

St Mary's Primary School

Week 3 Term 3: Issue 12
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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 Three

Week 3

Sunday 4th August

**- Commitment Mass for
Sacrament of First Eucharist
@9am**

Monday 5th August

**- School Tour Day
9:30am to 11am**

Tuesday 6th August

**- School Tour Day
9:30am to 11am**

Week 4

Thursday 8th August

- School Mass @9.30am

Friday 9th August

- 3/4 Hooptime

Sunday 11th August

**- Commitment Mass for
Sacrament of First Eucharist
@9am**

Week 5

Tuesday 13th August

- SSV Basketball

Wednesday 14th August

**MEWBURN PARK AND
RIVERSLEA ONLY
COUNTRY BUSES
RUNNING**

Thursday 15th August

- School Mass @2pm

Dear Parents

I hope your children have settled into Term Three while I was away. I was fortunate to caravan around far north Queensland with my family and it was a great chance like any family to spend time together. I thank the teachers and in particular Anne-Marie Robb for leading in my absence.

During the past two weeks we have been saddened by the passing of a number of people in Maffra and Sale. This includes relatives and friends of many of our families in our community. St Mary's sends love and condolences at this time and our support is available for those in need. May our loved ones and friends Rest in Peace.

Next Monday, 5th August and Tuesday, 6th August we invite prospective 2020 Foundation students for a school tour at St Mary's. Our local kinders have been given information flyers about the morning sessions between 9.30am and 11.00am. Please let families know of the available times if you are in contact with them. Enrolment information and bookings can be made as well as viewing some of our drawings from our building refurbishment which will commence later this year.

Next Thursday, 8th August at 9.30am we will be celebrating the Feast of St Mary of the Cross MacKillop. Mary was the first Australian to be recognised in the Catholic Church as one of its saints. In June 1995 Mary was beatified by Pope John Paul II. In February 2010, after evaluating the testimony of an Australian woman who claimed that her terminal cancer had disappeared after Mary was called upon to pray, Pope Benedict XVI recognised MacKillop as a saint. She was canonized that October. Today, many of our children choose the name Mary when preparing for the sacrament of Confirmation.

The August edition of the Australian Teacher Magazine always has articles that are useful and informing for educators. This month, however, made me reflect on the pressures faced in society by our children. The first ten pages focused on the absence of leadership from our government to review NAPLAN, banning mobile phones in all government schools, safety and the hard road ahead with cyber bullying, children finding it difficult to be included in school based activities, and the increased use of banned substances by students at secondary school. It was only until page 13 where a study on neuroeducation (having a better understanding of brain mechanics and how it impacts on learning) where funding is now available for leaders in education to see how this can be incorporated to assist children in the classroom. In my opinion we need to look at the engaging and excellent work displayed by our students and how they will be a positive influence on society. Every school has incredible students who try hard and work to their full potential. We need to take time to celebrate success as well as seeing how we can improve.

I hope you all have a fantastic weekend.

Jason

Positive Parenting Seminar:

Come to a free positive parenting seminar on Monday 19th August at St Mary's School Maffra from 6:00 pm to 7:30 pm. These seminars are part of the Victorian Government's Supporting Families of the Latrobe Valley initiative. Don't miss out - book your free seat now at www.triplep-parenting.net.au/latrobevalley/

P & F Fundraiser - Brian Nankervis takes on Maffra

Tuesday August 27th

Doors open at 6pm, show starts at 7pm.

Get ready for a hilarious show, hosted by SBS RockWiz'

Brian Nankervis. He will keep you entertained with side-splitting tales, interactions with the audience, and loads of entertaining antics!

Brian's show will be followed by some fun games, raffles, and an art auction.

Grazing platters are available for pre-purchase, as well as soup and bread available on the night.

Tickets are \$25 pp with tables limited to 10 people.

Grazing platters are \$20.

This is a night you will NOT want to miss!!



Book through this link:

<https://www.trybooking.com/BDRDQ>

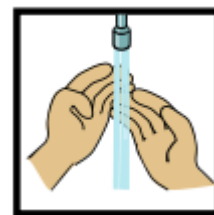
Health Update:

Please update yourselves on the following information.

Gastroenteritis (not rotavirus) Information

Viral gastroenteritis (not rotavirus) is not notifiable, but cases should be excluded from schools or childcare centres until 48 hours after symptoms have stopped.

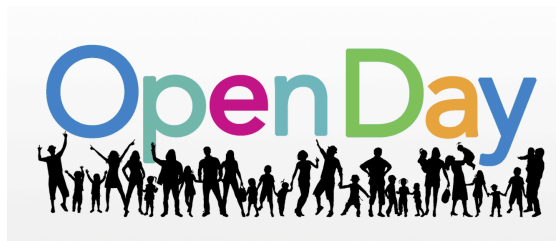
Prevention depends on good food and personal hygiene, particularly hand washing.



Open Days for Prep 2020:

On Monday 5th August and Tuesday 6th August we will be having school tours from 9:30am to 11am for prospective preps for 2020.

Enrolment forms will be available on the day.



Country Bus Update:

Please be advised that Wednesday 14th August is a pupil free day at Maffra Secondary College.

The following buses will only be running on this day, Mewburn Park and Riverslea.

SSV Basketball:

Congratulations to Chloe Rees who has been selected to represent State Schools Victoria in Basketball in August.

We wish Chloe all the best!



School Fees:

Due date for next payment is: 2nd Instalment by 09th August 2019

1st Instalment was due on 31st May 2019 - if you have outstanding fees from this instalment please pay as soon as possible.

Thankyou to those families who have been prompt with their School Fee payments so far.



Feast of St Mary of the Cross MacKillop ~ 8th August Australia's First Saint



What kind of a person do you think wore these shoes? What kind of work do you think they did? Are these the kind of shoes that belonged to someone who sat in an armchair all day?

These shoes belonged to a person of action, a person who did things, a person who worked.



That's the kind of person that Mary MacKillop was – a person of action, a person filled with the Spirit and guided by the Spirit. Mary didn't sit around waiting for God to do things, or waiting for others to do things, or waiting until she felt like it. She was open to the action of the Spirit in her life and wanted to work for God and to help people in need. Mary had great faith and trust in God and knew that God would help her in her work. She was a person of Spirit.

When we look at the life of Jesus, we can see that he travelled around the country, went out to meet people and did what he could to help them. His shoes would have been very worn out!

Jesus was also a person of Spirit.

God calls us to be people of the Spirit too. Through the life of Jesus, we can learn how to be open to the action of the Spirit in our lives. If we are Jesus' followers, we can't sit at home and do nothing for others. We need to look to see what we can do to be people of action, people of compassion, and people of justice.

Are your shoes worn out from helping others?

School Masses

**8th August ~ Feast of St Mary of the
Cross MacKillop @9:30am**

**15th August ~ Feast of the Assumption of
the Blessed Virgin Mary @ 2pm**



First Eucharist Commitment Masses

Sunday, 4th August or Sunday, 11th August @ 9am

All First Eucharist candidates must attend one of these Masses.



Confirmation

Congratulations to all of the children who received the Sacrament of Confirmation on Sunday 21st July 2019.



Sonny Batalha, Jack Coleman, Kate Coleman, Bella Daly, Luke Dwyer, Lily Evans, Jacob Hanratty, Lachlan Harrington, Jack McQuillen, Lilly McQuillen, Jack Nowak, Ella Osborn, Paz Parer, Thomas Phillips, Michael Schoenmaekers, and Carter Thompson

WEEKDAY MASSES

HEYFIELD

Tuesday: 9.30am

MAFFRA

Wednesday: During Winter
12.00pm
Thursday: 9.30am
Friday: 10.00am
2nd Friday Stretton Park
10.00am
Saturday: 9.30am

PARISHES IN PARTNERSHIP
St. Mary's Maffra
[Newry & Dargo]
St. Michael's Heyfield-Cowwarr



WEEKEND MASSES: Heyfield

Saturday Vigil: 6.00pm
1st & 3rd Sunday Cowwarr: 11.00am

WEEKEND MASSES: Maffra

Sunday: 9.00am
2nd & 4th Sunday - Newry: 11.00am
5th Sunday - Dargo: 12.00pm

RECONCILIATION:

MAFFRA

Saturday: After Mass 10.00am

HEYFIELD

Saturday: Before Mass
5.20pm

OR any other time by request

Awards:

Congratulations to the following children who received awards at assembly:

	Class Award
Foundation	Lockie Gallatly
1/2C	Matilda Olsen Sophie McQuillen
3/4D	Jack Pownall-Lee
3/4E	Ashlyn Harrington Olivia Hunt
5/6F	Ella Hibbins Jacob Munro
5/6G	Chloe Rees Breanna Phelan
Positive Behaviour	Lucas Felmingham Sam Gately
Tidiest Lockers	1/2C 1/2C



HAPPY BIRTHDAY



July

26th Sophia Austin-Bainbridge 5/6F

28th Amber Bates 3/4D

August

1st Frances Dwyer 5/6F
Ada Phillips 1/2C

2nd Bella Forsyth 5/6G

4th Dustin Daly 3/4E

**We are stars,
watch us shine!**

Community News:

FREE PARENTING SEMINAR



Take the guesswork out of parenting!

Triple P's Power of Positive Parenting seminar can help you understand why children act the way they do, and how your reactions and words can make a big difference. This life-changing 90 minutes is free for parents and carers of children under 12 (with a focus on children aged 2-5) in Latrobe City and the Shire of Wellington. Come and discover strategies to positively manage parenting challenges!

Triple P's Power of Positive Parenting seminar can help you:

- Raise happy, confident children
- Encourage positive behaviour
- Set routines that everyone follows
- Balance work and family life

Register for your FREE parenting seminar:

The Power of Positive Parenting

Monday 19 August

6:00pm - 7:30pm

St Mary's Primary School, 4 - 12 Duke Street, Maffra

This free seminar is part of the Victorian Government's Supporting Families of the Latrobe Valley Initiative.

Secure your free place now!

www.triplep-parenting.net.au/latrobevalley



Steven Bradbury
Winter Olympic Gold Medallist

Holly Whitford
Collingwood FC

Jonathon Kendall
Media Personality

Live Music



Inspire!

Salé College working together with the community.

Friday 6th September

7:00pm - 9:00pm

www.thewedge.com.au

Box office: 03 5143 3200



