RELIGIOUS NEWS

SACRAMENT OF FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

Sunday 26th March  at 10.00 Mass

PARISH NEWS

Mass: Sunday 5th February at 10.00am

Today at lunch time we had a tiny fire in our School Yard. All the children were wonderful and followed the teachers instructions we are proud of them all for their cooperation.

Tennis Coaching

Starting next Tuesday Feb 7th
At the Yarram Country Club
Only $6 for little ones and $8 for older kids
Please contact Mick Mullen to book a spot 0409 651 556

GUITAR LESSONS

Don Cook will be teaching guitar with students on Fridays. Cost is $50 per term.
For further inquiries regarding these lessons please contact Don Cook on Ph 5182 5107
Please return slip below if you child will be participating in lessons.

Name…………………………………………………… will be participating in guitar lessons in Term 1, 2017

Address…………………………………………………………………………………………………

Phone…………………………………….

2017 Grade Prep Students

Welcome to our School Community

We welcome 18 new students and their families to St. Mary’s this year.
Grade Prep: Shekinah, Bianca, Lily, Samuel, Lilly, Xavier, Zahli, Hudson, Breena, Seth
Grade 2: Gabrielle, Hannah, Benjamin
Grade 4: Aimee
Grade 5: Tori, Brodie, Ryan
Grade 6: Baylin

ST. MARY’S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

Issue 1, 2nd February, 2017

Dear Parents

Over the holidays I reread a favourite book of mine by David McNally called “Even eagles need a push”. It is about how we can challenge ourselves to soar and how changing your attitude can transform your life.

““The eagle gently coaxed her offspring toward the edge of the nest. Her heart quivered with conflicting emotions as she felt their resistance to her persistent nudging. “Why does the thrill of soaring have to begin with the fear of falling?” she thought. This ageless question was still unanswered for her.
As in the tradition of the species, her nest was located high on the shelf of the sheer rock face. Below there was nothing but air to support the wings of each child. “Is it possible that this time it will not work?” she thought. Despite her fears, the eagle knew it was time. Her parental mission was all but complete. There remained one final task – the push.
The eagle drew courage from an innate wisdom. Until her children discovered their wings, there was no purpose for their lives. Until they learned how to soar, they would fail to understand the privilege it was to have been born an eagle. The push was the greatest gift she had to offer. It was her supreme act of love. And so one by one she pushed them out of the nestand they flew.”

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Kind Regards
Jodie Ware

Heavenly Father

We pray especially for our children
Reach out and touch them with your love
So that they will stop and sense your presence and turn to you
Help them to use gifts to serve you
And enjoy the person you created them to be.

Amen
TERM 1 2017

Tuesday 7th February
Yarram & District Schools Swimming Carnival Trials. (Selected students Gr 3-6)

Monday 13th February
School Closure Day

Tuesday 14th February
Yarram & District Schools Swimming Carnival Practice
(Selected students Gr 3-6)

Wednesday 15th February
2017 Opening School Mass 10.00am
All family and friends welcome.

Tuesday 21st February
Yarram & District Schools Swimming Carnival Practice
(Selected students Gr 3-6)

Friday 24th February
Yarram & District Schools Swimming Carnival. (Selected students Gr 3-6)

Tuesday 28th February
Shrove Tuesday, Pancake Day

Wednesday 1st March
Ash Wednesday Mass 10.00am

Tuesday 7th March
Wellington Division Swim Carnival. (All students Gr 3-6)

Friday 10th March
School Photos

Monday 13th March
Labour Day Public Holiday

Tuesday 28th March
Yarram & District Schools Athletics Carnival. (All students Gr 3-6)

Friday 1st March
Last Day of Term 1

TERM 2

Tuesday 18th April
First Day of Term 2

Tuesday 25th April
Anzac Day Public Holiday

SCHOOL NEWS

SCHOOL INFORMATION
To help keep updated on all St. Mary’s information we have the following:

Go to Skoolbag App in the App Store then St Mary’s Primary, Yarram

Facebook

St. Mary’s Primary School Yarram
Facebook Page
Website: http://www.stmaryarram.catholic.edu.au

Weekly Newsletters: Sent home every Thursday

BOOK CLUB
Our first book club order is due back on Wednesday 15th February.
Please place order forms with name & payment into an envelope, cheques are to be made out to Scholastic. If you want the item to be collected by a parent, please indicate this on the order form or a separate note.

OPENING SCHOOL MASS
Our 2017 Opening School Mass is on Wednesday 15th February. All family and friends are invited to this special occasion.

SCHOOL ASSEMBLIES
Our school assemblies will be held on Monday mornings at 9.00am this is the time that we share all the wonderful things that are happening in our school community. We love having parents and friends at our assemblies.

SCHOOL VISITORS
If you are planning to stay at the school for any reason other than picking a child up, you need to sign the Visitors Book at the school office.

STUDENTS ARRIVING LATE AND LEAVING EARLY
All students must be signed in and out of the school if attending school late or leaving early. An adult is responsible for signing the student in and out. This book is at the front office.

SUNSCREEN LOTION
As part of a SunSmart school we are providing SPF 50+ broad-spectrum, water-resistant sunscreen for staff and students’ use.

Each Class room has a bottle of the Pharmacy Choice SPF 50+. If your child/children cannot use this brand, please let the classroom teacher know and provide their own sunscreen if needed.

The school Office has a copy of the ingredients.

CAR PARKING
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LIBRARY
Library Day is on Wednesdays and the children are permitted to borrow two books at a time. All students are required to have a bag for the storage of library books. We encourage the children to borrow books of their own choice and interest level and we monitor the appropriateness as best we can.

SCHOOL FEES
2017 School Fees will be sent home with students next week.

WORKING WITH CHILDREN CHECK
It is Diocesan and school policy that all parents volunteering to assist at St. Mary’s have a current Working With Children Check carried out. Volunteer forms are available from the Post Office. These checks are free and take about three weeks to be processed.

PHYSICAL EDUCATION NEWS.
It was lovely weather to start our Phys Ed program on Tuesday. Children were very enthusiastic and keen to work well with their classmates.

A reminder to everyone to bring their own water bottle each day, as you can then have a drink of water whenever you need it (instead of hoping that you are near the drink taps.) Keeping hydrated is a very important part of making sure our bodies stay healthy, especially on warm days.

A reminder that if children are not participating in their Phys Ed class on a Tuesday, a note or phone call is required please.

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St. Mary’s Swimming Carnival Trial Squad
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All children with their notes back on time earn HOUSE POINTS! Bring your batters on Tuesday 7th Feb.

PHYS ED AWARDS:
INDIVIDUAL PLAYERS OF THE WEEK:
For being friendly to classmates and listening to instructions.
Grade Prep/ 1- Keegan & Ava
Grade 2/3- Hannah & William C
Grade 4/5- Tori & Iyla (Voted by their peers)
Grade 5/6- Samantha & Leny (Voted by their peers)

GRADE AWARD:
Grade Prep/1 for an impressive start to group work and PMP, WELL DONE.

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