

St Mary's Primary School

Week 3 Term 2: Issue 7

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Our Mission:

At St. Mary's School Maffra, we are a Catholic School that strives to be authentic to the teachings of Jesus and the teachings of the Church. We aim to be an inclusive and nurturing community that respects, values and empowers each person to fulfil their dreams and potential. We envisage a School that provides challenging, relevant and child-centred learning experiences. We believe that the social, emotional, moral, spiritual and physical wellbeing of our students is pivotal to student health, safety, learning and success.

2019

Term Two

Week 3

Sunday 12th May

- **Sacrament of Confirmation Commitment Mass @9am**

Week 4

Monday 13th May

- **HDSSA Cross Country**

Tuesday 14th May

- **NAPLAN commences**

Thursday 16th May

- **Grade 5/6 Camp**
- **Parent Information Session @5pm**

Friday 17th May

- **P & F Coffee Chat and Uniform Shop Opened 8.45am in Parish Hall**

Week 5

Monday 20th May

- **Wellington Zone Cross Country**

Tuesday 21st May

- **School Closure Day**
- **PD Day for Staff**

Thursday 23rd May

- **Foundation, Grade 1/2 Excursion to Melbourne Zoo**

Friday 24th May

- **NAPLAN finishes**
- **Whole School Mass@10am**

Week 6

Tuesday 28th May

- **St Mary's Open Day 9am to 11am**

Thursday 30th May

- **Sacrament of Confirmation Parent/Child Meeting @7pm**

Friday 31st May

- **Peace Mass @Bishop Phelan Stadium**

Dear Parents

What a great day we had last Friday at Cross Country. The Colour Fun Run Day was something different where we ran for a great cause and had the obstacles of dodging the colour spray. With a new venue, pleasing weather and a fantastic turnout from families the positive comments were appreciated. As a school community we will continue to provide activities that suit all children whereby we can support various organisations and have a high involvement from as many people as possible. Thank you to Serrin Stobie, Dianne Austin and the many parent marshalls on the day together with all of our staff.

We have had our friend Archie Schacht return to school recently after a long period away. Through all of his treatment it is wonderful to see him smiling and enjoying catching up with his friends. Archie, you may not know this, but you are an inspiration to all of us with your bravery and positive outlook! Great to have you back mate!

Some of our students are preparing for the Sacrament of Confirmation at the present time within the St Mary's Parish. Confirmation requires a commitment from the students to take responsibility of renewing the Baptismal Vows parents made usually at the babies baptism. At Confirmation, the Holy Spirit gives candidates an increased ability to practice their Catholic faith and to witness Christ in every situation. By attending a Catholic school the parish and school work together so that all members of the school and parish community can form a closer bond with Jesus Christ and the Catholic Church. We pray for our candidates and indeed all families at this school who support the Catholic Ethos.

Next Thursday, 16th May the Grade 5/6 teachers are inviting parents to the Senior Camp Parents Information session. This will be at 5pm for all families who have children attending the Melbourne Camp commencing on Wednesday, 19th June. Parents will be able to view a PowerPoint display and ask questions to teachers. The care and safety of all children who attend camps at St Mary's is ensured through a long process of checking venues and the people who assist the children in making this a positive experience.

The topic of homework always creates debate for those involved in education and families who support children whilst at school. The *Australian Teacher Magazine* this month had an article that grabbed my attention with its title- *Homework and its many pitfalls- I have included the article in the newsletter but the main point I thought about was the homework being set is not supported and reinforcing the content delivered during the school day. For homework to be meaningful the student requires feedback and focused on improving the skills taught during the school day. Please have a look at the article and I am happy for feedback to be given by parents on your opinions or questions on this topic.*

I wish all mothers a restful weekend and a day of spoiling on Sunday .

Jason



School Closure Day - Tuesday 21st May

St Mary's Cross Country:

Congratulations to all the students who participated in our school cross country event on Friday. The final results were:

3rd place Curran
2nd place Corbett
1st place MacKillop

We have a team of 36 students who will be attending the HDSSA cross country event which will take place this Monday 17th May at the Heyfield Wetlands. A note was sent home on Tuesday. Good luck to those students competing.



Mother's Day Stall:

Thank you to Kim Parer, Carly Bagguley, Michelle Boulton and our school leaders, for helping at the Mother's Day Stall. Your help was greatly appreciated.

School Fees 2019

Our School Fees for the 2019 School Year are as follows:

School Fees: \$1260 per family
Capital Fee \$220 per family
Excursion Levy \$50 per child Foundation to Year 2 only
Curriculum Levy \$160 Foundation, \$140 Year 1 & \$130 Years 2 to 6
Activity/Incursion Levy \$20 per child
Swimming Levy \$50 per child
ICT Levy \$30 per child
Camp Levy Year 4 \$150.00
Camp Levy Years 5 & 6 \$350.00

- **All Fees, Levies and Camp Charges for 2019 have been charged to you Fee Accounts.**
- **The Drought Assistance money has been applied to your Fee Accounts as per instructions, firstly to any camps, excursions and levies. If there was still any credit left to be applied, these were then credited to your school fees.**
- **A detailed fee statement is available from the School Office if required.**
- **If applicable, CSEF Credits have been applied to Fee account.**

Invoices are for the full year's fees.

The option to pay in three instalments still applies.

Due dates for payments are:

1st Instalment by 31st May 2019,
2nd Instalment by 9th August 2019,
3rd Instalment by 25th October 2019

We accept weekly, fortnightly, monthly payments by direct deposit. If paying by cash please have the correct money. If paying by direct deposit, please refer to our bank account details on your invoice and include your reference number. School fee invoices will be mailed to all families in the coming weeks. If you have any concerns regarding school fees please contact the Office.

School Photos:

Those that have registered would have received an email with all the information you need to view and order your photos.



There is an instructional video on the main ordering page if any families need some further assistance with the new ordering process. The link is: <https://youtu.be/bNqN-A5Fafg>

If you have not previously registered, you can go to www.order.arphotos.com.au and use the individual code distributed on photo day to complete your order.

If you have lost the code, you can contact ARP directly on (03) 5243 4390 and the customer service team will be able to assist.

There is a 10 day initial ordering period for free delivery back to the school. After this time, there will be a \$9.95 postage and handling fee on all orders, which will be sent home to a nominated address.



NAPLAN Dates:

NAPLAN tests will be conducted from 14th to 24th May this year. Students in Years 3 and 5 will undertake these as online tests this year. We would appreciate it if you could avoid taking family holidays during this period. Please notify your child's classroom teacher if you will be away during these days.

Country Buses:

Please note that we have been informed by Southern Rural Water of major works being done around the Tinamba - Mewburn Park areas. Most work will be away from roads but just letting you know to make any families aware and to be extremely careful and it may be a little slower trip etc. These works will be going until August.

Bus Passes:

Please note that bus passes **cannot be issued** for children who aren't currently bus travellers.

Gumnuts:

Hello everyone! Welcome back to term 2!

This term at Gumnuts, one of our major focuses is on how we can further improve our environmentally friendly practices, so we thought we'd turn Gumnuts into a low key greenhouse using milk cartons. We are also working on a new project of collecting plastic bottle lids for a company called 'Envision Hands' which turns plastic bottle caps into prosthetic limbs for children in need. We welcome any and all donations of milk bottle lids, soft drink lids and water bottle lids as they incorporate number 2 and 4 recycle numbers. Please feel free to drop any of the above mentioned bottle lids off to Gumnuts if you would like to help us make a difference to other children's lives.

If you are wanting to enrol your child into Maffra Gumnuts, please follow the link below

- Step 1 **https://www.smartcentral.net/v2/service_profile/show/371**
- Step 2 click 'apply now' on either one of before or after school care
- Step 3 click 'sign up a new account'
- Step 4 follow prompts

Uniforms:

This term we change over to Winter Uniform. We ask that parents support us in ensuring their children are wearing the correct school uniform. **This means boys are also expected to wear trousers.**

We also encourage you to impress upon your children the importance of caring for their clothing, particularly as winter approaches.

St Mary's winter uniform is as follows:

Girls:

Navy & grey tartan tunic
Navy gabardine slacks as an optional extra
Navy woollen jumper with school emblem
Pale blue skivvy or blue shirt
Grey socks or tights
Black leather shoes

Boys:

Grey school trousers (not jeans)
Pale blue skivvy or blue shirt
Grey socks
Navy woollen jumper with school emblem
Black leather shoes

Optional Uniform Extras: If your children wish to wear a scarf, gloves or jacket on the colder days they must be Navy Blue.

Woolworths Earn and Learn:

Between 1 May and 25 June 2019, collect as many stickers as you can. Stick them on the sticker sheets and return them to collection box in school foyer or drop them in our collection box at Woolworths Maffra.

Don't forget, you can always download and print extra sticker sheets at woolworths.com.au/earnandlearn

Thank you for your support.



Parish News:



WEEKEND MASSES:

MAFFRA: Sunday 9.00am

HEYFIELD: Saturday 6.00pm

COWWARR: 1st & 3rd Sunday 11.00am

NEWRY: 2nd & 4th Sunday 11.00am

DARGO: 5th

RECONCILIATION:

Maffra: Saturday – For Half Hour after 9.30am
Mass

(And any other time by request).

Heyfield: 5.20pm-5.45pm prior to Saturday
evening Mass

Peace Mass ~ Friday, 31st May

Each year During Catholic Education Week, the Catholic schools in the Wellington shire come together to celebrate the Peace Mass. This year, all of the Catholic schools in the shire are working together to assist the St Vincent de Paul's Gippsland Farmer Relief program. We are seeking donations of non-perishable items which will support the families in our local area who are experiencing hardship. Donated items can include rice, pasta, canned goods, cereals, long life milk, etc.

Please check the use by date on all items. All donations can be placed in baskets located in each classroom by Thursday, 30th May.

I thank you in advance for your generosity with this initiative.



***Our Lady, Help of Christians
Whole School Mass
Friday, 24th May @ 10am
All parents and friends welcome***



Awards:

Congratulations to the following children who received awards at assembly:

	Class Award
Foundation	Stella Donald
1/2C	Matilda Olsen
3/4D	Blayr Murphy Jack Garoni Ishnoor Kaur Charlotte Sage
3/4E	Stephanie Hart Sam Jones
5/6F	Carter Thompson Marcus Proud
5/6G	Michael Schoenmaekers Tyson House
Positive Behaviour	Thomas Phillips Billy Donahoe
Tidiest Lockers	3/4 E - Week 2 Foundation—Prep



HAPPY BIRTHDAY



April

23rd Asher Higgins 5/6G
Jy Higgins 5/6F

26th Mitchell Watson PREP

30th Marcus Proud 5/6F

Congratulations

Class -----

You have all contributed to the tidiest hallway locker space this week.

Fabulous Teamwork.



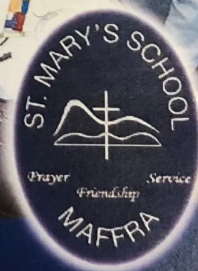
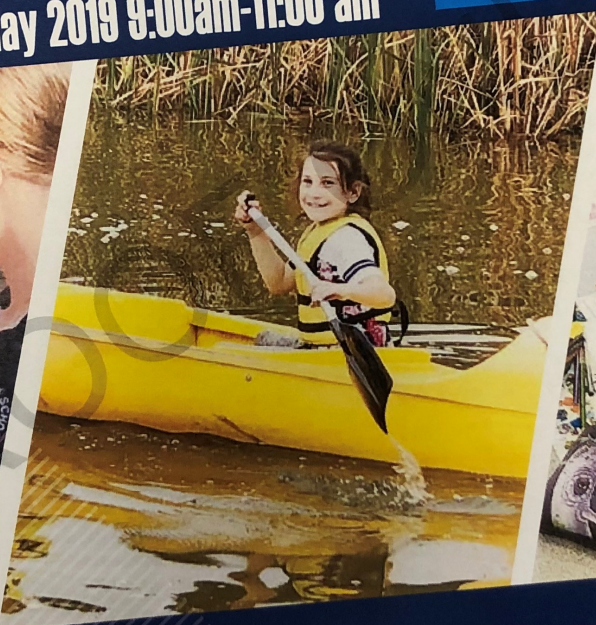
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Open Day

Open day: Tuesday 28th May 2019 9:00am-11:00 am

"Listen to what the Spirit is saying"- REV 2:7 through Prayer, Friendship and Service.



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