

### SCHOOL NEWS



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On Wednesday afternoon Grade 9-10 hospitality students and a few extra's from year 11/12participated in a Barista Course in the cafe.

Most of us learnt a thing or two from the Barista training such as how to make silky milk, and that the slightest difference in a coffee grind can affect the whole drink. Tim, the Barista, owns his own coffee roasting business and has been in the coffee industry most of his working life. If you had a question, he could answer it; he knew everything about coffee.

The course was a huge hit, everybody walked out with a coffee in their hand, a smile on their face and knowledge in their head. I would just like to say thank you to Tim, for coming to our school and answering all our questions.





# Anote from the Principal .....

Dear parents, students and community members,

It is with great delight that I find myself the Acting Principal of St Marys District School for this term.

Over the past few weeks since I have known that I was going 'up the hill' I have been approached by colleagues, parents, friends, community members and have been told statements like;

"You are going to love it at St Marys – it is a great school"

"My son/daughter goes to St Marys – he/she is very happy there"

"They have the most amazing grounds – so much room for the students to play"

"The staff and kids are great there – very accepting, kind and friendly"

It doesn't matter who I talk to – the message is the same....St Marys District School is a great school, it is a lovely place to work, a lovely place to be and most importantly it has a very welcoming and friendly group of students.

In fact, the only negative comment I have been told - "Oh, Mrs Rose – it is colder up the hill...you better take a jacket and you might need to get some more practical shoes!" As you will come to find out, I do love my shoes and it will have to be very cold indeed for me to trade my high heels for a pair of gumboots!

Over the past 2 weeks I am beginning to understand why people speak so highly of our school. St Marys District School does have great facilities, it does have friendly teachers, support staff and programs. It is also very well organised. But, most importantly – it is the students who make our school so special. As I have wandered around the grounds and classrooms they have been very kind and welcoming. They are happy to chat and tell me about their learning and share stories about themselves. I have really valued this.

Students are the soul of a school – schools are not about buildings – they are about our young people. Each student is unique and special and every student has worth. Every student deserves to belong and connect with their school. Every student deserves to have the opportunity to be significant – whether it be sport, music, MDT, reading or cooking – it doesn't matter, all our young people deserve to excel at something and they all deserve to achieve and get the best possible education.

So, I am very much looking forward to learning more about our school. I see myself this term, very much as a learner and a listener...it is the role of our school community to help teach me 'the St Marys way'. I am looking forward to teaching my grade 9/10 Society and History class, working with the Grade 10 student leaders and visiting classes and sharing in student learning. Who knows, if you are a primary class I may even read you a story or two. I had the privilege of reading to Mrs Bennett's Grade 2 class on Friday – what a delightful group of young people. We read the very appropriately titled book "The Flood" – the students certainly had many colourful and interesting stories to tell me of their own 'flood' adventures over the previous days.

I am eager to meet and converse with our parent community. When you see me on bus duty in the morning, or when you are next in the school – please introduce yourself and say hello…I would very much enjoy this.

Together we will continue to ensure that our school is a place where everyone belongs, where all our students can achieve and where all students can make a difference.

I am looking forward to the journey

Louise Rose A/Principal St Marys District School



#### **APRIL**

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
28 Mar	29 Mar	30 Mar  Dental Service	31 Mar  Dental Service  Launching into Learning St Marys Kinder 10.30am  Stepping Stones - Marys Kinder - 1pm  Student Leaders Camp	1 Apr  Launching into Learning Fingal Kinder 10am  Inter-high swim carnival  Progress report to parents  Student Leaders Camp
4 Apr	5 Apr Primary Assembly - St Marys - Primary multipurpose room 2:10pm	6 Apr	7 Apr  Launching into Learning St Marys Kinder 10.30am  Stepping Stones - Marys Kinder - 1pm  ENE Carnival - TBC	STUDENT FREE DAY
11 Apr	12 Apr Parent/Teacher Interviews	13 Apr SCHOOL PHOTOS Immunisations - Staff and Students Parent/Teacher Interviews	14 Apr  Launching into Learning St Marys Kinder 10.30am  Stepping Stones - Marys Kinder - 1pm  Combined ENE Carnival - TBC	15 Apr  Launching into Learning Fingal Kinder 10am  PY10 progress reports to parents
18 Apr	19 Apr	20 Apr	21 Apr  Launching into Learning St Marys Kinder 10.30am  Stepping Stones - Marys Kinder - 1pm	GOOD FRIDAY

Above calendar is correct at time of printing For regular updates and other information please go to the school website:-

#### www.schools.education.tas.gov.au/stmarys

#### <u>Change in Date for</u> Federation Professional Learning Day

We are asking our school community to support a change in the date of our *East Coast and Central Midlands Federation*Professional Learning day. The reason for the change in date is due to unforseen clashes on our school calendar.

<u>The proposed new date is Friday, July 15</u> – the previously agreed date was Friday July 8.

If you have any objections to the change in date please contact Louise Rose, A/Principal St Marys District School, 6372 3900.

### St Marys District School Association

Nominations have now closed and the Parent Members and Community Members are:

Rebecca Tuck Carolyn Watson
Lesley Lohrey Richard Gee
Greg Bean Jacqueline Lockwood
Gary Barnes

Congratulations to all the successful nominees and we look forward to a busy and rewarding year ahead.

First meeting will be held on Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> April at 6.30pm at the St Marys District School, Staffroom.

#### Student Leaders Roles

In our meeting last week – our student leaders decided/agreed/voted on the following roles;

President - Toby Wright
Vice President - Maddison Gale
Secretary - Annalyse Brooks
Treasurer - Billy Harris and Corey Thow
Publicity Officer - Elka McColl

Congratulations to all office bearers – we hope that you carry your badges of office with pride and carry out your responsibilities with dignity.

#### Student Leaders Camp

This week on Thursday (March 31) and Friday (April 1) our student leaders are heading off to Mussel Roe Bay for their annual camp.

They will be accompanied by

They will be accompanied by Sue Hindley and Sally Johnson.

Let's hope the weather is kind and they have a fantastic time. We look forward to reading a report on their Leadership Camp experience in the next newsletter TEROPOSING 5755

My name is Kimberly
I live in the Tyne Valley with
my family.
Something you should know
about me is that I have lived
in the Tyne Valley for my
whole life.



My name is Catherine.

I live in Fingal and we have two
baby budgies.

Something you should know
about me is that I have two
cousins in Japan.



My name is Alisha.

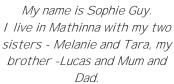
I live in Fingal near Alicia

Lowe's house.

During the holidays I went for a walk with Rocky and Delta.

Something you should know about me is that I have a pet imaginary dragon in my room.

It likes to eat my little sister.



Over the school holidays it was my birthday. My birthday was on the 31<sup>st</sup> January. For my birthday I received a bike and I ride it all the time. Something that you should know about me is that my family has a cat called Dusty. I pat him all the time.



My name is Kallam.

I live in Fingal next to the school.

Something you should know about me is that I love motorbikes.



My name is Chelsea.

I live in Fingal with my mum and dad.

During the holidays I went camping with my mum and dad.

There were also three other camper vans there too.

One van was Catherine Beans.

Something you should know about me is I like playing with my friend Georgia Hayward who lives in Ringarooma.

My name Minnie.
I live in Fingal with my family,
two dogs, one cat and
a bird.
Something you should know
about me is I want to be a
vet when I grow up.



My name is Jayden.
I live in Mathinna and
sometimes the back yard gets
Flooded.
Something you should know
about me is I have two dogs
and five sisters. I am the
only boy.



My name is Jessica.

I live in Fingal with my dad and my two sisters.

Something you should know about me is I have nine pets.

My favourite pet is Bubbles the guinea pig.



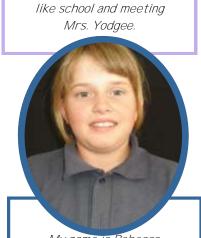
very small town.
Something you should know
about me is that I love
animals.
I am 11 years old. I really like
my teacher Mrs. Yodgee and
coming to school.



Hi! My name is Bronwyn and I
am 8 years old.

I live in Fingal and I love that
it is so quiet.

Something you should know
about me is that I like my new
teacher called Miss Yodgee
and I like maths, school and
my friends.



My name is Shyann.

I live near the river in a small

town called Mathinna.

Something you should know

about me is that I love

animals.

I have about fourteen pets. I

My name is Rebecca.

I live in Mathinna where it is very quiet.

During the holidays I played with my dog Lucy.

Something you should know about me is I have a pit-bull and a cat.





My name is Lloyd.

I live in Mathinna and I have one parrot.

Something you should know about me is that I like riding my motorbike in the bush and going to Dad's work.



My name is Clare Bishop.
I live in Mathinna on a farm.
During the holidays I have been
riding our pony Benny.
Something you should know about
me is I like cats and dogs.



My name is Ryan.
I live in Fingal on Grant
Street.
Something you should know
about me is that I like camping
at Lagoons beach.

# Busy Days Investigating and Learning in Prep/One.



























































Support children's thinking by inviting children to elaborate and talk about what they are doing:

- " I really want to know more about ......"
  - " Tell me more about ......"
  - " I wonder what would happen if....?"
    - " How did you .....?"
    - "Why does this .....?"
    - What do you think....?"

What may appear to be trivial and just play from an adult's perspective is often a complex learning experience for children.  $^{7}$ 

## Fingal Campus News

Along the valley at the Fingal Campus, staff and students alike have much to celebrate.

We have welcomed our eight new kindergarteners who are busily exploring their new surrounds, forming new friendships and discovering new routines.

Our K-2 students took advantage of the last of the summer season and explored a beach theme which inspired literacy, numeracy and science. The Sun Smart posters were a fabulous culminating activity. To complete this unit, the students have now taken to the high seas and pirate activities are bringing great discussion and fun to the classroom environment.

Over in the 3/4/5 classroom, the students have kicked off the maths curriculum with a Geometry unit. In reading they have be familiarising themselves with choosing Just Right books for their independent reading level. With NAPLAN testing on the horizon, students have been exploring and practising Persuasive Writing techniques. Thanks to Mrs Bennet the students have designed posters promoting, "Healthy Living." Mr Holmes has guided the students in presenting a class song for our upcoming assembly. Finally, Mrs Osborne and Mr Summers have been leading the students in some inspiring art lessons centring around design and colour.

Following on from last year, a grant from NRM North has been awarded, to continue the existing Bush Care Project. Students are lending a helping hand in regenerating our natural bush land which in turn supports the natural habitat on the eastern side of our school oval.

It is with great pleasure to announce Clare Bishop and Nakea Brown as our two newly appointed student leaders for the Fingal Campus. Congratulations girls -I know you will do us all proud!

The start-up of a new school year is busy enough with getting to know teachers, students and new routines. When you add in all the wonderful experiences and activities encountered in only six weeks, you can see why there is certainly much to celebrate at St. Marys School –Fingal Campus.

Lynette Yodgee

AST Grades K-5 Fingal Campus

# St Marys Campus - Primary News

A big thank you to all of the parents who came into the school and visited classrooms as part of our Parent Meetings. It was fantastic for us to see so many of you there and have a chance to listen to the classroom teachers outline their classroom programs and their expectations for the year.

I know that lots of parents have already made arrangements to come into the school as part of our Parent Help Program and your support is very much appreciated. You are always welcome at our school, and if there is a particular event or activity you would like to join us for, then please feel free to let us know!

Our next Primary Assembly will be held on Tuesday 5th April in the Primary Breakout space commencing at 2.10pm. Please join us for this celebration of the work and achievements of our students during the last month.

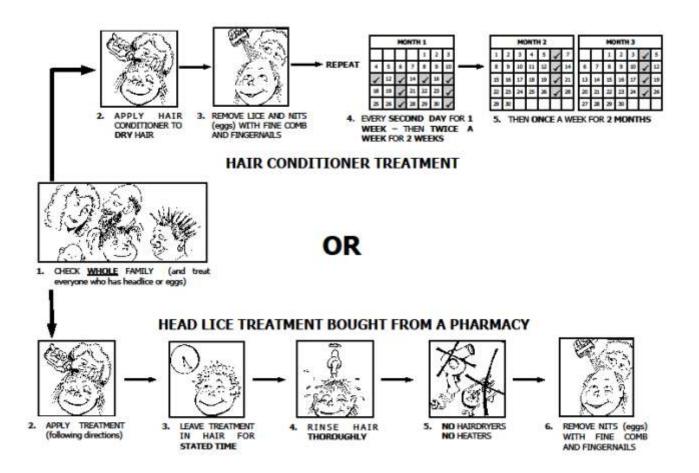
Ros Smith
AST K-5
St Marys Campus



# **BUG BUSTING**



### Please check your child's hair





Long New TIED back

#### **BUG BUSTERS**



For more information:
Family, Child and Youth Health Service area offices can direct you to
the rewest available service
SOUTH: 6222 7633 NORTH: 6336 2139
NORTH WEST: Burne 6434 6451 Devemport 6421 7800

We are in the process of purchasing some Robi Combs which will be made available to Parents and Carers to borrow from either the Fingal or St Marys Campus.

Phone: 6374 2197 or 6372 3900

E.C and F.V

#### **Auskick**

Registration Day at St. Marys Sunday 10th April starting at 10:00

Registrations will be taken from 9:30.

Canteen is available. Sausage sizzle—\$1 each

A.G.M at 11.00

Information about A.F.L game 12:15

#### Game day at Aurora Stadium

#### Saturday 16th April

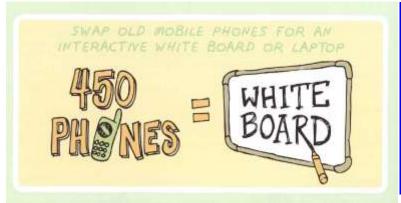
All registered Auskickers are welcome.

Children must be accompanied by an adult and will need to have own transport.

#### If interested please ring

Richard 63 742183

Fiona 63 722088



#### RECYCLE YOUR OLD MOBILE PHONES

(Cameras, IPODS small electronic waste) & help teens with cancer, & the environment while earning points for cool electronic equipment for our school. Ask your friends, parents and families to help out. For more info visit youcan.org.au/.

COLLECTION BINS LOCATED @:

St Marys Campus—Foyer Fingal Campus—Foyer

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#### WHY DO WE NEED YOUTH CANCER CENTERS?

- ◆ Currently in Australia, if you are diagnosed with Cancer over the age of 16, you are treated in the adult health care system.
- ◆ Teenagers and young adults need specialised care in an age-appropriate environment.
- ◆ One in 100 Australians is diagnosed with Cancer before the age of 30.
- ◆ In the last 25 years there has been virtually no improvement in survival outcomes for the 15—30 age group.
- Cancer is the biggest disease killer of Australian Teenagers.
- In Australia your chances of surviving certain cancers decreases by 50% the day you turn 16.



### East Coast UTAS Information Sessions.

#### St Helens

Tuesday 12 April 4.00pm – 6.00pm, St Helens Library

#### Bicheno

Wednesday 13 April 12.00noon - 1.30pm, Bicheno Library

#### Swansea

Wednesday 13 April 4.00pm – 6.00pm, Swansea Community Library

Come along to our informal drop-in sessions to find out about UTAS online business and education courses, as well as courses in the

arts, sciences, health sciences, legal studies and maritime studies.

These sessions are for all members of the East Coast communities, where you can talk one-on-one with UTAS staff about:

- courses at undergraduate and postgraduate levels;
- study either by distance or on-campus;
- professional or personal development;
- course costs and scholarships;
- support services available for students;
- campus accommodation; and more.

#### For more information:

call 1300 363 864 or email Course.Info@utas.edu.au







#### Reminder to Children regarding bus stop use!

Parents, could you please remind your children of the following tips, in regards to bus stop use:

- Always use existing road crossings where available to reach your bus stop;
- Get to your bus stop safely and in plenty of time;
- Note that earphones reduce your awareness of your surroundings and what is going on around you. Stay alert and beware of cars and other traffic.
- Be aware that private properties near bus stops belong to other people. Leaning or hanging school bags on fences can cause damage;
- When waiting for your bus, you are in the street and people are watching your behaviour and your respect for others. They may be making judgement about you and your school.



#### Have your say - 3 Terms or 4?

Access TASSP&F's online survey at

www.parentsandfriendstasmania.asn.au or via direct link through

https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/TASSPFsurvey

Respondents can only reply once to the survey from each computer. If this is a problem because there is more than one user for a computer please contact Cassy at our office

Ph 6234 9488 or cassandra@parentsandfriendstasmania.asn.au

#### Wanted in the Prep/One Rooms

Plastic containers and plastic bottles, corks, old maps and street directories, cylinders (not toilet rolls), matchboxes, lace and material scraps, buttons, beads, magazines.....

# School Photos RESCHEDULED TO WEDNESDAY 11 MAY

Next week all students will be issued with their individual school photo envelope for school photo day.

We ask that you return the completed envelope marked Pack A, B, C or D etc. with payment enclosed to your child's class teacher as soon as possible.

<u>ALL</u> payments should be made no later than Tuesday 12th April. Payment for several children in a family can be made in the one envelope, <u>but it is important that each child still has their</u> own envelope with full payment details on every child's envelope.

- On the envelope that has the payment enclosed, fill in amount enclosed and note the grades of brothers and sisters you are paying for. On the brother/sister envelopes note the name and the grade of the child whose envelope contains the payment.
- **EACH CHILD MUST RETURN THEIR INDIVIDUAL ENVELOPE TO THEIR CLASS BY SCHOOL PHOTO DAY.** Please do not place one envelope inside another as children without individual envelopes will not have their individual photo taken.
- FAMILY GROUP photo envelopes will be available at the office.
- Please ensure you have the <u>correct amount enclosed</u> as the office <u>IS</u> <u>NOT</u> in a position to give change.
- Any queries regarding your photos and/or payment can be made directly to :-

Kenny and Kohl School Photos phone 6228 9966.



Please ensure that your child attends school on this day dressed in appropriate school uniform!

