National Literacy and Numeracy Week

This week is Literacy and Numeracy Week although for schools it is a focus every week. St. Mary’s students and teachers are celebrating it by trying to complete our work to the best of our ability.

Father’s Day: Wishing all fathers and Grandfathers a very happy day on Sunday and may it give you time to enjoy being a father and grandfather.

FATHER’S Day Stall will be held tomorrow morning for students who wish to purchase a gift for their father or grandfather. Gifts range from 50 cents to $5.00.

School Feast Day: On Thursday, September 8th the school will be celebrating our Feast Day – Mary’s birthday. There will be Mass at 9.00am and all families are invited to attend. After Mass students will travel by bus to St. Arnaud to see a show ‘Little Red in the Hood’ at the RSL Hall. Students will return after the show and should be back at school by lunchtime.

Assembly: Tomorrow morning at 9.00am there will be an Assembly in the Multi-purpose Room. The Foundation and Grade One students will be leading the prayer and sharing their work.

Awards:
Foundation, Grade 1 & 2 Lexis Pratt and Hamish Birch
Grade 3 & 4 Charlie Frank & Chloe Livingston
Grade 5 & 6 Ebony Frank, Noah Slater & Daniel Slater

AFL 9’s: The students in Grade 3-6 participated in a coaching session on Friday and then on Monday competed at the Donald oval. All students played several games and had an enjoyable day.
**Book Week: Week 7 Monday, August 22nd to Friday, August 26th “Australian Story Country”**

The Bookweek concluded with George Milne and Briody Haddow reading the students a story while students ate their lunch. Many thanks to them both and all the readers for their time and support of our reading focus. Thank Mrs Gilmour for your organisation of Bookweek.

**Whole School Production:** Trust all families have kept Wednesday, September 14th free to attend our play ‘Nagwaja’. Students and staff are busy rehearsing and getting their props ready.

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**Pastoral Care Worker:** Anne Boadle

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

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Email: Anne.Boadle@centacareballarat.org.au

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**Bounce Back! Program - No Bullying unit.**

One of the key things in the Bounce Back program that we talk about with the children, is that if other people try to convince you to take part in bullying someone, don’t just copy others or just do what they tell you.

**Key messages from the Bounce Back program about bullying, that parents can communicate to their child.** Think for yourself and do what is right and don’t just go along with what other children are doing.

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**Football Tipping**

Congratulations to Colleen Raynes for winning our Footy Tipping Competition closely followed by Dublin 144 and Nadine Frank 143.

Picking 9 winners was quite difficult this year. Well done to Pendles Punters in Round 19 and Nadine in Round 11. $10.00 coming your way.

Hope your team does well in the finals or has a good pre-season like the Blues need to do. Anne

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**DONALD DENTAL VISIT** - Royal Flying Doctor will be at the East Wimmera Health Service, 1 Aiken Avenue from Tuesday, September 6th to Friday, September 9th. Free treatments are available to all children from 0 – 17 years, Adults with a Health Care Card or Aboriginal or Torres Strait adults. For an appointment – Telephone 03 84120444 or email: dental@rfds VIC.com.au.

**Donald Basketball:** Calling for names for the 2016/2017 Summer Season.

If you are interested in playing Basketball please fill in a form available from the Early Bird Café. Names must be in by Friday, September 16th.

**Basketball Clinic:** Expressions of interest are invited for a junior basketball clinic with Basketball Victoria Tim Downes at Warracknabeal during the holidays. Details are on the School App or available at the Office.

**Austswim Teachers:** There is a course to be held at the Horsham Aquatic Centre on Saturday 17th and Sunday 18th of September. Cost is $348.00. Additional information available at the Office.
SEPTEMBER SCHOOL HOLIDAYS - KIDS TIME OUT
Monday, September 26th, Tuesday, September 27th and Wednesday, September 28th
FREE 9.30am - 12.30pm
Kids Time Out with Pastor Rob and Angela Bell of Children of Christ
Venue: Donald Uniting Church Hall for PRIMARY AGED SCHOOL CHILDREN

St. Arnaud Kids Club – September Holiday Activities: From Monday, September 19th to Friday, September 30th on week days there are activities available. The details are on the School App or a copy of the activities are available at the Office.

Principal's Award: Congratulations Erika Bicket for her work on Luke’s Gospel, Lexis Pratt for her mastery of the pink words, Skye on spelling 3 letter words and learning her orange words and Petria’s Book Review.
P&F News
Fathers Day Stall Sept. 2
Our annual Father’s Day stall is on tomorrow. Most items priced between 50c - $5

St. Mary’s Book Club - Movie Night September 9, 6.30 for 7pm start.
This term we’ve been reading “Wild” by Cheryl Strayed. Come along next week and enjoy watching the film of the same name. BYO drinks, nibbles, beanbag and a friend or two - all welcome.

Upcoming Events
Spring Luncheon Meeting - Woods St Cafe Sept. 12
Spring Luncheon Sept. 16
Next P&F Meeting Oct. 4
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St Mary’s Weekly Tuck Shop Order
Due back with payment – Wednesday 7th September

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