Week 3...... Today we officially celebrated the beginning of the school year at our Opening School Mass at St Pius Church. It was wonderful that many people in our school community could join us this morning. We encourage families to attend these important events and be involved in all aspects of your child’s education. We congratulate our leaders in the school who were presented with their badges at Mass this morning. They are a fine bunch of students who will represent us well.

A Lenten Prayer

Dear Lord,
I know You receive what is in my heart. Let me be inspired by Your words and by the actions of Your son, Jesus. Guide me to make sacrifices this Lent in the spirit of self-denial and with greater attention to You and to those around me. Help me to believe that You will grant me this because of the sacrifice Jesus made for me.

Amen.

Upcoming Dates

Tonight
P & F Meeting
7.30pm

Monday 22nd February
123 Magic and Emotion Coaching
6.00pm

Tuesday 23rd February
Literacy/Reading Workshop
Parents of F – 2 students
2.45pm

Tuesday 23rd February
SAC Meeting
8.00pm

Wednesday 24th and Thursday 25th February
Reconciliation Parent Meeting
St Pius Church Foyer
7.00pm

Thursday 25th February
Literacy/Reading Workshop
Parents of F – 2 students
6.00pm

Monday 29th February
123 Magic and Emotion Coaching
6.00pm

Friday 4th March
Dennington Dash
6.00pm

Monday 7th March
School Sports
BrauerAnder Park

Monday 14th March
Labour Day Public Holiday

Thursday 24th March
End of Term 1
2.25pm
Dear Parents,

There seems to have been a more Autumn feel this week. Our days have been a little cooler early in the morning but developed into beautiful days. Very pleasant indeed.

We have had some sick children early this term. If your child is sick please keep them at home for at least 48 hours. Sickness spreads very quickly and easily in our school environment so I urge you please to consider the other members of our school community. Please also continue to be diligent in checking for head Lice. Once treated and eggs are removed your child can return to school.

HOLIDAYS
I know many families take family holidays throughout the school year avoiding the term breaks. Please notify me in writing so that I can keep a record of this. Thank you.

RIDING BIKES TO SCHOOL
Some families have been asking whether or not their children can ride their bikes/scooters to school. Our School Policy states that children under Grade 4 can not ride their bike/scooter alone to school. Parents are encouraged to accompany their children if they are under this age. All children can ride as long as their parents are with them.

CROSSING
I have noticed some families crossing over Russell Street at the Nina Street corner. This is extremely dangerous and we ask that you please use our Crossing and walk along the path to the school. It is important that we keep our crossing lady for the safety of our children. Therefore we need to ensure we have the numbers taking advantage of this facility. The City Council do a number count from time to time and if we fall below the required number we may lose the crossing supervisor. It is most important that the children learn the correct road safety rules and where it is safe to cross. Thank you for your assistance with this matter.

CONGRATULATIONS
We congratulate and send our very best wishes to Ben Clark and Tanya Leonard who were married last weekend.

That's all from me this week,

Regards,

Kathy Dalton
This week we continue our theme of looking at some of the symbols related to this current season of Lent. These symbols have been placed in our classrooms to highlight what Lent is all about for our children, staff and families. It is kind of like the crib at Christmas time. Some figures that remind us of our Christian traditions and beliefs that are in context to 2016.

A plain human figure represents Jesus and his presence on Earth some 2000 odd years ago. Jesus was, *fully human*, he gets us, understands us from inside our skin, and knows from experience that we’re each capable of great things, Godly things. No matter what we do, he keeps on inviting us to join in his work which has become our own. As you enter this Lent, what might you plan to do over these 40 days so that this Easter, you will more closely reflect yourself and the Christ who lives in and through you? How can we better ourselves to be more like Jesus and the message he calls in our spirit? How can we be kinder to ourselves, to each other, our families, to pray more and support the poor in our community, our country and our unsettled world?

Ash Wednesday Mass last week was terrific and we thank everyone who came along. Many of the community commented on how good it felt to be a part of the celebration and learn more about our Lenten journey.

Today we had our Opening Mass for the year 2016. We prayed for blessings over all our school, Parish community, our children, our staff, our families and relatives and other parishioners that share Church with us. Thank you to all involved; staff, students and Fr. Michael for contributing to our Mass.

The animation we watched today about the 40 days Jesus spent in the desert I sourced from youtube and can be watched by using the following link:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=O5bfxGNMY9c

It is a contemporary look at the Gospel story of Jesus’ time in the wilderness. A time when he is supposed to have prepared himself mentally before undertaking his short but tumultuous time spreading the news of God’s heavenly kingdom. A news story that continues to this day. “Time Out; getting His head together.” Have a look.

*Mass times for St Pius this weekend are as follows:*

*Saturday:* 6:00pm  
*Sunday:* 10:00am  
*All Welcome!*

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**Dear Jasmine**

*How can I get more organised in the mornings? I always seem to be running late and forgetting things.*

**From James**

*Dear James,*

*Here are some ideas to help take some pressure out of school mornings:*

- Check your bag for notes and finish homework the night before.
- Get your school uniform ready, get school notes signed and your school bag ready the night before. Have your lunchbox packed and in the fridge the night before.
- Getting up 20 minutes earlier might help things run more smoothly.
- Try to cut down distractions. If the TV is usually on in the mornings perhaps leave it off until you are ready.
- Maybe you could set yourself a challenge. Set a timer and see how fast you can get ready and try and beat your time the next morning.

A to do list that you can tick off each night and morning can be helpful. You can make your own or find some online such as:


I hope some of these ideas help!

Jasmine
Book Club

Our first issue for 2016 is out. However, Scholastic didn’t send enough catalogues for all our students. The Foundation and Grade One students received a catalogue. All other students please download the Issue 1 catalogue online at:


A reminder that all orders are to be completed online and Issue 1 closes today.

Literacy Reading Workshop

All parents who have children in Foundation to Year Two are invited to our Literacy/Reading Workshop this term.

Date: Tuesday 23rd February at 2.45pm OR Thursday 25th February at 6.00pm.
Location: Junior School Area

This informative session runs for around 30 minutes and is a great chance to learn how you can help your child have reading success at home.

Performing Arts

Hello Everyone,

Performing Arts has started successfully and all students have enjoyed their sessions. May I please ask for the person who borrowed the "bunting flags" in various colours for a child’s birthday from the cupboard in the Stadium, to return the flags ASAP. Thank you. I look forward to our year ahead!

Regards
Mrs Bail

Lost Property

One of our students has misplaced a snap lock bag containing a coin and key ring from Canada and a bear claw. If anyone has seen these items please hand them in at the front office.

Field Days

As a part of Grade 2 and 3’s Inquiry Unit, students travelled to the Allansford Field Days last Friday. Now in its 35th year, this year’s event was the biggest in its history with the 245 sites at full capacity. The excursion gave the students the chance to see and experience what jobs local people undertake in everyday life and in our local community. Thank you to the parent helpers who came along on the day. A great day was had by all!
### Student Awards

Congratulations to the following students who obtained awards in Week 2:

* Bailey Osborne - Determining rules for patterns
* Jye Brocklehurst - Great counting
* Amelia Nevill - Great start to Grade 4
* Tylah Johnson-Caveny - Outstanding work in Maths
* Amelia Schrama - Excellent work in decimals
* Reilly Lumsden - Outstanding Comprehension
* Jade Brocklehurst - Outstanding BTN work
* Sophie Ryan - Being respectful
* Eli Greene - Outstanding leadership
* Jacob Hose - A great safety mind map
* Olivia McKeen - Being a great helper this week
* Charlie McNaughton - Great directed drawing
* Emilia Andison - Great leadership
* Henry O'Grady - Great facts in Reading Group

![Great Job!]

### Happy Birthday

This week we say “Happy Birthday” to Toby McKenna!

![Happy Birthday to You!]

### Dennington’s Day Out

Save the date!! This years DDO will be held on Sunday 13th November. Come along and enjoy a great fun filled day in a relaxed atmosphere with family and friends!

### Parents and Friends News

Our first meeting for the year is being held tonight at 7.30pm. All families, existing or new are welcome to attend.

#### Crazy Camel

Families who ordered a calendar last year - there was a printing error in the month of April. Please collect a date sticker from the front office.

#### Footy Gate

Each year we man the footy gate for the South Warrnambool Football Club. We earn $1,500 from doing this. Notes will be sent home soon requesting volunteers so we urge you to please consider helping out with this very worthwhile fundraiser.

#### Uniform Shop

The Uniform Shop is open every Friday morning from 8.45am - 9.15am or other times by appointment. Please call Kirsty Ryan on 0448 530 298 for all of your uniform requirements.

### Business of the Week

![Nevcon Structural Steel]

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South West Credit Union
Cri-tech Plumbing
Serene Vista Halls Gap Accommodation
Blackmores Garden Service
Callaghan Motors
The Midfield Group
Nevcon Structural Steel
Warrnambool Motorcycle & Gardening Products
The Royal Commission into Institutional Responses to Child Sexual Abuse will return to Ballarat next week to hold a public hearing that will examine:

1. The response of the Catholic Diocese of Ballarat and other Catholic Church authorities in Ballarat to allegations of child sexual abuse against clergy or religious.
2. The response of the Congregation of the Christian Brothers in St Patrick’s Province, Australia, to allegations of child sexual abuse against Christian Brothers.
3. Any related matters.

This is an important albeit painful process for victims and survivors of abuse, for their supporters and for our Church. We pray for all those involved.

We do wish to reassure you that the safety of every student is important for our whole school community and we do not take this responsibility lightly.

If your child seems concerned by the proceedings or the news coverage, please contact Kathy Dalton at the school.

If you wish to raise a concern about child sexual abuse or to seek personal support, the following contacts may be helpful:

- For any criminal matter, contact Victoria Police directly - 131 444
- The Royal Commission Support Line – 1800 099 340
- For queries about child protection matters, Catholic Education Office Ballarat’s Child Protection Officer is Susan Renn – 5337 7139
- Relationships Australia, an external government funded counselling service - 1800 052 674
DENNINGTON DASH is back!

ST. JOHN’S PRIMARY SCHOOL

twilight family fun run/walk is back in 2016!

When  Friday 4th March starting at 6pm
Where  St. John’s Primary School, Dennington.
Events  3km run/walk and 6km run.
Cost  $10 Individual, $5 Child & $25 Family (2 kids & 2 adults)
      BBQ from 6.30pm with spot prizes to be won!

From a sporting group?
The two sporting groups with the most participants will win a FREE
group PT session with either Damian Thornton or Up & About Fitness!!
Dear Parent or Guardian,

Sarah Wall, a former ANZ netball Champion, is coming to the Dennington Football and Netball Club on Monday 22nd February. Sarah has been a former NSW Swifts 2014, and spent nine seasons with the Melbourne Vixens’/Phoenix.

The Dennington Football and Netball Club welcome all families and friends to attend Sarah Wall’s NetFit training session, that will be held between 5.00-6.00pm. Cost associated is $25 ahead per person.

Please RSVP to 0417865659 (RSVP is a must if attending).

Kind Regards,
Katie Burt

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ST PATRICK’S PRIMARY SCHOOL KOROIT

FETE

SUNDAY 28th FEB

10 am - 2pm
QUEEN STREET, KOROIT

Loads of family fun including
PONY RIDES - MERRY GO ROUND
INFLATABLE FUN - BUNGEE RUN
BUNNINGS ACTIVITIES - LAWN BOWLS
JUNIOR PLAY AREA - FOOTY FUN
Cakes - Fresh produce - Garden stall
Showbags - Color Angel - Raffles
Bric-a-brac - Car boot sale
Fully catered canteen - BBQ - Coffee

HORSE VAULTING EXHIBITION
by Van Someren Equestrian Vaulting Inc.

FOR ALL DAY
UNLIMITED RIDES*
Pre purchased wristbands only
$20 each
or on the day $25 each
$10 preschooler wristband
Available from the school or
Koroit Newsagency

PLUS a Silent Auction with fantastic items including
Sherwood Park 6 month golf membership for two, 2 tickets to 2016 Port Fairy Folk
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