THE WEEK AT A GLANCE

Grade Five and Six Melbourne Camp:
Early on Sunday morning the students and their families were at the school to leave on the camp. Throughout the week the students have been visiting the sights and having fun. Each message includes how well the students are participating and enjoying being together.

Grade Five and Six
Camp to Melbourne
Students return on Thursday, October 6th at approximately 3.15pm.

Wednesday, October 12th
– School Advisory Council Meeting at 7.00pm in the Staffroom.

Friday, October 14th
– Speech Therapist visit. Note the change of date.

Friday, November 4th –
School Fete.

Camps and Excursions:
Grade 3 & 4 – Warrnambool will be held on Wednesday, November 9th – Friday, November 11th.

Foundation, Gr 1 & 2 excursion to Bendigo will be held on Friday, November 18th.

Information to be sent home soon.
**Principal’s Award:** Congratulations to Shaine Mansibang and Zachariah Clapham on their well written holiday stories.

**Bounce Back! Program - No Bullying unit.**
In the first weeks of Term 4, we will be continuing with the No Bullying unit, covering how everyone can work together to stop bullying in school. The key message from the BounceBack program is that bullying is everyone’s problem, in the same way that it is everyone’s problem if there is other danger in our midst. We have a responsibility to try to stop students from bullying others. For the children this is about not supporting anyone who is bullying by taking part, watching them or laughing at what they do. Letting the person doing the bullying know in a calm way that it is not OK, being brave and responsible by letting a teacher know that there is a problem, and showing the person being bullied that we support and care for them.

**Pastoral Care Worker:** Anne Boadle
Works at St. Mary’s each Thursday 8.30am – 4.30pm.
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**October Mission Month Socktober: Sock It to Poverty**
During October the students will be focusing on our role as Christians to help people in need. This year the money we raise will go to help Our Lady of the Missions nuns work in India helping poor families. This work includes providing venom to these people when bitten by snakes.

This order of nuns worked at the school until the 1960’s and their work focuses on working with the very poor.

In keeping with the theme students will be invited to wear favourite socks on next Friday, October 14th and give a coin donation for being able to wear them.

**Nagwaja:** Our mission effort was commenced with the door at the school production. The door raised $141.15.
P&F News

Spring Luncheon Cancellation.
Last term we were unfortunately unable to hold our annual Spring Luncheon due to the power outage and minor flooding over the last two days of school. After discussions at our meeting last night, we have decided not to reschedule the luncheon for this term and focus our attentions on the upcoming fete instead. Apologies to any families who had already purchased their items for donation and any inconvenience caused.

School Fete Raffle Tickets and Fete Information
Our school fete is under month away, information packs will be sent home this week. Raffle tickets for the fete were sent home last term, any families who did not receive theirs or require more please call Candece on 0400 709 981

St Mary’s Book Club
There will be no adult book club for term 4. Anyone interested in seeing the film ‘Wild’ by Cheryl Strayed (term 3’s book) contact Candece. We are looking for suggestions for our Term 1 book next year - any book suggested must have a film adaptation to qualify.

Fete Lunch Meeting Friday October 14, 1p.m.
A lunchtime meeting will be held to discuss the upcoming fete at the Jeffcott Hotel at 1p.m. All welcome.

Upcoming Events
Fete Meeting Friday Oct. 14
Meals On Wheels Monday, October 24th – Friday, October 28th. Help needed.
St. Mary’s School Fete Friday November 4th
P&F Dinner Meeting Tuesday November 15th

Candece Jay
St Mary’s P&F President

Nude Food Week: Monday, October 17th – Friday, October 21st.

During Week Three Students and staff are being encouraged to bring their food to school in as little wrapping as possible. This focus is to remind us of the rubbish each of us contributes to landfill. During Week Two the students will weigh the rubbish and compare it when participating in Nude Food Week.
Ideas: Bring drink bottles.
   Pack lunch in reusable containers
Family Meeting - The Negative Impact of Pornography on Young People: Meeting to be held on Wednesday, October 12th at 7:00pm in the Big Shed at the Donald Primary School. All families are invited to attend.

At the Donald Youth Community Action Network (YCAN) meeting, it was decided to hold a forum with Maree Crabbe. If you haven't heard of or seen Maree’s work, check out this website - [http://www.itstimewetalked.com.au/](http://www.itstimewetalked.com.au/)

Maree is the national expert on the impact of pornography on young people and the negative consequences it can have on their physical, mental and sexual health. It is linked to respectful relationships and may also contribute to increased domestic violence in our society. This is a pressing issue affecting the youth in our community.

Walk to School: Again this year St. Mary’s are participating in this program. Students and Staff will commence each day with a walk during October. Later in the term the students and staff will participate in a longer walk.

Term Calendar: The family calendar will be sent home next week after the Staff Meeting when all dates will be finalised. Apologies for the delay but no meeting owing to the Grade 5 & 6 camp.

Thank- you: Many thanks to the families for their understanding regarding the Office not being open for most of the week. Apologies for any inconvenience. I had to be away on personal leave.

Anne