



News from St. Mary's

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24th November 2016

To the community of St. Mary's, Sunday was Feast of Christ the King the last Sunday in the liturgical year before we begin the season of Advent this Sunday. Advent is a time when when we are getting ready for the Birth of Jesus. Throughout the classrooms you will see that Prayer spaces will have changed to the colour purple with Advent wreaths. This year the whole school will be involved with a large wreath that the children will be able to add ribbons to as they see someone doing something nice. Watch it as it grows as we move through the season of Advent.

Teacher Advisory Appointments

T. A Appointment letters will come home Monday for 28th November. This appointment is really important as you can celebrate your child's successes for the year.

Absences

We have had gastro that has been around the school in the last couple of weeks. A reminder that the World Health Organisation tells us that it is 48 hours the child needs to be excluded from school after the last bout of vomiting or diarrhea. We have had a number of unexplained absences lately, it is vital that the children are at school for their education to continue to improve.

Ladies
Night Out

Shop • Pamper • Eat • Drink • Kingle • Laugh

Factory & Field Ladies Evening

The P & F are getting ready for a night at Factory and Field tomorrow evening. This is a BYO event. 6:30pm until 9pm. Factory & Field will be catering for the event. There is no charge for this. PLEASE COME ALONG FOR SOME FUN, MUSIC & SHOPPING!



Tomorrow we are celebrating our Triple R Rewards with a Teddy Bear's Picnic and Casual clothes day

BIRTHDAYS **Paddy Quinlan - 25th**



WE WOULD LIKE TO INVITE
ALL FAMILIES AND FRIENDS
TO

ST. MARY'S PRIMARY SCHOOL END OF YEAR MASS

VENUE: ST. MARY'S PRIMARY
SCHOOL
DATE: SUNDAY 11TH OF DECEMBER
TIME: 12 NOON

FAMILY NAMES A-L PLEASE BRING A
SALAD TO SHARE
&
FAMILY NAMES M-Z PLEASE BRING A
DESSERT TO SHARE

BBQ MEAT WILL BE PROVIDED
BYO CHAIRS AND DRINKS

The week ahead

Monday- Prep Transition 9 till 11:30
TA Week begins
Tuesday-
Wednesday- Lego Workshops
Thursday- P/1 Late Stay
Friday- Playgroup/ Advent Assembly

Around the School

Pavers, rebound wall, lasering of the new block will all be done in the coming weeks,

Upcoming Events

Lego workshops for P/1- 23rd Nov, 30th Nov, 7th Dec
Grade P/1 dinner & late stay 1st Dec
TA Week- 28th November
Swimming Program begins- 5th December
Orientation Day 6th December
Graduation Mass 11th December

HUNGARIAN DAY

Thank you to Jenny & Alicia for reading a Hungarian book to us.



Swimming Program

Swimming Program is fast approaching, information will be sent home in the coming weeks. All children will be swimming daily for the last 2 weeks of the year. Letters have been sent home today.

We look forward to seeing you tomorrow in Assembly. Grade 4/5 will be leading us in Prayer

Uniform orders are now being taken. **TOMORROW is the final day that orders can be accepted for this year..** If you have any queries regarding uniforms please contact Sharee Edge on 5456 2250.

UNIFORM ORDER LIST					
Navy Shorts/SKORT	Size 4 - 14	\$17.50	Short Sleeve Polos	Size 4 - 14	\$19.50
	Size S - M	\$19.50		Size S - 3XL	\$20.50
Grey / Navy Gab Pants	Size 4 - 14	\$30.00			
	Size S - M	\$33.00			
New Style Girls fly front navy pleated pants		Size 4 - 14	\$31.50		
Windcheater	Size 4 - 14	\$22.60	Art Smock	S,M,L	\$16.00
	Size S - M	\$27.00		Size 4 - 14	\$32.50
Navy Trackpants (straight leg)	Size 4 - 14	\$22.50	Raincoats		\$11.00
	Size S - M	\$26.50	Beanie		\$37.00
Summer Dress	Size 4 - 16	\$38.00	Bomber Jacket	Size 4 - 14	\$40.00
				Size S - M	\$10.50
			Navy tights - Ages 4-6 ; 7 - 10 ; 11 - 14		\$14.00
			MTall, XTall		
Long Sleeve Polo	Size 4 - 14	\$23.00	Winter Tunics & Skirts	Size 4G - 10G	\$36.00
	Size S - M	\$23.00		Size 12G - 14G	\$40.00
				Size 10L - 14L	\$45.00

School Bag - \$40

Name.....

Qty	Size	Description	Price	Total

GRANDPARENTS DAY.....



Walk to School

walk, ride or scoot **October 2016**



Children Encouraged to be Active and Healthy at St Mary's Primary School
Monday 21st November 2016

This was the second year that St Mary's Primary School has participated in the Gannawarra VicHealth Walk to School program.



In 2015, 98% of students walked, rode or scooted 1671 times during October - that's about 1200 kilometres - equivalent to walking from Cohuna to Canberra and back!

This year, 98% of students walked, rode or scooted 1888 times during October - that's about 1356 kilometres - 156 kilometres more than last year!

Did you know that 1356 kilometres is equivalent to walking from Cohuna to further than Adelaide? What a great effort! Maybe we could get all the way across the Nullarbor Plains next year and reach Perth (3238 kilometres). To do this we just need all students to walk, ride or scoot to school or the school bus twice as much - and we think that's really achievable.

There were some outstanding personal achievements with 14 students achieving Gannawarra Star Walker status by walking at least 32 times out of the possible 40 times during Walk to school month. Star Walkers at St Mary's Primary School were:

Grade 1: Lilliah (38/40), Ami and Alyssia (40/40).

Grade 2 /3: Lachlan English (35/40), Hudson Fountain (36/40) and Liam Edge (40/40).

Grade 4 /5: Thomas and Isabella (33/40), Noah (36/40), Lachlan 37/40 and Isaac (39/40).

Grade 5/6: Fifi and Kiara (37/40) and Jacob (40/40).



This is the first year classes at St. Mary's Primary School have competed against each other in an effort to win a Gannawarra Golden Shoe trophy.

The winning class this year was Grade 4 / 5 (Mrs Grogan's class) with 53.9% participation. Next was Grade 5/6 with 52% participation, Grade 1 with 42%, Grade 2/3 with 40% and Prep with 25%.

Thomas and Jack accepted the Gannawarra Golden Shoe Trophy from Cr. Lorraine Learmonth on behalf of their classmates.

Students from the winning class were asked what their secrets of success were. Some answers included that they live near the school so walking to and from school is easy, others choose to walk or ride to the school bus, another was that they walk around the bush after school, and another that their mum is still in her PJ's so makes them walk or ride to school! There are so many ways that students can fit physical activity into their daily lives to keep fit and healthy and walking or riding to and from school, the school bus, or while at school are all great ways to support healthy bodies and minds.



The VicHealth Walk to School program promotes the importance of children being Active and Healthy in their communities and fitting at least 60 minutes of physical activity into their daily lives. Getting actively to school, the school bus, or while at school not only helps keep children fit and healthy, it also helps them to stay alert, to concentrate and improves learning outcomes.

The Gannawarra VicHealth Walk to School program is rolled out across the Gannawarra Shire as a Gannawarra Local Agency Meeting (GLAM) partnership project. This is a partnership between Gannawarra Shire Council, Northern District Community Health, Kerang District Health, Cohuna District Hospital, Mallee District Aboriginal Service, Victoria Police, with support from the Southern Mallee Primary Care Partnership.

Walk to School is a VicHealth initiative. For more information go to: www.walktoschool.vic.gov.au

Read all about the Gannawarra VicHealth Walk to School program: www.facebook.com/HealthyGannawarra and the Gannawarra Walk to School BLOG: www.gannawarrawalktoschool.blogspot.com.au