



DATES:

Friday August 23rd –
Athletic Sports in Donald

Monday August 26th –
Book Week assembly.

Friday August 30th –
Fathers' Day Breakfast,
Father/student soccer
match & Stall

**Wednesday September
4th** – Black Ranges
Athletics in Stawell

**Thursday September
5th** – Feast Day &
Grandparents & Special
Friends Day

**Wednesday September
18th** – Grade 5 & 6
Cricket Blast Cup

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.

Athletic Sports:

Tomorrow, **Friday, August 23rd**, the Athletic Sports will be held at the Donald Recreation Reserve. Commencing at 10am, all students will be participating in the Athletic Sports. Juniors will be on the Jeffcott Oval and seniors on Goff Letts Oval.

Students will walk to the Recreation Reserve, leaving the school at 9.30am.

Students are to wear their sports uniform and bring water, lunch and snacks.

Please ensure your child also brings warm clothes – jumper/coat as they can get cold sitting around between events. The forecast for tomorrow suggests a maximum temperature of 15°C, with morning frost.

The school will provide sunscreen at the ovals.



Father's Day:

On **Friday August 30th**, St. Mary's will be celebrating Father's Day.

The day will begin at 8.00am with a hearty breakfast in the Multi Purpose Room, followed by a student-father soccer game at 8.30am.

All fathers, grandfathers and special men in our students lives are invited to attend the morning and help us give thanks for all you do.

Students will also have the opportunity to purchase gifts at the Father's Day stall later in the morning.

We hope you can come and join us on this day of celebration.



School Closure Day:

**FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 13TH WILL BE A
SCHOOL CLOSURE DAY FOR A STAFF PD.
NO STUDENTS WILL ATTEND ON THIS DAY.**

GRANDPARENTS & SPECIAL FRIENDS' DAY



You are invited to join St. Mary's School for a special day on **Thursday September 5th, 2019.**

Grandparents & Special Friends Day will commence with a Mass at 9.00am in the Church. Following Mass everyone is invited to spend time in the classrooms until 11.00am.

Morning tea will be provided from 11.00-11.30am.

We will also be celebrating St. Mary's Feast Day on this day.

Invites have been sent home with this week's newsletter for students to give to Grandparents & Special Friends. If you require more invitations, please contact the office.

St. Mary's Dancers:

Last Sunday, four students from St. Mary's participated in Miss Jennae's Dance Capital Annual Concert in St. Arnaud. Well done to Jaya, River, Delilah & Kailie.



Lost Property:

There is currently a quantity of lost property at school, including jumpers and blue jackets.

If you are missing any items of school uniform, could you please call the office or come and have a look at what is here.

Please make sure all your child's uniform is named as this makes it easier to return.

Merit Awards:

This week the students acknowledged at assembly were: Charli, Lachie, Nate & John.



Book Week 2019:

This week we celebrate Book Week 2019

This year's theme is
'Reading is My Secret Power'. Reading
takes you away to far off places where
your imagination can give you 'Secret
Powers.

**There will be a Book Week assembly on
Monday August 26th. All are welcome to
attend.'**



Library: As well as all the wonderful new
Book Week books, there are many new
books available to borrow from the library.

*'Starting in kindergarten, if a student
reads 20 minutes a day at home, they will
hear 1.8 million words per year'.*

The MORE
that you read,
the MORE things
you will know.
The MORE that you
learn,
the MORE places you'll go.



Book Week Kinder Visit:

Today, as part of Book Week, the
Grade 5 & 6 class visited the
Donald Kindergarten. The students
read books and participated in
activities with the Kinder children to
celebrate Book Week 2019.

Activities included making a
'Rainbow Bear' and the Grade 5 &
6 students dressing in white, like a
Polar Bear, and then pretending,
using colourful paper, to paint the
bears brightly.



Croquet Club Thank you:

We would like to thank the Donald Croquet Club for their generous donation to St. Mary's. The club has recently made the decision to close up after many years in Donald. We thank them very much.



Grade 6 to hear John Maher:

On Friday September 6th, the Grade 6 class have been invited by Tiarnah Hepworth from Donald Primary School to hear John Maher speak on the importance of road safety and hear his story. A permission form was sent home on Monday. If you did not receive a permission form, please contact the office. Forms are required back at school no later than Monday August 26th to allow numbers to be passed on to the Primary School.

Maternal Child and Health Survey 2019

Have your say!!

The Buloke Shire Council is committed to providing a high quality Maternal and Child Health program to ensure that the services provided are relevant and responsive to the needs of children and families in Buloke.

We appreciate your feedback and encourage you to complete the survey and give any further comments you may believe to be relevant to the Buloke Maternal and Child Health Service.

Ways to Access the Survey

Use the Buloke Website, the Link is on our Maternal Child Health Page.

<https://www.buloke.vic.gov.au/maternal-child-health>

If you would like a hard copy sent to you, please call Barry McKenzie on 54 780 185.

Term 3 Dates:

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 6th – Grade 6 visit to Primary School to hear John Maher

Friday September 13th – SCHOOL CLOSURE DAY - NO STUDENTS

Wednesday September 18th – Donald Cricket Blast Cup Day

Wednesday September 18th – School Play in MPR at 7.00pm

Friday September 20th – Last Day of Term 3

Monday October 7th – Start of Term 4