Dear Parents, Carers, Staff, Students and Friends,

There have been some amazing investigations happening around the school this week! With science discoveries and learning about explorers learning has been very busy.

Thanks to Kerry Stevens and her band of merry helpers – Library monitors and parent helpers – for providing us with a wonderful array of books at our annual Book Fair this week!

Thanks for a great week!
God bless you ☺
Jo-Anne

Monivae Production
Students in Grades 3 – 6 have been invited to attend a performance of the Monivae production of ‘Grease’ next Wednesday 26th August. Our information has it that the content should be suitable for this age group please let your child’s classroom teacher know if you wish your child not to attend. Best wishes to Monivae for their production!

“The more that you read, the more things you will know. The more that you learn, the more places you’ll go.”
Dr Seuss

IMPORTANT DATES
AUGUST
Book Fair continues next week!
Tues 25th  Gr Transition Night @ 7.00pm
Wed 26th  Monivae ‘Grease’ production Gr 3–6
           Expo Committee @ 6.00pm
Thurs 27th Prep class mass @ 10.00am
        History Box incursion – Gr 3/4
Fri 28th  Book Week Parade!
          First Communion workshop
          P&F Trivia Night!
Sun 30th  Sacrament of First Communion
          – St Mary’s Church @ 10.30am

SEPTEMBER
Wed 2nd  Gr 1/2 class mass @ 10.00am
         School Council @ 7.00pm
Fri 4th  Fathers’ Day Footy Lunch!
        Bake Day for Expo!
         PSG meetings
Tues 8th – Wed 9th  School Review
Thurs 10th Gr 3/4 class mass @ 10.00am
            Art Show Opening!
Prayers
We continue to remember and pray for many parents, students, staff and friends in our school community who are unwell or recovering from illness or surgery at the moment. We hope you are back on your feet and with us again soon.

Family Dinners
We are very appreciative of the families who take time out to enjoy the hospitality at the dinners run by the Parish. These are organised into year level groups and provide a great social evening for parents and children. Fr Paddy and other members of the Parish team are great hosts and warmly welcome all who attend. Keep an eye out for your invitation before your grade level dinner and be sure to RSVP to assist the caterers. This week’s dinner is for Grade 3 families tonight from 6.30 – 8.30pm at the Dunworth Centre.

Trivia Night!
The next social event organised by the Parents and Friends is quickly approaching. The Trivia Night on Friday 28th August will be a great opportunity for parents and staff to catch up and compare the amount of trivial facts they hold in their heads! Hope to see you there – don’t forget to reply so the evening can be organised effectively.

Reflecting and planning
Our staff have been busy this week participating in their annual review meetings which allows our team to reflect on this year and begin to plan exciting ways to improve our work into the future. This also comes at a time when we are preparing for our School Review with our external reviewer in a few weeks.

Camps, Sports & Excursions Fund (CSEF)
This program has been extended by the Government and the closing date is now Wednesday 16th September, 2015. Please contact the office for an application form or for further information.

BOOK WEEK 2015
(BOOK FAIR & BOOK WEEK PARADE)
‘Books Light Up Our World’
We have many of this year’s Shortlisted books already in our collection and they will soon be on display in our Library Resource Centre, now situated in the centre of our school.
This year’s winners will be announced this Saturday, 22nd August 2015, so be alert and be the first to find out which titles were successful.

BOOK WEEK PARADE
As mentioned in last week’s newsletter, in the past we have celebrated Book Week with a BOOK WEEK PARADE. This parade is usually centred around the theme of the year or characters from loved and well known books. This year will be no different.
This year’s theme is ‘Books Light Up Our World’ and all students are invited to dress-up and parade their costumes proudly on Friday, 28th August 2015 in our Learning Street at 1.00pm. This activity is NOT COMPULSORY and although the students are asked and encouraged to dress-up and portray their favourite book and/or book character, parents are not asked to go to a huge expense to accommodate their child(ren)’s request.
Everyone is welcome to the parade. It will be a wonderful conclusion to this year’s Book Week.

BOOK FAIR
Our Book Fair is well underway and has seen many adults and children alike visiting our Library Resource Centre this week. Many purchases have been made. We thank you for your support.
Our Book Fair continues next week and everyone is welcome to our Library Resource Centre to look at and explore the items on display and make purchases until next Thursday 27th August 2015 when it will close.

Purchasing times for our BOOK FAIR next week will be as follows:

Monday, 24th August 2015
Before school (8.30a.m. -9a.m.), Recess (11a.m.-11.30a.m.), Lunchtime (1.30p.m.-2.20p.m) and after school (3.15p.m. - 4.30p.m.)

Tuesday, 25th August 2015
Before school (8.30a.m. -9a.m.), Recess (11a.m.-11.30a.m.), Lunchtime (1.30p.m.-2.20p.m) and after school (3.15p.m. - 4.30p.m.)

Wednesday, 26th August 2015

UNFORTUNATELY, THERE WILL BE NO SALES ON WEDNESDAY, 26th AUGUST, 2015.

And the LAST DAY-Thursday 27th August 2015
Before school (8.30a.m. -9a.m.), Recess (11a.m.-11.30a.m.), Lunchtime (1.30p.m.-2.20p.m) and after school (3.15p.m. - 4.30p.m.)

• Please understand there is no pressure to purchase

The Word on the Learning Street!
Grade Preps - Interesting starts to writing!!
Early in the morning I go to Ava’s bedroom and steal Ava’s chewy.

Austin Sobey

Early in the morning I jump on mum and dad then I give my sister a cuddle. Then I have breakfast.

Hamish Button

Early in the morning I have a cuddle with my dad and mum.

Jobe Dunn
but a percentage of the sales go towards purchasing new resources for our school.

- And in addition, you may consider purchasing a book for us to send to children in need
- And keep in mind Christmas is fast approaching!
- Purchases can be made with cash; a cheque made out to ‘St. Mary’s Primary School’ or with credit card online (Please see Miss Kerry Stevens or Mrs. Helen O’Brien for details).

And REMEMBER

Thursday 27th August 2015, the last day for our Book Fair.
Friday, 28th August, 2015
Book Week Parade
in the Learning Street at 1.00p.m.

PASTORAL CARE

From Lisa Gonnet Pastoral Care Worker
Hello again. I hope you found last week’s website link was of some interest. Today I would just like to clarify my working days.
I have been very pleased to be receiving phone calls from some of you and I am aware that it may have been a couple of days before I reply, I apologise for that. I work Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays and always have my phone on and with me so I am able to return or answer calls in a timely manner. In contrast, on other days I usually have it turned off, however, I will endeavour to return your calls as soon as is possible. Thank you for your understanding.

Kind regards
Lisa Gonnet
0400994032

Parish News

Youth Group Picnic
Saturday 22nd August @ 11.30am
Hamilton Botanical Gardens
Lunch & beverages provided
Please bring dessert to share
Grade 5 to Year 12
RSVP Charlotte 0437 017 296

MASS TIMES - 2015

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Parents and Friends

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ST MARY’S PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Friday 28th August @ 6.30pm
Dunworth Centre
BYO drinks and nibbles

Only 2 weeks until the St Mary’s Trivia Night!
Please come along and support this event. It will be a fun and social night and an opportunity to mingle with other parents. Please return the slip below by next week to indicate your support.
Child minding is provided
$5/one child or $10/family

ST MARY’S P&F Trivia Night

Name _________________________
Number of adults attending ______
Team name if entering as part of a team ____________________________
Number of children attending _____
I have attached $___ for children.

Chooks in need!!
Would anyone have some wheat that they would like to donate to our chickens?? Any donations would be gratefully accepted.
Book club:
Please note the book club catalogues that have been sent home tonight need to be back no later than the 31st Aug. No late orders can be filled.

GRADE 6 TRANSITION EVENING

A FREE information night for parents and students who are making the transition from Grade 6 to Year 7

TUESDAY 25TH AUGUST 2015
FROM 7.00-8.30 PM
Chevalier Centre, Monivae College
(light supper provided)

RSVP to your Primary School by 21st August to reserve your spot
Proudly Sponsored by Glenelg & Southern Grampians LLEN and Brophy School Focused Youth Services

Hard at work in the Grade 1/2 learning area