



St Marys South Public School

# Messenger

Week 8 Term 1, Tuesday 19th March 2019

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## MERIT AWARDS

Nikisha Mumu  
Asdah Oa  
Noah Vaquerano  
Jazmine Zarglis  
Ellexis Moy  
Ruby Peterson  
Adam Toma  
Masroor Adnan  
Will Thompson  
Matilda Grogan  
Rogue Archer-Bedwell  
Sayeem Haseeb  
Ryan Brouwer  
Jason Robinson  
Elaf Alkassar  
Tyler Page  
Mia Tolefoa  
Anne Thomas  
Hana Taoho McLachlan  
Christian Frier  
Madelyn Shersby  
Larissa Giwa  
Jack Thompson  
Sanele Kopelani  
Ruby Rankmore  
Jayden Safia  
Emily Vandersteen  
Ailini Taufui  
Annabelle Hindy  
Manraj Saini  
Tyler Bokor  
Nauvoo Wood  
Sophie Lemos  
Harsheen Saini  
Tristan Hartge  
Aarran Robertson



At St Marys South Primary School we aim to create a safe and supportive school community for everyone.

On Friday 15 March we took a stand against bullying and violence by participating in 'The National Day of Action Against Bullying and Violence'. 5,726 Australian schools with over 2.4 million students also took action in their communities, taking a stand to stamp out this behaviour. At our school, we led discussions with our students about what bullying is and what it isn't.

*'Bullying is an ongoing and deliberate misuse of power in relationships through repeated verbal, physical and/or social behaviour that intends to cause physical, social and/or psychological harm. A single disagreement or argument between students does not constitute bullying.'*

*We also looked at the different strategies victims and/or witnesses of bullying can utilise to stamp out this behaviour in our school community. Every student was given a pocket card to keep with these suggested strategies.*

As a parent or carer you are an important part of our work to prevent bullying and to respond effectively if it happens. Stopping bullying involves everyone. Every family received a pocket card with tips on what to do if your child talks to you about bullying.

If you would like more information about bullying or the 'National Day of Action' please visit their website: <https://bullyingnoway.gov.au/>

We ask and thank you for your ongoing support in continuing to make St Marys South Public School a safe, supportive learning environment for all of our students.



## LEAVING SCHOOL EARLY

On rare occasions students need to leave school before 3:00pm to attend medical appointments or other legitimate appointments.

Parents are asked to be organized when collecting their children before the end of the formal school day. It is very difficult to locate students during recess (11:00-1:30am) and during lunch break (1:00-2:00pm). During these times parents may need to wait until the end of breaks before they are able to collect their child.

Similarly whole school assemblies are held every fortnight at 2.15pm These assemblies are an opportunity to acknowledge our students for excellent work and behaviour, share important information and provide students from each class an opportunity to host and perform an item throughout the year. We value this time and ask that you wait until the conclusion of the assembly before requesting to collect your child.

Section 22 of the [Education Act \(1990\)](#) states that it is the duty of the parent of a child of [compulsory school-age](#) to cause the child:

(a) to be enrolled at, and to attend, a government school or a registered non-government school

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**All students who are enrolled at school, regardless of their age, are expected to attend that school whenever instruction is provided.**



## Term 1 2019 Calendar

20/03/2019	Gold Badge Assembly
22/03/2019	Harmony Day
01/04/2019	Debate Workshop
11/04/2019	ANZAC Day Service
12/04/2019	Easter Parade End of Term 1
30/04/2019	First Day of Term 2

**PBL AWARD****Roselie Oa, 4K**

For being a kind and considerate friend on the playground.

**P & C NEWS**

I would like to acknowledge and thank our 2018 P&C participants for their outstanding work and efforts.

It is a pleasure to announce our 2019 P&C Executives, and look forward to working with you throughout the year.

**President**

Miss Emily Scotman

**Vice President**

Mrs Amy Brundall

**Canteen Convener**

Mrs Mel Graham

**Treasurer and Uniform Shop**

Mrs Marie Brouwer

Our P&C contribute significantly to the school's resources, influence school policy and are the voice of the parents/carers and families, working in partnership with the school for the betterment of our students. Please come along to our meetings and be part of a pivotal committee supporting our students and the school community.

The next P&C meeting will be at 2pm on Tuesday 26th March, in the Connected Classroom.

**CANTEEN CLOSED**

The school canteen will be closed on Friday 22 March 2019.

Unfortunately students will not be able to purchase drinks snacks or lunches on this day.

Mrs Graham

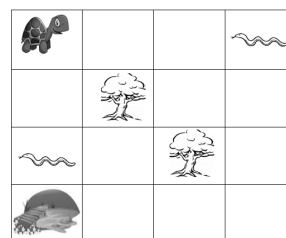
**WONDER - STEM PROBLEM OF THE WEEK**

I was out near a river and I came across a small turtle. It reminded me of Logo, a programming language that used turtle graphics where a small robot called a turtle was given commands for moving and drawing line graphics. Today we call this type of programming Coding. Coding is where instructions are written to make a computer perform a task. It helps you to learn that to solve problems there is a logical sequence of steps. Here is Turnip the turtle. She needs to get to the river bank. What are the missing commands?



There will be a Step-up for every student who provides a solution.

1. Go forward 2 spaces
2. Turn right
3. Go forward 1 space
4. Turn left
5. Go forward 1 space
6. \_\_\_\_\_
7. \_\_\_\_\_
8. \_\_\_\_\_
9. Go forward 2 spaces

**STEWART HOUSE DONATION DRIVE**

Today you will have received a small Stewart House envelope. We are participating in the Stewart House Donation Drive appeal this year and would greatly appreciate your help. Please fill in the details on the back of the envelope and place \$2 inside. Return the envelope to school **by Friday 24th May**. Your donation supports the 1700 children who attend Stewart House each year and you could win a holiday. Miss Scott

**Tips to care for your teeth****Eat Well**

- Enjoy a wide variety of healthy foods
- Avoid snacking on sugary and sticky foods

**Drink Well**

- Tap water is best to drink
- Avoid acidic or sugary drinks

**Clean Well**

- Brush teeth twice a day with fluoride toothpaste, especially before bed

**Play Well**

- Protect your teeth with a mouth guard or full-face helmet when playing sport

**Stay Well**

- Have regular dental check-ups
- Exercise regularly