



DATES:

Tuesday July 23rd –
P & F Meeting at 7.30

Wednesday July 24th –
School Advisory Council
Meeting at 7pm

Monday July 29th –
Assembly Grade F/1/2,
9am

Monday July 29th –
Choral Festival, 7pm.

Sunday August 4th –
Aboriginal & Torres Strait
Island Children's Day

Friday August 9th –
**SCHOOL CLOSURE
DAY – NO STUDENTS**

Welcome Back:

Welcome back to Term three. Hoping everyone had a relaxing and enjoyable break over the holidays and stayed nice and warm. This term, assemblies will be held on Monday mornings in the Multi-Purpose Room. Our first assembly will be the Grade F/1/2 on Monday July 29th.



Baby Congratulations:

Congratulations to Vanessa, Aaron and Annabel on the recent arrival of your new daughter and sister, Ava. Wishing you all many years of good health, love, and happiness.

Welcome Miss Kirk:

This term we welcome Miss Hayley Kirk to our St. Mary's community. Hayley will be working part time in the Grade 3 & 4 room along with Mrs. Cumming. We hope Miss Kirk enjoys her time at St. Mary's. Welcome Hayley!



Vision Statement:

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

Mission Statement:

Leadership & Stewardship:

Be educators, with a clear sense of purpose and direction, who collaboratively work to deliver quality outcomes for all students.

Choral Festival:

This year the Choral Festival will be held on the evening of **Monday July 29th at the Donald Memorial Hall**. The students are back rehearsing the songs we will be presenting on the night and it is sounding fantastic. The evening gets underway at 7pm.

All students are expected to attend the evening and are asked to be at the hall by 6.50pm in FULL Winter uniform.



School Closure Day:

FRIDAY AUGUST 9TH WILL BE A SCHOOL CLOSURE DAY FOR A STAFF PD. NO STUDENTS WILL ATTEND ON THIS DAY.

NAIDOC Week 2019:

NAIDOC Week was held from July 7 -14 this year. As this is held during school holidays, students were given the opportunity during the last week of term 2, to complete activities that related to NAIDOC Week and to learn more about what it stands for.



Art Room Supplies – Wool & Wire Coat Hangers:

Mrs. Cumming is currently in need of any spare wool and wire coat hangers you may have lying around at home. If you are able to help out with any donations, could you please leave them at the front office. Thank you for help.

Change of details:



Please make sure you inform the school of any change in yours, or your child's details. This includes new phone numbers, changes of address, changes to medical conditions, addition of a medical condition, new emergency contact details etc. It is extremely important that we have the most up to date information for you and your child. It's as easy as a phone call to the office or jump on the Skoolbag App. and fill in the form.

Spare School Uniform:

On the stage in the Multi-Purpose Room is a large quantity of spare uniform items. If you require extra uniform, please come and have a look at what is available. All uniform is in good condition. Currently on the stage is Winter uniform but there is also an amount of Summer items available, including shorts & dresses. Feel free to drop in and have a look.

Centacare:

A new term- halfway through the year and the middle of winter. So we decided to look again at gratitude in the senior class. Because gratitude makes us feel happy- it is an appreciation of the goodness in our lives and it is an emotion. It improves our health, it improves our relationships, it helps us through tough times. So we are grateful for small things, people, big things. With the junior class I am starting to look



at feelings, how to recognize them, how to control them so they don't overwhelm. We read a lovely book and the children enjoyed that. Hoping you keep warm and grateful through winter and that you feel peaceful in this season. I am very grateful for my fire and feel peaceful when I am near it.



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School Uniform:

Families are reminded of the expectation that students wear their correct school uniform. Sports uniforms are worn on Tuesday and Friday.

Families experiencing difficulty in providing uniform requirements are asked to contact the Principal. Assistance will be confidentially provided.

Winter Uniform – Boys

- 👤 Long grey pants
- 👤 Blue polo shirt
(embroidered with school crest)
- 👤 Grey socks
- 👤 Black shoes
- 👤 Maroon jumper
(embroidered with school crest)
- 👤 Navy jacket (optional)

Winter Uniform – Girls

- 👤 Navy slacks
- 👤 Blue polo shirt
(embroidered with school crest)
- 👤 Grey or white socks
- 👤 Black shoes
- 👤 Maroon Jumper
(embroidered with school crest)
- 👤 Navy jacket (optional)

Bacolod, Philippines:

During Term One, Annette Gilmour visited the city of Bacolod in the Philippines where her friend, Sr. Anne Dixon lives and works. Sister Anne is a Good Samaritan nun who reaches out to the poorest families there.

Whilst there, Annette and her friends were able to help cook and distribute food to the families, and share much fun and laughter.

During Term 2, St. Mary's Donald were asked to see if they had any good quality clothing or books that could be collected and sent to Bacolod to assist the Good Samaritan sisters in their work. As a result, we were able to send 2 large boxes of items to the Philippines. Attached is a thank you note from Sister Anne Dixon:

"Kamusta ka sa inyo tanan – that is THANK YOU VERY MUCH EVERYONE in the language that is spoken by the many people who will be so happy to receive all the goodies that you are sending to us here in Bacolod, Philippines.

*Everything you send will be put to good use and I will take photos for you to see! Whether it be clothing or books or toys or some other surprise, our friends will be so happy. THANK YOU!!! Many blessings to each of you for your generosity and kindness" Sr. Anne Dixon
Many Thanks!!!*



Mrs Gilmour is currently putting together another box of goodies to send to Bacolod. They are in need of babies' and children's Summer clothing. If anyone has any good quality clothing they are able to donate, it can be left at St. Mary's office or contact Annette and she can collect it. Many thanks to those who are able to help.

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Saturday August 10th – Sunday August 18th – Science Week, 'Destination Moon'

Wednesday August 14th – Donald High School Information Night

Saturday August 17th – Friday August 23rd – Book Week – 'Reading is My Secret Power'

Friday August 23rd – Athletic Sports in Donald

Friday August 30th – Fathers' Day Stall

Friday August 30th – Fathers' Day Breakfast

Sunday September 1st – Fathers' Day

Wednesday September 4th – Black Ranges Athletics in Stawell

Thursday September 5th – School Feast Day – Mass at 9.00am

- Grandparents & Special Friends Day

Friday September 13th – SCHOOL CLOSURE DAY. NO STUDENTS