



Thursday, May 18th
Term 2 Week 5 2017

THE WEEK AT A GLANCE

Friday, May 19th: Grade 5&6 Leadership Day.

Sunday, May 21st: School Mass at the church at 10.30am to celebrate Catholic Education Week.

Thursday, May 25th: Farmer Darryl's visit to share his book with students and staff.

Friday, May 26th: Whole School Assembly in the Multi-purpose Room at 9.00am.

Sunday, June 4th at 10.30am Confirmation will be celebrated during Mass. There will be morning tea after Mass in the Multi-purpose room.

School Mass to Celebrate Catholic Education Week: This Sunday, May 21st at the 10.30am Mass the school will be celebrating their term Mass. At Mass we will be celebrating Catholic Education Week.

St. Mary's School has a proud history of providing quality education. Our school has terrific, talented students, supportive families and a dedicated staff and during Catholic Education Week we celebrate these gifts. All students and staff are invited to attend this Mass.

"Strive For the Greater Gifts"

Winter Sports: Last Friday the Senior students participated in the Winter Sports in Birchip. All students played fairly and supported their team with their efforts. The two hockey teams played well and won some games.

Thank you to Mrs Hogan, O'Rourke and Georgia Hudson for supervising and supporting the teams. Special thanks to Candace Jay for helping prepare the students for the hockey and all families for supporting the students and helping out on Friday.

Congratulations to the B Grade Netball team who won all their games and brought home the trophy. Ebony, Lexis, Jacob, Nicholas, Finn, Charli, Charlotte and Texas.



Cluster Day – Catholic Education

Yesterday the staff and students went to Charlton and joined with St. Patrick's and St Joseph's to celebrate Catholic Education. The day commenced with a welcome to country and explanation of our local Dja Dja Wurrung country by Jida Dulpilil, a Dja Dja Wurrung man. After his informative talk he played the didgeridoo. The three schools were then lead into the Church and his music set the mood for our mass.

After Mass students and staff enjoyed a delicious lunch and students spent lunch time playing together. After the break the school were entertained by a very clever and enjoyable magic show. A great way to start our coming Catholic Education Week.

Student Well-being & Leadership Day

Grade 5&6 students will participate in a student well-being and leadership day on **FRIDAY MAY 19th 2017**. During the day we will explore what characteristics make a good leader, the difference between being bossy and leading, thinking about others, learning from our mistakes and how our attitude can effect outcomes and feelings.

The Grade Five and Six students will not require morning tea or lunch on Friday. Students may wear casual clothes on Friday.

In the afternoon we will be joined by the Grade 4s to look at student well-being, students' rights and responsibilities and ways of responding if we feel unhappy or unsafe.

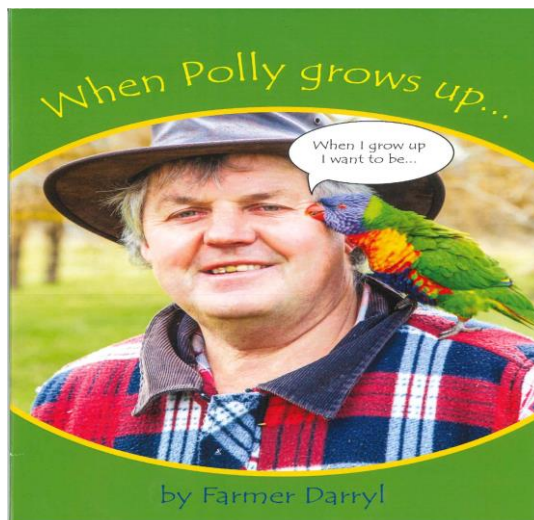
If you have any questions feel free to contact Anne or myself.

Mary Hogan

Author "Farmer Darryl" Visiting:

A former St. Mary's student Darryl Sheridan will be visiting St. Mary's on Thursday, May 25th to share his recently published book.

Farmer Darryl will share his book with the Junior Students at 10.30am and after recess with the Senior Class. With the Senior students he will explain the process he follows when writing and involve them in looking at the book he is currently writing. This will be a great opportunity for the students to meet a former student who is an author.



Whole School Assembly: To conclude Catholic Education Week there will be an Assembly on Friday, May 26th in the Multi- Purpose Room at 9.00am. All families are invited to attend.

Confirmation: On Sunday, June 4th at the 10.30am Mass Confirmation will be celebrated. Cameron, Oscar and Andy are being confirmed. The celebration will conclude with morning tea in the Multi-purpose room. All families are invited to attend and share this special occasion.

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.

Congratulations to Ollie, Brianna, Cameron, Sophie and Piper on your work in the past week.

Pastoral Care Worker: Anne Boadle

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

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The Bounce Back! Program "It's OK to be different" is the topic for the next two weeks. The topic focuses on accepting differences in other people. The key messages from the program are that everyone is different from each other in some way and that's O.K. Accepting that other people are different (eg. where they come from, what they look like, what they like to eat and do, and in their opinions) means including people who are different from you in activities and conversation, and not teasing or excluding them.

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.

St. Mary's Parents and Friends:

Social Evening – Fun Bingo Night – no experience required.: On Friday, June 16th at 7.00pm in the Multi-Purpose Room this fun evening will be held. Please keep this evening free on your calendar. If **anyone would like to assist in organising this evening please contact Karla.**

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.

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

Term Two Dates:

Wednesday, May 31st: Speech Therapist visit.

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

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

St. Mary's Lunch Order - Friday, May 26th
Due back with payment – Wednesday, May 24th
Family Name: _____

Please us a column per student.					
		Name:	Name:	Name:	
Spag Bol	\$4.00				
Pizza	\$3.00				
Garlic Bread (2)	\$0.50				
Warm Brownie	\$2.00				
				Total Enclosed:	



"Strive For the Greater Gifts"
Catholic Education Cluster Day held at Charlton yesterday with students and staff from St. Patrick's St Arnaud and St Joseph's Charlton.