



DATES:

Friday November 1st –
2020 Foundation students
Transition Program. 9am –
11am

Monday November 4th –
Report Writing Day – NO
STUDENTS

Tuesday November 5th
– Melbourne Cup Public
Holiday – NO STUDENTS

Friday November 8th –
2020 Foundation students
Transition Program. 9am –
11am

Friday November 8th –
School Fete, from 4.30pm

Monday November 11th –
Remembrance Day

Monday November 18th –
to Friday November 22nd
– STOMP Dancing

Thursday November 21st –
Family STOMP dance

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
parish and inspired by
our Catholic faith, we
care for all people and
creation.

SCHOOL CLOSURE DAYS:

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



SCHOOL FETE 2019 – FRIDAY NOVEMBER 8TH

This year's fete is coming around very quickly. It's only 8 days away and preparations are in full swing.

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 to provide, please contact the office.



Please, also remember, if you have any items to donate to the auction, these also need to be at school this week.

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.

Raffle tickets can be returned to school next week, with the money. If you require more tickets, these are available from the office.

Thank you
St. Mary's P & F



FOUNDATION STUDENT 2020 TRANSITION PROGRAM:

Tomorrow, Friday November 1st, some of our 2020 Foundation students will begin their journey at St. Mary's by attending a 5-week Transition Program.

The program provides students with the opportunities to learn school routines activities around Language, Maths, Art, Music and Physical Education. Students will work with the Foundation and Grade One Class with Mrs. Cumming.

If you would like any further information on our program, please contact the office on 54971116.

SCHOOL CROSSING:

For students:

Please make sure that you are using the crossing correctly before and after school. This means that you should wait at the crossing until the crossing supervisor advises it is safe to cross. You must move directly from one side to the other. You must get off your bike or scooter before crossing the road. Make sure you listen to what the crossing supervisor is saying and cross sensibly and responsibly.

'Research shows that children under age 12 do not have the skills and experience to be safe in traffic'.



For drivers:

Please note that you are not allowed to make a U-turn if there is a single continuous line down the centre of the road. This means that the area in front of the school, between Campbell Street and the end of the old St. Mary's hall, is not to be used to do a U-turn. This will ensure the safety of both drivers and students. If you would like more information on your responsibilities at a school crossing, you can visit the Vicroads website.



Attached to the newsletter is a fact sheet, from Vicroads, for using pedestrian & children's crossings.



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.

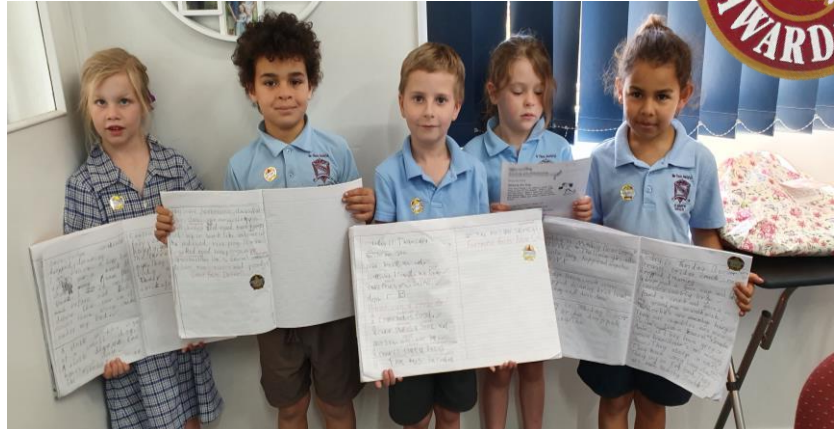
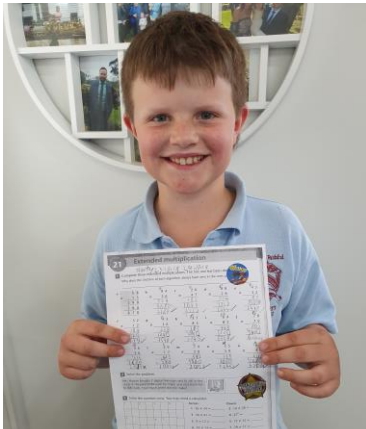
FIRST AID TRAINING:

St. John Ambulance Victoria will visit our school on **November 7th** 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.



PRINCIPAL'S AWARD:

This week's Principal Award recipients were: Marty, Ellie, Darnell, Nate, Evie & River.



VISIT FROM SISTER ANNE:

At Monday morning assembly we had a visit from Sister Anne and Jenny from the Sisters of the Good Samaritan. You may remember earlier in the year we collected items for Mrs. Gilmour to send to Sister Anne in Bacolod, in the Philippines. Sister Anne is in Australia for a couple of weeks and has been visiting with Mrs. Gilmour.



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.

Term 4 Dates:

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Monday November 4th – Report Writing Day – NO STUDENTS

Tuesday November 5th – Melbourne Cup Public Holiday – NO STUDENTS

Friday November 8th – 2020 Foundation Transition Day 9.00am – 11.00am

Friday November 8th – SCHOOL FETE

Monday November 11th – Remembrance Day

Friday November 15th – 2020 Foundation Transition Day 9.00am – 11.00am

Monday November 18th – Friday November 22nd – STOMP Dancing

Thursday November 21st – Family STOMP Dance Night

Friday November 22nd – 2020 Foundation Transition Day 9.00am – 11.00am

Monday November 25th – Friday December 13th – Swimming Program

Friday November 29th – 2020 Foundation Transition Day 9.00am – 11.00am

Monday December 2nd – Grade 6 Induction Day at Donald High School

Tuesday December 10th – Grade 6 Orientation Day at Donald High School

Thursday December 12th – Sacrament of Reconciliation

Wednesday December 18th – LAST DAY OF TERM 4 for students

MELBOURNE CUP FACTS:

- The Melbourne Cup is an annual thoroughbred horse race held over 3200 metres, on the first Tuesday in November at Flemington Racecourse
- The first Melbourne Cup was held in 1861 and Archer, the winning horse, collected £170 and a gold watch for his efforts.
- The Cup was run on a Tuesday for the first time in 1875. It is now held on the first Tuesday of November, every year.
- The inaugural winner Archer (1861) has the slowest winning time with 3:52.
- Kingston Rule (1993) won in a time of 3:16.30, which is the current Melbourne Cup time record
- An Australian racing legend, Phar Lap's heart weighed 6.2kg. The average horse heart weighs 3.2kg.
- Just five horses have won more than one Cup. Apart from Makybe Diva, they were Archer (1861 and 1862), Peter Pan (1932 and 1934), Rain Lover (1968 and 1969) and Think Big (1974 and 1975).



- The youngest jockey to win was Peter St. Albans on Briseis (1876). He was 12 years, 11 months and 23 days old at the time.
- Fashions on the field was first held in 1962.
- The name Phar Lap comes from a Zhuang (Southern Chinese) and Thai word meaning 'Lightning'

