

# ST MARYS SOUTH PUBLIC SCHOOL

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Tuesday 18 February 2020 - Term 1 Week 4



## M E S S E N G E R

Thank you to all the parents and carers who have paid the voluntary school contribution. The voluntary contribution forms an important part of our school budget. This year's voluntary contribution is needed to assist the school in continuing to support all students through our dual teaching program where every class has an additional teacher in each class. We will also use the money to purchase new literacy and numeracy resources for our students.

### Parent online payments (POP)

Parent online payments (POP) provides parents with a secure payment facility to deposit into the school's account via a credit or debit card. It gives parent/carers a convenient and alternative means of paying the school.

Payments can be made via computer, tablet or mobile phone. The payment page is accessed from the front page of the school's website by selecting [Make a Payment](#) (<http://www.stmarysth-p.schools.nsw.edu.au/>)

Items that can be paid include voluntary school contributions, excursions and creative and practical arts activities (these include band and dance).

When you access **Make a Payment** you need to enter: the student's name, and class and reference number OR the students name and date of birth.

This is a secure payment system hosted by Westpac to ensure that your credit/debit card details are captured in a secure manner. These details are not passed back to the school.

### Student Credit

We can now offer each student a debit account. Parents and carers can choose to deposit money into a student's account. When a payment is due for any school expense such as an excursion you can request to have the payment made from your child's account. Some parents may find this helpful when saving for larger expenses such as the school camp. You can access the money at any time and your child's credit balance can carry over each year or to another public school. Please enquire at the school office if you are interested in taking advantage of this system.

## PARENTS AND CITIZENS ASSOCIATION ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

**Thursday 5 March at 2:15 pm in the Centre of Excellence.**

Parents, carers and friends of St Marys South Public School are invited to attend the Annual General Meeting of the P&C to be held on Thursday 5 March at 2:15pm in the Centre of Excellence.

During this meeting we will elect a President, Vice President, Treasurer and Secretary for 2020.

Participants will need to be financial members to vote. Membership cost \$1.00, please enquire at the school office about how to become a financial member.

The P&C play a vital role in helping our school provide the best possible education for all our students. Please join us for this very important meeting.

*Great to see  
236 students attending school  
every day last week*

## SCRIPTURE CLASSES

A feature of the public education system in NSW is the opportunity to provide time in class for religious education.

Scripture class will be held on Thursday afternoon between 2.00 – 3.00pm.

Our school currently offers

- Catholic Scripture
- Muslim Scripture
- Protestant Scripture (Uniting, Anglican, Presbyterian, Assemblies of God, Lutheran)
- Non-Scripture

A parent/carers may at any time notify the school in writing to change their decision.

Students who choose to attend non-scripture will be engaged in alternative learning.

For more information about Special Religious Education (SRE) including the list of approved providers, please visit: <https://education.nsw.gov.au/teaching-and-learning/curriculum/learning-across-the-curriculum/religion-and-ethics>

## PBL AWARDS



### Amelia Trimmingham

Amelia is a kind, caring and responsible student. She is always polite and respectful towards teachers and her peers.



### Annabelle Hindy

Annabelle displays a kind, caring, friendly and respectful attitude towards her peers.



### Sipiliano Sene-Lefaoese

Sipiliano is a great example to all students. He is always doing his best in music and encouraging his friends to do the same.



### Jack Chomicz

Jack displays a kind and caring attitude to other students. He is respectful and helpful towards others and is always ready to learn.

## RIDING BICYCLES OR SCOOTERS TO SCHOOL

Students who have their parents or carers permission to ride to school need to follow school rules and NSW laws.

Students are to dismount before entering the school grounds and walk their bike or scooter to the bicycle racks.

Riders are required by law to wear an approved helmet securely fitted and fastened. In NSW there are no exemptions from wearing an approved bicycle helmet.

Children under the age of 16 along with adult supervision, can legally ride on a footpath in NSW. However, they must dismount to cross child and/or pedestrian crossings, along with traffic lights.



## MERIT AWARDS

Declan Goldsmith  
Zakiah Arsh  
Sophie Lewis  
Cooper Prior  
Ivy Harper  
Isaac Hempel  
Amol Sharma  
Juliana Tannous  
Alexis Samuela-Matenga  
Evan Stewart  
Stephanie O'Connor  
Tasi Saumani Fiti  
Ezekiel Patiole-Johnson  
Zaizah McNeill  
Dakota Aloe  
Charlotte Aloe  
Manmeet Singh  
Nauvoo Wood  
Dasa Faaumu  
Nandini Bhavsar  
Dominic Doran  
Summer Lemos  
Daniel Coleman  
Nevaeh Aloe  
Yuvaan Raju  
Matilda Grogan  
Yasemin Kirca  
Harry Thompson  
Michael-Malakai Williams  
Asdah Oa  
Natalie McGilvray  
Jacquelyne Emmanouilidis  
Claudia Mariano  
Sophia Ginn  
Jed Davis  
Rachel Coleman

## Term 1 2020 Calendar

3/3/20	School Photos
5/3/20	P&C Meeting
11/3/20	Gold Badge Assembly
Week 9 - 10	Dental Visits
31/3/20	Stage 2 Excursion Goat Island
9/4/20	Last Day Term 1

## KINDERGARTEN 2020

Friday, 31st January we welcomed our 2020 Kindergarten students for their first day of formal schooling. The day was very busy, filled with enjoyable activities and games, making and playing with friends, and meeting teachers. Thank you to our senior students who are helping the children during recess and lunchtime. We appreciate the support of parents/carers



## SAFETY FOR EVERYONE

We believe the school learning environment should be free from bullying and harassment. Students/parents/caregivers are urged to immediately report cases of bullying or harassment to the class teacher or directly to the Principal.

Under no circumstances should parents challenge another child or another parent. Challenging any person within the school grounds places you at risk and can lead to police intervention and criminal charges being laid.

The school has the necessary expertise and experience to deal with any bullying and harassment issues. We rely on a range of strategies designed to prevent violence and to promote positive relationships.

## PROBLEM OF THE WEEK

Braydan wondered what it would be like to have a superhero power or ability like invisibility, enhanced senses or time travel.

What superhero power or ability would you like to have and why?

Remember there will be a Step Up for every student who provides a solution.



*free from bullying and harassment.*

## LEARNING LINKS

Last year we ran two successful Learning Links programs due to the generosity of our parents and community members volunteering their time to implement the Reading and Counting for Life programs. We are again seeking parent and community volunteers to join us this year, with Counting for Life commencing early this term. A commitment of forty-five minutes per week for ten weeks at a time that suits you, and a current WWCC, is required.

Parent and community volunteers will receive a free well-resourced mathematics kit, and certified training. Refreshments will be provided, and toddlers are welcome to attend, a short training session. The students and staff sincerely appreciate this significant contribution made to our school. If you are interested, or would like more information, please contact Miss Walden.

## OFFICE NEWS

### Late Arrival/Early Leaving

A reminder that if your child arrives after the morning bell at 8.55am or has to leave prior to the 3pm bell they will need to report to the office to receive a late note/early leaver note.

This procedure is a legal requirement that is necessary to keep our class rolls accurate.

### Absent Notes

It is a legal requirement for schools to keep accurate rolls. In order to do this we need to receive a note from parents for student

absences. This note needs to state the nature of the absence ie. sickness. The notes are to be returned within three days of the absence. After that, a reminder note will be sent home from the class teacher.

Please note that if you are planning to take your children out of the school for overseas holidays, you will need to complete an application form prior to the date of travel. We will then return a signed certificate of exception for you to have with you in case it is required by authorities at the airport.