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

Week 5...... This Friday is National Ride to School Day. Students can ride, walk, scoot or skate to school. This is a nation wide program designed to encourage students to get more physically active on their journey to school. Our school promotes healthy eating and exercise and this is a great lead up to the Dennington Dash which is on Friday night! Excitement is building for the Dash and the weather is looking favourable! We hope to see you there!

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

Friday 4th March
National Ride to School Day

Friday 4th March
Dennington Dash
6.00pm

Monday 7th March
School Sports
BrauerAnder Park

Friday 11th March
Book Club Issue 2 Closes

Monday 14th March
Labour Day Public Holiday

Tuesday 15th March
Multicultural Dress Up Day
Gold coin donation

Wednesday 16th March
P & F Meeting
7.30pm

Thursday 17th March
Welcome to 2016 school year
Social picnic/BBQ
5.30pm

Tuesday 22nd March
SAC AGM
8.00pm

Thursday 24th March
End of Term 1
2.25pm

Monday 11th April
Term 2 commences
8.50am
Dear Parents,

We have seen a warm start to Autumn. The days are certainly pleasant with a coolness now in the mornings and evenings.

SCHOOL CROSSING
If walking to school along Russell Street, please ensure you use the school crossing and do not attempt to cross over south of the crossing. After using the crossing please enter the school via the pencil path and do not cross over the driveway.

NATIONAL RIDE TO SCHOOL DAY
This Friday the 4th March is National Ride to school day where we encourage families to leave the car at home and walk, ride or scoot to school. Students can be dropped part way if they wish. Please keep in mind about correct use of the crossing and entering the school on this day. Safety of our students and families is paramount.

SCHOOL ATHLETIC SPORTS - 7TH MARCH
As Nathan McInerney has outlined in his correspondence to you, our School Sports will be held at Brauer/Ander Park next Monday. The day will start at 9.00am and conclude around 1.30pm after presentations are made. Children may leave with their parents or guardians after this time but please inform homeroom teachers. Please ensure your children have plenty to drink. Children may wear their House colours but we also ask that they bring and wear their hats particularly if the day is warm. You may also like to pack sunscreen. We welcome all families to join us for this day. It is based around participation and enjoyment with all taking part and having a go. If the day is cancelled due to weather conditions it will be broadcast on 3YB 882 or Coast FM at 7.45. The school will also send out an SMS to you. If this is the case children will be required at school and the Sports will be rescheduled to another date.

SICKNESS
We still seem to have a few children with Gastro in the school. Please ensure you keep them home for at least 48 hours before they return to school. If you have not contacted the school when your child is sick at home we require a note to be sent on their return please. This helps us for our record keeping.

DRESS UP DAY
A dress up day has been planned for Tuesday 15th March. The theme is Multicultural dress. The gold coin donation collected will go towards Project Compassion.

ART GALLERY/ TOWER HILL
Over the coming weeks all classes across the school will be visiting an Art Exhibition at the Warrnambool Art Gallery. It is based on work from an Indigenous Artist. The children will then travel to Tower Hill to further their study on Koori artefacts and stories about the land. Grade 3/4 will experience this next Wednesday 9th March, followed by the Grade 2/3 classes on Wednesday 16th March. The Foundation and One group will visit on Thursday 17th March and finally the Grades 5/6 classes next term on Wednesday 13th April. Please expect a permission note to come home in the next few days. There is no cost associated with this excursion.

I look forward to seeing you present next Monday cheering your child or children on!

That's all from me this week,

Regards,

Kathy Dalton

RE News

Multicultural Dress up day
On Tuesday 15th March (the day after the Long weekend) there will be a dress up day with a Multicultural theme. Our school leadership group have decided to hold the day to raise money for Project Compassion. A gold coin donation will be sought from each of our students. So dress up as a person from another culture or country to celebrate the diversity of peoples throughout Australia and across the world. It’s St Patrick’s Day the following day so maybe you could wear Green to celebrate the thousands of Irish migrants who come to our Warrnambool area in the 19th Century.
Lent is a solemn time, but leads us to the joy of Easter. Jesus is, according to John’s Gospel, ‘Light of the world’ and that Light, directing his attention to his disciples and through them to us, insists: ‘You are the light of the world.’ Don’t be hiding away somewhere, you are a beautiful gift in the image of God. So where do you shine? How do you keep your light lit?

Project Compassion

On Tuesday the Grades 5 and 6 created Tippy Taps. We learnt about Tippy Taps during Religion. Some of the work that Project Compassion money goes towards is creating opportunities for poor people to improve their hygiene. We watched a video on a community in Malawi who are educating everyone about the importance of washing their hands. The simple design of a Tippy Tap means that more people are able to wash their hands. They use Tippy Taps after going to the toilet so they don’t get diseases. Some of the tools they need is thick sticks, an old water bottle but in our case an old juice bottle, some wire to tie the cup onto the wood so you could use it. For us it was very easy to make because we worked together to get it done and like our motto is “There is no I in team.” We thoroughly enjoyed it but there was a lot of trial and error. It was a great day overall. If you would like to see more about the work of Project Compassion who work with local villagers to bring about change in their communities please go to the following website: [http://www.caritas.org.au/projectcompassion/weekly-stories/weekly-stories](http://www.caritas.org.au/projectcompassion/weekly-stories/weekly-stories)

By Jade Brocklehurst, Maggie Moss and Karla Glover.

A reminder that 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](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 choose a week that suits you or contribute every week. These items can be dropped off at the office anytime and we will take them to Mass each Sunday.

For the week beginning:
- *This week* - 29th February Pasta/Pasta Sauce
- 7th March Tea/Coffee
- 14th March Tinned Soup

*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

Book Club Issue 2 closes on Friday 11th March.

School Chaplaincy Program

Last week we sent home notes regarding 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. Please complete the consent form and return it to the front office.

SAC Nomination Form

A reminder to any parents who may like to be a part of our School Advisory Council to place their nomination forms in the box marked “Confidential” at the front office. There are two positions currently available.

Swimming Survey

Please take some time to answer the short survey sent home last week regarding the introduction of swimming lessons for Grades F - 4. Don’t miss out on this opportunity to have your say whether this program goes ahead or not. Thank you to the families who have already returned their surveys.

Happy Birthday

This week we say “Happy Birthday” to Davian Snyman and Damon Warburton!

Dear Jasmine

My daughter is feeling worried about staying away from home at the Grade 5/6 camp later this term. What can I do to help her?

From Jan

Dear Jan,

Preparation can help. Talk with your child about their worries and fears. You could talk about your own experiences at camp and how you overcame your own challenges. Other ways to prepare your child is by helping them to look forward to it:

Discuss the activities they will be doing. Which ones might be challenging? Which ones could be fun?

Practice sleeping away from home by having sleepovers at a close friend or family member’s house.

Visit the camp’s website together.

Discuss what you are going to pack together and make it fun. Give your child the responsibility of checking that they have all the required equipment and you could take them on a special shopping trip to buy what they are missing. When packing you could give your child a special memento to take with them that will help them feel safe. It can be a special soft toy, picture or a journal that you have written in.

On Thursday 10th and 17th March I will be facilitating some small groups to discuss camp and to help students identify the source of their worries, how to overcome unhelpful thoughts and to identify strategies to reduce worries. If anyone would like their child to participate in these groups please email me at jkoch@sjdennington.catholic.edu.au or contact your child’s teacher.

Jasmine
Student Awards

Congratulations to the following students who obtained awards in Week 4:

Giordan Serra - Great work in the Library
Dakota Glover - Always trying hard
Mason Johnson-Caveny - Fabulous writing
Ashah Chapman - Becoming a confident member of MQ
Riley Brocklehurst - Starting a great collage
Zane Lockland - Showing great independence
Cole Andrew - Outstanding ideas about how to be safe
Declan Irvine - Awesome reading
Gemma Dance - Having a great week and trying her best
Jayde Serra - Being responsible
Chloe Cashion - Great Dreamtime picture
Amber Curran - Great editing in narrative writing
Orlando Riches - Great discussion in reading groups
Brodie Jenkins - A great effort in fractions
Tamsyn Curran - A great narrative
Jack Van Der Starre - An awesome start to the year
Paige Kermeen - For great understanding in place value
Carly Cole - Fantastic information report

Easter Raffle
Tickets have been 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.

Tesselaar Bulb Fundraiser
Please return order forms and money to school by Friday 11th March.

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.

Business of the Week

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