St. Mary’s Primary School

Newsletter

Thursday, June 23rd
Term 2 Week 11 2016

THE WEEK AT A GLANCE

Friday, June 24th – Last day of Term Two. Students dismissed at 2.30pm.

Sunday, June 26th at 9.00am – School Working Bee.

Wednesday, July 13th students commence for Term Three.

School Mass: The School Mass will be held on Sunday, July 17th at the 10.30am mass at St. Mary’s church. All families are invited to attend.

Thursday, July 21st – Michael Mangan Concert at 12.30pm

Monday, July 25th – Choral Festival in Donald Memorial Hall commencing at 7.00pm. All students will be participating. Students are asked to wear their Winter uniform.

Friday, August 5th – Donald High School Fete. The school will be attending.

Wednesday, September 14th at 7.00pm the whole school production will be held in the Multi-purpose Room.

School Dance: Monday, June 20th: On Monday evening the whole school joined in the School Dance. Many thanks to the students for the entertainment and the families for their participation and support. On Tuesday the Grade 3 & 4 students visited the Kindergarten and shared their dances and after lunch the Grade 5 & 6 students entertained the Goodwin Village residents with their dances. Many thanks to Mrs Gilmour for your work and organisation of this fun event. Special thanks to Angela Hogan for the lovely surprise on Tuesday morning. The Multi-purpose Room was clean and ready for use when I arrived at school. Angela is a very generous member of staff and her support of the students and school community is greatly valued. Anne

On the school webpage are some interesting summaries and additional photos. Term Dates: Term Two finishes on Friday, June 24th at 2.30pm. Term Three commences for STUDENTS on Wednesday, July 13th. The staff commence on Monday and will attend two days professional development.
School Advisory Council – Working Bee: On Sunday, June 26th there will be a working bee to move some of the planter tanks at the front of the school. The gaps will be filled with pavers. The working bee commences at 9.00am. All families able to assist would be greatly appreciated.

Basketball Finale: On Monday afternoon owing to the drizzly weather on Friday the students participated in a short game and activities to finish the basketball program so ably ran by Kath Campbell. Thank you Miss McEvoy for your organisation and the staff for helping each week.

Donald Show 2016: Attached to the Newsletter is a copy of the Pavilion Categories for the entries. If having a couple of quiet days over the holidays you may like to practice your cooking skills, sow a plant or make a piece of art to enter.

Pastoral Care Worker: Anne Boadle
Works at St. Mary’s each Thursday 8.30am – 4.30pm.
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The Bounce Back! Program. Our last class activity for this term will look at ‘building a bridge’ back to friendship, or what we can do after a disagreement with a person, with whom we have had a good relationship, to restore the friendship. For example, apologising for anything we did that contributed to the argument, spending time with the other person, saying how pleased we are the argument is over, having a laugh together. We will also talk about what is the best thing to do if the other person doesn’t want to ‘cross over the bridge’. For example, waiting a while, saying that we’re sorry they feel like that and we hope they will change their mind. Next term we will be expanding on the topic of good relationships and getting along well with others, to cover no bullying. The BounceBack program No Bullying unit includes the following topics, What is Bullying?, What is CyberBullying ?, Why do Children Bully, When People Get Bullied, No to Put Downs, Pressure from Other People to Take Part in Bullying and What We Can Do about Bullying.
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Eucharist: The Grade Four students Jacob Donnellon, Chloe Livingston, Brianna Harmer, Finn Molloy Drum and Nicholas Belleville will be receiving the Sacrament of Eucharist for the first time on Sunday, August 21st at the 10.30 am mass. There will be a morning tea after mass in the Multi-Purpose Room. All families are invited to attend.
Junior Golf
Starting Friday 15th July @ 4:00pm @ Donald Golf Course.
For children from Grade 4 & above.
Will continue each Friday night (weather permitting) for approx. 10 weeks – Term 3.
A cost of $2.00 per round is required to cover costs.
Just turn up on Friday nights and any enquiries feel free to contact Brad or Carmen Bath on 5497 6266, 0429 976 266 or 0448 890 121.

2016: International Year of Pulses.
On Tuesday, June 14th the students participated in Session One of activities related to Pulses lead by Jeannie Clark. Pulses play an important role in providing food for the world and are a vital component of Donald and district agriculture.
This session and the subsequent three sessions are available to the local schools owing to the funding of Peaco Ltd of Donald. The school acknowledge their support. Term Three dates are Tuesday, July 19th, Tuesday August 16th and Tuesday, September 13th.
Part of Session Two will involve students looking at the types of pulses being grown on local farms. Farmers be prepared for questions from the students.

Term Three School Mass: Sunday, July 17th at 10.30am Mass
The Mass will be a children’s mass having readings, prayers and music which is suitable for primary children.
Students that have received the sacrament of Eucharist will have the opportunity to receive both the bread and wine at communion time and others a blessing.
All families are very welcome and hopefully many families will be able to attend.
Please contact Mary Hogan at school if your child will not be present to read at the School Mass.

Welcome to Country: Jacob Donnellon
Introduction: Geordie Smith
First Reading: Erika Bicket
Responsorial Psalm: George Morgan
Second Reading: Daniel Slater
Prayers of the Faithful: Sophie Burke, Victory Davis, Cameron Belleville, Oliver Berry, Zac Griffiths and Elijah Mansibang.