Love to Learn, Learn to Love, Learn to Live, Love to Live

Week 4...... Following its successful debut last year, excitement is building for our Dennington Dash next Friday night. Have you purchased your tickets yet? Don’t delay! Come along and join in on the fun and exercise at the same time. There will be a BBQ and spot prizes and the two sporting groups with the most participants will win a FREE group PT session with Damien Thornton or Up and About Fitness!

Upcoming Dates

Tonight and Tomorrow night
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

Wednesday 16th March
P & F Meeting
7.30pm

Tuesday 22nd March
SAC AGM
8.00pm

Thursday 24th March
End of Term 1
2.25pm

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.
Dear Parents,

SAC
We held our first School Advisory Council Meeting last night. At our next meeting, the AGM, two positions will become vacant. I encourage anyone who may like to be a part of this group and interested in your child's school and what is happening, to please fill out the nomination form attached and place it in the box marked ‘Confidential’ at the front office. The next meeting is due in the Easter break so it will be held on Tuesday 22nd March at 8.00pm.

SWIMMING
In the coming days I will forward a survey to you regarding swimming. I ask that you please take a few minutes to answer the questions and return it to school. This information will certainly give us an idea about the validity of introducing a swimming program. Thank you.

CLOSURE DAYS - 2016
Last night the School Advisory Council approved a number of school closure days for the 2016 school year. As a school we are permitted to have four days for Professional Development of Staff. This year as we have a School Review in August we are permitted to close for five days. I have nominated four days. However, there may be another day in early Term 4.

They are as follows - Friday 29th April, Friday 6th May, Monday 16th May and Friday 18th November.

Two of these days are related to our upcoming Review which staff need time to analyse data and prepare a reflection report. One day is associated with our ongoing Professional Learning Communities, which we began last year in Numeracy and the final day is a Report Writing Day. Please mark these dates on your calendar. I will always remind you on the newsletter prior to the date.

That's all from me this week,

Regards,

Kathy Dalton

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RE News

Lenten Symbols

This week's Symbols are The Cross and the Rosary Beads.

Jesus suffered on the cross and at the end of Lent we need to experience the sad times of Holy Week. We need to try to understand Jesus' great love for us that he would follow his Father's will to be crucified; so to rise on Easter Sunday. You too now have the promise of everlasting life thanks to Jesus' great love. Lent asks us to be more prayerful. The Rosary Beads are a way of praying used by some people and our symbol to remind us to pray. During this Lent, some extra time spent in personal prayer is good for our own wellbeing.

Project Compassion Appeal
We do this in our homes, our schools, as a parish, and as one Catholic family, together with our brothers and sisters around the world. In that same spirit of solidarity, Caritas Australia empowers us to put our faith into action this Lenten season. Through this six-week fundraising appeal, we act with compassion towards and solidarity with the children, women and men most vulnerable to extreme poverty and injustice who are rich in the eyes of Jesus. All classrooms have a Project Compassion Box where children can place some donations for this Lent's fundraising. All those annoying coins could be helping some people less fortunate than ourselves. For information on this year's appeal, go to:
http://www.caritas.org.au/projectcompassion
St Vincent de Paul Lenten Appeal
St Vincent de Paul provides another way to be involved in Lent. Each week coming up, you are asked to contribute the following goods to be distributed to families in need in Warrnambool. You can pick a week that suits you or contribute every week. These items could be dropped off at the office anytime and we will take them to Mass each Sunday.

For the week beginning:
22nd February (this week) Tinned Fruit
29th February Pasta/Pasta Sauce
7th March Tea/Coffee
14th March Tinned Soup

Reconciliation
There will be meetings for candidates for First Reconciliation and their parents in the foyer of St Pius Church tonight, Wednesday 24th February and tomorrow, Thursday 25th February at 7.00pm. Candidates from St Pius School and St John’s Dennington are welcome to attend either meeting, but candidates are expected to attend one meeting with at least one parent.

Mass times for St Pius this weekend are as follows:
Saturday: 6:00pm
Sunday: 10:00am
All Welcome!

Book Club
A reminder that all orders must be placed online using the LOOP linked ordering and payment system. We no longer accept cash payments. If you are having trouble ordering online please contact Sarah Milroy for assistance.
smilroy@sjdennington.catholic.edu.au

Happy Birthday
This week we say “Happy Birthday” to Maggie Moss, Hannah Parkinson, Darcy Leggett and Mrs A!

Dear Jasmine

Dear Jasmine,

I’m finding it hard to make new friends in my class this year. Have you got any tips?

From Lisa

Dear Lisa,

One of the first things to do is think about who you’d like to be friends with. Think about who you would like to talk to, play with and share things with. Maybe it could be someone who has common interests to you.

The fastest way to make friends is to smile at someone and start a conversation with them, maybe you could say something nice about them or talk about something you have in common.

Being interested in other students and asking questions is another great way to make friends.

A great way to build friendships at school is do things with kids outside of school. Inviting someone over to play or joining in after school activities can help.

Further tips can be found at:

Jasmine

School Chaplaincy Program
Notes were sent home yesterday for the National School Chaplaincy program. Jasmine Koch is a social worker who works at our school every Thursday. She needs a signed consent form for every student in the school as she will be working in classrooms on topics such as friendship, resilience and emotions. Please complete the consent form and return it to the front office to allow your child to participate in this most beneficial program.
Student Awards

Congratulations to the following students who obtained awards in Week 3:

Tom McCosker - Interesting narrative writing
Bella Greene - Great CFAT result
Wil Fogarty - Great editing in writing
Fergus Kelson - Great CFAT result
Eamonn McCarthy - Excellent coding in IT
Spencer McLennan - Excellent coding in IT
Ethan McIntyre - Creative symmetry work
Zoe Price - Showing great leadership
Charli Read - Being a respectful and responsible class member
Thomas Knowles - Becoming a brave writer
Lila Van Der Starre - Remembering to put her hand up to ask questions
McKinley Waller - Looking out for others
Ethan Harvey - Having an awesome week
Jacob McIntyre - Excellent shape tessellations
Oscar Neave - Being a great friend
Chad Nevill - A great writing recount

Easter Raffle
Look out for tickets being sent home this week. We ask all families to donate an Easter related item for the raffle. Please return tickets, sold or unsold, and your item by Tuesday 22nd March.

Family Portraits - SAVE THE DATE
We have secured the very talented Kristy Jayne Photography again this year for the 7th and 8th October. Please mark these dates on your calendar. Information will be provided closer to the date.

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.

Parents and Friends News

Our next meeting for the year is being held on Wednesday 16th March at 7.30pm. All welcome.

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 have been sent home requesting volunteers so we urge you to please consider helping out with this very worthwhile fundraiser. Please return your note by Friday 11th March.

Please support the following businesses that kindly support our school:

The Meat Barn
South West Credit Union
Cri-tech Plumbing
Serenne Vista Halls Gap Accomodation
Blackmores Garden Service
Callaghan Motors
The Midfield Group
Nevcon Structural Steel
Warrnambool Motorcycle & Gardening Products
MEETING OPENED 7:30pm

PRESENT: Kirsty Ryan, Kim McIntyre, Kathy Dalton, Caroline Garner, Michelle Osborne, Yvonne Mugavin, Debbie Ricketts, Brooke Grimshaw, Abbey McCosker and Sarah Read.

APOLOGIES: Leah Kermeen, Nicole Dance, Kylie Brookes, Sharnie McKenna and Brooke Nevill.

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING
Minutes of the previous meeting, 18th November 2015, were read by Kim and
ACCEPTED: Caroline Garner
SECONDED: Debbie Ricketts

INCOMING CORRESPONDENCE:
Cadbury Fundraising, Signature Engraving, Design a Brick, personalites.com.au, seedcreations.com.au
Picture Products, Crazy Camel, SL Distributors, JTC Import Export Pty Ltd, LWR uniforms x 4, The Distributors x 2, Averandline.com.au (photos), Living Fundraisers, Australian Fundraising and Tesselaar (Bulbs).

OUTGOING CORRESPONDENCE:
Nil

TREASURER’S REPORT:
The available balance as at 17th February, 2016 is $4,620.02.

PRINCIPAL’S REPORT:
Woodford Races were really successful. Woodford Racing Committee looking into potential donation increase. Building Project still continuing. Discussion about Lunch Orders and the price increase this year. Looking at may be increasing Wednesday treats to run all year. Grade 5 and 6 Camp to Roses Gap at the end of this term.
School Sports Day at BrauerAnder Park on 7th March from 9.00am-1.00pm.
Last Day of Term is Thursday 24th March. From 1.30pm there will be Play/Raffle/Assembly. Day to finish up at 2.25pm

UNIFORM REPORT:
Sold heaps of uniforms over testing days. Stocks are low.
Run out of bucket hats. Will order more soon.

GENERAL BUSINESS:
Woodford Races: Raised $5,000.

Dennington Dash: 4th March at 6.00pm. Flyer was sent out on 17th February.

South Warrnambool Footy Gate: Note to go out soon. Geoff Wollermann is the co-ordinator.

Crazy Camel Calendar: April 2016 misprint - correction stickers available at the school office.

Consumables Co-ordinator: Brooke is keeping a stock level of consumables (eg paper bags, napkins, BBQ Gas) and Pantry items (eg tomato sauce and soy sauce). Any events to be organised Brooke will be able to let you know what we have in stock. Thanks Brooke.

Kristy Jayne Photography: October Date to be confirmed.

Bunnings BBQ Date: Sunday 29th May 2016. Roster to be organised closer.

Wednesdays Treats: Adding bucket of chips and potato cakes, fruit boxes and maybe milk drinks Kim to ask Aldi if there is a cheque facility.

Hot Cross Buns: For Last day of Term 1, play at 1.30pm, Easter Raffle and finish of school term at 2.25pm. Order form to go out closer.

Bulb Fundraiser: Term 1. Yes Gardening, come on everybody get on it. Keep your eyes open for an order form and colour brochure. Loads of beautiful bulbs to purchase.

Footy Tipping Competition, Looking into it, more info to come.

St Patrick’s Day BBQ: From 5.30pm. Wear GREEN for St Patrick’s Day. BYO Picnic Rug. Sausage and a hamburger available on the night or BYO picnic. BYO alcohol (in moderation, please consume responsibly).

MEETING CLOSED: 8.55pm

NEXT MEETING: AGM: 16th March 2016 at 7.30pm (All positions Open). General Meeting straight after.
The St John’s School Advisory Council

The School Advisory Council is the Board of Governance for our school. It provides advice, ideas and suggestions to our Parish Priest, Father Michael and our Principal, Kathy about how our school operates.

The School Advisory Council is an open forum, where any parent in the school community may come along and listen and contribute to the meetings. However we have five parent positions who hold voting rights. Per the Council’s Constitution, two of these positions become vacant at our next Annual General Meeting. Meetings are normally held on the last Tuesday of the month at 8.00pm.

This is your chance to have input into the running of our wonderful school. If you would like to nominate for one of the vacant positions, please complete the slip below and return it to the marked box at the front office as soon as possible.

NOMINATIONS CLOSE ON TUESDAY 15th MARCH, 2016.

The successful nominees will be notified and inducted at the next School Advisory Council Meeting on Tuesday 22nd March, 2016.

I would like to nominate for a parent position on the School Advisory Council.

NAME


SIGNATURE


This nomination is seconded by:

NAME


SIGNATURE