THE WEEK AT A GLANCE

Labour Day: The school will be closed on Monday, March 14th owing to the Labour Day Public holiday.

Summer Sports: Next Friday, March 18th the Grade 4,5 & 6 students will be participating in Cricket or T-Ball at the Summer Sports at St. Arnaud. The students will be travelling by Bus.

Staff Professional Development Days: Owing to the teachers attending the Small Schools Professional Development Day the students will not commence Term Two until Wednesday, April 13th.

Sacrament of Reconciliation: Next Thursday, March 17th at 6.00pm the Grade Five students Erika Bicket, Ebony Frank, Zac Livingston and George Morgan, will be celebrating the Sacrament of Reconciliation for the first time. All families are invited to attend.

School Donation: Fr. Gerry McKernan and the Parishioners of St. Kevin’s Parish at Templestone have donated $1,000 to the school to assist the school during this period of drought. Their prayers and money are greatly appreciated and remind us that other people care about our welfare.

School Crossing: Many thanks to the families using the crossing. There will be a meeting with Mr. Danny Forrest and Buloke Shire regarding the Crossing. Date to be determined.

Working Bee: The annual Working Bee was postponed owing to the extremely hot weather and will now be held on Sunday, April 17th at 11.30 am.

School Advisory Council: The Annual General Meeting of the Advisory Council was held last evening. The Chairman for the coming year is Luke Morgan, Deputy Chair is Gavin Belleville, Secretary Kirby Richmond-Davis.

Members of the School Advisory Council for this year are Luke Morgan, Katie Bicket (P & F Representative), Gavin Belleville, Kirby Richmond-Davis, Mark Donnellon, Nadine Frank and Jason Mellings.

At the Annual General Meeting a presentation was made to Rod Chapman. Rod has served as chairman for several years and has provided continued support, advice and loyalty to our Canonical Administrators Fr. Eugene and Fr. Marcello, Principals Les, Dan and Anne and all students and families at St. Mary’s. Fr. Eugene acknowledged Rod and thanked him for his dedicated service to St. Mary’s.
Parents and Friends: The Annual General Meeting of the Parents and Friends was held on Tuesday, March 8th. For 2016 the executive members are President Candece Jay, Vice President Karla Griffiths, Secretary Fran Berry and Treasurer Angelique Donnellon. The Tuck Shop Coordinators are Jenny Birch and Katie Bicket. The Parents and Friends representative on the School Advisory Council is Katie Bicket.

Clean Up Australia: The students will participate in the Clean Up Australia program when the weather improves.

Principal Awards: Congratulations again Shaine Mansibang on your excellent work this week.

Assembly Friday, March 11th at 9.00am in the Multipurpose Room – Foundation, Year 1 & 2
All families are invited to attend.

Awards: Foundation, Grade 1 & 2: Piper Smith, Parker Bicket, Cameron Belleville & Zachariah Clapham
Grade 3 & 4: Finn Molloy Drum, Charlotte Bicket & Brianna Harmer
Grade 5 & 6: Noah Slater

Maintenance: Monday March 14th to Thursday, March 24th – Burke and Davis Families.

Pastoral Care Worker: Anne Boadle

Works at St. Mary’s each Thursday 8.30am – 4.30pm.
Contact Details: Through the school 54971116 or by ringing directly on 0409 598 481.
Email: Anne.Boadle@centacareballarat.org.au

Bounceback Program

This week in the Bounce-Back Program we will be talking about positive ways of including and being included in friendship and classmate groups. For example, managing shyness, knowing when someone would like to be included, inviting others to join in and share, good ways to be noticed, positive ways to build a friendship group and be someone people would like to spend time with.

Ideas from the BounceBack program for parents.

Encourage your child to develop a diverse social network so that they can learn about many people, not just people who are similar to them. Discourage the belief that only very 'cool ' or popular people are worth being friends with. Help your child to develop empathy by talking about and helping them to understand how others might be feeling.

Library News: Book Reviewer

Is your child a keen reader?
Would they like to receive FREE books from SCHOLASTIC to read, and write a review?
SCHOLASTIC is the company which offers many reading products to students every month. Nominations for the Scholastic Reading Review Crew are currently open. If you have a student who loves reading and who you think would make a great book reviewer, please complete the form below and return to the school by Friday 11th March.

YES I would like my child to be nominated for the Reading Review Crew
STUDENT’S NAME ....................................................
Reason for wanting to join the Reading Review Crew ...............................................................................................................................................................................................................................................................
Parent signature: .....................................................
Miks Maks Concert: Last Thursday the Foundation to Year Four students greatly enjoyed the Mik Maks concert held in the Donald Primary School’s Big Shed. Many thanks to Mr Forrest for organising this fun event.

Royal Flying Doctor Visit: Last Friday Tom from the Royal Flying Doctor Service visited and the students greatly enjoyed his informative talk and the hands on component of his visit.

Annual Vintage Machinery Rally: The 49th Annual Rally will be held over the Easter Weekend 26th to 28th March at Wheatlands Warracknabeal. All colouring competitions and construction competition pieces need to be returned to the school by Monday, March 20th or taken to Warracknabeal before the 26th. Prizes available.

Guitar Lessons: Lessons will commence in Week 2 of Term 2. Lessons will be taken at 1.00pm on Monday, Tuesday or Friday. The cost per term is $20.00, to be paid at the start of Term. Students in Grade 3-6 are able to learn the guitar and need to have a plastic pocket book to keep their music sheets in and a guitar. Please return the slip at the end of the Newsletter if interested.
Parents & Friends News

St. Mary's Book Club Film Night Friday 15 April, 7pm.
Film night will be held in the first week of next term, on Friday 15th April. Starting at 7.00pm in the Multi-purpose room, BYO drinks, nibbles and bean bag. Come along for a quiet night out as we watch the film adaptation of the book 'Finding Fish' by Antwone Fisher. Haven't read the book? Come along anyway and bring a friend, everyone's welcome. If you'd like to read 'Finding Fish' but are unable to access a copy please let Candece know 0400 709 981.

Working with Children's Check Session To Be Announced.
We will be holding a session during school hours, sometime over the next few weeks to assist volunteers wanting to apply for a working with children's check. Shane O'Shea of the Buloke Times will be ready to take passport photos on the day. More information can be found about a working with children's check online at: www.workingwithchildren.vic.gov.au

Upcoming Fundraiser: Pie Drive at the start of Term Two. Pie Drive forms sent home next week.

Morning Tea: Families are invited to share morning tea tomorrow morning after the Assembly at 51 Central.

Candece Jay – President of P & F

Summer Sports: The Grade 4,5 & 6 students will be travelling by bus to St. Arnaud to participate in either Cricket or T-ball. Any family wishing to travel on the bus are asked to contact the school. Please complete the permission form and return it by Wednesday, March 16th

St. Mary’s Lunch Order - Friday, March 18th - NOTE Gr. 4,5 & 6 students will be at the Summer Sports.
Due back with payment – Wednesday, March 16th

Family Name: _________________________________

Friday, March 18th Please use a separate column for each child’s order.

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