have continued to work hard to complete all of your learning tasks and take pride in your work. Well done!

Scarlett S

For showing resilience and enthusiasm during remote learning. You have continued to work hard and show a dedication to learning. Great work!

2P

Spencer S

For completing an amazing information report on Chile. You worked independently, researched the facts well and put the key points into your own words. Well done Spencer!

Alessia M

For demonstrating resilience during remote learning and putting in a huge effort to complete all tasks independently. Well done, Alessia.

2M

Nico D

For being so positive and conscientious during our remote learning. You are to be commended on the way in which you respond to feedback in order to become an even better student! Congratulations!

Madison K

For demonstrating determination and resilience to make the best of a challenging situation. It's great to see the positive outlook you bring to your online schoolwork. Congratulations!

2S

Gilbert S

For your enthusiasm and participation in Google Meets, particularly during our maths number talks! Gilbert, you are a mathematician. Thank you for sharing your thinking and problem solving strategies with us, especially in our new topic 'Money'.

Juliano S

For completing an amazing information report on your chosen country, Italy. Juliano, you worked diligently and independently to collect many interesting facts and you presented them well using colored subtitles. Great work!

3G

Luca L K

For being a resilient and determined learner throughout remote learning. You are always positive and give all learning tasks your best effort. You are doing an awesome job, superstar!

Molli O

For demonstrating such resilience and determination throughout this period of remote learning. You are doing a wonderful job, Molli. Keep up the good work!

3S

Harper W

For being a resilient and enthusiastic learner. Your positive outlook is inspiring to others. Keep up the brilliant work!

Celina Z

For having a growth mindset and trying new learning with a positive attitude. Well done trying to do your best work.

3L

Maddy H

For showing resilience, respectfulness and responsibility through all of remote learning. You always strive to do your best and work hard to make everyone's day a bit better! Well done Maddy.

William H

For your smile and positive attitude that lights up every Google Meet you are a part of! You have shown such resilience and organisation throughout all of remote learning! Well done Will!

Student of the Week

4HW

Jilay B

For consistently taking initiative and displaying enthusiasm for all tasks despite the challenges of remote learning. Well done Jilay!

Olivia P

For displaying a growth mindset and always giving things a go. Olivia showcased her incredible Basketball talents by completing 19,000 dribbles for the 2 Million Challenge. She consistently attends all meets and displays enthusiasm and engagement for all activities. You are a true leader Olivia! Well done.

4L

Lucas R

For showing resilience during remote learning and working hard to complete the daily tasks. Well done Lucas!

Olivia C

For excellent work online and continuing to do your very best! Keep up the amazing work Olivia!

4M

Victoria

For diligently applying yourself to complete all daily tasks with a focus on improvement by following up on feedback provided. You are amazing!

Paxton

For being a flexible and curious learner and for approaching all tasks with positivity and a willingness to do your best. Your cheerful disposition makes all of 4M feel happy.

5G

Nikolas B

For remaining positive throughout this remote learning period. Always smiling, laughing and putting in 100% effort into all your work. You should be very proud of yourself!

Tayla A

For an excellent online work ethic. Well done Tayla for maintaining your high standard of work and taking on feedback for continuous growth and improvement. You are amazing!!

5V

Lydia P

For your wonderful work ethic. Lydia, you approach all tasks with a positive attitude and your smiling, happy disposition brightens up 5V. Keep up the great work Lydia!

Ruby P

For showing great determination in your learning and having a growth mindset. Keep up the great work Ruby!

5W

Liam R

For showing improvement in remote learning and having a growth mindset to keep improving. Keep up the good work.

Oliver T

For showing determination in your learning and having a growth mindset to work through all tasks. Keep up the great work Oliver!

6O

Keith M

For showing great determination in your learning and having a growth mindset. Keep up the good work.

Ruby V L

For showing determination and resilience during Remote Learning especially when faced with technological issues.

6B

Daniel W

For showing determination and resilience during remote learning. I was very impressed with your 'Young Activists' work learning about Greta Thunberg. Keep up the great work!

Will N

For showing determination and resilience during remote learning. I was very impressed with your chance work when you played 'Deal or no deal'. Keep up the great work!

6C

Harry Z

For showing determination and resilience during remote learning and consistently attending all meets and uploading Seesaw tasks! Keep up the great work.

Marcus H

For showing determination and resilience during remote learning and consistently attending all meets and uploading Seesaw tasks! Keep up the great work.

Sport

Elena S, PD - Positive engagement in PE activities and fantastic contribution to the St Mary's 2 Million Club Challenge

William A, IV - Positive engagement in PE activities and fantastic contribution to the St Mary's 2 Million Club Challenge

Max M, 2M - Positive engagement in PE activities and fantastic contribution to the St Mary's 2 Million Club Challenge

Aurelia S, 3S - Positive engagement in PE activities with a try your best attitude. Aurelia's tennis ball tricks improved out of sight in week 7
Charlie W, 4L - Positive engagement in PE activities and providing videos demonstrating high level soccer touch and kicking skills and drills
Daniel L, 5V - Positive engagement and communication in PE activities and working hard in the St Mary's 2 Million Club Challenge, surprising even himself, by completing 76,000 dribbles in 7 days
Zoe H, 6B - Positive engagement, enthusiasm and communication in PE activities and strong motivation to contribute to the St Mary's 2 Million Team Club Challenge

Music & Drama

Art

Science & Digi Tech

Leo Co of 5G: For pulling together a fantastic team at home to create an awesome shadow play.

Keira G from 2S: For hosting the Comedy Club on Thursday with such pleasure, good humour and maturity - awesome job!

Isabelle S, IV - For constructing a wonderful blood sucking spider and then dramatising an imaginative and creative story with your soft toys. It was delightful!

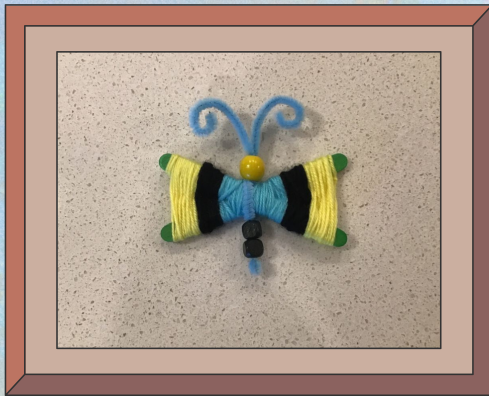
Giada F, 5G - For sharing your talent and love for sewing during our Art Meet. Thank you for choosing to create fabric birds in response to the book "How to make a Bird".

Myka O 6O - For having an open and inquiring mind and willingly sharing his knowledge during Specialist google meets

All grade 5 - For actively engaging in the Specialist meets and participating in all tasks and discussion during the session.

Artists at Work during Home Learning

Presented by Jan Tivisini, Visual Arts Teacher



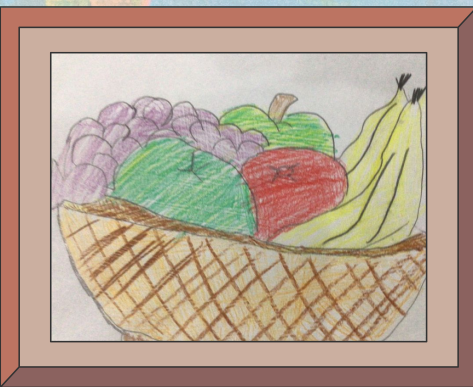
Yarn Weaving
Butterfly
Luca C, 2P



Food by Design
Charlotte M, 6B



There's No Such Thing
Asa, PS



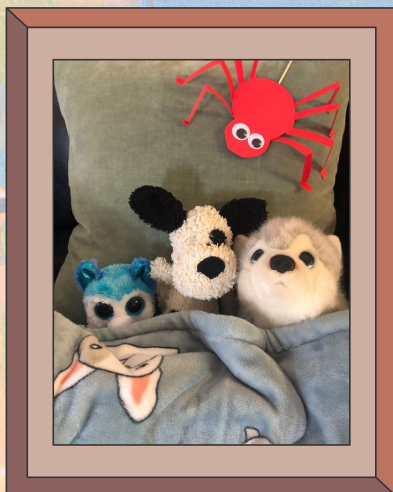
Still Life Fruit
Adele, 3S



Busy Beaks
Remy, 4HW



Busy Beaks
Owen P, 5W



There's No Such
Thing
Ashton, 1W



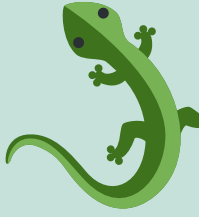
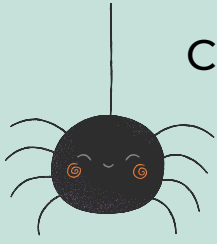
Tiger Origami
Bookmark
Lachlan, 2P



Tye Dyed
Butterflies
Jack M, 2P

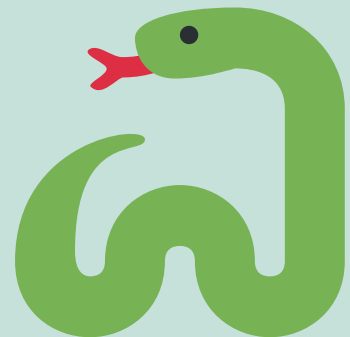
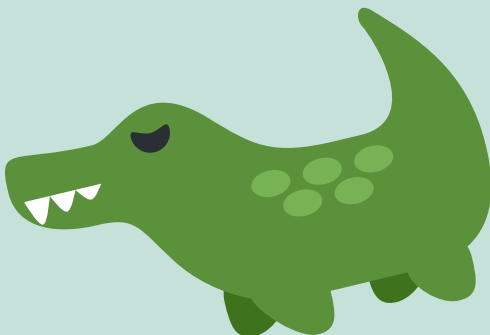
Remote Learning

Cohen S from 1MZ writing a sequel to the book week story 'I'm Not Cute.'



Quokka was now inside Snake's belly. The rest of the animals were staring with disbelief at the Snake. Quokka was yelling for help to get out of the Snake's belly. All of the animals said "OK we'll try and get you out." The animals took a bit of time to plan what they were going to do to get Quokka out. First came Dingo, he did a funny dance to try and make Snake laugh and open his mouth so Quokka could crawl out. But Snake's mouth didn't stay open for long enough. Next Lizard came. He open and closed his frill to try and make Snake open his mouth with laughter. Snake's mouth stayed shut. Eagle did lots of cool aerial tricks to try and make Snake open his mouth and say "WOW". This was the closest yet, but still wasn't successful. Now it was Red-Back's turn. He pretended to be a different Red-Back Spider that was not Snake's friend and climbed up onto his neck to try and frighten Snake so he would open his mouth to say "ARRRR!!!!". Croc crawled up to Snake and told the funniest joke you would never hear and Snake opened his mouth for enough time for Quokka to crawl out of Snake's mouth. After they had rescued Quokka he said "thank you for rescuing me". The animals asked "Are you OK?" And Quokka said "yes I am OK and I am just cute and that's just the way I am". That night they all had dinner together and for desert they roasted marshmallows on the fire."

Author
Cohen S.
1MZ



Indigenous Literacy Day

Wednesday 1 September

Celebrating
stories and
language

Help close the literacy gap.

The Indigenous Literacy Foundation is a national book charity, which aims to reduce the disadvantage experienced by children in remote Indigenous communities across Australia by lifting literacy levels and instilling a lifelong love of reading.

Each year The Indigenous Literacy Foundation hosts events around Australia that aim to raise money to purchase new books for children who need them most.

Let's celebrate language and stories!

As a family, join the Indigenous Literacy day celebration by watching the LIVE event broadcasted from the Sydney Opera House
1st September @ 9am
<https://youtu.be/qEuzclQd7vY>

Share and listen to stories from family members and friends.

These stories can be from books, a narrative or a life story.

Watch 'Did you know? To learn more about literacy in remote Indigenous communities and the many native languages that are spoken across Australia.
(2 min)

Explore the 50 words project to discover the rich diversity of Australian languages as you listen and learn 50 words in every Indigenous language

Listen to the Indigenous Literacy Day playlist on Story box library

Other fun activities
(Listed below)

Word searches
50-word project challenge
Colour it in
Draw your own

Art Show 2021

What a Wonderful World



Due to current restrictions
St Mary's Art Show
scheduled for
September 8th-12th,
has hit the pause
button



In the words of Romero Britto
"Art is too important not to share"

So this is our Plan B...

Our Art Show Exhibits will be in-house and displays will begin when students return on-site.

We plan to have a celebration of Visual Arts anticipated for Week 4 of Term 4.

At this stage we aim to have our Virtual Gallery open from October 29th.

Meanwhile all Art work displays will remain in view, and hopefully, when restrictions ease we may be able to invite families onsite to experience the amazing world of our student's creations.

All of these dates are subject to state health regulations.

Meanwhile, please enjoy the amazing contributions of student art pieces presented fortnightly in the Candela.

Thank you for your understanding
Jan Tivisini Visual Arts Specialist.

WELLBEING - RU OK?

Thursday 9th is R U OK? Day.



R U OK? seeks to create a world where we're all connected. We're never too young to look out for one another and meaningfully connect. As educators and parents it is so important that we emphasise the value of close connections and strong relationships. Being able to meaningfully support someone and strengthening peer-to-peer support skills should begin in the early years of a child's life through teaching them to look after themselves and their peers.

Children cannot be expected to fix someone's problems, nor know the best way to help and support. However they can be encouraged to listen to what their friend is saying, let them know they care and tell a teacher, school counsellor or trusted adult if they are worried about their friend. By promoting an environment of positive peer support and accessing support channels via an adult, children can learn that asking, 'Are you OK?' is a key life skill.

2021 has been a challenging year for everyone and circumstances have made it even more important for us all to stay connected and, for those who are able, be willing to support those around us. So, check in on your peers and loved ones and ask the question R U OK? There are four simple and great conversation steps that you can use and practise with your children.

Ask, Listen, Encourage Action and Check in.

Brighten someone's day

Ask R U OK?

R U OK? is a national charity inspiring and empowering everyone to meaningfully connect with people around them. Looking out for one another and lending support is a key life skill for any age group.

R U OK? has 4 Conversation Steps to help navigate a conversation when someone says, "No, I'm not OK". These steps are:

- 1 Ask
- 2 Listen
- 3 Encourage action
- 4 Check in

R U OK

On Thursday 9th the students, whether onsite or learning from home, are encouraged to wear a touch of yellow to support this day.



For more information and resources visit R U OK? At www.ruok.org.au/join-r-u-ok-day

Useful contacts when a child is not OK: School counsellor, Principal or Wellbeing leader, GP or psychologist, Kids Helpline on 1800 55 1800, Lifeline on 13 11 14 or '000' if life is in imminent danger.

Take care of yourselves and each other,
Sally Kerr
Student Wellbeing Leader

eSmart at St Mary's



Use friendly language.

I can make a positive difference by choosing to use friendly language.

This poster features a green circular logo with 'eSMART' and 'RESPECTFUL' text, and illustrations of diverse children sitting at a table.

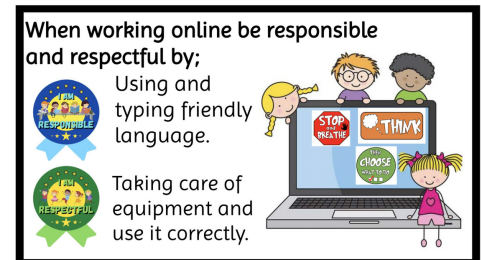


Use friendly language.

Before you go to say something unkind or hurtful ... **Stop, Think and Choose what to do**

Using friendly language helps us all to stay positive, feel safe and feel respected.

This poster includes a green circular logo, a red 'STOP' sign, a yellow 'THINK' sign, and a green 'CHOOSE' sign.



When working online be responsible and respectful by;

Using and typing friendly language.

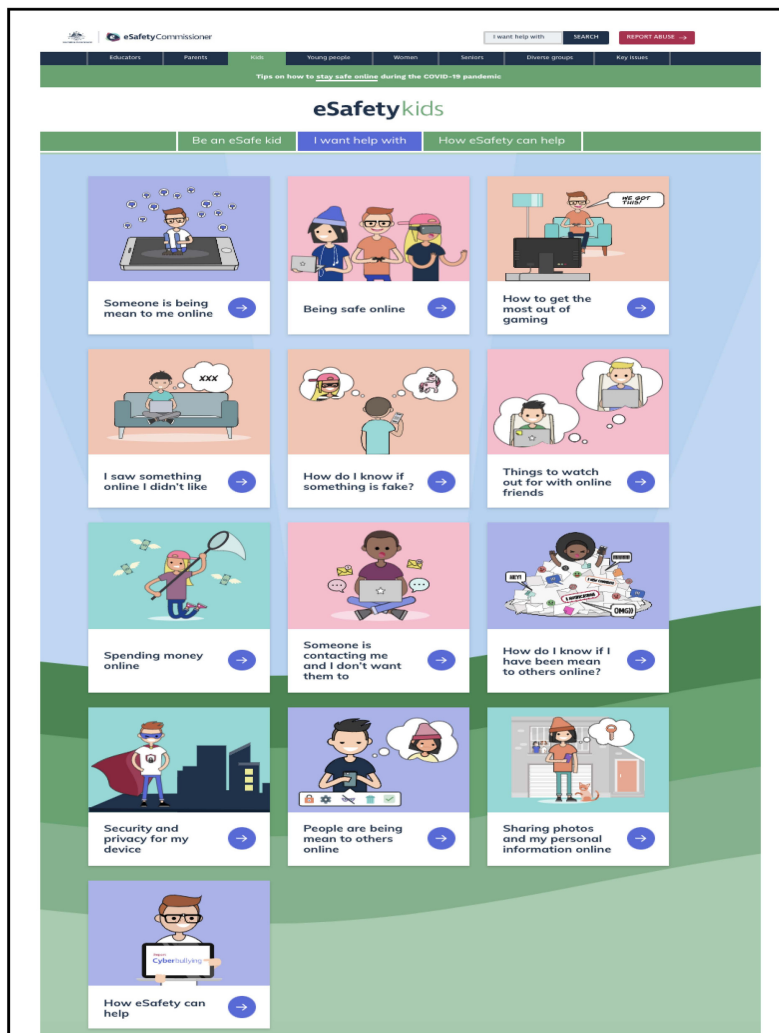
Taking care of equipment and use it correctly.

This poster features a green circular logo, a red 'STOP' sign, a yellow 'THINK' sign, and a green 'CHOOSE' sign, along with illustrations of children using a laptop.

In the Candela in Week 2 Term 3, Sally Kerr shared the following school behaviour focus: **use friendly language.**

Please refer back to the Candela on the website for further information <https://www.smgreensborough.catholic.edu.au/communication/>

As remote learning continues online platforms, applications and gaming are increasingly being utilised by our students. A fantastic support in regards to ongoing conversations with your child(ren) around online language and what to do if they do need assistance can be found on the **eSafety Commissioner** website <https://www.esafety.gov.au/>



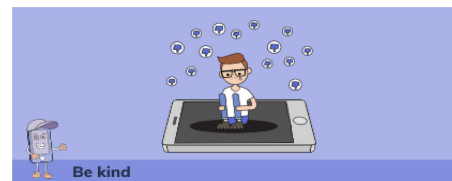
The screenshot shows the eSafetykids website interface. At the top, there is a navigation bar with 'eSafety Commissioner' and a search bar. Below that, there are tabs for 'Be an eSafe kid', 'I want help with', and 'How eSafety can help'. The main content area is a grid of 12 colorful cards, each with an illustration and a title: 'Someone is being mean to me online', 'Being safe online', 'How to get the most out of gaming', 'I saw something online I didn't like', 'How do I know if something is fake?', 'Things to watch out for with online friends', 'Spending money online', 'Someone is contacting me and I don't want them to', 'How do I know if I have been mean to others online?', 'Security and privacy for my device', 'People are being mean to others online', and 'Sharing photos and my personal information online'. At the bottom, there is a 'REPORT ABUSE' button.

The "Report Abuse" link can be found at the top right of every tab in the **eSafety Commissioner** website.

eSafetykids

<https://www.esafety.gov.au/kids/i-want-help-with>

Someone is being mean to me online



Remember

- no one deserves to be hurt online
- be kind to yourself — it's not your fault
- cyberbullying can make you feel very alone and scared, but there is help available

What to do

1. **Get help from a trusted adult** — or call [Kids Helpline](#)
2. Get help from the police if you are in immediate serious danger.
3. **Try not to say anything back** — it could make things worse.
4. **Keep evidence** — an adult can help you take screenshots or keep a journal in case you need evidence to report it. See our videos on [how to take screenshots](#).
5. **Block or report them** — most games and apps have a way to block or report someone. See the [eSafety Guide](#) for links.
6. **Report to eSafety** — you can [report cyberbullying to us](#). We can help to remove bullying content and get you help and support.



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This year's theme is 'Responsible Action'.

What does responsible action mean?

- being thoughtful and purposeful
- sharing your knowledge with others
- being an 'upstander' and speaking up when something doesn't seem right
- being responsible for your actions both online and offline.

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What is National eSmart Week?

National eSmart Week is an opportunity for communities to share their knowledge and celebrate **being smart, safe and responsible when using digital technology**. The week runs from **Monday 6 September to Sunday 12 September 2021**.

It's a time to **create more awareness and community education** on issues of cyber safety, bullying and wellbeing.

This year's theme is 'Responsible Actions'. By taking responsibility for our actions we can all play a part in creating a safer environment online and offline.

Why we want to be part of National eSmart Week?

National eSmart Week is a time to celebrate the effort we all make in helping to **create awareness and community education and action** on issues of cyber safety, bullying and wellbeing

It's an opportunity for us to **reconnect** and to **work together to create a smart, safe and responsible environment for us all**.

By continuing to build our eSmart community, we reduce online harm to children and increase wellbeing.

How will we participate in National eSmart Week?

More information will follow via Staff through Seesaw next week. To find out more and register for the amazing online sessions available please visit <https://www.esmart.org.au/events/national-esmart-week/>

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SIZZLE!



POSTPONED

Saturday 12th November
10:00am - 4:30pm
Bunnings Eltham

Bunnings Sausage Sizzle
Fundraiser hosted by the
St Mary's Primary Parents
Association

Volunteers will be
contacted.

Anyone else interested in
volunteering please
contact the PA.

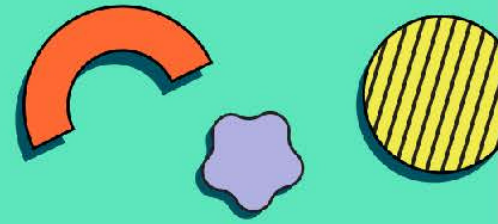
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FRIDAY, OCTOBER 22ND



Newsletter


ROCKETEERS

EXTRAORDINARY HOLIDAY ADVENTURES

Bookings now open for Mission III

www.campastralia.com.au/rocketeers


IMPORTANT DATES

- Friday 17th Sep 2021 End of Term 3 (OSHC open from 1:45pm for ASC)
- Monday 20th Sep to Friday 1st Oct 2021 Rocketeers Holiday Care
- Monday 4th Oct 2021 Start of Term 4 (OSHC open for regular BSC and ASC)

COVID 19 Mandatory Requirements At YOUR OSHC

We ask that all families please check in via our displayed QR codes every time you drop off or pick up your children from OSHC. You must also wear a mask at all times unless medically exempt. School aged children are also encouraged to wear a mask while at OSHC.

A message from your Coordinator

As we continue to live with these trying times of continued lockdown we reassure families that if your child needs to attend school and access our services then you can be assured that we are continuing to provide fun and exciting activities and experiences to keep your child happy, engaged and stimulated in a safe environment. Last week we all had a fabulous time with a week jam packed full of superhero activities, while this week we have been making gifts for dad or a special person for Father's Day. We have also made a 'Grateful Cup' as part of a mental health and awareness activity. Next week we welcome Spring with some fantastic nature and bug activities.

Activities coming up

- Spring Handmade Flowers
- Investigating Bugs and Creepy Crawlies
- AFL Footy Finals Activity Week

What's on the menu

- Cheese and Corn Scones
- Banana Smoothies
- Pita Pizza Bites

Visit our blog

New articles are added each week for parents and cover various topics to help families.

[Visit our blog](#)

It's free to register

To attend our program, you must register your child. You can register an account with us at pp.campastralia.com.au or by downloading our Camp Australia smartphone app from the Apple App Store or on Google Play. Once registered, it's easy to manage your account.





TO ALL THE ST MARY'S DADS

HAPPY FATHER'S DAY!

The St Mary's Parents Association would like
to treat 3 dads with a special gift!
Random names will be drawn from a hat &
announced via email on 1st September.