



Newsletter

Term 3, Week 9

Thursday September 9th, 2021



We acknowledge and respect the past and present Elders, the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people and custodians of this land the Dja Dja Wurrung people.

Thank you for protecting and preserving our land Australia in the past, for sharing it now and educating us for the future.

We pay our respects to the Elders of the past, present and future and acknowledge their spiritual connection to Country.

Wonder • Persevere • Believe • Create
Respect • Responsibility • Resilience

TERM DATES

SEPTEMBER Friday, 10th	Return to onsite learning - Gr's Prep to 2 only	Friday, 8th	SCHOOL CLOSURE - Staff PD
Thursday 16th	P & F Meeting virtual meeting - 7:30pm (see link in P & F News)	Wednesday, 27th	School Production
Friday, 17th	Whole School Virtual Mass - 11:30am	NOVEMBER Friday, 12th	SCHOOL CLOSURE - Staff PD
OCTOBER Monday, 4th	End of Term 2 - 2:30pm finish		
	Term 4 commences		

Hail Mary,
Full of Grace,
The Lord is with thee.
Blessed art thou among women,
and blessed is the fruit
of thy womb, Jesus.
Holy Mary,
Mother of God,
pray for us sinners now,
and at the hour of our death.
Amen



This Sunday is the Feast of the Holy Name of Mary. Our Parish name is derived from this Feast Day. The Most Holy Name of Mary originated in Spain in the sixteenth century. In 1683, Pope Innocent XI extended the feast day to the universal Church and gave it the September 12th date. The date is significant because it marks a battle victory for Christian Europe against the Muslim Turks. The Christians prayed for the intercession of Mary throughout their long and arduous campaign before achieving victory.

Dear families,

Congratulations students, teachers and families! You have almost made it to the end of term. Thank you once again for working with and supporting the students during home learning. I hope all dads had a wonderful Father's Day last Sunday.

Now that we have some additional freedoms, the holiday possibilities and planning may now be in full swing. I hope you are able to find some time to take a break over the school holiday period!

Return to school

Arrangements for return to school were sent out via a See Saw message late yesterday. All P-2 students will return to classroom learning with the continuation of remote learning to continue for all students in 3-6. The state government's advice for term 4 is that excursions are cancelled, inter-school sport will not be permitted, parents will not be permitted to come onto the school site, and external visitors and providers will not have permission to come into the school grounds. It all sounds a bit grim, but on a positive note, the children will be in class, learning and interacting with their friends. While I am compelled to relay the advice, I do take it with a grain of salt. The long term advice, such as 'there will be no return to school for term 3' are clearly inaccurate. We will continue to follow current, rather than projected advice!

NAPLAN Results

The NAPLAN results arrived should have now arrived in the post. The results should also be visible on PAM now if you would like to see a comparison between Year 3 and Year 5 data.

Whole School End of Term Mass

Next Friday, 17th September at 11:30am, we will have a whole school virtual Mass to celebrate and conclude our third term for 2021. A meeting link will be sent via SeeSaw closer to the date. Fr Wahid has also indicated that 20 people can now attend Church for Masses.

R U OK?

Today is R U OK? Day. The message is:

'Are they really OK? Ask them today.'

Do you know how the people in your world are really going?

Life's ups and downs happen to all of us. So chances are someone you know might be struggling. Your genuine support can make a difference whatever they are facing, big or small.

So, don't wait until someone's visibly distressed or in crisis. Make a moment meaningful and ask them how they're really going. Are they really OK? Ask them today.

P&F Meeting

Next Thursday there will be a P&F meeting via Zoom at 7:30pm. The more the merrier! The Google Meet link is: meet.google.com/hif-qswc-qtk

Finish time on Friday

It feels a bit strange to be writing about a finish time for Friday when we're just starting back onsite with the P-2 students. We will be finishing school at 2:30pm on the last day of term (17/9). Buses will be running to this earlier finish time.

Thank you again for your ongoing support and I'm very much looking forward to seeing the P-2 students face-to-face tomorrow.

Kind regards,
Ben Shields.

We would like to wish the following students a very happy birthday for next week:



Heidi Neugebauer : September 11th

Arjy Singh : September 13th

★ **HAPPY** ★
BIRTHDAY!

P & F News . . .

**- P & F MEETING -
(remotely via zoom)**

Thursday, 16th September - 7:30pm

Join meeting with Google Meet:

meet.google.com/hif-qswc-qtk

*Please be advised that the **special lunch for Term 3** will now be postponed to Term 4. Date to be confirmed.*

Term 3:

St Mary's Music Hall

School Production

***WHEN it's on:** We are aiming to have our P – 6 school production called “St Mary's Music Hall” in the last week of term 3 at St Mary's Hall. There will be two shows on the day, a matinee and evening show.

***WHAT it's about:** The production is about the history of “Music Hall” entertainment that occurred in Australia from 1890 to 1930. The shows were based on a variety of entertainment including singing, dancing, circus acts, joke telling, poetry recitals, magic and playing musical instruments.

***COSTUMES – WHAT to wear: For all students:**

- **All costumes will be worn to school on production day. There will be no changing of costumes required.**
- White, navy or black short/long-sleeved buttoned shirt, blouse, or tee-shirt. (No patterns)
- Black or navy long shorts (to the knees), pants, skirt or dress. (No patterns).
- Students wearing a skirt or dress will need to wear black or navy bike shorts (monkey bar shorts) underneath.
- Black clean, polished school shoes.
- Optional black or navy jacket, blazer, vest, waistcoat.
- White, black or navy socks
- Optional top hat or old fashioned cap.
- **All students will be provided with a hairband, bow tie or long tie for the shows.**



Do you know how the people in your world are really going? Life's ups and downs happen to all of us. So, stay connected and make asking **“are you OK?”** a part of your everyday. That way if someone you know is struggling with something big, something small, or maybe nothing at all – they'll know you care. Because when we genuinely ask, **“are you OK?”** and are prepared to talk to them about how they're feeling and what's going on in their life we can help someone who might be struggling feel connected and supported, long before they're in crisis. Are they really OK? Ask them today. A conversation could change a life.

This year the message is



really
Are they OK?

**Ask them
today**

**Have a conversation
using these 4 steps**



1. Ask R U OK?

How are you
travelling?

You don't
seem yourself
lately – want to
talk about it?



**2. Listen with
an open mind**

I'm here to listen
if you want to
talk more.

Have you been
feeling this way
for a while?



**3. Encourage
action**

Have you spoken
to your doctor
about this?

What do you think
is a first step that
would help you
through this?



4. Check in

Just wanted to
check in and see
how you're doing?

Have things
improved for you
since we last spoke?

Learn how to ask
at ruok.org.au

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A conversation could change a life.

S U S T A I N A B I L I T Y



‘Sustainability is our SUPER POWER!’

September 7th – National Threatened Species Day

National Threatened Species Day is commemorated across the country on 7 September to raise awareness of plants and animals at risk of extinction.

Australia is home to more than 500,000 animal and plant species, many of which are found nowhere else in the world. Over the last 200 years, more than 100 animal and plant species have become extinct.

Volunteer online

Did you know you can help our threatened species from the comfort of your home?

Through the **SEED Citizen Science Hub**, you can safely explore environmental projects, connect with like-minded people and stay up to date with the latest citizen science projects and events.

No matter what your background, age or expertise, you can get involved with conservation programs and help the recovery of threatened animals and plants.