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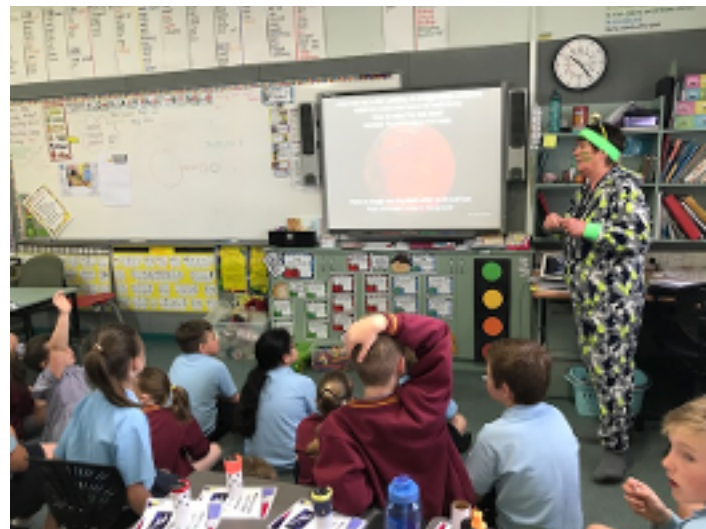
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TO THE COMMUNITY OF ST MARY'S... GOD IS GLORIFIED IN ALL THINGS



Welcome back everyone to Term 4...I cannot believe that we have arrived at our final term for 2017! I am sure it will be just as productive and busy as all the others. This term is an eleven week term, more sunshine in our days but lots to achieve. I am glad everyone enjoy their break and return well and happy! Our Learner's bounced back through the gate and settled into learning immediately...I could hear the hum of thinking as I visited the classrooms!

Thank you to everyone in our community for their continued prayers and support for the English family. Lachlan and Cienna are back at school and their friends have been a wonderful support. We received many phone calls and many people asking how they can help. We will continue to offer our support and invite the community to contribute if they wish. It has been very moving at how united our St Mary's community is.



Today we welcomed our 17 enrolled Prep's for 2018. The session was calm, enjoyable and filled with smiling faces! This group of children will definitely be ready by the time term 1 comes around! Miss Spence will spend the 10 sessions getting to know our future Prep's ready for their year ahead.

A reminder to all families about our local CFA drive that is currently underway for fire emergency products for our home. St Mary's will receive 10% of the orders as an incentive. At the end of last term the order forms were sent home and are due back at the end of next week. A good time of year to ensure we are fire ready.

DATES TO REMEMBER:

- 16th Oct: Cotton on P&F clothing fund collection closes for the English family
- 17th Oct: Parent Support Group Meetings for Term 4
- 18th Oct & 19th Oct: Teacher Collaborative Planning Day
- 20th Oct: Prep Transition 2018, Bike Ed
- 27th Oct: Prep Transition 2018, Bike Ed
- 30th Oct: P&F Meeting - 7:30pm
- 31st Oct: Full School Assembly @ 2:15pm
- 1st Nov: Class Mass (Prep to host)



Bike Ed was a huge success today! Well done to everyone for bringing along their helmets! Richard from FlowMotion was fantastic with our learners, delivering professional and relevant curriculum with fantastic equipment. I was impressed to see that all of our Learners can ride a bike! Everyone enjoyed the sessions and we look forward to the following 3 weeks to build on our skills!

Wednesday we launched our Term 4 Inquiry Investigation, "What on Earth is out there?" It will explore our earth as part of the universe and all that is in it! The teachers dressed up to engage our Learners, many Learner's not happy that they too did not get to dress up! Our Learner's travelled near and far...around the sun, up to Mars and in and out of many constellations! A great day to excite all of what's to come!

Thank you to everyone that completed the survey on the wide brim bucket hat. The bucket hat was the preferred style. We do recognise that all Learners have a wide brim hat and that is fine to wear. We do also have some remaining in stock for people to continue to buy them into the future. We will be purchasing a supply of bucket hats which families are welcome to buy for \$10.00. Moving forward all Prep Learner's will receive a hat from the school when they begin however hats moving up the school will need to be purchased by families once they need or want replacing.

This week St Mary's was invited to take part in a trial that has been introduced to the Melbourne Catholic schools called CDF Pay. CDF Pay is a financial system that aligns with our accounting system allowing us to have a cashless operating system. This system will operate our uniform shop on line and be cashless, as well as our canteen and any other events / items that require purchasing. Parents will simply use their banking cards to pay for items. Having such a system in the school will improve our money collection from all aspects. More information will come home soon.

Next week we will send out our P&F meal roster and begin filling our freezer for our friends in need! Please mark your date on your calendar. Not all families will be needed this year. Thanking you all in advance.

Our Senior Leaders morning tea will begin as of Monday, all morning tea snacks are \$1. Funds raised support important causes!

Our school calendar for the term is up to date as of today. Our school calendar can be accessed on our website. This term no paper calendar will come home however feel free to print it off from our website.

God Bless - Jasmine Ryan (Principal)



.Jimmy Gelletly - 17th
Charlie Hauser - 17th



Come along and explore our beautiful local gardens followed by plant stall and activities at the school

Tickets \$15 includes light lunch at the school from 11am, kids under 15 free. Tickets can be purchased before the day at St Mary's School, Cohuna or from the same location on the day

12th November, 2017 10am-2pm