



Term 1 Week 10

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## DIARY DATES

### TERM 1 2018

Thursday 5th April	Kinder 2019 Interviews
Thurs/Fri 5-6 April	Year 5 Bathurst Excursion
Friday 6th April	Kinder 2019 Interviews
Monday 9th April	Kinder 2019 Interviews
Tuesday 10th April	School Photo's
Thursday 12th April	Kinder 2019 Interviews
Friday 13th April	Term 1 Concludes

### TERM 2

Monday 30th April	Term 2 Commences School Resumes
Thursday 3rd May	Kinder 2019 Interviews
Tuesday 8th May	Diocesan Cross Country Eastern Creek
Wed/Fri 9-11 May	Year 6 Canberra Excursion
Friday 11th May	Mother's Day Breakfast 8:00am
Friday 11th May	Mother's Day Liturgy 9:00am

## PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE...

Dear Parents,

Yesterday we returned from the Easter Long Weekend and commenced our day in celebration of the great Feast of Easter. The children, their teachers, parents and members of the Parish Community joined Fr Peter in the Church for our Easter celebrations. As Fr Peter explained to the children every day, for a week, after Easter Sunday is Easter – a chance for us to reflect on the resurrection and the response that calls from us.

Our students led prayers and the readings, sang and responded throughout the celebration. It concluded with a beautiful liturgical reflection. The teachers and I were very proud of the children and their participation.

Easter brings so many promises of God to us, life is stronger than death, love can overcome hate, goodness ultimately triumphs over evil and eternity and glory with God in Heaven are our destiny. I pray that Jesus may live in all our hearts, that we may always embrace Him with love and gratitude.

May His love and His peace fill our hearts, our lives, our homes and our families. God bless each and every one of you and your loved ones.

Peace and Best Wishes,

Richard Blissenden  
Principal



### SCHOOL PHOTO'S Tuesday 10th April 2018

The personalised envelopes were sent home yesterday for our upcoming School Photo's. Instructions on how to order and pay are on the back.

All envelopes are to be handed to the photographer on the day. **NO ENVELOPES ARE TO BE SENT TO THE OFFICE.**

Sibling envelopes can be collected from the school office.

## FROM MR BLISSENDEN...

**ROAD SAFETY**

A reminder that in the last Principals Update there were some important reminders regarding road safety including that we ask that students who leave with their parents and cross to the car park on Pine Street **not climb the trees or play along the footpath** – this is very distracting to drivers and a number of parents and members of the community have drawn this to our attention. When using the crossing please hold hands, cross safely and allow the traffic to flow.

Parents and careers are requested **not to use the car park behind The Family Inn to drop off children in the mornings**. Your support with these matters will keep our children safe as they travel to and from school each day.

**CYBER SAFETY**

Follow up information from Susan McLean's presentation earlier this term on being Cyber Safe. There is a great deal of information available on the following apps – all of which are not suitable for students under 13 years of age: *Musically, Roblox, Snapchat, Animal Jam, Kik, Periscope, Live.me, Yubo, Sarahah*. Susan's suggestion if children want an app, particularly if they come to you and say "can I have 'x'", is just reply that you will check 'x' out to see if 'x' is safe. She recommends a quick google search – is 'x' safe for children under 13 years of age – will tell you what you need to know. She also encourages parents to be the interruption – be vigilant about Social Media and even be a participant with your child once they are 13.

**SCHOOL ZONES**

*A reminder to all our parents ahead of the break at the end of Term 1 that school zones remain in place for the safety of our children and families.*

*School zones operate on all gazetted schools days, which are all days the school is open, even pupil free days. School Zones will operate around our school up to and including Friday 13<sup>th</sup> April and they will resume on Monday 30<sup>th</sup> April 2018.*

**PRINCIPAL AWARDS**  
**TERM 1–Week 10**


KA	Amy Lee & Oliver Tomasoni
KT	Veer Dogra & Jackson Norton
1R	Alexander Melville & Thomas Holman
1W	Jack Lavaki & Samuel Calvey
2H	Olivia Ribera & Donnie Yang
2M	Isla Moyes & Samantha Giarratano
3G	Cecilia Homann & Roseline Hwang
3S	Rachel Gilroy & Kiara Zwatzka
4J	Vivian Kim & Sanderson Keyser
4K	Gabriel Mansour & Luke Porter
5E	Joshua Green & Zoe Anderson
5LV	Casey Kaseke & Sierra Lake
6B	Jack Denholm & Arabela Martinez
6K	Kelly Stevens & Cooper Twyford

**CARE AWARDS**  
**TERM 1–Week 10**


KA	Josie Christopherson & Jerome Sabella
KT	Alexia Jaboh & Aurelia Roppolo
1R	Chloe Chang & Alysha Milic
1W	Seojin Choi & Hayley Ghalloub
2H	Alyssa Menin & Olivia Quinn
2M	Selina LaMacchia & Japreet Kaur
3G	Alyssa Tetto & Flynn Smith
3S	Genevieve Boumalhab & Coby Godrey
4J	Dominic James & Ayva Younes
4K	Monique Gallagher & Alexander Teschke
5E	Michela de la Roche & Nancyann Bogiso
5LV	Emma Adams & Maddison Fairall
6B	Chloe Williams & Annabella Canale
6K	Emma Biviano & Laila Riccardi

## MAKING OUR LEARNING SEEN IN 2018 WITH TECHNOLOGY @ ST MARY'S...

### CHROMEBOOKS ENHANCING LEARNING AT ST MARY'S

At the end of 2017 St Mary's received an allocation of 60 Chromebooks. These have been distributed primarily to Year 4 and Year 3 which means that more students have access to technology at one time. Year 2 will also be trained in using the Chromebooks as the year progresses so that are ready for Year 3 in 2019.



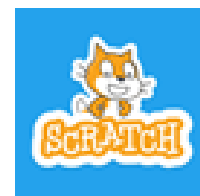
The use of Chromebooks in Stage 2 means that students and teachers can better utilize Google classroom allowing students to have access to work both at home and at school.

Some comments from students include:

- *I like the Chromebooks because it doesn't take forever to log on.*
- *It's a kid sized computer.*
- *The Chromebook gives me quick access to Google classrooms and has really fast internet.*
- *Chrome books don't take up as much room on your desk.*
- *Having the Chromebooks means that we can work on our own or in smaller groups like with just a partner.*

### CODING GROUPS

This term a group of Year 5 and Year 6 students have been spending their lunchtimes working in teams of three on a coding competition. Teams have to design and build a game using the Scratch coding program.



- The game is a 2D platform game. It has to be appropriate for primary students (G rated).
- It has to be original (no copying or breaking trademarks).
- All team members have to cooperate and participate in the making of the game.
- When the games are finished they have to be shared.

Some comments from students include:

- *Coding group is lots of fun.*
- *It's been a great experience.*
- *You can create anything you can think of.*
- *You can let your imagination run wild.*
- *It's great to work in teams.*
- *It has been fun working with different people.*
- *I've learned a lot.*
- *I want to keep doing this.*
- *This is cool because you can do it at school and also at home.*

Don't forget to keep in touch with the learning at St Mary's.

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Visit our website at <http://www.stmarysrydalmere.catholic.edu.au/>



## BIRTHDAY CELEBRATIONS



April 4	Giorgia Trovato
April 6	Kimiko Cooper
	Michael Kim
April 8	Abraham Samuel
April 9	Roseline Hwang
April 13	Andriana Simmonds
April 16	Veer Dogra
April 19	Lucinda Boulous
April 23	Elizabeth Samuel
	Rayn Godfrey
April 24	Lucinda Palmas
	Jack Lavaki
April 26	Finn Noone
April 27	Amelia Marsh
April 29	Isaac Zaouk
April 30	Ana Ogrizek
	Matthew Ogrizek
May 1	Emma Adams
May 2	Joseph Lim
May 3	Claudia Alcuri
	Ellen Watson
	Ahmani Youakim
	Xianjin Bugarin
May 4	Aurelia Roppolo
May 5	Katerina Hart
	Siena Chisari
May 7	Kira Mayer

We would like to wish all of these children a very happy birthday!!

Thanks for buying  
books from  
**SCHOLASTIC**  
**Book Club**  
they help build our  
classroom resources



SunSmart Snippet

## The simplest way

...to use sunscreen!

### What does sunscreen do?

Sunscreen acts as a barrier, filtering UV radiation by absorbing and reflecting UV rays away from your skin.

### Make sunscreen a habit!

In the morning, check if the UV will be 3 or above and apply sunscreen before heading out for the day.



Use SPF30+ broad-spectrum water-resistant sunscreen 20 mins before going outside. Make sure you reapply at least every 2 hours.

Sunscreen is just one part of sun protection! Remember to use sun-safe hats, clothing and sunglasses and seek out shade.

For more information visit [www.eatittobeatit.com.au](http://www.eatittobeatit.com.au) or join us at [facebook.com/eatittobeatit](https://facebook.com/eatittobeatit)

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Nutrition Snippet

## The simplest way

...to help your family eat well.

At Cancer Council NSW we're passionate about helping families eat well!

Sign up to one of our **FREE** Fruit & Veg Sense workshops for parents at your local school.



In our free 60-minute sessions, you will learn:

- How to save money at the shops.
- How much is a 'serve' of fruit and veg and how many serves do we need?
- Strategies to manage fussy eaters.
- How to save time with easy, family-friendly recipe ideas.
- How to improve the long-term health of your family... and much, much more!

Register at [eatittobeatit.com.au](http://eatittobeatit.com.au) – if there aren't any sessions scheduled at or around your school, put your name on the waiting list and we can schedule one.

For more information visit [www.eatittobeatit.com.au](http://www.eatittobeatit.com.au) or join us at [facebook.com/eatittobeatit](https://facebook.com/eatittobeatit)

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