Issue 6
5th March, 2015

Dear Parents,

It’s hard to believe we are already 6 weeks in to our term and only 3 weeks until the holidays and 4 weeks until the Tarra Parade! The theme for 2015 is “from old traditions to new beginnings”. We have decided to use fairytales to represent our understanding of this theme – using “old” fairytales such as Cinderella and Rapunzel and “new” fairytales such as Tangled and Malificent. We are asking students to dress up as a character from a fairytale – old or new. More ideas will come home in the next few weeks.

As with last year, the parade will be held on the middle weekend of the holidays on Easter Saturday. We would love as many students as possible to join the float and celebrate as we parade down Commercial Road. Attached to the newsletter there is a tear-off slip for the students who will be able to join us. Please send this in by the end of next week – the more the merrier 😊

Each grade is going to be responsible for putting together one aspect of the float and I know parent (and/or grandparent!!) helpers over the next few weeks would be greatly appreciated. If you are able to help in any way, we would be most appreciative.

Our school parent committees both have Annual General Meetings over the next two weeks and new faces are always very welcome. The Social committee is being held next Wednesday 11th March at 5pm and the School Advisory Board on Tuesday 17th March at 7pm. Both have important but different roles to fill within the school.

In particular the Advisory Board holds the important jurisdiction of advising me in key decisions such as financial matters, school policy matters and the future direction of the school. As we will be undertaking school renewal in 2016, this committee will have an important role this year in preparing for it by developing a five year maintenance plan and updating the constitution of the board. Membership on this committee is for a two year term with an extension of a second two year term if necessary. As we have a few members who have already served their term of office (and in some cases, very generously served more than their term) new faces will be necessary to form this committee. So, if you want the best for St Mary’s, are interested in how the school runs and would like a voice on the direction the school is heading please consider nominating to be a part of this committee. You can nominate by leaving your name at the front office.

A reminder that Monday is a Public Holiday, therefore there will be no school. Assembly will be held on Tuesday morning in the Mary MacKillop Hall. All parents are welcome to join us.

Lord,
let us walk with you today,
see your faces in others,
feel your presence in all things.
Help us to give as much as we can
for your greater glory.
Amen.

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

Alexi

DATES TO REMEMBER

Monday 9th March
Labour Day Holiday

Wednesday 11th March
Social Club AGM 5.00pm

Thursday 12th March
Casual Clothes Day bring an Easter egg

Sunday 15th March
Sacrament of First Eucharist at 10am Mass

Tuesday 17th March
School Board AGM at 7.00pm

Wednesday 18th March
Cake stall at recess

Tuesday 24th March
Athletics Coaching with Mr Denis Huffer at St. Mary’s PS

Friday 27th March
Last Day of Term 1

Monday 13th April
Term 2 begins

SCHOOL NEWS

PHYSICAL EDUCATION

YARRAM & DISTRICT SWIMMING CARNIVAL 20/02/15 RESULTS:

12 year old boys:
Zack: 1st Freestyle, 1st Backstroke, 1st Breaststroke, 1st Butterfly, 1st Relay
David: 3rd Freestyle, 1st Relay
Coby: 2nd Backstroke, 1st Relay
Colby: 1st Relay

12 year old girls:
Ebony: 2nd Freestyle, 3rd Backstroke, 3rd Relay

11 year old girls:
Kirsty: 1st Freestyle, 2nd Relay
Evie: 2nd Freestyle, 2nd Relay
Charli: 1st Backstroke, 2nd Relay
Samantha: 2nd Relay

10 year old boys:
Jakob: 5th Freestyle, 1st Relay
Blake: 2nd Freestyle, 1st Relay
Mason: 4th Backstroke, 1st Relay

10 year old girls:
Lily: 1st Freestyle, 1st Backstroke, 1st Breaststroke, 1st Relay
Tara: 4th Freestyle, 2nd Relay

9 year old boys:
Oscar: 2nd Freestyle, 3rd Backstroke, 3rd Relay
Jarvis: 3rd Freestyle, 2nd Backstroke, 3rd Relay

9 year old girls:
Lilly: 5th Freestyle, 2nd relay

PHYS ED AWARD 17/02/2015:
PLAYERS OF THE WEEK: Grade 4 for displaying fabulous soccer skills and great team work.

PHYS ED AWARD 24/02/2015:
PLAYERS OF THE WEEK: Grade 2/3 for displaying wonderful soccer skills and fantastic team work.

INDIVIDUAL PLAYERS OF THE WEEK:
Zack, David, Coby, Colby, Ebony,
Kirsty, Evie, Charli, Samantha, Tara, Jakob, Mason, Blake, Tara, Lily, Oscar, Jarvis and Lilly.

**INDIVIDUAL PLAYERS OF THE WEEK 3/02/2015:**
Lily, Kirsty, Charli, Ebony and Zack.

**WELLINGTON DISTRICT SCHOOLS SWIMMING CARNIVAL, SALE TUES 3rd MARCH.**

As a result of their efforts at our local school’s swimming carnival, Lily, Kirsty, Charli, Ebony and Zack went to Sale this week in the team to represent the Yarram District.

All of these students acquitted themselves very well and should be extremely proud of their achievements. Zack will be going on and representing the Wellington schools at Regional level next Thursday (12th March) in Sale.

Good Luck Zack.

**ATHLETICS TRAINING BEGINS NEXT WEEK IN OUR PHYS ED SESSIONS.**

Heather Flynn.
Phys Ed Coordinator

**BOOK CLUB**
Book Club orders are due back on Friday 13th March.

**CAKE STALL**
Grade 5/6 will be holding a cake stall on **Wednesday 18th March.** All items will cost 50 cents each. The money raised will go towards supporting Brittney Neill, who is the granddaughter of Elsa & John Jeffs. Brittney has been selected to compete in the special Olympics National Games held in Los Angeles in July 2015 and St. Mary’s are supporting her all the way. Please bring some money to buy some yummy cakes and slices at recess on **Wednesday 18th March**.

**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION**

**Sacrament of First Eucharist**
Sunday 15th March at 10am Mass

Friendly reminder that First Eucharist levy is due. Thank you to families who have already paid.
Order forms have been sent home for Hot Cross Buns. The Yarram Bakery is also offering Choc Chip Hot Cross Buns for the same price. Please add choc chip to the order form if you would prefer them.

$7.00 per ½ dozen

**SOCIAL CLUB AGM**

is on Wednesday 11th March at 5.00pm. We ask that a member from each family is present at this meeting.

**SCHOOL ADVISORY BOARD AGM**

is Tuesday 17th March at 7pm in the staffroom. This is a great opportunity to see the important role our board does in looking after our school. Hope to see you there.

**PARISH NEWS**

**Mass**- Sunday 8th March, Yarram
10.00am

**ACTION FOR LIFE**

Warmly invites you to special Mass for families offered for all those who have been affected by the loss of a child and to celebrate the life of all God’s children.

St. Mary’s Cathedral, Pearson Street
Sale

Wednesday 25th March at 7pm
Rosary preceding Mass at 6.30pm
Light supper provided. Please invite others
for enquiries please contact
Rosemary on 0412 365 377 or
Bernice 0427 846 033

**GEMMA & FELIX ARE COMING TO YARRAM**

Yarram Rotary Club is delighted to host a presentation by Gemma, an inspiring Australian, who was awarded an Order of Australia in 2007. Thirteen years ago Gemma founded the school of St. Jude in Tanzania, East Africa. The school now provides free education to 1900 students from the poorest families. Come along- everyone is welcome.

Yarram Country Club,
Wednesday 11th March
7.00pm for 7.30pm start
entry $15.00 (students free) supper provided

For catering purposes, please contact
Rotary Club of Yarram Pat 5182 5131
patricia.symonds@bigpond.com

**MAINLY MUSIC**

has moved to the Mary MacKillop Hall, St. Mary’s Primary School

Wednesdays
9.30am-11.00am

$3.00 session for toddlers