



St Mary's Primary School

Week 5 Term 3: Issue 13

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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 6

Monday 19th August

- St Mary's Athletic Carnival
@Dawson St Sale

Wednesday 21st August

- Year 6 Testing at Catholic
College Sale @9am

Week 7

Monday 26th August

- Fathers Day Stall

Tuesday 27th August

- Dress up Parade

- Raymond J Bartholomeuz
Incursion - Whole School

- P & F Fundraiser
Brian Nankervis takes on
Maffra
6pm at Maffra Memorial Hall

Wednesday 28th August

- HDSSA Athletics

Thursday 29th August

- Parent/Child Workshop for
Sacrament of First Eucharist
@6pm

Friday 30th August

- Father's Day Mass for Prep,
Grade 1 & 2 @10am

Week 8

Monday 2nd September

- Parent Information Session
@9am

Dear Parents

Yesterday we celebrated the Feast of The Assumption of Mary. The Assumption signals the end of Mary's earthly life and marks her return to heaven to be reunited with Jesus. While the bodies of both Jesus and Mary are now in heaven, there is a difference between the Assumption and the Resurrection. Where Jesus arose from the tomb and ascended into heaven by his own power, Mary's body was taken up to heaven by the power of her Son. For this reason we use different words to describe each event. One is the Ascension of Christ and the other, the Assumption of Mary.



The complexity of these stories is hard for adults, so the challenge for children is even greater. We encourage them to ask questions and you can see the enjoyment they have in learning about the history of the Catholic faith.

As you are all aware Brain Nankervis (from the hit SBS Television RockWiz) will be working with the children for Book Week celebrations this year. This will be on Tuesday, 27th August. Later that evening Brian will lead a night of laughs with parents and friends. Included in the night are some great stories from Brian as well as interactive games and raffles. Please support this event it won't be a late night and a small cost of only \$25. Please refer to the information flyer that was sent home last week or contact the office for updated information. This event is supported by the Parents and Friends who are working with staff and have assisted in organising grazing platters for pre order as well as soup that is available on the night.

Child Safety is the most important area for those staff who are involved with children in learning. This is evident with the Victorian Child Safe Standards and Ministerial Order 870. In saying this we value and welcome parents to give their time and help out at school. The only requirement we have is a current Working With Children Check. In order to support the school we will be holding an Information Session for parents running for approximately 30 minutes on Monday, 2nd September. This will include a briefing on the Ministerial Order, how this applies to all schools' and how adults in our community can work together in our school community to ensure the ongoing safety of all children in our care.

You may have noticed in the hallway information and plans regarding our pending building refurbishment. This is now in the final stages of approval from the Catholic Education Office and we are hoping to have a question and answer opportunity for parents later next term. I will keep you all informed of developments.

Currently we have many of our children who ride or walk to school. This is fantastic to start the day with some exercise- Well Done! In order to ensure the safety of the boys and girls I ask parents to have regular conversations about road safety and crossing after looking 'left and right'. The school has received some feedback from motorists that when in bigger groups our students can sometimes forget road rules and remaining safe around the town. Your support with this would be much appreciated.

I hope you have a great weekend.

Jason

Positive Parenting Seminar: (Please note change of date)

Come to a free positive parenting seminar on Thursday 5th September 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>

School Athletics:

St. Mary's Athletic Sports will be held on Monday 19th August 2019 at the Sale and District Little Athletics Centre, Dawson St Sale. Please note the following times for the Prep—Year 2 and the Year 3—6 starting times: **The Athletics events will begin at 9.15am for Years 3-6 and 11am for Prep- Year 2.**

The Year 3-6 will leave school just before 9am and the Prep-Year 2 will leave school at 10.30am. The day will conclude around 2.30pm, for all students, with the presentation of team shields.

Please ensure children have their lunch, drinks, sports uniform, (house coloured t-shirt optional) school hat and asthma medication where required.

Book Week Celebrations:

We are very excited to announce Book Week celebrations for 2019.

Brian Nankervis, aka "Raymond J Bartholomeuz" will be visiting our school to entertain the students with stories and poetry on the dress up day **Tuesday 27th August 2019.**

- Parade on the basketball court at 9:00 am- students dressed as their favourite book character.
- Literacy focus activities around short-listed books and all literature during the day.
- Brian to present to the children during the day.

Father's Day Stall:

Our P & F will be running a very special Father's Day Stall on Monday 26th August. Each class will be given the opportunity to visit the stall throughout the day to purchase a gift for \$5.00. We hope that this little shopping experience creates a wonderful surprise for our Fathers/Special Friend on Father's Day.



School Fees:

Due date for next payment was: 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.

Hooptime:

Congratulations to our Grade 3, Grade 4, Grade 5 and 6 students who have represented our School at Hooptime on Friday 2nd and Friday 9th August. All our teams represented our School proudly. Well done to our 5/6 boys team who now move on to the next round of Hooptime. Thank you to our staff and parent helpers.



Yarram Eisteddfod

Congratulations to two of our students, Frances Dwyer and Mia Humphris who completed at the Yarram Eisteddfod. Well done to both !!

Frances Dwyer

1st in Vocal Duo
2nd in Piano
HM in Solo

Mia Humphris

Equal 1st in Piano
Equal 2nd in Piano
3rd in Piano
Most Promising Pianist



Awards:

Congratulations to the following children who received awards at assembly:

	Class Award
Foundation	Anastasia Dwyer
1/2C	Mackayla Hickling
3/4D	Fiona Davis Roman Deliopoulos
3/4E	Lewis Phillips Caleb Munroe
5/6F	Jaylen Henry Ashley Davis
5/6G	Lucas Felmingham Tyce House
Positive Behaviour	Michael Schoenmaekers
Tidiest Lockers	3/4D for Week 3 5/6 for Week 4



HAPPY BIRTHDAY

**August**

5th	Paz Parer 5/6F Archer Stobie 5/6F Caitlyn Dingwall 1/2C
6th	Amber Smyth Prep
9th	Kate Coleman 5/6G
10th	Caleb Munroe 3/4E
11th	Tawny Burns 3/4D
12th	Max Robert Prep
13th	Fiona Davis 3/4D
14th	Lilly McQuillen 5/6G

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

**RECONCILIATION:****MAFFRA**

Saturday: After Mass 10.00am

HEYFIELD

Saturday: Before Mass
5.20pm

OR any other time by request

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

Father's Day School Mass

Friday 30th August @10am

For Foundation and Grade 1/2C

All Parents Welcome

