

ST MARY'S PRIMARY SCHOOL



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Newsletter

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Dear Parents, Carers, Staff, Students and Friends,
We had the most wonderful day last Friday for Grandparent's Day! A huge thank you to those who contributed to the day – organising, catering, photographing, entertaining, cleaning up. This day is such a highlight on our calendar because it brings out the importance of family and community. Our students were very excited to welcome our many visitors and proudly show off our fantastic school. Father's Day is our next community celebration. Check out the information in this week's newsletter. Dads, Pops and special friends are asked to put Friday 30th August in their diary for our celebration of you! Yesterday we celebrated the feast day of Saint Mary of the Cross MacKillop, the namesake of our Parish. Ask your children about the strong connections Mary has to our town and the very special visitor we had here at school!

Thanks for a great week!

Have a restful weekend with the people you love,
Terrielynn

IMPORTANT DATES

July

Week 5

14th August – Learning Conversations

15th August – Feast of Assumption Mass - whole school @ St Mary's Church

16th August – Gr 3 Parish Dinner (note amended date)

Week 6

19th August – School Photos

19th August – Gr 5/6 Swimming starts

23rd August – Gr 4 Parish Dinner

Week 7

29th August – Oliver Performance @ Monivae, 11am, Gr 5/6

30th August – Footy Colours/Father's Day Lunch

1st September – First Communion

1st September – Father's Day

Advance Notice:

6th September – Gr 5/6 Parish Dinner

12th September – Art Show

Staff Professional Learning

16th August – Principal's Meeting, Hamilton - Terrielynn
22nd & 23rd August – RE Conference – John & Lindy

Child Safe Standards

The Child Safe Standards are compulsory minimum standards for all organisations that provide services to children including Victorian schools. The aim of the standards is to ensure organisations are well prepared to protect children from abuse and neglect. Each week we will take a look at a standard to further increase our understandings as a community.

STANDARD THREE - A code of conduct that establishes clear expectations for appropriate behaviour with children

Child Safe Standard 3 requires schools to develop a Child Safety Code of Conduct.

A Code of Conduct lists behaviours that are acceptable and those that are unacceptable. It identifies professional boundaries, ethical behaviour and how to avoid or better manage difficult situations. How does the St Mary's achieve this?

- Child Safety Code of Conduct

DOBCEL Meeting

Fr Paddy will be hosting a meeting here at school on **Wednesday 14th August at 5pm** (as part of our School Advisory Council meeting) to inform our community on a new approach to the governance of parish primary and secondary schools in the diocese. This new model sees the establishment of a company, Diocese of Ballarat Education Limited (DOBCEL). On this evening, Fr Paddy will outline what this will mean for our community. Please let the office know if you will be attending. All welcome!

Fundraising Meeting

At our last Fundraising Meeting, a number of decisions were made regarding St Mary's Christmas Parade. The following stalls/activities will be at the event –

- BBQ
- Cold drinks
- Ice-cream
- Coffee van
- Gourmet Gifts
- Gift Baskets
- Face Painting
- Santa Photos
- Letters to Santa



Shannon and Terrielynn will be contacting previous coordinators/helpers in the coming week to firm up some more details for the event.

Pop the date of our next meeting in your diary – TUESDAY 13th AUGUST @ 5.30pm. We'd love to see you there!

Link Up!

This term we have been able to help out several families who are experiencing the highs and lows of life. Thank you to those families who have popped some meals in our freezer, your kindness is greatly appreciated. We now need a top up! If you are able, food needs to be clearly labelled and dated in disposable containers. You can place it in the freezer in the Multi-Purpose Room yourself or leave it at the office.

For more information or to let us know of families who need assistance please call the office. Thanks so much!

After School Arrangements

The days are very busy here at school, particularly the last hour before the bell goes to end the day. We understand that in families plans change at the last minute, but where possible we ask if you could please make sure your children know the arrangements that are in place for their pick up. Some children do get quite worried when they do not know how they are getting home and last minute phone calls can just add to that. Thanks for your support with this!

Canteen Roster

Lunch orders are available every **Wednesday** as long as we have a volunteer. If you are interested in helping out, please let the school office know or put your name on the roster at the office. If we don't have a volunteer by the Friday before Canteen we will cancel Canteen for that day. ****Due to no parent helpers for Wednesday 14th August there will be no canteen for that day*****

14/08/2019 No Canteen

21/08/2019 Volunteer Needed

Learning Conversations -

The timetable with your child/children's Learning Conversation day and time was sent home last Friday. We very much look forward to meeting with you on **Wednesday 14th of August**.

St Mary's Art Show – 12th September

If you have a student Gr 3 – 6 who would like to play their instrument (background music) for our bi annual Art Show please contact Tara Stephens. Tara is at school on Tuesdays.

Absentee students

If your child is absent on a school day please remember to ring, email or SkoolBag the office to advise.

Assembly

Our next assembly will be Friday 16th August, 2019
in our Learning Street @ 2.40pm.

All welcome!

Parish News

MASS TIMES – 2019

Hamilton:	Saturday 6pm Sunday 10.30am
Dunkeld:	Sunday 8.30am
Glenthompson:	Sunday 8.30am
Penshurst:	Sunday 8.30am
Macarthur:	Sunday 8.30am

FOOTY COLOURS/FATHER'S DAY LUNCH!

FOOTY COLOURS DAY is Friday the 30th August and raises money for the cancer foundation.

It's only a month away so save up your money. Come dressed in your favourite footy, rugby or soccer team colours.

You have a chance to receive a prize by

- # colouring in
- # longest kick
- # handball

Dads/special person are also encouraged to do the longest kick and handball, as we have prizes for them too. Cost for longest kick and handball is 50 cents for each event.

We have also had vouchers and gifts donated by local businesses to be raffled. Raffle tickets will be organised shortly. Order forms for lunch were sent out on Tuesday so make sure you get them back in on time!

So get practicing, raid the piggy bank, ask parents for some 50 cent pieces and some money for all the raffle items.

Let's have heaps of fun on 30th of August with dads/special people, and raise some money for a worthy cause.

Hugh Fitzgerald and Alex Gunning, Gr 6

Pastoral Care

Hello, this week I continue with the 10 Hints for Creating Resilient Families. If you would like to have more information please visit www.resilientyouth.org.au or www.andrewfuller.com.au

6. It is clear who is in charge

Families do not work well as democracies. In fact they seem to work best as benevolent dictatorships in which the parent or parents consult a lot with their children but at the end of the day, the parent has the final say. Some parents fear that if they take charge that they will lose the friendship of their children, but often the reverse is true. In families where parents fail to take their own role seriously, children may feel that to express their independence they need to engage in risk taking behaviour and avoid responsibility.

Authoritative parenting allows children to feel safe, have clear boundaries and flourish.

7. Consistency

Consistency is the ideal. Having parents who agree on rules and standards and who convey the same sorts

of messages and who value compassion over coercion, clearly has the best outcome in terms of children's well-being. It is also important that parents not be open to manipulation and work together as a team. Life however is not always so simple and we all know from sad and sour experience that parents cannot always be consistent.

Sometimes parents have different value systems or can't come to a consistent way to handle particular areas. In these situations, a second possibility is to for one parent to take charge of a particular area. This is not the most desirable solution but it is better than having parents in conflict over management issues or worse, undermining one another. In single parent families or where parents are separated the same principle applies.

If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me.

Kind regards Lisa Gonnet
Schools Pastoral Care Worker, 0400994032

LIBRARY NEWS! EXCITING NEWS!



BOOK WEEK 2019 is on its way!

- commences on Saturday, 17th August, with the announcement of this year's Children's Book Council award winners and concludes on Friday 23rd August, 2019.
- This year's theme for Book Week is.....

Reading is my Secret Power

- For many years, we have run a Book Fair as part of our Book Week celebrations. And we hold this Book Fair the week prior to Book Week.

This means that this year's Book Fair will take place NEXT WEEK in our Library Resource Centre.

It will open on **Monday, 12th August 2019**
and conclude on **Friday, 16th August 2019**

Our Library Resource Centre is situated in the centre of our school and those attending our Book Fair will need to be mindful of the learning taking place around this space throughout the week.

Funds raised at this Book Fair enable us to purchase additional resources to add to our Library collection.

The books that will be on sale at this Book Fair are supplied by the company 'Scholastic', that supplies our Book club, throughout the year.

Please continue to read to see how our 2019 Book Fair will run this year.

The Book Fair will take place on the following days and times.

Throughout this week the students will have the opportunity to take part in several activities centred around this year's Book Week theme and the 2019 Shortlisted books, both during their library sessions and at lunchtimes, when our Library Resource Centre is open. These activities may continue into following week.

Monday, 12th August 2019 – Preview Day

- The Book Fair will be set up in the Library Resource Centre.
- Our Library Monitors will assist with the setting up of the Book Fair.
- Everyone is welcome to browse and preview the books on display **before school from 8.30a.m., during Recess, at Lunchtime and after school until 4p.m.**
- **No purchases will be made on this day.**
- The students may come home with a **wish list** in hand after their visit.
- **The students in Grade 5/6 C and P (11.30a.m. – 1.30p.m.) will be in our Library Resource Centre on this day for their weekly Library lesson at the times listed above. Please respect this learning time and refrain from visiting our Library Resource Centre at this time.**

Tuesday, 13th August 2019 – Browsing Day

- On this day everyone is welcome to enter our Library Resource Centre and to look at and explore the items on display.
- However, please note, again **no purchases will be made on this day.**
- Everyone - students, their teachers and all other interested people are invited and welcome to visit the Book Fair all day **today, before school from 8.30a.m., during Recess, at Lunchtime and after school until 3.30p.m. on this day.**
- The students may come home with a **wish list** in hand after their visit.
- **The students in Grade Prep. (12.30p.m.-1.30p.m.) and Grade 1/2S (2.20p.m.-3.15p.m.) will be in our Library Resource Centre on this day for their weekly Library lesson at the times listed above. Please respect this learning time and refrain from visiting our Library Resource Centre at this time.**

Wednesday, 14th August 2019 – Browsing Day

- On this day everyone is welcome to enter our Library Resource Centre and to look at and explore the items on display.
- However, please note, again **no purchases will be made on this day.**
- **The students in Grade 3/4HW and S (11.30a.m.-1.30p.m.) and Grade 1/2W (2.20p.m.-3.15p.m.) will be**

in our Library Resource Centre on this day for their weekly Library lesson at the times listed above. Please respect this learning time and refrain from visiting our Library Resource Centre at this time.

- Everyone - all students, their teachers and all other interested people are invited and welcome to visit the Book Fair **before school from 8.30a.m., during Recess, at Lunchtime and after school until our Learning Conversations conclude on this day.**
- The students may come home with a **wish list** in hand after their visit.

Thursday, 15th August 2019 – Browsing Day

- On this day everyone is welcome to enter our Library Resource Centre and to look at and explore the items on display.
- However, please note, again **no purchases will be made on this day.**
- **Please note that our school community will come together at St Mary's Church to celebrate the Feast of the Assumption of Mary at 10a.m. and therefore the Book Fair will be closed at this time.**
- **The students in Grade 1/2CS (11.30a.m.-12.30p.m.) will be in our Library Resource Centre on this day for their weekly Library lessons at the times listed above. Please respect this learning time.**
- Everyone - all students, their teachers and all other interested people are invited and welcome to visit the Book Fair **before school from 8.30 a.m., during Recess and at Lunchtime and after school until 3.30p.m. on this day.**
- The students may come home with a **wish list** in hand after their visit.

Friday, 16th August 2019 – SALES DAY!!!!

This will be the day purchases can be made.

- **Books can be purchased on this day (Friday) from 8.30a.m. until 4p.m.**
- Where possible our Library Monitors and some adult volunteers will assist the Teacher/Librarian with the sales on this day. **Your patience will be appreciated.**
- Our Library Monitors will help pack up the Book Fair.

Additional information.

• *REMEMBER to check our school newsletter as other important events are also taking place during this week.*

• *Please understand there is no pressure to purchase but a percentage of the sales go towards purchasing new resources for our school.*

• *Attached to this newsletter is a flyer, illustrating some of the items that will be on offer at the Book Fair, from which you can purchase items, should you like to purchase and are unable to attend the Book Fair in person.*

• *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!*

• *If you have any questions regarding our Book Fair, please contact Miss Kerry Stevens*