Welcome to Term 1 Week 4

Mass this weekend is at

DEEPEST SYMPATHY
This week we express our sympathy to Samantha, Jack, Ella and Billy on the passing of their husband and father Dave.
Please be assured that the St Mary’s community has you all in our thoughts.

CONGRATULATIONS
Mr and Mrs Mills recently celebrated their 70th Wedding Anniversary. What an achievement!
Congratulations to you both.
Mr and Mrs Mills are the great grandparents of Logan, Campbell and Zarli.

Mr and Mrs Jess recently celebrated their 45th Wedding Anniversary. Congratulations to our handyman and gardener Peter and his wife Jan.
They are the grandparents of Logan, Campbell and Zarli.

CONGRATULATIONS
Congratulations also to Edward who has been selected in the Wimmera Interdistrict squad to swim in Melbourne next week. Well done Edward and best wishes.

Congratulations also to the students who are representing our school at the next level of Swimming to be held in Horsham on Tuesday Feb 27.
Best wishes to Evelyn, Jaxon, Evie, Levi, Seth, Maggie, Jonti, Kathleen, Edward Emily and Aiden.
CONGRATULATIONS
This week I received a letter from Brendan J Watson OAM, Chief Commissioner, Scouts Victoria. He states, “I write with good news of recent success in Scouting by your school community, to advise of the following achievement - a milestone in a youth member’s Scouting journey:

Cody P, 1st Warracknabeal Cub Pack, has earned the Grey Wolf.

To attain the top award in each of the 5 Sections in Scouting reflects initiative in tackling this challenge, sustained effort over many months and years, plus self discipline, teamwork and leadership.

Only a small percentage reach this level. These are the top achievers among Scouting’s 47 million members globally.

Well done Cody.

STUDENT FREE DAYS
All students brought home a letter on Tuesday notifying families of upcoming Closure Days.

The first of these is on Wednesday March 14. On this occasion all teaching staff will be attending a Reading Professional Development opportunity. This will be held in Halls Gap. The students are not required at school on this day.

The other scheduled day, at present, is on Monday May 21. All teaching staff will be attending a Religious Education day in Ballarat. Again the children are not required at school on this day.

AWARDS from last Assembly
Blake C (Feb 19), Matilda D (Feb 19), Alirah (Feb 24) and Maddison G (Feb 24).

URBAN CAMP
The students in Years 5 and 6 will be attending Urban Camp in Melbourne from April 30 to May 3. Staff are currently working through the children’s activities etc. This Camp will possibly be a little more expensive than previous camps due to the activities, bus, accommodation etc. I hope to have a cost finalised by next week. Please keep in mind that we require Camps to be paid for before children attend. Please also keep in mind that once we commit to a certain number of children attending Camp, that is the number we are expected to pay for. It is also an expectation that ALL children attend Camp. The purposes of Camp are many and varied but certainly encompass teamwork, cooperation, different experiences etc.

Also a reminder that there are some outstanding Camp payments from 2017. Please attend to these as a matter of some urgency.

As always if there are any difficulties with payments please see me for a confidential chat.

Student Absences from School
If your child is absent from school we ask that you contact the school via phone or email informing of their absence by 9.30am on the day of their absence. Alternatively, if you know ahead of time that your child will be absent we ask that you send in a note informing us. If your child is absent and we have not heard from you by 9.30am we will be contacting you to ensure you are aware that your child is not at school. Thank you for your assistance with this.

SWIMMING SPORTS
Our Swimming sports were held today. At the time of writing this we do not have a score. We will add this information to next week’s newsletter.
**ASSEMBLY SCHEDULE**

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**LYLE ST CROSSING**
Could I please remind parents that the Lyle Street crossing is only supervised until 8.50am. This is to enable teachers to return to the school in time for the music. Thank you in anticipation of your cooperation.

**MUSIC AND BELLS**
We have had various tradespeople over a number of months now working on our Music and Bells. We are hoping that everything is now working as it should and we commenced our Music today. The music is a signal for the children to finish up playing, collect jumpers etc, put away the equipment and return to class by the time the bell sounds.

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**Advanced notice**

**Mon May 21** is a Closure Day. Teaching staff will be attending a Religious Education Professional Development opportunity in Ballarat. The children are not required at school.
Children from Years 3-6 participated in a football clinic on Monday with players from the Western Bulldogs. The children had a wonderful time learning some new skills and meeting some AFL footballers including premiership players Luke Dahlhaus and Tom Liberatore.
**CHICKPEAS**

Religious Education: This week we have been discussing ‘Do we have to go to Church to Pray? Where else can we Pray? What else does a Prayer look like?’

Maths: We have been learning about place value this week and writing our numbers the correct way.

Reading: We are reading the big book ‘All aboard’.

Vocabulary: The words that we are learning about are: front, dreams, steer, engine, long and beats.

Writing: Our class is learning how to use descriptive words in their writing.

Art: After reading the story ‘The very hungry caterpillar’ last week we painted pictures of butterflies.

Inquiry: We looked at ‘Zones of Regulation’ and put the Zones in our books.

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**WHEAT**

Religious Education: We have been learning about where you can pray.

Maths: In Maths we have been learning about place value. The students have been learning to use an expander.

Reading: We have been reading ‘The Shapes of Water’.

Vocabulary: Our words are: trickle, peaceful, fine and noticed.

Writing: We have been learning about descriptive writing. The students created a piece of writing describing an object’s colour, texture and size.

Art: We drew self portraits in Art this week.

Inquiry: We have been learning about the Zones of Regulation.

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**BARLEY**

Religious Education: We have been investigating what Lent means.

Maths: We have been reading, writing, rounding and analysing four and five-digit numbers.

Reading: We are reading The Last King of Angkor Wat

Vocabulary: ancient, compassion, resilience, scampered, trembled.

Writing: We are writing a narrative..

Art: No Art this week due to the footy clinic.

Inquiry: We are working on the Zones of Regulation, focussing on behaviour that makes us feel comfortable and uncomfortable.

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**CANOLA**

Religious Education: We are identifying strengths and qualities within ourselves and within a group.

Maths: We are further learning about place value- the value of each digit, where numbers are located on a number line and recording place value in notation and in words.

Reading: We are reading the Big Book - Water on Earth/Water for Health and Survival -- A Wild World of Water

Vocabulary: conserve humid dehydrated, maintaining, contains.

Writing: We are learning to investigate and analyse a persuasive text.

Art: We are using mixed media to colour in our door frame which was drawn 2 weeks ago.

Inquiry: We are further learning about various emotions and identifying those that make us feel comfortable or uncomfortable. We are creating a freeze frame depicting an emotion.

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**LENTILS**

Religious Education: We have been continuing to explore Lent and learning different information about the season of Lent.

Maths: We have been continuing our work on place value as well as revising our mental computation skills.

Reading: We are reading the text ‘New uniform improves officer performance and comfort’.

Vocabulary: hauled, cumbersome, enlisted, distribute

Writing: This week in writing we have been continuing to work on our persuasive writing. Our topic has been ‘Why I make a good school leader’.

Art. We continued working on our 3 piece art project. We will begin adding colour next week.

Inquiry: We are continuing our work with the Zones of Regulation.
Physical Education and Sport

This week the students have been enthusiastically anticipating the swimming sports. Whilst being successful is very exciting, at St Mary’s we recognise we have different skills and talents, and while some of us are successful in the pool many of us are just as successful encouraging our team-mates. As long as we are ‘doing our best’ and respecting other’s abilities, then we are all winners!

THE PORTSEA CAMP
2018
FOR ALL CHILDREN OF THE
YARRIAMIACK SHIRE COUNCIL
Wednesday 4th April to Tuesday 10th April 2018

Dear Parents,

The Yarriambiack Shire Council is offering a fun filled seaside holiday for all children of the Shire between the ages of 9 to 12 years. The Shire Council has provided the opportunity for children to attend this camp for many years. The children who attended have totally enjoyed themselves and many wish to return the following year.

The Portsea Camp has been running since 1946 and has a well deserved reputation for providing, safe holidays and entertainment for. Entertainment includes: snorkeling, swimming, high ropes, flying fox, giant swing, canoeing, arts & craft activities, strolls on the beach, movies, plus many more other fun things to do. If not sit back relax and watch the ferries float past and maybe see a dolphin or two swim by. A HOLIDAY NOT TO BE MISSED!!!

Total cost for each child to attend The Portsea Camp is $227.00. Yarriambiack Shire subsidise $100.00 per child for up to 30 children. If these spaces are filled the opportunity for more children to attend is available at full cost of $327.00.

All applications and payment must be handed in to Yarriambiack Shire Council office by Wednesday 28th February 2018. Application forms are available at the Shire Council Office (Warracknabeal). Please phone 5398 0100 if you require an application form to be posted.

Any Volunteers interested in attending the camp willing to assist with children, or have any queries please contact Alannah Lehmann (03) 5398 0107.

Many Thanks

Alannah Lehmann
Camp Coordinator
Hi all,
We hope you’ve had a super Summer holiday break and are all set for a new year of awesome footy action.

We’re so excited to welcome you back to Warracknabeal and we have the best news that you can sign up now for the 2018 NAB AFL Auskick season!

To register please go to  www.aflauskick.com.au/  and type in Warracknabeal into the centre locator. As you know, NAB AFL Auskick is famous for being one of the best-run sports of kids who pull on their boots each week.

It’s a fun way to play with new and old friends, keep active and as a bonus, skill up along the way!

And of course, once you’ve registered and paid, you’ll get a fresh, new and always awesome Auskick benefits pack. For even more icing on the cake, new in 2018, when you register for NAB AFL Auskick you can also receive a junior membership for your favourite AFL club! How good is that!

So get clicking on the link and if there’s any problems registering, send an email to the team at aflauskick@afl.com.au and they will be happy to help!

Regards.
Andrew Richards
Centre Coordinator

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