



St Marys South Public School Messenger

Week 6 Term 4, Tuesday 19th November 2019

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MERIT AWARDS

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Rogue Archer-Bedwell
Malav Patel
Juliet Burns
Jacquelyne
Emmanouilidis
Alana Keil
Yuvaan Raju
Tiana Hindy
Max McKay
Sithara Qambari
Mary Sabaybay
Rebekah Bourke
Ben Howard
Angelina Vaiangina
Faith Lansdell
Nauvoo Wood
Daniel Tanielu
Ruby Peterson
Masroor Adnan
Evangeline Faamu
Kash Gale
Lachlan Morris
Susanna Yun
Zehra Alanzi
Ezekiel Patiole-Johnson
Robert Hancock
Georgia Chmielewski
Paris Kefalianos
Jerome Senior
Eli Cusack
Sophie Ficco
Marina Ahadi
Piper Johnson
Zoe Brouwer
Malibu Dizon
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ATTENDANCE MATTERS

Attendance matters for achievement, and every minute counts.

In all analyses, average academic achievement on NAPLAN tests declined with any absence from school and continued to decline as absence rates increased. The nature of the relationship between absence from school and achievement, across all sub-groups of students strongly suggests that every minute of attendance in school contributes towards a child's learning, and that academic outcomes are enhanced by maximising attendance in school. There is no "safe" threshold. The effects of absence also accumulates over time. We found that absence from school was related to academic achievement in numeracy, reading and writing not only in the current year, but in future years as well. Parents need to be aware of these relationships, and understand that when their child misses school it can have an ongoing impact on their learning.

Of significant concern is the accumulation of time when students arrive at school late or leave school before the end of lessons.

Just 10 minutes late to school over the school year is equivalent to 36 hours of lost learning for your child.

Term 4 2019 Calendar

22/11/2019	School Spectacular Performance
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12/12/2019	Presentation Day
13/12/2019	Gold Badge Reward
16/12/2019	Year 6 Farewell
17/12/2019	Christmas Carol Night
20/12/2019	Last Day of Term 4

PREPARING FOR 2020

Over the coming weeks the teachers will gather to create classes for the 2020 school year.

Having accurate numbers of enrolments will greatly help achieve a smooth transition of students to their new class for 2020.

Some families may have a change of circumstances, like moving to another area, and may not be returning to St Marys South in 2020.

If you are not returning to our school in 2020, could you please notify the school office so that we can assist your transition to your new school.

Similarly, if your child will not be present in the first 3 weeks of the new school year, could you please notify the office.

Wednesday 29 January 2020

Year 1 to Year 6 students return to school

Friday 1 February 2020

Kindergarten students, first day of school

SCHOOL UNIFORM SHOP

The school uniform shop is open each **Tuesday** and **Friday** morning during the school term from **8:30am till 9:00am**.

The school uniform shop will also be open;

- **Tuesday the 28 January 2020**
from 10:00am - 2:00pm
- **Every morning of the first week back at school, 8:30am - 9am**
(Wed 29 Jan - Tues 4 Feb 2020).

The uniform shop can accept cash only.





LIBRARY NEWS

Lilly demonstrated model behaviour and courtesy towards students and teachers from other schools during the Public Speaking competition.



Ruby is a kind, caring and responsible student who consistently uses good manners towards her peers and teachers. She is always willing to include others with a friendly attitude.



Showing respect and pride for our school.
Whilst on the playground at lunch, Nathaniel was picking up rubbish that he saw near the bin.



For being a kind and caring student, who is respectful to and helpful to teachers.



KINDY VISITS THE GOLDEN RIDGE ANIMAL FARM



The library is open at lunch time (second half) from Monday to Thursday for reading, borrowing, games and free time on the Chrome books.

When reading books at home please remind your children we:

- Keep books in a safe place
- Use a bookmark
- Don't colour or write in books
- Turn the pages carefully

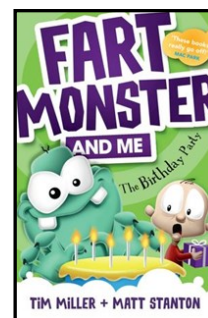
The last opportunity to borrow books from the library will be week 6 beginning 18th November. All borrowed books need to be returned by week 7 beginning 25th November so the library can begin stocktake. Unfortunately no books can be borrowed during stocktake.

Fart Monster and Me: The Birthday Party

By Tim Miller and Matt Stanton

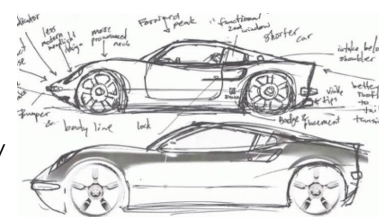
This book is about a fart monster and a kid named Ben Dugan. Ben is going to a friend's birthday party on Saturday, but he's worried the fart monster will mess it up, or 'muck' it up.

By Zachary Mudaliar and Joshua Thomas



STEM - PROBLEM OF THE WEEK

Manraj had a great idea to help us think futuristically and practically. If you could design your own car, what would it look like, and what features would you include? Draw and label your design.



Remember there will be a step-up for every student who provides a solution.

UPDATING CONTACT DETAILS

I ask that all members of the school community notify the school when they have changed any of their contact details.

On too many occasions we have found it very difficult to contact parents or carers when a student has become sick or injured at school.

Please help reduce the anxiety of your child in these circumstances by keeping our records current and accurate. This may include changed phone numbers, change of address or changes to the nominated emergency contact people.