



DATES:

Friday May 24th –
Catholic Ed Cluster Day
in St. Arnaud

Sunday May 26th –
Friday May 31st –
Catholic Education Week
'Listen with the Ear of
Your Heart'

Monday May 27th –
Assembly Grades Prep,
1 & 2

Monday May 27th –
Sunday June 2nd –
National Reconciliation
Week

Sunday June 2nd –
Celebration of
Confirmation & Eucharist
at 1030am Mass.

Vision Statement:

*St. Mary's community,
with Jesus as our
inspiration, aims to
educate and nurture the
development of the
whole child.*

Mission Statement:

Wellbeing:

Ensure a child safe,
respectful and inclusive
environment that
celebrates achievement,
promotes dignity and
resiliency.

Catholic Education Cluster Day:

Tomorrow, **Friday May 24th** students will be travelling to St. Arnaud by bus. The details of the day's activities can be found on the App.

The theme for the day is 'Listen with the Ear of your Heart'.

Students will start the day with Mass at 10am, followed by BluEarth sessions and the 'Big Science Show'. Lunch is provided. Students will need to bring their own recess food and a drinker.



Walk Safely to School Day:

Walk Safely to School Day is an annual, national event when all primary school children are encouraged to walk and commute safely to school. It is a community event seeking to promote road safety, health, public transport and the environment.

Last Friday, in glorious weather, students participated in a walk around Donald as part of Walk Safely to School Day.



P & F Raffle:

Sent home with last week's newsletter was a raffle book for St. Mary's P & F 'Winter Warmer' Raffle. The prizes include: a 3 Litre Slow Cooker, \$25 Voucher from Donald Family Butcher, a knife & utensils and recipe bases and stock. Could families please return all tickets and monies by Friday June 7th.



Grade 5 & 6 Leaders Camp:

This morning our Grade 5 & 6 class headed off, by bus, to Camp Seed at Stuart Mill for an overnight Leaders Camp. Accompanied by Mrs. Hogan and Mrs. Cumming, students boarded the bus at 9am and headed off for a day and night of leadership activities. The three key areas which will be explored during the day and night are:

- Responsibility
- Organisation
- Teamwork

These skills are valuable areas to explore as student's approach secondary school, adolescence and complete their primary schooling as seniors of the school.

Students will assist with organising meals and their sleeping quarters and enjoy some fun team building activities.

On arrival, students undertook a yoga session to ready them for the day.



5 Cent Coins for the Catholic Missions:

St. Mary's School mission effort in the coming months is to donate 5 cent coins. and the money raised will be sent to the missions for their work in Australia and other overseas countries to support those in needs.

Parishioners have also been invited to support this fundraiser by emptying their purses or wallets of the 5 cent coins and placing them in the container at the back of the church.

Centacare Pastoral Care Worker:

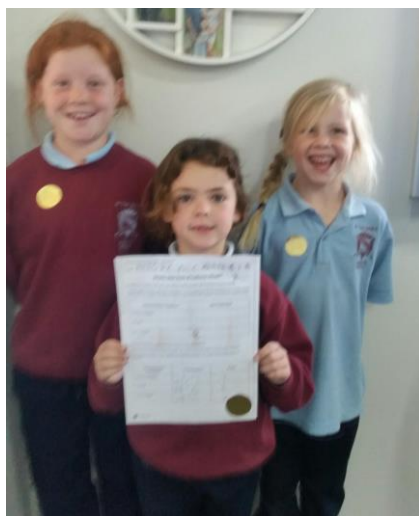
Research shows that children learn better at school if they feel safe socially and emotionally. When kids are able to make good friends, and be in charge of their emotions, their brain works better. So my role is to help students learn about healthy, respectful relationships- what is a good friend, how to be a good friend, how to include others in their social networks, how to fit in, how to know what is not a healthy friendship. I help the students recognize their own individual strengths, what will benefit them in their lives, and also how to recognize good qualities in others that make a good friend. I also work with students around helping them regulate their own emotions- to let them know that they are in charge of their anxiety and worry, or their sadness or their anger. I do these things through a number of ways- in classroom talks, in small groups and sometimes with the individual child. I use a number of different methods- I believe in getting the kids thinking for themselves and talking amongst themselves through discussion, art, drama, exercise, writing, relaxing and laughing. Play is very important for children and I want to make this learning aspect of their life enjoyable and helpful in getting them to learn together and express themselves. I work in collaboration with the teachers and principal. If I am asked by teachers to work with children in small groups or individually I will contact you to discuss the goals of this work and ask you to sign permission forms. Please feel free to ring me or drop in. It would be lovely to talk with you. I am at St Mary's on Mondays, but can be contacted on 0490 292324 at other times.

Deb Wilson - School Pastoral Care Worker
0490 292324



Principal's Awards:

This week's Principal Award recipients were: Victory, Marnie, Ellie, John and Daniel S.





Assemblies:

Each Monday at 9.00am the whole school meet for prayer. At this Assembly birthdays are acknowledged and student awards presented. **All families are warmly invited to attend.** **Class Assemblies will be held on Monday mornings at 9.00am this term.**

- ❖ **Grades Prep, One and Two: Monday May 27th at 9.00am**
 - ❖ **Grades Five and Six: Monday June 17th at 9.00am.**
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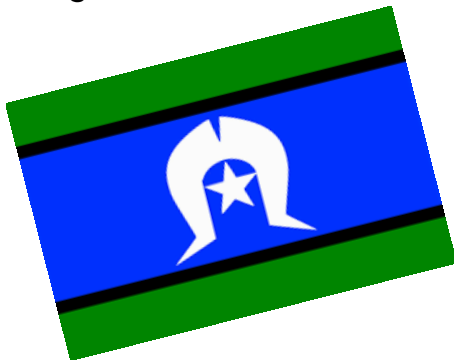
National Reconciliation Week: 'Grounded in Truth: Walk with Courage'

What is National Reconciliation Week?

National Reconciliation Week (NRW) is a time for all Australians to learn about our shared histories, cultures, and achievements, and to explore how each of us can contribute to achieving reconciliation in Australia.



The dates for NRW remain the same each year; 27 May to 3 June. These dates commemorate two significant milestones in the reconciliation journey—the successful 1967 referendum, and the High Court Mabo decision respectively.



Reconciliation must live in the hearts, minds and actions of all Australians as we move forward, creating a nation strengthened by respectful relationships between the wider Australian community, and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples.

Food in the Classrooms:

With the implementation of our breakfast program every morning, students **will no longer stop for a fruit break before morning recess.**

Our breakfast program is available to **ALL** students **EVERY** morning.

Available each morning is: toast and spreads, cereals, fruit, milk and juice.

During Winter we may also have available items such as Milo, fruit toast and eggs.

Guidelines for Healthy Growth and Development for Children and Young People:

A brochure has been provided for each family plus information is on the School App. All schools have been requested to provide this information to all families and school staff.

2018 Annual Report to the Community:

There is a copy on the School Website, School App or a printed copy available in the Office.

School Dates Term 2, 2019:

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Sunday May 26th – Sunday June 2nd – National Reconciliation Week 'Grounded in Truth: Walk Together with Courage'

Monday May 27th – Assembly – Grades 3 and 4

Sunday June 2nd – Celebration of Confirmation & Eucharist at 10.30am Mass

Monday June 10th – Queen's Birthday Public Holiday – NO SCHOOL

Monday June 17th – Assembly Grades 5 and 6

Monday June 24th – Friday June 28th – Meals on Wheels

Friday June 28th – End of Term 2 - 2.30pm finish

Monday July 15th – Start of Term 3

Victorian Education Attendance Guidelines:

During Term 4 2017 the Minister for Education reviewed the Attendance Guidelines. An updated Attendance Guideline document has been completed. A copy of the full document will be placed on the School App and Website.

- Schools must advise parents/guardians of unexplained absences on the same day, as soon as practicable.
- In accordance with the Education and Training Reform Act 2006, schooling is compulsory for children and young people aged from 6-17 years.
- **Families are reminded that they can use the School App to record absences, ring the school from 8.30am (54971116) or email principal@smdonald.catholic.edu.au**



NAPLAN

This week we completed our NAPLAN testing for 2019. This year saw the introduction of NAPLAN online. Students in Grade 5 completed all their testing online using the Chromebooks and Grade 3 completed 3 out of 4 tests online, with writing still completed on paper.

St. Mary's is very proud of their NAPLAN results.

The following page is a summary of St. Mary's fantastic NAPLAN results from 2010 onwards.
(also available on the App)

