



Thursday, July 27th
Term 3 Week 2 2017

DATES:

Monday, July 31st – Choral Festival at the Donald Memorial Hall at 7.00pm. All students are participating.

Friday, August 4th: High School Fete. The students will be attending from 12.00pm. Lunch order attached.

Sunday, August 20th: Sacrament of First Eucharist will be celebrated at the 10.30am Mass. There will be a morning tea in the Multi Purpose Room afterwards. All are invited to attend.

Friday, August 25th: Athletic Sports at the Donald oval. All students will participate.

School Review: Yesterday the School Review finished. The Reviewers Mrs John Marks, Mr Lee Schlooz, Mr Chris Robarts and Mr Frank McGrath oversaw the review.

The reviewers noted several times the friendliness of the students and how clearly the senior students could articulate their ideas about their learning and all areas of the school. During the review the panel spoke to the students, all staff members, School Advisory Council members and families. Sincere thanks to all for your time and input.

The review commenced with the four leaders, Erika, Ebony, Zac and George, showing the reviewers around the school. This included taking them to each class room.

The review panel were very complimentary regarding the students' learning data. Congratulations to the students and staff on these excellent learning outcomes. This will continue to be the main focus in the coming four years.

In the coming weeks there will be a report provided. This report will then be shared with the staff, School Advisory Council and the school community.

Choral Festival: On Monday evening, July 31st, the annual Choral Festival will be held at the Memorial Hall. **All students are members of the choir.** The Choral Festival commences at **7.00pm** and students are asked to be at the hall by this time. Students are expected to wear their winter uniform. There are many maroon jumpers in the Uniform Cupboard which have been either donated or unclaimed by students. If needing a jumper please let staff know and they will assist the student. The students have been practising the songs and are improving each day. It will be a great item on the night.

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

Mission Statement focus this week:

Learning and Teaching:

Provide opportunities for each student to achieve their academic potential in an engaging contemporary educational environment.



Sacrament of Eucharist: On **Sunday, August 20th** at The 10.30am Mass five Grade Four students, Charlotte, Charlie, Lachlan, Ollie and Texas will celebrate the Sacrament of Eucharist for the first time. The students have been preparing at school and home for this special sacrament.

After Mass there will be morning tea in the Multi-Purpose Room. All families are invited to attend this special event. The Parents and Friends organise the morning tea.

Any family able to assist on the morning or provide food are asked to contact the Office or Karla Griffiths.

On Sunday, August 6th the families of the students are Invited to attend the 10.30am Mass. Fr. Eugene will ask the students to take a role during Mass.



School Uniform: A reminder to all families that students are expected to wear their correct winter school uniform to school. Could families please send a note explaining when students are unable to do this.

Any family experiencing difficulty in providing their child/ children with uniform are encouraged to contact the Office and ask to speak to Anne. **Also a reminder to families that there are uniforms available, in good order, in the uniform cupboard. Contact the Office if you would like to look through them.**



Congratulations to Lachlan, Brianna, Ollie, Zac , Charli, Lexis and Hamish on your work during the past week.

Wool Needed: The Senior class are using wool this term during Art. Could anyone with wool they no longer need please send it to school with your child or drop it into the Office.



Bounceback Program:

This week we will be continuing to consider the Bounce Back statements of resilience:

Bad times don't last. Things always get better. Stay optimistic.

We will be talking about how we can bounce back from changes that can happen for us, such as changes in our family, moving school, moving to a new house or town.

Ideas for parents from the Bounce Back ! program to assist a child to develop resilience.

Don't overprotect your child from the normal challenges that all children have at different ages (eg. looking after their own things, packing their own lunch). Start by giving a child small age appropriate challenges that require small responsibilities. Using small steps move them towards becoming more independent and competent. Don't do things for them without checking that they are capable of doing it for themselves.

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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Spring Luncheon Helpers Needed:

The annual Spring Luncheon is held on the last day of Term Three, Friday September 22nd. To run this event a minimum of 8 helpers are required. Families are asked to fill in this form and return by next **Monday, July 31st**. This event is one of the main fundraisers and has been a successful and social event for many years.

Name: _____

I am able to assist in making sandwiches and setting up the luncheon on the morning from 9.00am

Yes No

I am able to assist with serving at the luncheon from 11.45am and cleaning up. Completed by 2.00pm Yes or No

Friday Lunch Order – On Friday August 4th – High School Fete

Athletics Sports

Friday August 25th, 2017 commencing at 10.00am

Dear Parents, our annual School Athletics sports are fast approaching and we are please asking for parent helpers on the day. If you are willing to assist, please fill out the form below and return to school.

Name _____

Yes I am willing to assist at the School Athletics Sports (please tick).

Senior Oval (9-12 year olds) Junior Oval (5-8 year olds)

Working Bee

Next Friday, July 28th the Maintenance Committee are holding a Working Bee from 4.00pm onwards.

There are many jobs requiring to be completed and all families are encouraged to attend and help out.

Following the Working Bee families will share tea and refreshments.

If you are unable to attend on Friday evening but would be willing to do a job at another time please contact the Office.

