



## DATES:

**Monday November 4<sup>th</sup>**  
– Report Writing Day –  
**NO STUDENTS**

**Tuesday November 5<sup>th</sup>**  
– Melbourne Cup Public  
Holiday – **NO**  
**STUDENTS**

**Friday November 8<sup>th</sup>** –  
School Fete, from  
4.00pm

**Monday November 11<sup>th</sup>**  
– Remembrance Day

**Monday November 18<sup>th</sup>**  
–to Friday November  
22<sup>nd</sup> – STOMP Dancing

**Thursday November**  
**21<sup>st</sup>**- Family STOMP  
dance 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:

#### **Leadership & Stewardship:**

Be educators, with a  
clear sense of purpose  
and direction, who  
collaboratively work to  
deliver quality outcomes  
for all students.

## MISSION MONTH:

October is Mission Month!

During October we are called to pay particular attention to those in our world who are less fortunate than ourselves – the poor, the hungry, the needy, the sad. Each year we make a special effort to raise some money to send to the Catholic Missions to assist those people the organisation is working with.



Last Monday, 21<sup>st</sup> October, 2019 we held a MISSION LITURGY. Students wore their CRAZY SOCKS to school for the day to '**sock it to poverty**' and donated a gold coin to the Catholic Mission. A lovely Barbeque lunch was provided and the afternoon was spent participating in a Tabloid Sports. Thanks to Mrs. Hogan for her organisation of the day.

## SCHOOL CLOSURE DAYS:

A reminder that Monday November 4<sup>th</sup> is a report writing day and Tuesday November 5<sup>th</sup> is the Melbourne Cup Public Holiday. **Both these days will be student free days.**



## SCHOOL FETE 2019

Last week each family was sent home a 2019 St. Mary's School Fete Information Pack.

The information Pack contains everything you need to know about this year's fete, including what activity you are rostered on for and each family's donations for the raffles etc.

If you are able to help set up, prior to or on the day of the fete, please complete the form at the back of the Information Pack and return to school by **Friday November 1st** or contact the office and we will pass your name and when you are available, to the P & F.

Attached to this was a booklet of raffle tickets for each family to sell. If you require more raffle tickets, please contact the office and we can send them home.

### FETE AUCTION:

*This year the P & F have decided to run an auction before the fete to encourage as many people as possible to this fantastic fundraising event. We are asking if families are able to donate something to our auction. It can be anything you like. Previously, items such as toys, household goods, services, such as car washing or a meal cooked for another family and tickets to events have been donated. Be as creative as you like with items.*

***Could items please be at school by Wednesday October 30<sup>th</sup>?***



### HAMPER ITEMS:

Please make sure you have your hamper items turned to school as soon as possible.

If you are unsure of what you are down to bring, please contact the office.

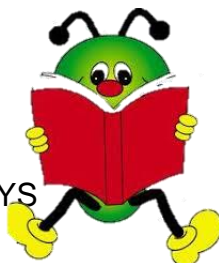
Thank you  
St. Mary's P & F

## LIBRARY DAYS

Library days are as follows:

Junior students (Grades Prep – 3) –  
TUESDAYS

Senior students (Grades 4 – 6) – WEDNESDAYS



There are many new books available for students to borrow, including the 2019 Book Week finalists. Students are encouraged and invited to borrow regularly.

## **PEACEFUL KIDS:**

What is the Peaceful Kids Program?



The 'Peaceful Kids' program is a Mindfulness and Positive Psychology based program to lessen anxiety and stress and increase resilience in children from Prep through to Year 12. This program helps children to build their emotional resilience so they are better equipped to deal with the day to day stresses that life brings them. More information on the program can be found on their website at: [peacefulkids.com.au](http://peacefulkids.com.au)

## **MERIT AWARD:**

This week the students acknowledged at assembly were:  
Ethan, Evie, Libby & Toby.



## **FIRST AID TRAINING:**

St. John Ambulance Victoria will visit our school on November 7<sup>th</sup> to deliver their free First Aid in Schools Program to our students. The program has taken an innovative approach to ensure all First Aid lessons are a fun interactive experience for students of all learning capabilities. Trained St. John presenters lead students from

Foundation to Grade 6 through tailored sessions on the importance of First Aid and what to do in the event of a medical emergency. Our junior students learn about how to identify when there is an emergency, keeping themselves safe, and how to call for an ambulance. Senior students learn about delivering CPR (Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation) and the things they can do to assist in an emergency

## **WALK TO SCHOOL MONTH:**

Every October, 'Walk to School' encourages Victorian primary school kids to walk, ride or scoot to and from school. It's a great way to help students learn healthy habits and achieve the recommended 60 minutes of physical activity, every day. As

part of this initiative, students and staff have been walking each morning.





## **CHILDREN'S WEEK NUTRITION PICNIC:**

This week, to celebrate Children's Week & Nutrition Week, a free picnic was organised for children at the Donald



Memorial Park. Students from grades prep, one & two made their way to the park where they were entertained with various games and were treated to a healthy and nutritious morning tea of fresh fruit. All students had a great time and received a water bottle from GWM Water.

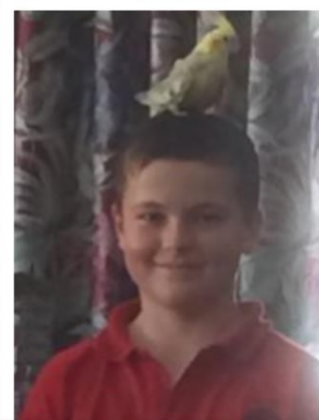


## **GOODWIN VILLAGE VISIT:**

Yesterday, Wednesday October 23<sup>rd</sup>, the grade 4, 5 & 6 students were lucky enough to have been invited to the Goodwin Village to see an animal performance. Students walked to the Goodwin Village in glorious weather, where they

and the residents, were treated to a trick show by budgerigars, parrots and rabbits along with dancing to some 'old fashioned' music. There were birds on heads, budgies on trains and rabbits doing tricks!

Thank you to the Goodwin Village for allowing us to share this wonderful show with the residents and staff.



## **WORLD TEACHERS' DAY:**

Tomorrow, Friday October 25<sup>th</sup>, Victoria will celebrate World Teachers' Day.

World Teachers' Day is an opportunity to acknowledge the valuable work and celebrate the wonderful achievements made by teachers across the State.

**THANK YOU!** to all the wonderful teachers we have at St.

Mary's for your dedication to the education of our students.

*'Teaching is the profession on which all other professions depend'*

*—Linda Darling-Hammond*



### **HATS & SUNSCREEN:**

During Term 4, it is a requirement that all students wear a hat during outside time. Sunscreen is also available in each classroom. Students are welcome to bring their own sunscreen if they have a preferred type.

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Monday November 25<sup>th</sup> – Friday December 13<sup>th</sup> – Swimming Program

Monday December 2<sup>nd</sup> – Grade 6 Induction Day at Donald High School

Tuesday December 10<sup>th</sup> – Grade 6 Orientation Day at Donald High School

Thursday December 12<sup>th</sup> – Sacrament of Reconciliation

**Wednesday December 18<sup>th</sup> – LAST DAY OF TERM 4 for students**

A decorative poster for Halloween. It features a large orange pumpkin with green leaves and a vine on the left side. The text is centered and reads: "Get Spooked this Halloween at John's Diner". Below this, it says "Join us on Thursday October 31<sup>st</sup> from 4pm - 9pm". Then, "Dress up in your scariest costume and get your photo taken with us and receive a free bag of lollies." Finally, "Scare you there!". The poster is framed by a simple line with decorative swirls at the corners.

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**at**

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