**THE WEEK AT A GLANCE**

**Excursions:**

**Week 7:**
- Foundation, Gr 1 & 2 excursion to Bendigo will be held tomorrow Friday, November 18th. Students leave the school at 9.00am and return at approximately 5.45pm.
- Banyena Art Day will be held tomorrow Friday, November 18th at the Banyena Hall. The Grade 5/6 class will be attending.

**Week 9:**
- The annual bookfair will be held during Week 9 from Monday, November 28th to Friday, December 2nd.
- Seedbank Visit to Horsham will be held on Wednesday, November 30th (5/6 class).

**Bendigo Excursion:** Tomorrow the Foundation, Grade 1 & 2 students are having their excursion to Bendigo and visiting Confectionary Capers and Parky’s Wonderland. The students will be leaving at 9.00am and returning at approximately 5.45pm. If the time alters the changed time will be on the School App. The students are travelling by bus. Staff attending Mrs Molloy Drum and Miss Carling McEvoy. Trust they have a great time. Students need to bring their lunch, morning snack and a water bottle. They are to wear their school uniform and hat.

**Banyena Tie Dyeing Day:** The Grade 5 & 6 students will be travelling by bus to Banyena Hall to participate in this interesting day. The students will have their morning tea (slices and fruit) and lunch (barbeque and salad) provided. Students are to wear their sport’s uniform and bring a water bottle. Mrs Hogan and Mrs Cummings will be attending. The session is from 10.00am – 2.30pm and students will be back at school prior to 3.25pm.

**Walk To School Program:** This Buloke Shire funded program was concluded on Monday with a very enjoyable walk along the Federation Path. The change of venue from Lake Wooroonook was due to the long grass and over friendly mosquitoes.

**Welcome:** Charli Fagan commenced at St. Mary’s on Monday. We wish her continued success in her learning and welcome her family to the school.

**Annual Book Fair:** The annual bookfair will be held during Week 9 from Monday, November 28th to Friday, December 2nd. There are a wide variety of books available and they would be a great addition to any Christmas gift.
Let’s Read Donald - Pop Up Libraries to Come to Town!

In an effort to bring more books to the community both the Donald Primary and St Mary’s Primary Schools are combining forces and planning to launch a number of Pop-Up libraries across the Donald Township.

Both Schools are now sourcing new and donated books appropriate for pre-school and primary school aged children. These books will then be labelled with ‘Donald Let's Read’ labels and placed in plastic tubs to be delivered across the community.

Families are encouraged to take a book or two, share them at any location, read them at home for as long as they wish and then return them to any pop-up library location.

The aim of the program is to encourage all children, even those who do not yet attend school to develop a love for reading, as we all realise reading is a skill for life that stays with you.

Best of all everyone can help contribute to increasing the positive literacy rates of all children in Donald.

‘Donald Lets Read’ are planning to currently have at least 12 pop up library locations across the community in venues including the Maternal and Child Health Centre, both schools, Cafes, Clothes stores, the stadium and Banks.

The school staff from each school will then manage the program to ensure the Donald Pop Up Library is kept neat and tidy.

Donated books can be left in the black tubs at both schools and at the Donald Newsagency.

We are aiming to officially open the Donald Pop up Library in early December.

Pop Up Library Book Suitability:

0-12 months
· Simple words nouns, sounds, colours
· Bold pictures contrasting background

Toddlers
· Daily vocabulary
· Topics familiar to them
· Simple sentences
· Simple illustrations

Pre-schoolers
· Common experiences (beach, farm, city)
· Topics they can connect to
· Interesting illustrations

Primary Schoolers
· Picture Story Books
· Interesting illustrations
· More Text/Interesting Storyline

Not suitable for pop up library
· Intense text (needing lots of focus/time)
· Experiences drawing them to movies/TV only
· Inappropriate story line

The Bounce Back Program!

This week in our class activities, we will be talking about how laughter can make us feel a bit better and a bit more hopeful if we have a problem.

Key messages from the BounceBack program that parents can communicate to their child about humour.

Ideas from the BounceBack program for parents, to help children learn about humour.
Laughter and humour can be used to help someone else feel a little bit better. You can cheer someone up when they have a problem, or if they are feeling sad and worried, by being funny in a nice gentle way. Stop doing it if they don’t like it.
Pastoral Care Worker: Anne Boadle
Works at St. Mary’s each Thursday 8.30am – 4.30pm.
Contact Details: Through the school 5497 1116 or by ringing directly on 0409 598 481.
Email: Anne.Boadle@centacareballarat.org.au

Principal’s Award: Congratulations to Ian Rachinsky, John Clapham and Daniel Spencer.

St Mary’s Weekly Tuck Shop Order:
Due back with payment – Wednesday November 23rd.

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Warrnambool Camp:
How lucky were we with the glorious weather – mild and a gentle breeze to deter the mosquitoes. Congratulations to the students on their enthusiastic participation and behaviour. Sincere thanks to the staff Mrs Andrea Molloy Drum, Mrs Judy Wall and Mrs Cathryn Harrington Cumming for volunteering their time and the additional work in supporting the camp. This week the Grade 3 & 4 students are writing about their adventure and no doubt families have heard all about the dairy farm, Tower Hill, Maritime Village, Aqua Zone, Lake Pertobe and time at the beach.

Parents and Friends News:
Thank you everyone who pitched in, donated, shifted, baked, cooked, served, picked up, wrapped and organised things for the fete. It’s always a long day but seeing the kids enjoy themselves so much makes it worth it. Money raised will likely go towards the refit of the school library and art room.

The Final Meeting was held on Tuesday and a delicious meal was shared at the Bullock’s Head prior to the Meeting. It was decided to use the funds raised this year to cover some of the cost of the Library and Art Room update.

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St Mary’s P&F President