

St Mary's Primary School

Week 9 Term 3: Issue 15

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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 10

Friday 20th September

**NO COUNTRY BUSES
RUNNING**

- Last Day of Term 3
2.20pm

Term Four

Week 1

Monday 7th October

- School Closure Day

Tuesday 8th October

- Students Return for
Term 4
- Preps begin swimming
lessons

Week 2

Tuesday 15th October

- Region Athletics Carnival

Week 3

Friday 25th October

- Grade 3/4 Excursion to
Maffra Show

Week 4

Monday 28th October

- State Athletics Carnival

Thursday 31st October

- Grade 5 Taster Day
@Catholic College Day

Dear Parents

Last weekend was a special time for thirteen of our children who celebrated the important sacrament of First Eucharist. They have prepared themselves so diligently and I am sure each family is proud of them. Father Siju spoke so well to the children as he remembered when he received the sacrament and how this allowed him to develop his relationship with God. Thank you to the teachers and Di Austin who coordinated the sacrament with families.

Currently our staff have been part of a major shift within our Diocese who has supported all staff with professional development about expert teacher practice. This includes delivering high quality point of need teaching and activities to support students' learning. The Learning and Teaching Cycle has become instrumental in teacher reflection and planning to facilitate high quality learning programs. Our Curriculum Coordinator, Anne- Marie Robb has given us many points of reference when planning for the children. Next term staff will continue to look at some of the following statements :

- What is the learner ready to learn and what evidence supports this?
- What are the possible evidence- based interventions? (How will students get there?)
- What is the preferred intervention and how will it be resourced and implemented? (How will we know when our students get there?)
- What is the expected impact on learning and how will this be evaluated? (Where are our students now?)
- What happened after the implementation of the intervention and how can this be interpreted ? (Reporting!)

The upcoming building refurbishment will support our teachers to work collaboratively and maximise the use of learning spaces so that our high priority of point of need teaching can be more evident. This will be similar to how the Grade 5/6 Unit is working presently. We have a lot to look forward to in the coming months.

Yesterday was Australian RU OK? Day. I spent some time looking on the website for some of the resources that are explained for primary children. The focus for children includes peer-to-peer support and how to create a world where we all are connected with one another. One of the reasons I was looking for information was the sudden passing of AFL identity Danny Frawley. He always came across as someone who was so happy on the outside- unfortunately inside was a different story. Much of what was covered on the website is relevant to our Whole School Approach to Positive Behaviour Support (WSAPBS). Currently our staff and children are looking at Expectation Respect. Our three key words, Respect, Act and Learn will form a focus to improve the way we collaborate together at school. I have children like all of you- they are all different and we all want the best for them. When you hear the tragic news of Danny Frawley it reminds us that we want our children to be happy and emotionally stable. Emotional Intelligence is a value that I hold as a key ingredient to having a well balanced child. Through a whole school approach to positive behaviour this is a fantastic opportunity to look after our wellbeing and to develop our emotional intelligence. While having a comprehensive academic education is important, children also need to be respectful, healthy and be able to conduct themselves so they can contribute to society.

I hope you all have a fantastic weekend.

Jason

Lamont Book Fair:

A big thank you to Kim Parer & Michelle Boulton from Parents and Friends Committee for kindly volunteering and assisting with this years Book Fair.



Late Arrivals/Early Departure Register and Visitors Registers

To ensure the safety and accountability for each child we have a "Late arrivals/Early Departure Register". Children arriving late are to be signed in and parents of guardians wanting to take their child/children from school during the day e.g. for an appointment, must also sign them out at the office. If they are returning to school, they must sign them back in. The book is located in the foyer outside the office. You will also find a "Visitors Register" located in the foyer outside the office. We ask that all visitors entering the school building between 9am and 3pm use the front entry and sign their name in the visitors book.

School Fees:

Due date for next payment is: 3rd Instalment by 25th October 2019

2nd Instalment was due on 9th August 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.

Walk to School:

Every October, Walk to School encourages Victorian primary school kids to walk, ride or scoot to and from school. It's a great way to help students learn healthy habits and achieve the recommended 60 minutes of physical activity, every day. It also encourages primary schools, local councils and communities to make active travel easy, safe and accessible.



Along with the health benefits, walking to school has benefits for the whole community. It reduces traffic congestion, saves on parking, helps us connect with family and friends and even saves the environment! There are so many great reasons to participate in Walk to School this October.

Uniform (TERM FOUR):

St. Mary's School takes pride in its official uniform. It has been established over many years and is recognised as an economical and practical code of dress. The school uniform identifies students as members of the St. Mary's School Community. The children are encouraged to wear their uniform with pride, and behave in a manner which reflects creditably on themselves, their families and their school. Parents are required to ensure that the full uniform is worn at all times.

Boy's Summer Uniform

Grey shorts, mid thigh length
Grey socks
Navy pullover with school emblem
Pale blue shirt
School hat
Black leather shoes

Girl's Summer Uniform

Blue/white check dress, white collar and cuffs
White socks
Navy pullover with school emblem
Black leather shoes
School hat

Sports Uniform

School polo shirt (with emblem)
Navy blue mid thigh length shorts
Tracksuit – navy blue with school emblem
White socks



We understand that during the holiday season and at weekends children enjoy wearing decorative jewellery and make up occasionally, however, we do ask parents to assist the school by ensuring that these decorative items are not worn during school hours. Sleepers or studs are acceptable.

Parents will be notified if their children are not in correct uniform as stated above.

School Hats

From Term Four until **30th April 2019**, it is compulsory for children to wear an approved school hat for all outdoor activities as stated in our school's Safety and Health Policy. We ask that parents support us in our efforts to ensure our policy is adhered to. Please note that the hat must be an approved St Mary's school hat.

Student Absences:

Parents are requested to contact the school office and explain student absences before 9.30am. You can inform the school or your child/ren's absence by School App, email or phone call to the school office. If contact is not made by 9.30am the office will contact parents by phone or text message. Your assistance in this matter is greatly appreciated



Country Bus Update:

Maffra Secondary College and Maffra Primary School are having a pupil free day **on Friday 20th September.**

NO COUNTRY BUSES WILL BE RUNNING

Children travelling on ALL country buses will have to make their own arrangements regarding travel to and from school on that day.

Missing/Lost:

Lockie Gallatly (Prep) is missing his size woolen jumper. Please check at home to see if it went home by mistake.

Our school lost property box is overloaded with school items. Please check lost property box before the end of term.



Last day of Term - 2.20pm finish School Closure Day - Monday 7th October

Awards:

Congratulations to the following children who received awards at assembly:

	Class Award
Foundation	Stella Donald Chevy McMahon
1/2C	Jack Stevens Brax Austin-Bainbridge
3/4D	Chloe Murphy
3/4E	Owen Hunt Susie Coleman Alexa Potter
5/6F	Sophia Austin-Bainbridge Madi Jones
5/6G	Luke Dwyer Mack McMahon Luke Dwyer
Positive Behaviour	Ryder Henry Kendra Austin-Bainbridge
Tidiest Lockers	3/4E 1/2C
Japanese	BJ Stevens



September

2nd Ruby McQuillen 3/4E
8th Shayla Dingwall 3/4E
11th Nick Regan 5/6F
13th Alexa Potter 3/4E
14th Michael Schoenmaekers 5/6G
16th Jay Lee 1/2C
Evie Stobie 1/2C
Brody Watson 3/4D
25th Jack Coleman 5/6F
26th Sonny Batalha 5/6F
Ben Murphy PREP
27th Tyce House 5/6G
28th Kendra Austin-Bainbridge 5/6G

October

02nd Jactina Schoenmaekers PREP
Ben Dunsmuir 5/6G
04th Jaylen Henry 5/6F
05th Madi Jones 5/6F



Parish News:

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

Congratulations to all of the children who received the Sacrament of First Holy Communion on Sunday 08th September 2019.



Susie Coleman, Jack Garoni, Ashlyn Harrington, Milla Hunt, Sam Jones, Ruby McQuillen, Blayr Murphy, Sam Nowak, Sam Phillips, Charlotte Sage, Audrey Thompson and Gus Weatherley.

Sports' News

Wellington Athletics Carnival:

Congratulations to all of our students who competed in the Wellington Athletics Carnival in Sale on Tuesday. They showed good sportsmanship and supported one another in a positive manner. St Mary's have 16 students progressing to the Regional Athletics Carnival to be held on Tuesday 15th October. Well done!



Athletics Carnival Dates:

Regional Athletics Carnival:

Tuesday 15th October

State Athletics Carnival:

Monday 28th October

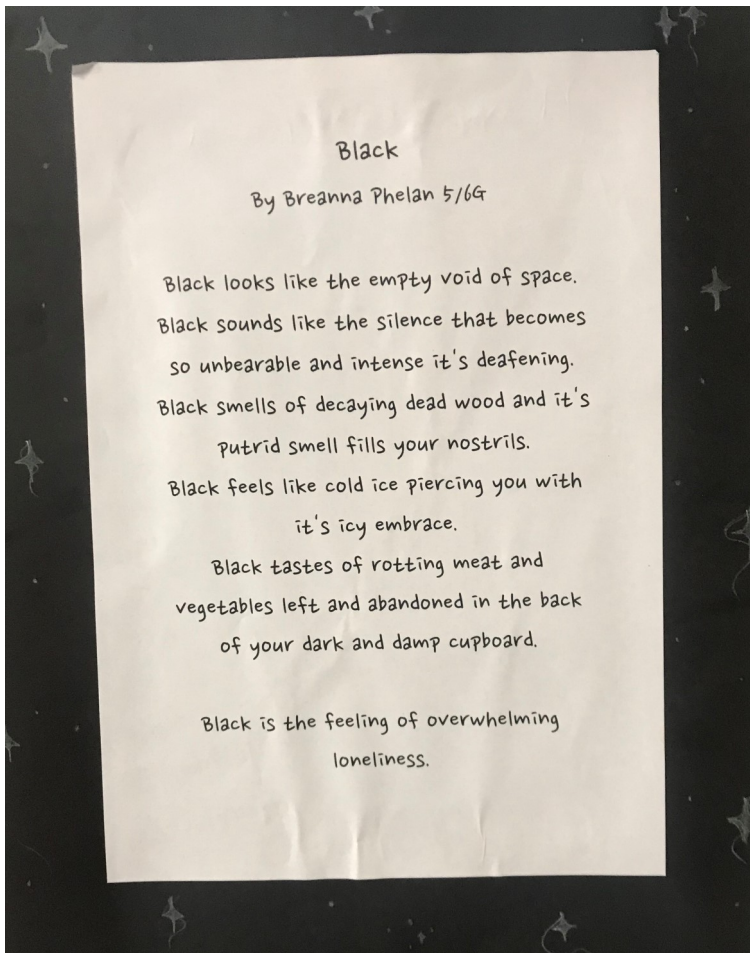
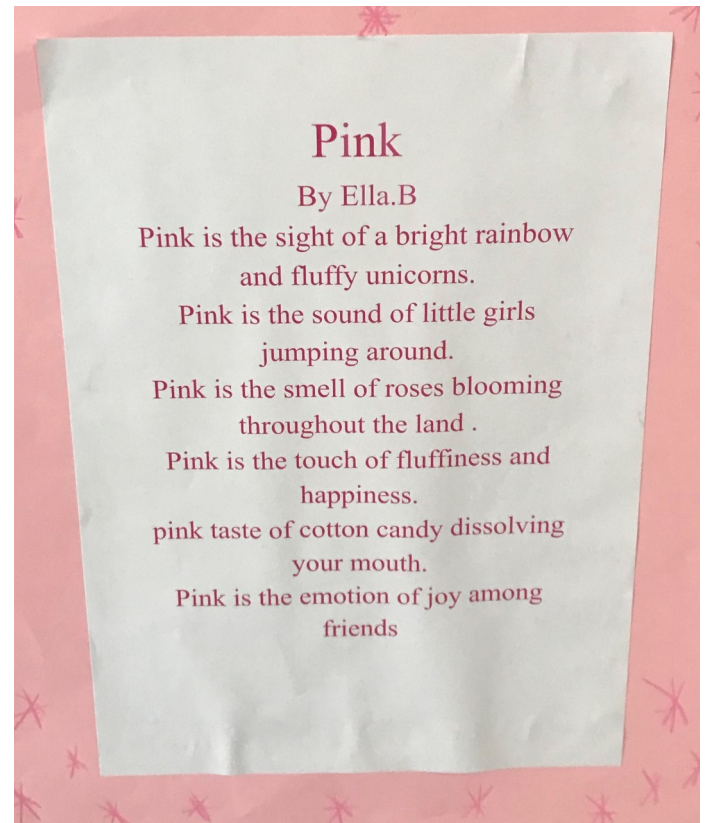
Wellington School Gymnastics Competition

Yesterday Kendra and Ruby and myself, Sophia, represented our school in the Wellington School Gymnastics Competition. It was lots of fun and very exciting. We would like to thank all the teachers and Tegan for organizing the joyful event!! A big thank you to Kate Coleman for cheering us on!!

Congratulations to Sophia Austin-Bainbridge, Kendra Austin-Bainbridge and Ruby McQuillen who competed last week in the Wellington Gymnastics Carnival. Well done!!



**Well
done**





Hey Kids & families

Hots Shots Tennis starts for the summer tennis season on Saturday 12th October 9.30am at the Maffra Lawn Tennis Club.

Cost is \$5, includes session, an icy pole & spare tennis racquets are available. Hot Shots is a fun & inclusive way to introduce young kids to tennis from ages 4yrs onwards.

All welcome.

To assist with getting your kids game-ready for junior competition, coaching is available on Tuesdays and Wednesdays from the Club.

Phone Mark Stevens, Head Coach for more information
0417 140 763

Want to give your child a head start with essential life skills?

It's easier than you think

Did you know that participation in drama classes builds confidence and fosters creativity, problem solving skills and resilience?

TERM 4 CLASSES START OCTOBER 12

Saturday mornings at the Hua Room at The Wedge

9am: Juniors (Prep-Year 2)

Places still available

9:45am: Intermediates (Years 3-6)

Limited places

11: Seniors (Years 7-10)

Places still available

To enrol, call 0458450777

BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL

THE
SATURDAY
DRAMA
SCHOOL



MAFFRA CRICKET CLUB

THE MAFFRA CRICKET CLUB INVITES BOYS AND GIRLS AGED 5-7 (APPROX) TO COME AND TRY WOOLWORTHS CRICKET BLAST (FORMERLY MILO CRICKET).

WOOLWORTHS CRICKET BLAST

WHERE: CAMERON SPORTING COMPLEX

WHEN: 10:30AM - 11:30AM

8 WEEK PROGRAM

SUNDAY 10TH NOVEMBER
SUNDAY 17TH NOVEMBER
SUNDAY 24TH NOVEMBER
SUNDAY 1ST DECEMBER
SUNDAY 9TH FEBRUARY
SUNDAY 16TH FEBRUARY
SUNDAY 23RD FEBRUARY
SUNDAY 1ST MARCH

PLEASE CONTACT SAM MCLAVERTY AT SAMMYMCLAV90@GMAIL.COM OR 0400 848 367 IF HAVE ANY QUERIES

FOLLOW THE LINK TO REGISTER

REGISTRATION INCLUDES:

T-SHIRT WITH NAME ON IT
PERSONALISED PLASTIC BAT
RUBBER BALL
STICKER

CRICKET BLAST PASSPORT

BUCKET HAT IN YOUR CHOICE OF BIG BASH TEAM COLOUR

To register follow the link: <https://www.cricketsport.com.au/club/maffra/club-0408367>



THE MAFFRA CRICKET CLUB

INVITES PRESENT AND NEW PLAYERS TO REGISTRATION NIGHT FOR SEASON 2019/20



AFTER TRAINING THURSDAY 19TH SEPTEMBER

FOR ANY FURTHER INFORMATION PLEASE CONTACT:

UNDER 16 COACH – CRAIG PENDRICK 0407 379 988

UNDER 14 COACH – BRAD CORIDAS 0408 421 959

UNDER 12 COACH – DEAN ROWLEY 0428 451 199

JUNIOR CO-ORDINATOR – CRAIG SELLINGS 0417 511 567

JUNIOR CO ORDINATOR – DREW ALLMAN 0439 471 134

JUNIOR TRAINING HAS COMMENCED AND WILL CONTINUE TO COMMENCE EVERY THURSDAY UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE

CAMERON SPORTING COMPLEX - MAFFRA



Bricks to the World

PRESENTS

Brickstravaganza 2019- Creations from LEGO®

Featuring LEGO creations by LEGO enthusiasts from Victoria, ACT and NSW including work from Australia's only LEGO Certified Professional "Brickman" – Ryan McNaught

Devonshire tea
Refreshments

Fundraising for
Stretton Park Maffra

LEGO Sales



VENUE: Maffra Memorial Hall – Foster St, Maffra

DATES: Saturday 28th September – 9:00am – 5:00pm

Sunday 29th September – 9:00am – 4:00pm

ENTRY FEE: \$20.00 per family (2 + 2), Adults \$8.00, Children \$4.00

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CONTACT: 0419 480 313 for further details

BRICKS 4 KIDZ SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAM!



MONDAY 23 SEPTEMBER
Yarram Library, 1–3.30pm

TUESDAY 24 SEPTEMBER
Rosedale Library, 10.30am – 12pm
Sale Library, 1–2.30pm

WEDNESDAY 25 SEPTEMBER
• Heyfield Library, 10–11.30am
• Maffra Library, 12.30–2pm
• Stratford Library, 2.30–4pm

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