



Term 2 Week 10  
Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> June 2021  
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## DIARY DATES

TERM 2	2021
Wednesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> June	Stage 3 Boys Soccer Gala Day
Thursday 24 <sup>th</sup> June	Sharing Our Learning 6K – 9:00am <b>POSTPONED</b>
Friday 25 <sup>th</sup> June	Sharing Our Learning 6L – 9:00am <b>POSTPONED</b>
Friday 25 <sup>th</sup> June	Term 2 Concludes
TERM 3	
Monday 12 <sup>th</sup> July	Term 2 Commences
Tuesday 13 <sup>th</sup> July	Kinder 2022 Interviews
Wednesday 14 <sup>th</sup> July	Kinder 2022 Interviews
Thursday 15 <sup>th</sup> July	Kinder 2022 Interviews
Friday 16 <sup>th</sup> July	Indigenous Incursion Gwenda Stanley 9:30 & 11:30am
Tuesday 20 <sup>th</sup> July	Kinder 2022 Interviews
Wednesday 21 <sup>st</sup> July	Stage 2 Boys & Girls Soccer Gala Day
Wednesday 21 <sup>st</sup> July	Kinder 2022 Interviews
Saturday 24 <sup>th</sup> July	Year 6 Fundraiser – Bunnings Rydalmere BBQ

## PRINCIPALS MESSAGE

Dear Parents,

As we approach the midpoint of the year and with holidays just around the corner, I thought I would share some thoughts about using these holidays well. Australian families are increasingly time- strapped. The busy-ness of life can make it difficult for adults and children to participate in enjoyable activities or just to 'hang out' as a family. Do you engage regularly in activities that involve play and laughter or are all your interactions with children of a managerial nature?

*School holidays  
are here!*

School holidays offer families a chance to unwind away from the normal routines. They also provide the window of opportunity for parents to spend some enjoyable time with children. There are many theories about promoting healthy parent-child relationships and strengthening families. It is, however, easy to overlook a simple, cheap way of forming family relationships – spending enjoyable time together.

American family researcher John DeFrain has found that the happiest childhood memories that adults hold have two common threads. First, childhood happiness always centres on activities experienced together as a family. Second, the most pleasurable childhood times almost always centre on simple, inexpensive activities. During the holidays do something fun and enjoyable with your children. It doesn't have to be expensive, but it should be something different, something fun and something that involves laughter and play. Money can't buy happiness, but loving family relationships can create it. (See inside for some holiday ideas).

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As we finish Term 2 may I extend my thanks to our dedicated staff for their work this term, to the students who have worked hard and achieved great successes in their learning and to you, the parents for your ongoing support.

Enjoy the holidays – and don't forget to encourage your child to participate in the Holiday Challenge!

Peace and Best Wishes.

Richard Blissenden - Principal

**FIRST DAY BACK TERM 3 – IMPORTANT NOTE**

Students are invited to wear their sports uniform on the first day of Term 3 to enjoy the ignition event!

**OFFICE UPDATE**

Mrs Karam will be taking some leave from one of her roles at St Mary's, but will continue as our Library Assistant. Mrs Muir will be joining the office team Wednesday to Friday each week. Miss Stacey will continue to be in the office each Monday and Tuesday.

**BIRTHDAY CELEBRATIONS**



June 23	Imogen S
June 25	Alec H
June 26	Mikayla M
	Beau P
	Olivia Q
June 28	Alexander G
June 29	Olivia N
	Isabel K
July 2	Antony D
July 3	Nathanael X
July 6	Anabelle J
July 9	Lucas M
	Alessandro C
July 11	Eva E
July 15	Zara W
	Isaac H
July 16	Nicholas K
	Zain S
July 17	Aidan S
July 18	Bonnie W
July 20	Alyssa M

We wish these children a very Happy Birthday!

**ARE YOU A SEAMSTRESS / SEWER?**

Mr Knight is looking for a Seamstress to make some Liturgical Gowns for our school. We will be able to provide a pattern and material. If you are able to help, please contact the office.

**PRINCIPAL AWARDS  
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3J	Ned D & Caitlyn E
3VR	Levi L & Luca N
4C	Kristen D & Louella M
4D	Jasper H & Harrison H
5G	Chimamanda I & Riley W
5K	Paige H & Morris W
6K	Sean T & Madison C
6L	Lucinda B & Robbie F

**CARE AWARDS  
TERM 2 – Week 10**



3J	Jerome S & Joanne J
3VR	Aurelia R & Mitchel B
4C	Jamie J & Molly L
4D	Minnie E & Jacob H
5G	Antionious M & Valeriy S
5K	Olivia Q & Lachlan P
6K	Rachel G & Isabel K
6L	Jessica A & Mya C

## MR BLISSENDEN'S HOLIDAY CHALLENGE...

Visual literacy is where a learner must show the ability to interpret, recognise, appreciate and understand information presented through visible actions, objects and symbols which may be natural or human made.

The next Holiday Challenge draws on student's creativity. The Challenge is to design the front of a greeting card (Birthday, Christmas, Get Well, Thank You, Congratulations etc) **without words** but convey meaning through a visual medium.

- The design must be a unique and original piece of artwork, a photo or computer graphic for the front of a greeting card.
- Each student may enter a maximum of 5 times (choose your best work).
- Students should use the template which will be provided (please use the template shared via Skoolbag).
- The student with the best design from each grade will have his/her design made into an actual card. Packs of the cards will be sold as part of a fund-raising event for one of our Catholic Charities.
- ***Designs will be chosen based on their originality, creativeness and ability to convey a meaning without words.***
- There will be 7 student winners and 1 staff winner with the set of 8 cards professionally produced for sale.



**So...get started on your design – plan, draft, re-craft, polish and refine your work to produce the best greeting card possible...bring your entries on the first day of school in Term 3.**

## FROM THE PRINCIPAL...

### **IMPORTANT NOTICE**

Changes to procedures due to recent advice from NSW Health and Catholic Education, Diocese of Parramatta means that **all external visitors** to our school will now be **required to wear a mask** where they are not able to maintain physical distance.

Visitors involved in individual meetings with staff (eg: a parent meeting with a teacher) may choose to wear a mask and maintain physical distancing. If parents/carers have a meeting booked with a member of staff and would prefer to meet via phone, please advise the office and the teacher will phone you at the time of your appointment.








Our school continues to promote physical distancing at student drop off/collection. Thank you for your understanding and support of these changes as we continue to work to keep everyone safe at this time.

### **TELL THEM FROM ME SURVEY**

Thank you to the parents/carers who have already completed the Tell Them From Me survey for 2021. If you haven't already done so, it would be greatly appreciated if you could spare some time to complete this short survey. The survey closes at 4.30pm on Friday, 25th June. Please click on this link [www.tellthemfromme.com/smr2021](http://www.tellthemfromme.com/smr2021) to complete.

### **HOLIDAY IDEAS FOR YOU AND THE FAMILY**

Holiday ideas to do with children and young people:

-  Ask children about their favourite activity and take your cues from them.
-  Take older children on a date - one-on-one.
-  Plan an outing in advance and use public transport if that is not your normal mode.
-  Start and finish reading a novel to older children
-  Take a photo of you and / or your child reading and tweet about it
-  Have a TV Free day – play a board game, play cards or listen to some good music
-  Visit the library or local park.

Make the alternative activities so good that the kids look forward to the 'games' day.

### **DID YOU KNOW? WE ARE LOOKING FOR EX-STUDENTS**

As part of the celebrations of 200 years of Catholic Education we are looking for ex-students who attended our school in the 1940s, 1950s and 1960s. Do you know an ex-student? Can you pass on our message? We would like to interview them and invite them to view the school as it is in 2021. Please let the office know of contact details via 8844 5700 or [stmarysrydal@parra.catholic.edu.au](mailto:stmarysrydal@parra.catholic.edu.au)

## PUBLIC SPEAKING COMPETITION

Over a number of weeks, the students of St Mary's have participated in our whole school public speaking competition. In their classes students engaged in a variety of learning experiences to construct a speech that they delivered to the class. From there, two students from each grade performed their speech to their stage. One student from each stage was selected to deliver their speech to the whole school on Monday 22nd June.

We would like to congratulate Matilda C (3VR), Thomas L (5K) and Jake F (2FM) for performing their amazing speeches to us all. Public speakers are leaders who are able to inspire their audience to work harder to achieve their goals. Matilda, Thomas and Jake displayed great poise, passion and enthusiasm for their chosen topics. Well done!





## VINNIES WINTER APPEAL & PJ DAY...

Huge thanks to Mr Knight and Miss Dallas for their work coordinating the recent Winter Appeal. A big thank you to the generosity that was shown by everyone who donated to our Vinnies Winter Appeal. We had an abundant amount of beanies, blankets, scarves and gloves which will all be used to support those less fortunate than us in the community this winter.

Last Wednesday the school celebrated this event by having a Pyjama Day. Students came dressed in their winter woollies including onesies, track suits, oodles and dressing gowns. Everyone had a great day, and it was lovely to see everyone learning in their Pyjamas! A thank you also to our Mission and Liturgy team of students in Year 6 for sorting and bundling all the donations. Once again, a big thank you for supporting us in this important initiative.





## A 'WOW' OF A DAY...

We were wowed yesterday by the fancy, unusual, clever and inventive ways that students dressed up to showcase their wow words! What a great way to end the term!

**Learning really is fun at St Mary's!**





## MORE 'WOW' DAY PICTURES...





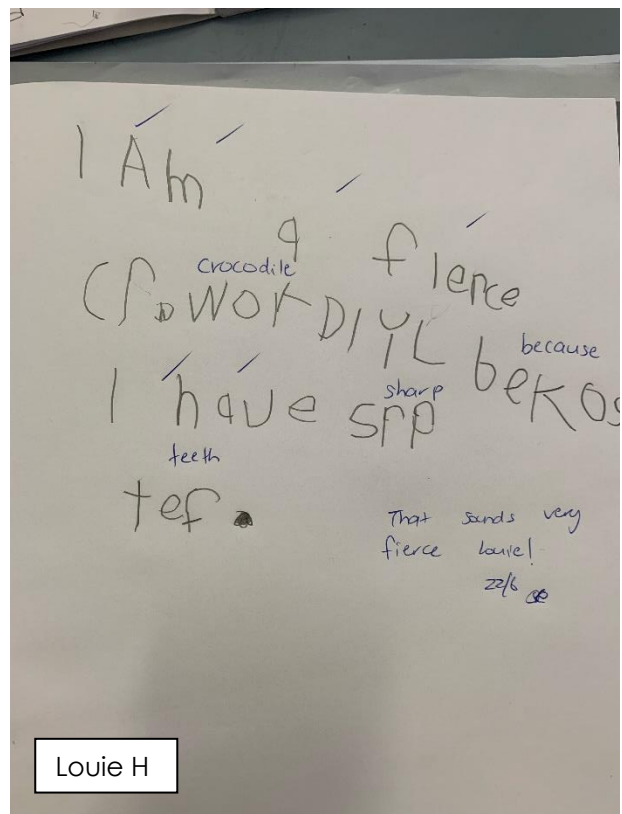
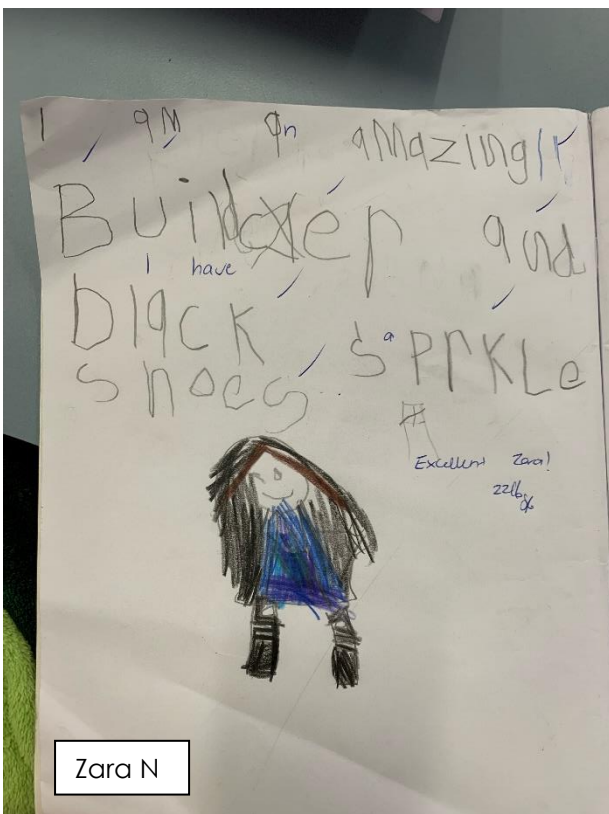
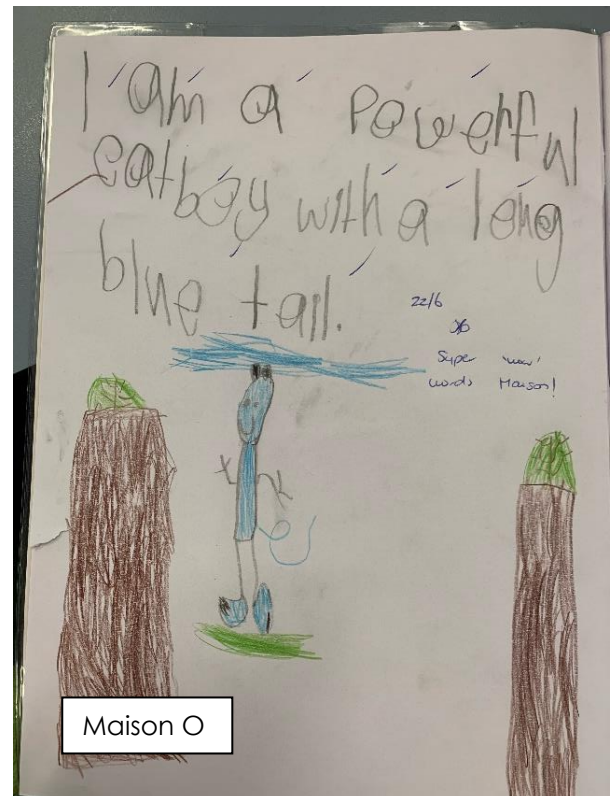
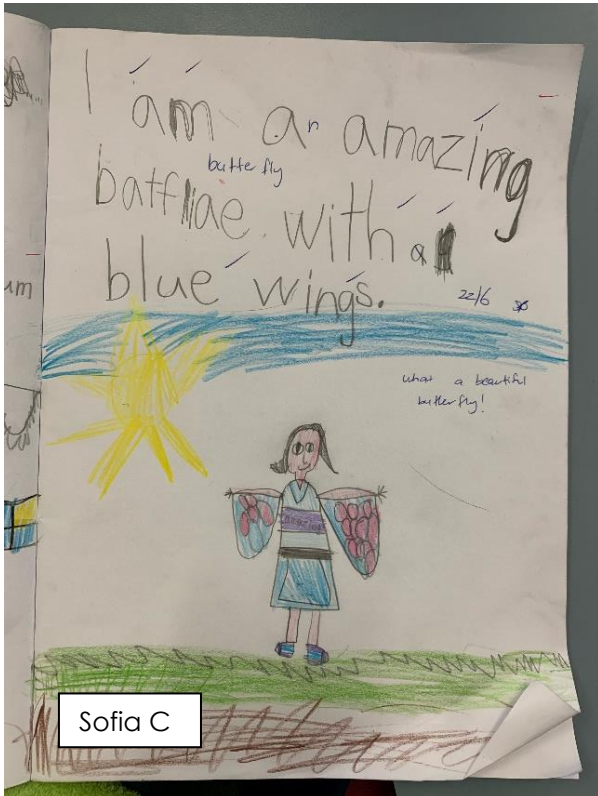
## EVEN MORE 'WOW' DAY PICTURES...





## KINDER "WOW" WORD WRITING SAMPLES...

Here are some writing samples from KB from the WOW writing words.





## HEALTHY HOLIDAYS GUIDE...

# ***Nutrition Snippet***

## Healthy Holidays Guide.

**Looking for fun activities for the kids these school holidays?**



**Check out our free Healthy Holidays Guide that includes lots of ideas to get cooking, get crafty and get moving!**

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