



Thursday, May 4th
Term 2 Week 3 2017

THE WEEK AT A GLANCE

NAPLAN: Students in Grade 3 & 5 will be completing NAPLAN tests on Tuesday, May 9th – Spelling Conventions and Writing; Wednesday, May 10th – Reading and Thursday, May 11th – Numeracy.

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

Cross Country: On Friday April 28th at 9.00am the Cross Country was held. The students all did their best and ran well.

Congratulations to the students who won their age group Victory, Zachariah, Cameron, Lachlan, Toby and George.

Congratulations also to the senior students George, Nicholas, Finn, Zac G, Toby, Geordie and Lachlan, whose times qualified them to participate in the Black Ranges Cross Country in St. Arnaud on Tuesday, May 2nd.



Congratulations Lachlan: On Tuesday at the Black Ranges Lachlan won the Boys 9 years' event. Well done also to Nicholas and George who qualified to complete in the next level also. All competing students ran well and participated well.

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 acknowledge students for their work the previous week. Birthdays will also be celebrated.

Congratulations to Charlie, Zac G, Zachariah and Lexis on your work in the past week

Principal's Awards: Congratulations to Lexis, Parker and Zackery on your work during writing.



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

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

St. Mary's Parents and Friends:

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

Catholic Missions – Mother's Day

If you are looking for a Mother's Day gift for someone who is difficult to buy for or isn't interested to receiving things go to Catholic Missions and they have some ideas of donations you can make in your mother's name to help women and children living in poverty.

<http://www.catholicmission.org.au>

St. Patrick's College Ballarat:

St Patrick's College will be conducting an Information session on Tuesday May 16 at St Patrick's Primary school, St Arnaud commencing at 5 pm. For information contact Ms Caitlin Bennett, College Registrar cbennett@stpats.vic.edu.au or phone 5331 1688.

Term Two Dates:

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

Wednesday, May 10th: NAPLAN Grade 3 & 5 students

Thursday, May 11th: NAPLAN Grade 3 & 5 students

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.

Winter Sports at Birchip on **Friday, May 12th** commencing at 10.00am. The Grade 4,5 & 6 students will be participating. Students will be travelling by bus. **Any family who would like to travel on the bus are asked to notify the Office by Monday, May 8th.**

Students require: Sport's uniform, coat if cold. Water bottle.

Students may bring their lunch or purchase from the Canteen. If students bring money it is their own responsibility to look after it.

Tuckshop pricelist:

Food:

Pies \$4.00 Pasties \$4.00 Sausage rolls \$3.50 Party pies \$1.50 Soup \$3.50

Drinks:

Bottles of water \$2.00 Primas \$1.50 Tea and coffee \$2.00

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Thursday May 4th

PERMISSION FORM: WINTER SPORTS BIRCHIP

Dear Parents,

On Friday, May 12th the Senior students, Grades 4,5 & 6 students will be attending the Winter Sports at George Cartwright Oval Birchip.

Below are the details and the permission form.

PLEASE RETURN THIS FORM BY MONDAY, MAY 8TH.

Thank you for your assistance.

Anne Anderson

PERMISSION FORM:

Event: Winter Sports – Netball and Hockey

Date: Friday, May 12th commencing at 10.00am

Venue: George Cartwright Oval Birchip

Mode of Transport: Bus Leaving the school at 9.10am and returning prior to school finishing at 3.25pm.

Staff attending: Mary Hogan & Emma O'Rourke

Teacher in Charge: Mary Hogan

I give permission for my child / children

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to attend the Winter Sports at George Cartwright Oval Birchip on Friday, May 12th.

Parent Name:

Signature: Date: