

#### **NEWSLETTER**

Term 3 Week 10 Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> September 2021 Website: www.stmarysrydalmere.catholic.edu.au

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### DIARY DATES

TERM 3	2021
Friday	Term 3 Concludes
17 <sup>th</sup> September	
Monday	Labour Day
4 <sup>th</sup> October	Public Holiday
Tuesday	iLearn@Home
5 <sup>th</sup> October	commences for Term 4

# PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

**Dear Parents and Carers** 

As we approach the end of an extremely challenging term I wanted to extend my congratulations to each of our students for their tremendous efforts during iLearn@Home. Many students were recognised with specific awards at our recent assembly but every student in our school has worked tirelessly over the past 10 weeks to achieve exceptional results.

Many thanks as well to you the parents and carers of our amazing students. Without your support, encouragement and care we would not have been able to achieve what we have. Thanks, of course must also go to the amazing staff at St Mary's who have pivoted to remote working seamlessly.

As we approach the holidays please take some time to read this newsletter which celebrates some of the learning which has taken place this term.

Over the holidays I will continue to keep you in my thoughts and prayers and wish everyone a safe and relaxing holiday.

Take care and stay safe,

Richard Blissenden Principal

#### **P&F ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

Last night we held our Annual General Meeting of the P&F. While most positions were filled we still need a volunteer for the position of President - as Anthony Ellard has held this position for three years - and under the constitution positions may only be held by the same person for three years. Our thanks to the outgoing committee and congratulations to the following.

President - volunteer needed

Vice President - Anthony Ellard

Secretary - Katy Noone

Treasurer - Erin Dowdell

Social Committee -

Kelly Lambert & Jenny Hayes

Mother's and Father's Day Stall -

Caterina Cipri and a volunteer

needed

Class Parent Co-ordinator - TBC

**PRC Rep** - Melissa Lewis

Second Hand Clothing Pool –

Suzie Hanna

# BIRTHDAY CELEBRATIONS

September 15	Jane K
	Ryan H
September 16	Evelyn B
September 17	Liam A
September 18	Alyssa D
September 19	Noah C
	Akito D
September 20	Michael S
September 21	Selina L
September 22	Molly L
	Caitlyn E
September 23	Sofia C
September 24	Leonard M
September 25	Olivia M
'	Harry G
	Elise C
September 26	Robert F
•	Carey K
September 27	Jessica A
September 28	Christina L
September 29	Arianna A
October 1	Chantelle G
October 2	Paige H
October 3	Nivaan S
October 6	Daniel L
	Gowri A
	Phillip S
October 7	Nicholas F
October 11	Angelina B

We wish these children a very Happy Birthday!



# FROM MR BLISSENDEN...

For your information here is a summary from The Principal's Report from last night...

- Thanks to the 2020/2021 Committee for all your work for our school
- Coming to the end of a full term of remote learning
- Appreciate the way families have supported iLearn@Home
- Many thanks for your messages of support
- Hopefully there has been some fun along the way the team prepared Kinder Story Time,
   the Olympic Relay and You Are My Sunshine project very positive experiences
- The staff have been amazing my thanks to each of them
- Many thanks for the donation of our bottle refill stations two of which have been installed with the final one on site but not able to be installed due to COVID restrictions
- In RE we have had a number of pre-recorded liturgies this term including a beautiful Father's Day Liturgy
- Staff have maintained a clear focus on Literacy and Numeracy with RE as our priority
- NAPLAN results for 2021 were exceptional. Year 3 averages a band to a band and half
  higher than the national average in all areas, Year 5 half to a full band higher than the
  national average. Excellent growth from Year 3 to 5 and very pleasing results in reading
  and numeracy our strategies are working! Student reports for Years 3 and 5 NAPLAN will
  be included in the take home packs Week 1, Term 4.
- Mid iLearn@Home Survey 60+ responses very positive feedback a few suggestions
  we have taken on board and we have shared the comments with the staff
- Planning is underway for our return to face to face
- Planning is underway to welcome 59 new Kinder students in 2022.
- General planning for 2022 and 2023 also underway
- Student toilets to be renovated on the Mercy and Marist sites has been delayed by
   COVID hoping to award the tender before the end of the holidays
- We plan to invest heavily in Home Readers to replace an aging collection and also expand it to include more titles.
- In 2022 we have received approval for the replacement of windows in the Marist building
   \$200 000 fully funded by CEDP and a new double LED sign on Victoria Road \$36 000 fully funded by CEDP.
- We are looking forward to welcoming students back on site in Term 4.

# FATHER'S DAY

We hope that your family had an enjoyable Father's Day – here are some photos shared with us by families. Thank you for sharing!









# YEAR 2

Colour poems by Year 2 using similes and metaphors.

Purple is a stormy sky
Purple is the galaxy I see when I go to
sleep
Purple feels like my nan
Purple tastes like juicy grapes
Purple looks like a beautiful butterfly
Purple sounds like crashing in a
thunderstorm
Purple smells like chewy bubbly gum
Purple is the calm I feel swinging in my
swing

Adeline T

Purple is the colour of a juicy onion
Purple is a wizard's coat
Purple looks like a fat blueberry
Purple tastes like grape flavoured
mentos
Purple feels like soft, fluffy fabric
Purple sounds like a fast, loud
moving car
Purple smells like a big jacaranda
tree
Purple is the wings of a butterfly

Alice L

# YEAR 2 cont...

Red is fire
Red is the feeling of being warm
Red is a sign of danger
Red tastes like an apple
Red looks like the devil
Red feels like hot water
Red sounds like fire
Red smells like fairy bread
Red is my favourite colour

Beau P

Pink is roses
Pink is a pretty background people
use

Pink is the paint to colour anything
Pink tastes like strawberry donuts
Pink looks like dragon fruit
Pink feels like a fluffy cloud
Pink sounds like a harp
Pink smells like cotton candy
Pink Is Valentine's Day

Olivia W

# YEAR 2 cont...





# YEAR 3

Year 3 dress up for FriYay.

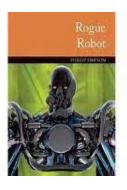




Here are two examples of Year 3 students who composed a prologue to their guided reading text, Rogue Robot written by Phillip Simpson.

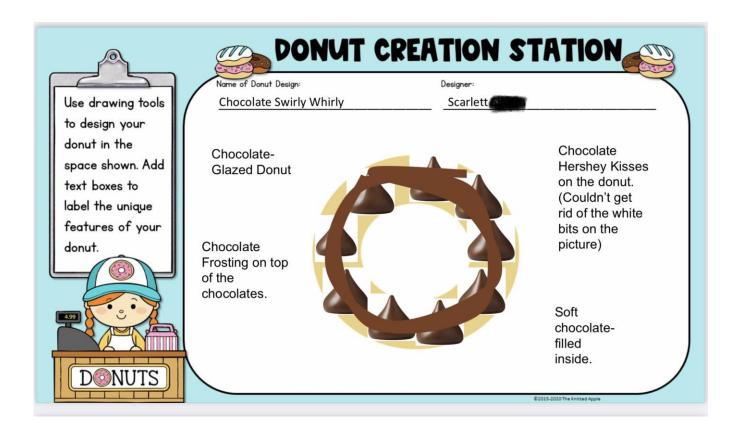
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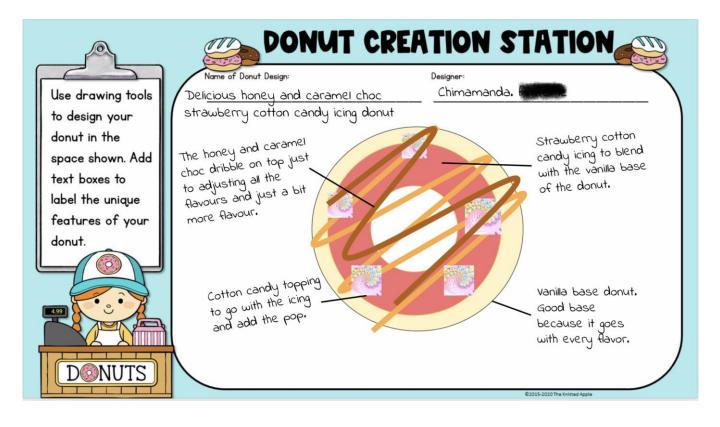
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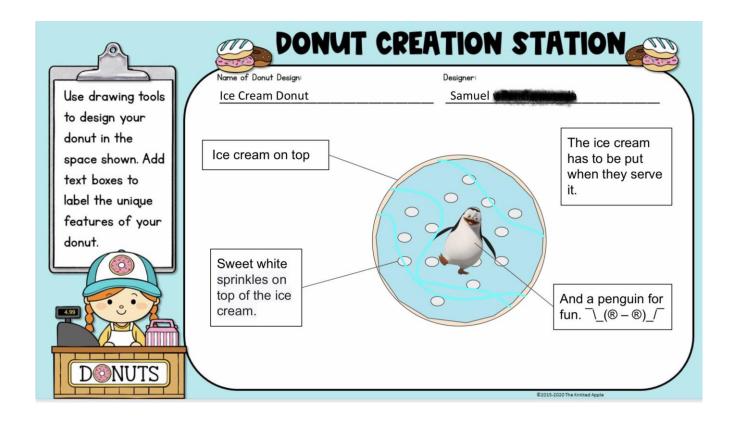
### YEAR 5

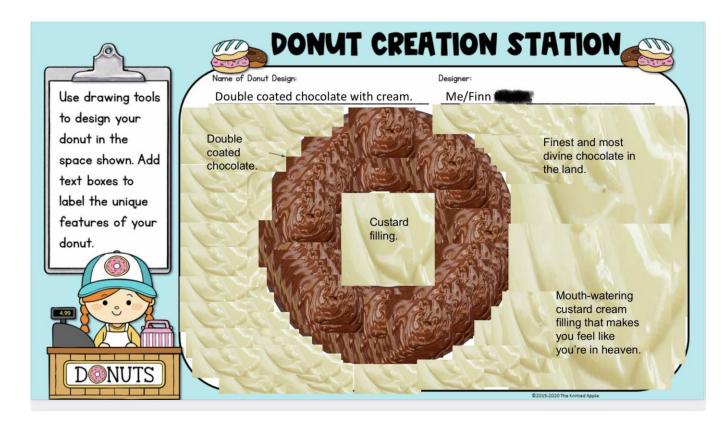
Students were asked to create and then sell a new donut. These are their creations.





# YEAR 5 cont..





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