



DATES:

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

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

Friday September 20th
– Spring Luncheon

Friday September 20th
– Last Day of Term 3

Sunday October 6th –
Daylight Savings Starts

Monday October 7th –
Start of Term 4

Vision Statement:

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

Mission Statement:

Catholic Culture:

As part of St. Mary's, and inspired by our Catholic faith, we care for all people and creation.

School Closure Day:

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

Father's Day:

Last Friday morning St. Mary's fathers, grandfathers and special men in our students lives gathered to celebrate Father's Day with a hearty breakfast of bacon & eggs. Following breakfast, a student/father soccer match ensued.



The game was filled with many laughs, with some dads surprising their children with their skills!

Thank you to all who attended and

to all staff that made the morning possible. It was very pleasing to see such a wonderful attendance. We hope all father's had an enjoyable and relaxing Father's Day on Sunday.

Happy Father's Day

Grade 6 to hear John Maher:

Tomorrow, **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.

Students will walk to and from the Donald Primary School with Mrs. Hogan.



School Play:

The St. Mary's whole school play will be held on **Wednesday, September 18th, from 7.00pm** in the Multi-Purpose Room.

Students are busily rehearsing lines and songs and it is sounding fantastic.

Early next week a notice will go home regarding costumes students will need for the play.

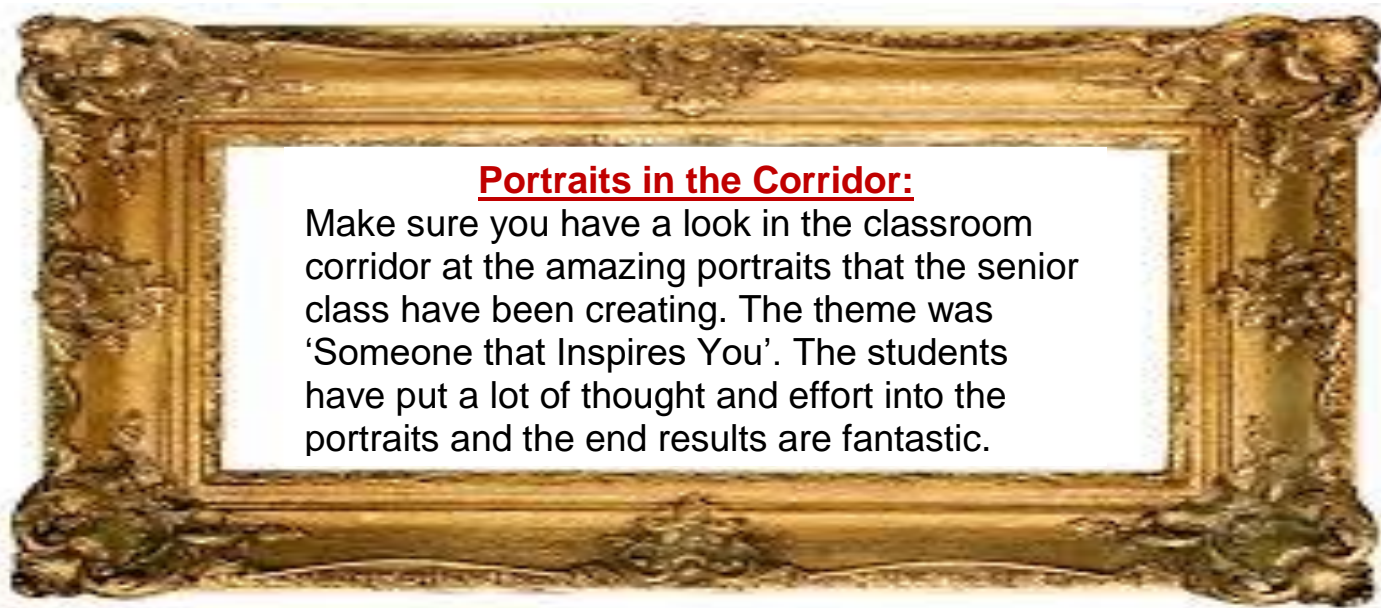
A lot of work goes in to putting such an event together. Make sure you invite family and friends to this showcase of the talent we have at St. Mary's.

This week notices were sent home regarding costumes for students. If you didn't receive your notice, please contact the office. If you have any difficulty with costume items, please contact the school as soon as possible.



Portraits in the Corridor:

Make sure you have a look in the classroom corridor at the amazing portraits that the senior class have been creating. The theme was 'Someone that Inspires You'. The students have put a lot of thought and effort into the portraits and the end results are fantastic.



Prep/Foundation 2020 Information Evening:

On Thursday September 12th at 5.30, St. Mary's are holding an information evening for families of prospective Prep. Students for 2020. The session will be held in the Junior Classroom. Information will be provided relating to the Foundation Program and the four-week Transition Program to be offered to enrolled students during Term Four.

The session will include a school tour and brief outline of the whole school program. At the conclusion there will be an opportunity to have any queries answered. Enrolment forms and information relating to the school will be available on the evening, or from the school office.

If you are unable to attend, please phone the school office for an appointment to visit and discuss the school program and your child.



Merit Awards:

This week the students acknowledged at assembly were:
Sophie, Libby, Piper,
Zachariah, Lithil,
Shaine, Elijah and
Marty



Black Ranges Athletics:

Well done to Lachie, Cam & Charlie, who competed in the Black Ranges Athletics yesterday at North Park in Stawell.

Results were:

Lachie – 1st – 800m

1st – 200m

Cam - 1st - 100m

Charlie - 2nd – Shot Put

Congratulations on your fantastic efforts

boys and good luck for the next stage.



Music Tuition in Donald:

The Tiny Room will be offering music tuition in Term 4 of 2019. Tuition is available for primary students, secondary students, and adults.

Tuition is offered in:

- Instruments and Vocals
- Song writing and Artistic Development
- Recording, Production, and Technology

For tuition times and costs, please contact Julian Smith on 0400739619.

Grandparents & Special Friends Day:

Thank you to all our Grandparents and Special Friends that attended St. Mary's today. The day started with Mass at the church, for which we must thank Mrs. Hogan and Father Peter.

Students, teachers and visitors then participated in classroom activities. Visitors were then treated to a 'sneek peek' of some of the songs from our school play to be held on Wednesday September 18th and the morning finished with a scrumptious morning tea! (More photos will be available on the website tomorrow).



Spring Is Sprung:

With Spring in the air, this beautiful Monarch Butterfly found its way to St. Mary's this week.



The Monarch Butterfly is also known as the Milkweed, Common Tiger, Wanderer or Black Veined Brown Butterfly. Its wings feature an easily recognizable black, orange & white pattern, with a wingspan of between 8.9 & 10.2cm. It is most common in North America, with scientists believing they came to Australia around the 1840's. The Monarch feeds on nectar from milkweeds. By eating the milkweed nectar, Monarchs become toxic and taste terrible to predators, especially birds, who won't eat them. Monarchs flap their wings about 5 to 12 times a second, which is about 300 to 720 times a minute!



SPRING LUNCHEON



The Annual Spring Luncheon will be held Friday, September 20th, from 12.00pm to 1.30pm in the Multi-Purpose Room. This is always a great fundraiser for the school and a delicious way to spend an afternoon.

The P & F will be seeking helpers for the day. If you are available between the hours of 8.30am and 2.30pm, your help would be greatly appreciated. Even if you have an hour to spare throughout the day. Please contact the office if you are able to help.

Term 3 Dates:

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 – Spring Luncheon

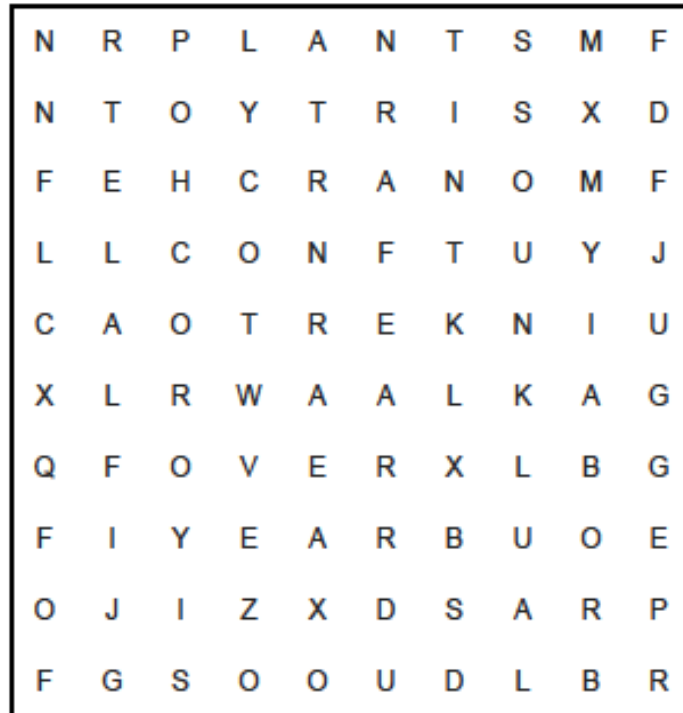
Friday September 20th – Last Day of Term 3

Sunday October 6th – Daylight Savings Starts –clocks go **forward** 1 hour

Monday October 7th – Start of Term 4

Butterfly Word Search

Instructions: Try to find all of the hidden Butterfly words in the word search puzzle below.
(Words can be spelled forwards, backwards, diagonally, up, or down.)



Word List

EGG	NECTAR
FLOWERS	PLANTS
LARVA	POLLEN
MONARCH	THORAX

