St. Mary's Primary School

Newsletter

Thursday, November 3rd 2016
Term 4 Week 5 2016

THE WEEK AT A GLANCE

School Fete: Tomorrow Friday, November 4^{th} is the annual School Fete. This event is the main fund-raiser for the Parents and Friends and a great social event for the school community. All families are invited to assist.

Friday, November 4^{th} – Prep Transition Program commences. 9.00am – 11.00am

Friday, November 4^{th} – School Fete commences at 4.30pm.

Camps and Excursions:

Grade 3 & 4 – Warrnambool will be held on Wednesday, November 9^{th} – Friday, November 11^{th}.

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

October Mission Month: Sock It To Poverty:
Many thanks to the students and their families for supporting each event held during Mission month. Parishioners have also donated to our fund-raising and together we are sending $700.00 to the Our Lady of the Missions project in Northern India.

Guitar Lessons Cancelled: There will be no guitar lessons during Term 4 owing to Bernadette Clark being unavailable. She will recommence lessons in 2017.
**Principal's Award:** Congratulations to Jaya Stirling and Ethan Clapham for your excellent work this week.

**Bounceback! Program**
This week we will continue to talk about what makes us laugh, particularly nonsense rhymes, jokes and riddles, and how positive humour helps us.

**Key Messages form the Bounceback Program that parents can communicate to their child about humour**
Humour helps our body fight disease and illness. Humour is like exercise for our mind and feelings. Have a laugh and find the funny side of a situation can help you feel a little bit better when you are feeling unhappy, worried or when things are difficult.

**Pastoral Care Worker: Anne Boadle**
Works at St. Mary’s each Thursday 8.30am – 4.30pm.
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**Cup Sweep**
Token prizes went to family members who drew first, second, third and last horses in the Melbourne Cup Sweep organised the Grade 3 & 4 Class at the Assembly last Friday.
The Parents and Friends News:
It's fete week! Please arrive at 4.00pm tomorrow to ensure we are fully set-up before 4.30pm. Even though the Fete means hard work for our school parents, it's such an exciting event for the kids of Donald that it makes it all worthwhile.
It might be a good idea to bring aeroguard or other repellent, the mozzies have been swarming this year. See you all tomorrow!

Fete Reminders:
Raffle Money
Thank you to the families who have already returned raffle ticket money. A reminder that the raffle is drawn tomorrow Friday, November 4 so please return all money and unsold tickets to the front office by then please.

Monster and Christmas Hamper Items
Last minute hamper items can be dropped off in the multi-purpose room. These items will be wrapped up into a hamper mid to late morning tomorrow so please drop them off before then.

Fete Set up Fri. Nov. 4 - help needed
We begin to set-up for the fete around 9-9.30 Friday morning (Nov. 4) and continue throughout the day. Helpers are needed for set-up (even if you can only spare 20 minutes), please pop in to the multi-purpose room if you are able to assist.

Upcoming Events
St. Mary's School Fete Friday, November 4th
P&F Dinner Meeting Tuesday, November 15th

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St Mary’s P&F President
Walk To School Program: Again the Buloke Shire are supporting the Walk To School Program. St. Mary's have received some funding to implement the program. Each morning during October students and staff are commencing the day with a walk. To conclude the program the students and staff will take a bus out to Lake Wooroonook and enjoy a walk after lunch. The walk will be held on Monday, November 14th.

Permission Note: Walk To School Program – Lake Wooroonook

Date: Monday, November 14th from 1.05pm to 3.15pm

Venue: Lake Wooroonook

Activity: Lunch and a walk.

Mode of Transport: Bus

Classes: All students

Staff Attending: CathrynCumming, Annette Gilmour and another teacher.

I hereby give my permission for my child/children to travel by bus to Lake Wooroonook for lunch and a walk on Monday, November 14th. Students will leave the school at 1.05pm and return by 3.15pm.

Students: .................................................. ...................................................

Parent's Name ........................................ Signature .....................................................

Date: .................................