

# ST MARY'S PRIMARY SCHOOL



## MESSAGE STICK

Wednesday 25/03/20

### COVID-19 SCHOOL UPDATE # 1

Giinagay Families,

A heartfelt thank you to the entire St Mary's school community for all your prayers, understanding, support, cooperation and patience as we respond to the COVID -19 pandemic that is impacting on our lives and the nation.

Yours in Faith,  
Warren Niethe  
Principal

### Communication

In light of the current circumstances clear communication between school and families is vitally important. To enhance communication please note the following dot points.

- Hard copy newsletters and Message Sticks will be postponed until further notice. Due to the large number of absent students there is no way of adequately distributing these publications.
- All communication to families will be made using the St Mary's FaceBook page as well as the school's webpage. If you know of any families who are not already accessing these platforms please encourage them to do so ASAP.
- In terms of contacting your child's teacher regarding individual Student Learning Packs please phone the school as well as using email.

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## Student Learning Packs

For those families who have decided to keep their children at home as an option for learning please note the following dot points

- Student Learning Packs are designed for individual students.
- They provide 2 weeks of learning activities for parents to do with their children. Both the parent and child will need to sign off on all completed activities. This arrangement will continue next term if needed.
- At this point in time, English, Mathematics & Religious Education will be the focus subject areas.
- Teachers will phone families weekly for feedback and how to improve future Student Learning Packs.
- Student Learning Packs will be delivered and collected by the school at a family's front gate.

## Staffing

Until further needed all our IEWs - Aunty Clarice, Aunty Brenda and Uncle Mark as well as Aunty George in the Office will be working from home. Uncle Dean will not be driving the School Bus. Sam Kennedy will temporarily take on this role. If she is urgently needed to be contacted please use 0432 327 301.

## Recording Student Absences

If your child is not attending school for the remainder of term, please let us know.

## School Cross Country

Cancelled until further notice.

## Easter Raffle

This will continue so please drop in all donations and monies to the Office ASAP. However, raffle will be a "silent draw" due to social distancing rules.

DATE	DAY	EVENT
08/04/20	Wednesday	LAST DAY Term 1 - STUDENTS
27/04/20	Monday	FIRST DAY Term 2 - Staff only
28/04/20	Tuesday	FIRST DAY Term 2 - Students