Welcome to Term 1 Week 7

Message from Bishop Paul

Bishop Paul has asked Father Alex to move to Ballarat to take up chaplaincy duties at Nazareth House, and to be involved in ministry in parishes in the Ballarat area. This will happen by March 20th.

After that, priests from the Cathedral parish will come to Warracknabeal and Hopetoun parishes for Masses and other pastoral care until further arrangements can be made.

Our sympathy is extended to the Koschitzke family on the passing of Brian, their loved husband, father and grandfather.

The prayers and thoughts of all at St Mary’s are with you at this sad time.

THANK YOU to all our families for our Closure Day yesterday. This day was devoted to a Professional Development opportunity regarding Reading. Reading, along with continuing our Maths, Writing and Speaking and Listening journey, is our focus for this year.
Closure Days are an essential part of our Staff Professional Development plan and also our School Action Plan.
All schools have Closure Days. I understand that the day and dates at times may present some inconvenience to families, however all of these dates are out of our school’s control. The dates for Reading Professional development, for example, are set by the Catholic Education Office, Ballarat, at the start of the year. (As we can imagine there is a bigger picture, from their perspective, than just our school).
CONGRATULATIONS TO ….  
Congratulations to Edward, Levi and Seth who have all made it through to the next level of swimming to be held in Ballarat on Friday March 23. We wish them all the best.

STOMP DANCE
On Tuesday we had a visit from Pieta, from STOMP Dance. Pieta taught the children some Indigenous dances. All the children appeared to thoroughly enjoy the experience.

Thank you to the parents, grandparents and friends who were able to come and share in our final presentation. Thank you to Country Education Project for bringing STOMP Dance back to Warracknabeal.

SCHOOL ADVISORY COUNCIL
Our School Advisory Council met last evening. Some Policies were discussed - Relationships and Sexuality Education, Homework, Vision and Mission statements, School Advisory Council Guidelines revisited and Integrity in the Service of the Catholic Church.

If you ever have any matters that you wish to be discussed at School Advisory Council, please contact any of the following - Father Alex (for a short time), Paul Rowe, Julia Hausler, Marc Livingston, Andrew Richards, Emma Mansfield, Luen Credlin, David Baxter, Victoria Wilken, Joy Quarrell, and a parent representative yet to be announced.

The next meeting will be held on May 9.
TRACKSUITS PANTS
The office now has a supply of tracksuit pants as approved by the School Advisory Council last year.

SCHOOL PHOTOS
The School Photos will be taken on Monday 26th March. Full summer uniform will need to be worn on the day. Envelopes were sent home last week. Family envelopes are available from the office.

STUDENT FREE DAYS
Monday May 21 - All teaching staff will be attending a Religious Education day in Ballarat. The children are not required at school on this day.

Airlie (March 14), Cooper (March 15), Tyson (March 16),
URBAN CAMP
The students in Years 5 and 6 will be attending Urban Camp in Melbourne from May 1 to May 4. Camp costs have also appeared on your Fee statement (also sent home last week). It is an expectation that ALL children attend Camp. The purposes of Camp are many and varied but certainly encompass teamwork, cooperation, different experiences etc.
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.

ASSEMBLY SCHEDULE

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MEALS ON WHEELS ROSTER

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Dates:

- Monday March 26: School Photos
- Thurs March 29: Last day of Term. 2.15 pm finish.
BAKE SALE - ADVANCED NOTICE 29th MARCH

Our Term 1 Fundraiser this year will be our Bake Sale, held on the last day of term (the 29th of March) at the Post Office. We'll also be having a small raffle with two Easter Egg hampers. Ticket books will be handed out in the next two weeks and tickets will also be sold at the Bake Sale. We will draw the raffle at Assembly and prizes will be dropped off to the lucky winners that afternoon.

We are asking our fantastic families for donations of uncut slices, cakes, biscuits, home produce etc (with date made and ingredients listed) to be handed in on Wednesday the 28th of March for packaging up. Should you have any questions or are able to help out in any way, please don't hesitate to contact Emma, Tammy or Holly.

SPECIAL LUNCH DAYS

The Parents’ Club have decided to hold our special school lunches on every third Friday of the month - hopefully this will make it easier for families to remember. Aside from the short notice on this occasion, the children will have a month to hand in their orders, either into their classroom red tub OR there is now a locked box in the classroom hallway visible upon entry. Our first one will be on **Friday the 16th of March** - The children will be making themselves ham/chicken salad wraps (2 for $3).

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<td>Chicken/ham salad wraps</td>
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<td>Salad Rolls</td>
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*Please be sure to have your child’s order in on the Wednesday as no late orders will be accepted this year*  Usually 4 - 5 volunteers are needed to make these lunches possible so if you have a spare couple of hours on any of these Fridays, your help would be greatly appreciated. Please contact Holly if you can be of assistance.
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<td>CHICKPEAS</td>
<td>We have been discussing Mark 8:1-10 'Feeding the Four Thousand.'</td>
<td>This week our focus is on 2D and 3D shapes.</td>
<td>Our big book is 'My name is Shoshana'.</td>
<td>The words that we are focussing on are: new, excited, barking, beautiful, tease and strong.</td>
<td>We are learning how to make our writing more interesting using descriptive words.</td>
<td>We are making a collage using pattern and then finishing with an illustration of ourselves.</td>
<td>Chickpeas have been learning about different emotions and how they make us feel.</td>
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<td>WHEAT</td>
<td>We have been discussing Mark 8:1-10 'Feeding the Four Thousand.'</td>
<td>Our focus in Maths has been fractions.</td>
<td>No focus text this week due to the Public Holiday.</td>
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<td>BARLEY</td>
<td>We are thinking of examples of how we can be a Good Samaritan.</td>
<td>We have been using jump or split strategies to solve subtraction problems.</td>
<td>We are reading the persuasive text, ‘Should There Be Zoos?’</td>
<td>endangered, aquatic, captivity, abundance, diminished.</td>
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<td>We are continuing to work on the Zones of Regulation.</td>
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<td>CANOLA</td>
<td>We are also revising the seven sacraments celebrated within our church and looking closely at Confirmation, as this was not covered last week.</td>
<td>We are working in groups and are covering the different ways of solving addition problems including splitting numbers and solving fractions with the same and different denominators.</td>
<td>We are reading a short narrative this week. The title is -The Feather by Margaret Wild</td>
<td>plummeted, soared, serene, nudges, hideous</td>
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<td>We participated in the CEP activity-'Stomp’ on Tuesday</td>
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<td>LENTILS</td>
<td>We have been discussing ways we can use our strengths to be missionaries of the church.</td>
<td>Our current focus is addition. We have been working on adding decimals using a formal algorithm.</td>
<td>We are engaging with a series of comprehension PowerPoints to further our understanding of comprehension strategies.</td>
<td>contentedly, irritable and infer.</td>
<td>We are continuing to work on our narrative writing with a focus on including rich vocabulary.</td>
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<td>We are continuing to work on our understandings of the Zones of Regulation, specifically how our behaviours influence the learning environment.</td>
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**Physical Education and Sport**

**Chickpeas/Wheat:** This week in P.E. we are learning the key components of the kick. We will be playing lots of fun games that will focus on the different components which helps us develop the correct technique.

**Canola/Lentils:** This week we are also learning about the kick. We will be revising the key components and identifying any key areas of our kicking technique that need developing. We will participate in a number of games that will help us master this fundamental motor skill, along with working on our sportsmanship.

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**CHICKPEAS PAGE**

In the Chickpeas classroom we have been very busy learning lots of new things. We learnt about patterns in Maths, butterflies in ‘The very hungry caterpillar’ and how to write a recount.

Pippa

Victoria

Evan
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!


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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**LEGO AND DUPLO CLUB**

**DATES FOR**

**MARCH**

**Wednesday 14th** of March

**Friday 16th** of March

**Wednesday 28th** of March

**CLOSED** Friday 30th of March