Dear Families,

Next Tuesday is Pancake Day. Did you know that the correct name for this day is Shrove Tuesday? Traditionally, people make pancakes to use up the flour, sugar etc because the next day is Ash Wednesday.

On Tuesday to celebrate Shrove Tuesday, the school will be participating in a whole school rotation where the children participate in activities ending up with a special pancake morning tea. This will start at 9:15 am in the Mary MacKillop Hall. I know Mrs. Benc has already had some families offer their support to help with cooking and/or providing fry pans and we thank them for that but many hands make light work as the saying goes, so if you are available and haven’t done so please see Mrs. Benc.

Our school will be attending Mass on Ash Wednesday at 10:00 am. This marks the beginning of a special period of fasting that starts on this day and continues until Easter. This 40 day period is called Lent.

During Lent, Christians are asked to do three things:

· Pray
· Fast (go without some kind of food)
· Give donations to the poor

Your children may also come home over the next few weeks and talk to you about “Lent” as this will be their focus for learning in RE.

Next week our First Holy Communion candidates also begin their preparation for this Sacrament with a parent workshop on Tuesday night in the hall. We look forward to seeing you all there. Mrs. Benc has done an enormous amount of work behind the scenes getting things ready for the Masses and Sacrament meetings and we thank her for her efforts.

Jesus teaches us another way: Go out.
Go out and share your testimony,
go out and interact with your brothers,
go out and share, go out and ask.
Become the Word in body as well as spirit.

Pope Francis

Kind Regards
Jodie Ware
Happy Birthday to those who celebrate birthdays this week.

Mrs. Cook

PHYSICAL EDUCATION

NO PHYS ED SESSIONS ON TUESDAY 17TH FEB.

All children are reminded to wear their sports uniforms for Phys Ed next week on THURSDAY 19th FEB and to bring a drink bottle of water with them. We will be having soccer clinics on this day with coach, Mr Sheldon Lazaroo. Students in Mrs Cook’s Prep/1 class are asked to bring their ‘Brain Food’ (fruit or vegetable snack to eat at 9.50am) in a container or wrapped please, as we take this to Phys Ed with us.

If children are not participating in their Phys Ed class, a note or phone call is required please. Attendance and participation are an important aspect when writing children’s reports.

ICY POLES

For sale @ lunchtime
Tuesdays & Fridays
50c each

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

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Mrs. Cook

SCHOOL NEWS

TRY OUR NEW SCHOOL APP!
“St Mary’s Primary, Yarram” in the Apple App Store or Google Play Store, and install it on your phone free.”
ST. MARY’S SWIMMING CARNIVAL SQUAD:
A reminder that permission notes need to be returned to school by FRIDAY 13TH FEB please.

PHYS ED AWARD: PLAYERS OF THE WEEK: Grade Prep/ 1 for working very cooperatively together and in their teams.

INDIVIDUAL PLAYERS OF THE WEEK:
William M Grade P/ 1 for having fantastic listening skills last week, for remembering very specific instructions for the rules of a new game and for being able to clearly explain the rules to his classmates this week. Fabulous effort!

Dylan Grade P/ 1: for using his communication skills with the adults at Phys Ed this week and being a cooperative team member. Fantastic work!

IMPORTANT PHYS ED DATES FOR TERM 1.
Friday 20th February- Yarram & District Schools Swimming Carnival. (Selected students Gr 3-6)

Tuesday 3rd March- Athletics Coaching with Mr Denis Huffer at St. Mary’s PS

Heather Flynn.
Phys Ed Coordinator.

THANK YOU
We would like to thank the following people:

Cathy Cook & Kate Hoppner for donating their time and weeding the school garden. It looks fabulous

Deb Owens for coming to school early on a Saturday morning to let a tradesman in.

RELI GIOUS EDUCATION

Tuesday 17th February – Shrove Tuesday
9.00am-11.00am, Students will be participating in activities in the Mary MacKillop Hall These activities will include making pancakes. We are kindly asking for helpers to assist with making pancakes. Please ring the school office if you can assist.

Tuesday 17th February
Sacrament of Eucharist Meeting at 7.30pm at Mary MacKillop Hall for parents only.

Wednesday 18th February
Ash Wednesday Mass at 10.00am.
All family and friends welcome

PARISH NEWS

Mass- Sunday 15th February, Yarram
10.00am

St Mary’s Family BBQ
Tomorrow Friday 13th February @6pm

Come and join us for a shared dinner on the St. Mary’s oval to celebrate the start of a new year and to welcome all our new families.

Meat supplied

We are asking if families could bring a salad if haven’t already stated as we are a little light on.
ST. MARY’S 2015 OPENING SCHOOL MASS

St. Mary’s 2015 Grade 6 Students