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Transition Program. 9am –
11am

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SCHOOL FETE 2019 – FRIDAY NOVEMBER 8TH

CANCELLED

Owing to the inclement weather forecast tomorrow, St. Mary's have made the decision to cancel the Fete.

The online auction, lucky squares and raffle will go ahead. Raffles and lucky squares will be drawn tomorrow afternoon. Winners will be notified. Any raffle books not returned please do so by lunch time tomorrow.

Vision Statement:

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

Mission Statement:

Learning & Teaching:

Provide opportunities for each student to achieve their academic potential in an engaging, contemporary educational environment.

Sincere thanks to members of the P&F and families for all the work that has been done in preparation for the Fete. The school community thank you sincerely.

Grade Five and Six Stalls:

Next week, Friday November 15th, at 2.00pm the students will hold the stalls they have prepared. It would be appreciated if students could bring some money that day.

Again sincere thanks to all families and thank you for the support of the Raffle and Silent auction.

Anne Anderson

FOUNDATION STUDENT 2020 TRANSITION PROGRAM:

Last week our 2020 Foundation students began their journey at St. Mary's with their first transition morning. All students had a great time with Mrs. Cumming and have fitted in well to school life.

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.

REMEMBRANCE DAY:

Next Monday, the Grade 6 students will be attending the Remembrance Day ceremony in the Donald Memorial Park. This year marks the 100th anniversary of Remembrance Day. It was first observed in 1919.

WHY DO WE OBSERVE REMEMBRANCE DAY?

At 11 am on 11 November 1918 the guns on the Western Front fell silent after more than four years of continuous warfare. The allied armies had driven the German invaders back, having inflicted heavy defeats upon them over the preceding four months. In November the Germans called for an armistice (suspension of fighting) in order to secure a peace settlement. They accepted allied terms that amounted to unconditional surrender.

The 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month attained a special significance in the post-war years. The moment when hostilities ceased on the Western Front became universally associated with the remembrance of those who had died in the war.

WHY THE POPPY?

The reason poppies are used to remember those who have given their lives in battle is because they were the flowers which grew on the battlefields after World War One ended. Ever since, they have become the symbol of remembering, not just those who gave their lives in World War One, but all those who have died on behalf of their country. The money raised helps to support veterans and those who have lost loved ones because of wars

The poppy was first founded by the Royal British Legion in 1921 and in 1922 a factory was set up where disabled former soldiers were employed to make the poppies. This factory is still running today, and producing many millions of poppies each year.



REMEMBRANCE DAY
Let Us Forget



FIRST AID TRAINING:

St. John Ambulance Victoria will visit our school today 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. Thanks to Maree from St. John Ambulance.



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.



LIBRARY DAYS

Library days are as follows:

Junior students (Grades Prep – 3)

TUESDAYS

Senior students (Grades 4 – 6) –

THURSDAYS



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

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.



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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