



Thursday, April 27th
Term 2 Week 2 2017

THE WEEK AT A GLANCE

Friday, April 28th: St. Mary's Cross Country at 9.00am.

Tuesday, May 2nd: Black Ranges Cross Country at St. Arnaud.

Wednesday, May 3rd: Speech Therapist Visit

Wednesday, May 3rd: School Advisory Council Meeting at 7.00pm.

Friday, May 12th: Winter Sports in Birchip for students in Grade 4,5 & 6.

ANZAC Day: On Tuesday our two school leaders Ebony and George represented St. Mary's school community by laying a wreath at the War Memorial and the Hall.

During part of the ceremony Layla and Erika spoke of what ANZAC Day means to them. Both students presented a well thought out and clearly spoken address.

The speaker Katie Bicket gave a very thought provoking and informative speech on the Australian nurses and their work during war times.

Josh Pratt is the new president of the Donald RSL. Josh has undertaken this vital role at a sad time for the RSL and lead the ceremony in a moving manner. Well done Josh and continued success in your role as President.

Congratulations to these six members of the school community. Each of you played a vital role in helping the Donald community honour all service personal and their families and acknowledge their sacrifice to give us the life we have today.



St. Mary's Cross Country: On Friday April 28th at 9.00am the Cross Country will be run. The course will be on the running track behind the school. Families are invited to attend. The Black Ranges Cross Country will be held on the following Tuesday, May 2nd at St. Arnaud. This is for students able to qualify aged Under 10 – 12 years.

Pop Up Library Launch: On last, Friday, April 21st the Donald Pop Up Library was launched at the Big Shed. This program organised by the Donald Primary School and St. Mary's aims to encourage reading. Boxes of books have distributed around the town and children and their families are encouraged to read a book while waiting, take a book home to read and then when finished with the book place it back in any box in the town. There is a box at the school. **Any family who has books they are finished with and wish to donate are asked to drop them into the Office.** Thank you to Cr. Daryl Warren for launching the program.



Monday Assembly: Each Monday the students and staff commence the week with a shared prayer and singing the National Anthem.

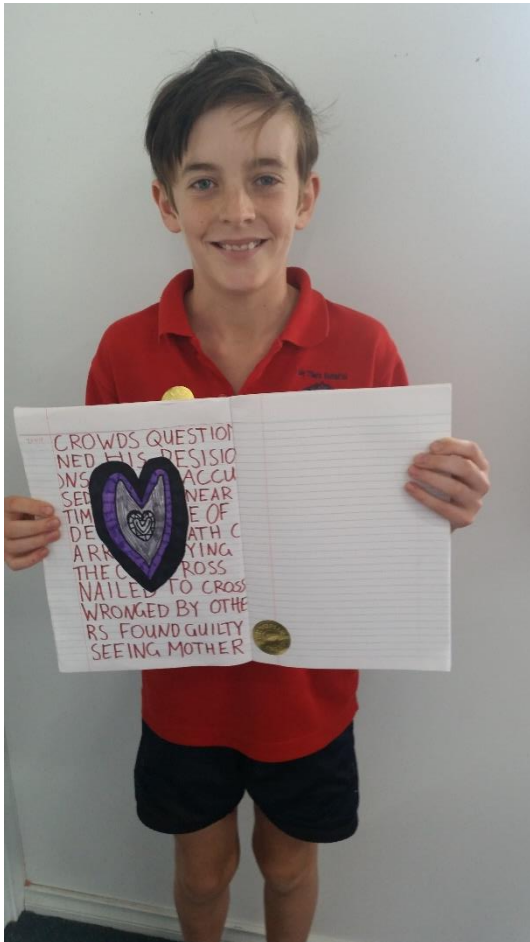
At Assembly each week the staff are also going to acknowledge students for their work the previous week/s. Birthdays will also be celebrated.

Congratulations to Lachlan, Victory, Finn and Parker on your work in the past week.



Principal's Award:

Congratulations to Finn on your work during religious Education.



School Uniform: Families are reminded that students are expected to wear their correct school uniform, including shoes. If students are unable to wear their uniform to school please send a note of explanation.

Any family experiencing difficulty in providing uniforms for their children owing to the cost are asked to speak to me. This issue will be treated with confidentiality.

Anne

Bus Travellers: Could families please send a note if your child is not travelling by bus in the afternoon or inform the teacher on Bus duty. If there is a certain day that students have after school activities a note covering this day would be very helpful and cover the school's requirements.

Thank you to families who have sent in a note already.

Parent Teacher Meetings: Families are asked to please contact the Office if you would like to meet with your child's class room teacher. Note that there are meetings on Wednesday but other afternoons teachers will try to accommodate your request.

The Bounce Back! Program

Last week and this week we have been considering how we show care for other people and their wellbeing, at school, in our families and in the wider community, and the positive benefits of enacting this value. Some of the ways identified are practical help and assistance, being understanding and showing empathy, being patient with someone, listening to someone who has a problem and wants to talk it over, encouraging someone who has to do something that is difficult, and standing up for someone who is being bullied or teased.

If you would like more information about Bounce Back, or the assistance I can offer to children and families, I can be contacted by phoning or texting me on 0409 598 481, or at school on Thursdays.

Anne Boadle, Pastoral Care Worker

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Works at St. Mary's each Thursday 8.30am – 4.30pm.

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Homework Term Two:

After discussion with the staff the homework for Term Two for students in Foundation to Year 3 will remain just their reading. This decision was reached after considering the difficulty some families were having with hearing reading regularly plus the fatigue students show or discuss with staff during the school week.

The students in Grade Four to Six will be expected to read a minimum of 20 minutes per evening a minimum of 5 times per week plus complete spelling and set homework.

Homework in the senior class provides an opportunity to practice basic literacy and numeracy skills plus develop time management and organisational skills essential during secondary years of schooling.

Please note any family looking for additional homework for their child is able to use Mathletics or Literacy Planet. Students have details of how to log on in either their homework book or reading diary.

St. Mary's Parents and Friends:

Meals on Wheels: Many thanks to the families for your assistance in delivering Meals on Wheels this week.

Pie Drive: The annual pie drive is to be held in the coming weeks. This year the pies and other delicious goods will be provided by the Avoca Bakery. This Bakery is opening in Donald in July. More information in the coming weeks.

Mystery Evening: On Friday, June 16th at 7.00pm in the Multi-purpose Room there will be a social evening. More details later. Please keep this evening free on your calendar.

P&F Meetings: The Parents and Friends are only holding a meeting each term to allow families more opportunity to attend owing to everyone having many obligations. Families are asked to consider attending this meeting as the fundraising events organised and the money raised greatly assist the facilities available to students. The next meeting of the P & F is on Tuesday, July 18th at 7.30pm. All welcome.

Karla Griffiths P & F President

St. Mary's School Lunch Order

Due back with payment – Wednesday, May 3rd

Family Name:

Order for Friday, May 5th				
Please use a separate column for each child's order.		Name:	Name:	Name:
		Grade:	Grade:	Grade:
Sav / Hotdog	\$3.00			
Chicket Nuggets	\$0.80			
Jam Donuts	\$1.00			
Hot Chocolate Drink	\$1.00			
			Total Enclosed	

Term Two Dates:

Tuesday, 2nd May: Black Ranges Cross Country at St. Arnaud.

Wednesday, 3rd May: Speech Therapist's visit.

School Advisory Council Meeting at 7.00pm in the Library.

Tuesday, May 9th: NAPLAN Grade 3 & 5 students

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Friday, May 12th: Winter Sports at Birchip

Sunday, May 21st: Whole School Mass at 10.30am – Catholic Education Week

Wednesday, May 24th: Catholic Education Week celebration and Mass at Charlton

Friday, May 26th: School Assembly at 9.00am in Multi Purpose Room

Wednesday, May 31st: Speech Therapist visit.

Sunday, June 4th: Confirmation at 10.30am Mass .

Monday, June 12th: Queen's Birthday Public Holiday

Friday, June 16th: Mystery Evening in the Multi-purpose Room at 7.00pm.

Tuesday, June 27th: Parent Teacher Interviews commencing at 3.30pm

Thursday, June 29th: Speech Therapist visit.

Friday, June 30th: Assembly at 9.00am in the Multi Purpose Room

End of term for students at 2.30pm.