



Week 4 Term 3 August 2020

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We are again in uncertain times. Like you we are anxiously watching the updates.

We have swung back into action with sanitising and encouraging social distancing. Thank you for your support around entry and exit to and from school.

I will be updating you as quickly as possible with our changing landscape. These updates will be via our School App, Facebook page and emailed out.

Please don't hesitate to contact me if you have any questions. The best way is via email at jacquil@stmarys.ac.nz

God Bless
Jacqui Luxton

Duffy MEETS A COGGEN



DUFFY turns up at his friend BEX's place to swap "Hybrid Myths and Legends" graphic novels and hang out.

He is shocked when BEX greets him at the door with a large bite out of her sleeve. BEX explains that she's got an amazing new pet.

A series of flashbacks reveal how Bex discovered a website - Aaron's Amazing Animals! Aaron, a larrikin dairy farmer from Wiri, has managed to breed a real-life Coggen (mythical star of the graphic novels Bex and Duffy love). A Coggen is part chicken, part cat, part dog... and total trouble!



Bex invites Duffy in to meet the Coggen, who has torn up Bex and her mum Lex's lounge. She fights with herself and chases her own tail. Duffy doesn't know what to say. Bex clearly loves this animal, but, um, why? The Coggen chews on laundry and won't listen to instructions.

Nevertheless, BEX takes her new role as a pet owner seriously and believes the Coggen is really just a sweet and innocent creature. However when the Coggen catches a kiwi, chews up Bex's favourite Star War undies, then runs away, Duffy and Bex must take action.

Aaron is now out of business, and really has no idea how to care for a Coggen. Thankfully Duffy and Bex strike on the solution. All the clues to Coggen care lie within the pages of their Coggen-themed graphic novels! With these as their instruction manuals, Bex and Duffy set off in search of the Coggen. Meanwhile the Coggen wanders lost and lonely as a cloud, and Lex (with help from the audience) composes a "Missing" message for her Neighbourly community page.



By re-reading the graphic novels Duffy and Bex manage to work out what the Coggen eats; where the Coggen might hide; and how to coax the Coggen to return.

The audience forms a choir of local kids, who step in to help, and together they bring the Coggen home.

Once the Coggen is safely home, Bex keeps reading up on Coggen life. She learns that the Coggen loves to eat worms, especially bookworms!

That explains why she chased those native birds... Duffy has never heard of a real bookworm, until they discover that Aaron is back in business with a new website - Aaron's Amazing Invertebrates!

With a quick tap, tap, tap on her phone Bex's mum has ordered a box of bookworms, and a new adventure is about to begin!





Keeping Ourselves Safe

Over the next few weeks we will be teaching the personal safety programme **Keeping Ourselves Safe**. We teach this vital programme every two years.

Keeping Ourselves Safe has been designed to give students the skills to cope in situations involving abuse. It has three overall aims:

- to develop and strengthen children's skills to keep themselves safe with other people;
- to support and encourage abused children to get help from caring adults;
- to make teachers and parents/caregivers more aware of the need to keep children safe from abuse by adults or other children.

Keeping Ourselves Safe will be taught by your child's teacher, with support from the local Police School Community Officer as required.

Constable Rob Conder will be available to answer any questions about this programme before the meeting. It...

We will be rescheduling the parent meeting. Date to be advised.

You can also find out more information about this programme at the following web address.

<https://www.police.govt.nz/advice/personal-and-community-advice/school-portal/resources/successful-relationships/keeping-1>



P.T.A Meeting - Monday 24th August at 7pm

This will be a short meeting to discuss funding for school camps.

Dental Caravan

We were scheduled to have the Dental Caravan on site this week.

Due to COVID-19 this has had to change.

If you need to get dental treatment for your child please ring 06 348 1712

The therapists will be able to make an appointment for you.



Free WATER SKILLS FOR LIFE WORKSHOPS

For teachers, parents or swim instructors.

Two sessions available:

Wednesday 30th September & Tuesday 6th October.

Sport Whanganui, 10am - 2pm.

Spaces will be limited to 25 adults and 10 students per day.

10 students between 8 - 11 years of age will be required for pool sessions.

To register please follow the below link:

<https://rb.gy/ckf2uk>

If you have any questions please contact Jodie at Sport Whanganui on 06 349 2324 or jodie@sportwhanganui.co.nz





📍 Thursday 10 September 2020

[Netsafe LIVE](#) is a free event for parents and whānau about keeping young people safe online. Netsafe's Education Advisor Pauline Spence will be talking about the risks, challenges and opportunities of digital technology, and the practical ways we can all help young people to be safe online.

This session is for parents and whānau who are caring for young people of all ages – from preschool to teenagers – and will look at how to support children and young people as they navigate opportunities, challenges and complexities online.

Time: 7:00pm –8:00pm

For more information about the session and to register, visit:
<https://www.netsafe.org.nz/the-kit/netsafe-live-vln/>



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Reason

Please provide a clear reason for this absence.

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Please use our Absentee App when your child is sick. This makes things so much easier for us here at school. Please give a detailed reason as this helps us to monitor the spread of illness and to assign the correct absence code for the Ministry of Education.



If your child is unwell, vomits or has diarrhoea you are required to keep your child home **48 hours after** all symptoms have stopped.

This is vital to contain the spread of the bug.

Who to see...

If you have a query or concern regarding your child please see your **child's Teacher** first.

If you still require assistance please see your child's Team Leader as follows:

Junior Team

Dallas Limpus: dallasl@stmarys.ac.nz

Student from JLC, Room 3, 4 and 5

Middle Team

Cath Daignault: cathd@stmarys.ac.nz

Students from Rooms 6, 7 and 8

Senior Team

Ian Kerr: iank@stmarys.ac.nz

Students from Rooms 9, 10 and 11

If you still require assistance

Deputy Principal:

Kate Linklater: katiel@stmarys.ac.nz

If you still require assistance

Principal:

Jacqui Luxton: jacquil@stmarys.ac.nz



August

Thursday 13th:

- Pita Pit go to lunchonline

Friday 14th:

- Contributing Chess Tournament
- Youth Group Ages 12 - 14 6 to 8pm St Anne's Church

Tuesday 18th:

- Gifted and Talented STEM
- First Reconciliation - Forgiveness 5.30 at St Mary's Church

Wednesday 19th:

- Year 7 & 8 Technology at Cullinane
- Kapahaka

Thursday 20th:

- Super 6 Football
- Pita Pit go to lunchonline

Friday 21st:

- Mass at Cullinane Rooms 4 & 5
- Gifted and Talented Art

Monday 24th:

- PTA Meeting 7pm

Tuesday 25th:

- Gifted and Talented STEM

Wednesday 26th:

- Year 7 & 8 Technology at Cullinane
- Kapahaka

Thursday 27th:

- Pita Pit go to lunchonline

Friday 28th:

- Vision and Hearing
- Daffodil Day Mufti Day
- Mass at Cullinane Rooms 6 & 7
- Gifted and Talented Art

September

Wednesday 2nd:

- Year 7 & 8 Technology at Cullinane
- Kapahaka

School Concert @ the Whanganui Opera House...
23rd of September

