Grandparents Day!

Grandparents are a family’s greatest treasure,
The founders of a loving legacy, the greatest storytellers,
The keepers of tradition that linger on in cherished memory.

Grandparents are the family’s strongest foundation.
Their very special love sets them apart.
Through happiness and sorrow,
Through their special love and caring,
Grandparents keep a family close at heart.

Important Dates

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Learning Conversations

Thank you to parents and students for your attendance at Learning Conversations earlier this week. Teachers appreciated the chance to touch base with you and share the children’s learning progress. Thank you also to teachers for your time which allow these meetings to take place.

A reminder that you are more than welcome to contact your child’s classroom teacher at any stage of the term to have a conversation regarding their school life. Please contact the teacher to make a time that is suitable to you both. I am also more than happy to catch up with you at any time for a chat if you would like to see me.

Prayers

There are a number of people in our school community who are unwell or recovering at the moment. We hope and pray that you are on the road to recovery and look forward to having you back amongst us.

From Lisa Gonnet
School Pastoral Care worker

Here we are back to school for term 3. Last term I spent much time in the classrooms getting to know your child/ren and the schools teachers, and of course giving them time to get to know me. I have met many parents but look forward to meeting those of you I have yet to meet.

Hopefully you will have received a brochure about this service by now so if you have any questions or want to stop for a chat, please call me on 0400 994 032 to make an appointment.

Whilst I am employed by Centacare Ballarat my role is to support you, your family and the school staff. All meetings are confidential and no child will be seen by me without your signed consent.

If you wish your child to meet with me you can complete a referral form or you can discuss with your child’s classroom teacher who will complete the referral. Next week all students will receive a general consent form which covers the general presence I have in the classrooms and playground. This is a requirement of the Chaplaincy Program guidelines and does not provide permission for me to work individually with your child.

Some of the concerns I will be able to assist with include: Grief and loss, family separation, bullying, conflict and friendships, resilience and coping with anxiety, self-esteem and social competence as well as parenting support.

If necessary I can provide information on and make referrals to other community agencies as are relevant.

I look forward to working in your child’s school and getting to know him/her/them and yourself.

Lisa Gonnet

THE WORD ON THE LEARNING STREET!

Grade Prep

Could the preps please bring an empty 600ml water bottle to school on Monday for an exciting science experiment!!

Wednesday activities!

Yesterday I went to the shop and we got lots of food.

Jack Mansbridge

Yesterday I put batteries in Bumble Bee so I could play with Bee and I played guitar.

Kaeden Murphy

Prep Karate belts:-
Gold - Emily Beattie
Red- Chase Turnbull
Blue: Jobe Dunn, Hamish Button, Sam Sharrock.
Green - Lily Raymond
Orange - Jack Mansbridge, Darcy Milne
Indigo - Imogen Fitzgerald, Taylor Jackson
Violet - Ruby Cleaver
Pink - Warrick Tonissen
Aqua - Austin Sobey, Kaeden Murphy
Purple - Ruby Fitzpatrick

Jay Casey was awarded a certificate for being more focused during writing and maths.

Grade 1/2

In science we have been learning about experiments. We put a mentos in a bottle of lemonade and it all squirted up out of the bottle. Mentos has sugar in it and it made the sugar in the lemonade erupt.

Zane Piper

Grade 3/4

This term the Australian ballet came to our school. I really enjoyed it because they made it interesting I learnt that dance can be a language.

Amy Shelly

Last week I went to HILAC for Hooptime. I had a really fantastic day because everyone had fun. My team won one game but we all played our best.

Noah Mulley

Grade 5/6

On Friday the 24th of July, a cartoonist named Matt Glover came to St Mary’s Primary School. He taught us to use framework and how we can use different eyes and mouths to make the characters have different emotions. He taught us how to draw cartoons on paper and then we had a go on the iPad, which was cool because there were lots of different features we could use to make our cartoons look better. It was lots of fun!-

Ayva Jones

If you know how to draw shapes, lines and dots, you know how to draw a cartoon! It’s just a matter on
how you arrange them. Matt Glover told us this and we were confused but once we started to draw it all made sense. I think drawing on the iPad is easier than on paper. –

Taelor Snell.

Matt Glover (the cartoonist) came to school on Friday. He taught us to draw cartoons on the iPads. He also said he used his iPad because it was quick to send to his clients. We got to draw on paper and the iPads. It was really fun. –

Oscar Mulley.

**Grade 5/6 Parents– Wednesday 5th August 6.00pm-6.30pm**

Come Meet & Greet Mr Ferguson and re-greet Miss Forrest & Miss Couchman too!

We invite all our Grade 5/6 parents to come and meet Mr Jamie Ferguson and make him feel welcome in our learning community! We also invite you to check out the developments to our learning space and experience our learning program through the superb guidance of your own children!

We will hold this fun session on Wednesday 5th August from 6.00pm-6.30pm. If you would like to arrange a learning conversation after this date, we are of course more than happy to meet with you.

Thank you again to our supportive community of parents for the support you continue to display. We cannot wait to have Mr Ferguson work with the amazing bunch of kids we have the pleasure of learning and teaching with this year!

**The Sport Catch Up**

**Hoop Time**

We had a fantastic start to the week with the Grade 5/6 HoopTime Day! The level of competition and skill in Hamilton always amazes me! Our two future star teams had mixed results throughout the day, but worked well together and displayed great spirit and sportsmanship. The St Mary’s Mustangs came 3rd in their pool and the St Mary’s Mavericks came 2nd in their pool. Many of the Future Stars non-basketball playing individuals reached personal milestones of taking a steal or dribbling the ball the length of the court, which is what HoopTime is all about!

Our boy All Star team were super competitive all day and ended up being the undefeated champions on the day! Well done boys, many spectators commented to me about how amazing you were to watch! Our girl All Star team made the Grand Final against Gray Street and went down by 2 points in a low scoring, toughly fought game.

As always we are very proud of all our HoopTimers for their terrifically positive attitude and determination on the day. Thank you to all the parents and families who offered their support on the day, especially Robbie Cook, Sophia Mason, Amanda Urquhart, Jo Bowie, Lila Mailes, Monique Sobey, Taryn Borgmeyer, Ted Perkins and Darren Fitzgerald. Thank you also to Jamie Ferguson for his co-ordination on the day.

We have 3 teams who have qualified for the next level of HoopTime being held on the 20th October (Grade 3/4) and the 10th November (Grade 5/6). More information will be sent out to the respective teams in the coming weeks.

Thank you to all the parents and carers who supported their children in many ways throughout our local HoopTime competition this year. It’s great to see St Mary’s being highly competitive and having another very successful HoopTime campaign.

**Aussie Footy**

Aussie Footy will be held in a Lightning Premiership format, over the one afternoon of Wednesday 12th August. It will be held at Pedrina Park, from 3:00pm to 4:50pm. There are six schools participating. This format should be very exciting! Grade 5/6s who expressed interest were given a note today.

**Golf**

The 2015 District Primary School Golf Tournament is being held on Thursday 13th August. The event is open to boys and girls in Grade 4-6. All interested children have received a note, please let me know if you wish for your child to attend.

**Equestrian**

The Warrnambool Inter-School Equestrian Championships are being hosted by the Warrnambool Pony Club on the 13th September. There will be Horse Trials for Grades 1-5 and Combined Training for Grade 5. If you are interested in participating please see me for more information.

**Cybersafety**

This week, our QR code will take you to the Cybersmart blog, where many different issues are raised and discussed. Check back regularly for new entries.

Not sure how to access information with a QR code? Search your app store for a QR code reader – a free one will do. If you still require help let us know (or ask your child!!!)
Parents and Friends

TRIVIA NIGHT

Friday 28th August @ 6.30pm
Come along for a fun, social night
Place your name on the list at the office if you would like to attend!

Canteen Roster Term 2

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Parish News

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Family dinners POSTPONED:-
Unfortunately due to Fr Paddy’s prior commitments the Grade 1 and Grade 5 family dinners will need to be rescheduled. Sorry for any inconvenience.

Dental information for your children:

STOP THE ROT

- Teeth should be cleaned twice daily
- Frequent snacking on sweet foods and drinks will make teeth more prone to tooth decay (rot)
- Wear a mouth guard if you are playing a contact sport
- Don’t wait for a problem with your teeth before having them checked
- Have a regular dental check up

All children from birth to the end of primary school are eligible for dental care at South West Healthcare. For those with a Health Care or Pension Card, it’s FREE! A Nominal fee is required for children without Health Care or Pension Cards. Secondary school aged children who have a Health Care or Pension Card are also eligible for dental care at South West Healthcare. Please phone to enquire about your Child’s eligibility on 555 18347 at South West Dental Services –2 Roberts Street, Hamilton.

YOUTH GROUP MEETING:

When: Sunday 9th August after Mass(11.30am).
     Where: Dunworth Centre.
     Lunch and beverages provided.
     Please bring along any ideas or suggestions as we will be discussing our upcoming event.
     RSVP to 0434 728 159.

Hope to see you there!
Regards, Charlotte