

Welcome & Prayer

Vision Statement



*A welcoming
Catholic community
that respects
our heritage
and looks to a
sustainable future.*

*We inspire
learning excellence,
resilience and
service to others.*

A TYPICAL SCHOOL DAY

8:45am Morning prayer and morning Housekeeping

- Lunch orders in canteen basket
- Announcements
- Roll



Literacy block with a fruit snack



RECESS (10:55 - 11:25am)

Mathematics
Spelling/Inquiry

LUNCH (1:25 - 2:15pm)

Religion/Pastoral Care (SEL)



3:15pm – End of day

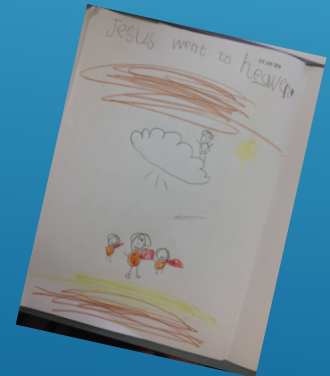
EDUCATION IN FAITH

Education in Faith is at the core of all we do, and is an essential learning area in our Catholic school community.

In Foundation, the children listen to Bible stories about Jesus through Godly Play experiences and will have the opportunity to link these stories to their lives both at home and school.

Children learn to pray through participating in morning prayer and prayer at the end of each day.

Children participate in several level and whole school Masses and liturgies throughout the year.





LITERACY

2 hour Literacy block each day

Reading - begins with shared reading of Big Book and activity based on big book and small group activities.

(Read to Self, Read to Someone, Listen to Reading, Word Work, Work on Writing)

Writing - Handwriting and Spelling (word/sounds/letters)

Listening and Speaking - Show and Tell as well as incorporated into Reading and Writing sessions through Language Experiences.



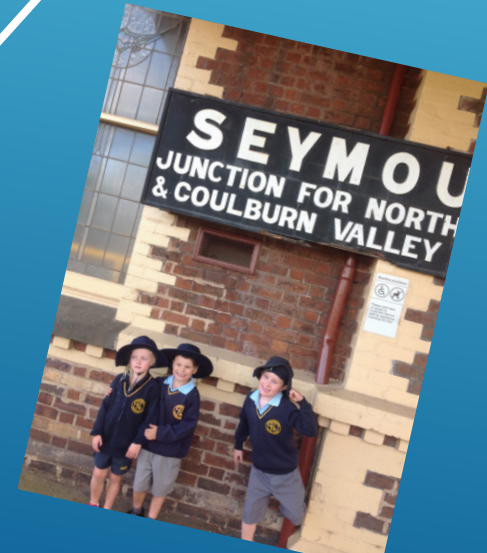
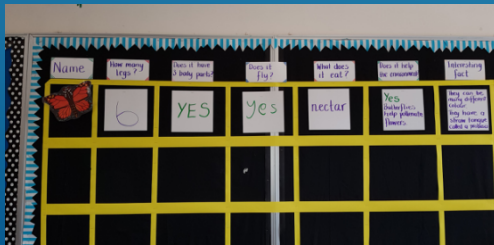
MATHEMATICS

- 5 hours of Maths each week
- Consists of 3 areas - Number & Algebra, Measurement & Geometry and Statistics & Probability
- We begin each Maths lesson with our counting to 100 Days of School. Teacher models concepts or strategies. Students then practice their learning in pairs or small groups, often using hands on materials including counters, dice and games
- Teachers work with individual students or small groups to consolidate or extend learning



INQUIRY BASED LEARNING

- ★ Inquiry Based Learning is where the children share what they already know about a topic, develop and investigate wonderings, then apply and act on their learning in a meaningful real-life context.
- ★ The Inquiry topics are developed with a Geography, History or Science focus incorporating Design and Technologies also.
- ★ We also teach Inquiry topics through other curriculum areas such as Literacy, Mathematics and Religion.



SPECIALIST CLASSES

Our current specialist classes are:

Art

Library

Music

Indonesian

Physical Education

Students also participate in a swimming program in Term 4



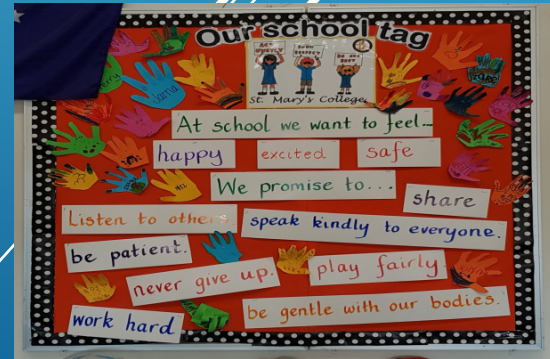
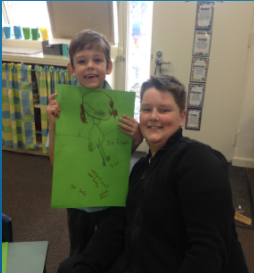
PASTORAL CARE/TAG

Anne Spencer – F-4 Co-ordinator



All Foundation students will join a TAG group with students from Foundation - 10. We explore our school TAG code of behaviours and participate in activities to build relationships across our school.

Pastoral Care sessions are focussed on developing the wellbeing of the students and creating a class community.



PREPARING FOR SCHOOL

Begin building independence and resilience by allowing your child to:

- Practise opening and closing lunchboxes and drink bottles
- Know how to take off and put on their jumper
- Be able to look after their own belongings
- Recognise and read their name
- Wait and take turns and share equipment
- Begin a routine at home





Date: Wednesday 29th January, 2020

Time: 8.45am

(Arriving 10 mins before the bell gives your child time to unpack and feel comfortable)

- Students will need to wear their full summer uniform, including a school hat
- Take a few minutes to settle your child into the classroom

Pick up - You will need to collect your child from the classroom at 3.15pm

Students will then have the following four Wednesdays as rest days, but we will be using these days to complete Literacy and Numeracy testing

ONCE AT SCHOOL...

- Anaphylaxis and medication
- CareMonkey
- Parent/Student/Teacher conversations
- Attendance/Punctuality
- Lunch boxes - fruit snack, snack & lunch
- Canteen/Lunch Orders
- School Uniform - Please label all belongings
- Classroom helper (Volunteers) all need a Working With Children Check
- Playground - Area A (Supervision begins at 8:30am)
- Communication with the school - email your teacher, The Marian - newsletter, SMC website and Facebook page
- PAM



TRANSITION DAYS/ORIENTATION



Transition and Orientation days are opportunities for your child to become familiar with their teachers and the school environment.

Settle your child into an activity before a quick goodbye. You are welcome to stay in the Quadrangle for a cuppa from the canteen.

1st Transition Day - Wednesday 20th November 2019 9.00 - 10.30am

(fruit snack and drink bottle required)

2nd Transition Day - Wednesday 27th November 2019 9.00 – 1pm

(hat, fruit snack, snack and drink bottle required)

Orientation Day - Tuesday 10th December 2019 8.45 - 3.15pm

(hat, fruit snack, morning tea snack, lunch and drink bottle are required)



“IT TAKES A VILLAGE TO RAISE A CHILD”



As teachers we can't do it alone.

As a parent, you are your child's first educator, you are the person who know your child best. If there is something you need to let your teacher know, perhaps positive aspects of your child's development or matters that concern you, you are welcome to contact the school at anytime.

We look forward to working with you and your child/children next year and into the future.



QUESTIONS ?

