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

Week 6...... This week sees us two weeks away from the end of Term 1. What a great time we’re having at school, so much great work and learning; not to mention the excitement of the Dennington Dash, Sports and Excursions. GO GOLD... Well Done! Be sure to keep a note of upcoming dates. Don’t forget the Project Compassion and St Vinnies Appeals, the Easter Raffle and Multicultural dress up on Tuesday ... WOW!

Upcoming Dates

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

Easter Egg Raffle
Don’t forget to enter the most delicious raffle of the year!
Get your tickets in now!

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,

It was wonderful to see the terrific turnout for our Dennington Dash again this year. The weather was perfect and everyone enjoyed the event.

Special thanks to Margie Smith and her team consisting of Leah Kermeen, Kirsty Ryan, Michelle Osborne and Yvonne Mugavin for the organisation of the night. We also need to thank the wonderful Brauer College students who assisted with the road traffic and course direction.

Other thanks goes to Nathan McInerney as MC and the parents who assisted with the cooking of the BBQ. All in all a great night!!

Congratulations to our school Running Club who won a prize for the most participants.

SCHOOL SPORTS
Again another great day!! The emphasis for the children is participation and having some fun. I know this was achieved. The highlight for me was watching the Foundation children's sprints in front of the rest of the school and parents. I'm sure they loved the moment and felt very special indeed.

Congratulations to Curran O'Donnell on taking out the 800 metre champion race and the 100metre sprint for the boys. The same feat was achieved by Ellie Ryan who took out the 800 metre championship and the 100 metre sprint for the girls. Well done to you both.

Hogan Gold won the sports for the second year running. This is something that will need to change next year!!

Well done to Nathan McInerney on his organisation of the day. There are also many other helpers including the Emmanuel Year 10 students who assisted. We certainly appreciate all your help, so thanks from us all.

P & F
We are lucky to have a very active P & F committee who are always keen to try something new in raising money for the children in our school. I encourage you all to be a part of the school community both with social and fundraising events. You are not expected to support everything but we would encourage your participation in your child's education when you can.

SAC
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. Forms are due back this Friday 11th March.

SWIMMING SURVEY
Swimming surveys are also due in this Friday 11th March. Don’t miss out on this opportunity to have your say as to whether this program goes ahead or not.

CONGRATULATIONS
Four of our students participated in the Swimming Competition in Warrnambool last week. They were Curran O'Donnell, Dan Thornton, Fergus Kelson and Tom McCosker. Congratulations on your efforts boys!

REMINDER
The school will be closed for the Labour Day Holiday on Monday 14th March. Classes will resume on Tuesday morning from 8.50 am.

That's all from me this week,

Regards,

Kathy Dalton

RE News

Multicultural Dress Up Day
A reminder that next Tuesday 15th March (the day after the Long weekend) we are having a dress up day with a Multicultural theme. We are asking for a gold coin donation from each student and money raised will go towards Project Compassion. So dress up as a person from another culture or country to celebrate the diversity of people throughout Australia and across the world. It's St Patrick's Day on Thursday 17th March so maybe you could wear Green to celebrate the thousands of Irish migrants who came to our Warrnambool area in the 19th Century.
Dear Jasmine,

My parents divorced last year, I still feel sad about it sometimes.

From Nick

Dear Nick,

There will be times when you feel sad or other feelings such as angry or confused about your Mum and Dad divorcing. It’s good to know some things that might help you feel better when you are feeling sad. Some things that kids have told me help them when they are feeling sad include:

- Talking to an adult that they trust
- Riding a bike
- Drawing
- Having a cuddle with a loved one
- Playing with your friends
- Spending time with a pet

The most important thing is to let people know how you are feeling. If you or your parents would like some more information it can be found at: [www.kidsmatter.edu.au/families/about-families/family-relationships/when-parents-separate](http://www.kidsmatter.edu.au/families/about-families/family-relationships/when-parents-separate)

Jasmine

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St Vincent de Paul Lenten Appeal

St Vincent de Paul provides another way to be involved in Lent. Each week in the lead up to Lent, families are asked to contribute the following goods to be distributed to families in need in Warmambool. 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** - 7th March - Tea/Coffee
14th March - Tinned Soup

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

**Saturday:** 6:00pm
**Sunday:** 10:00am

Happy Birthday

This week we say “Happy Birthday” to Lucas Barich and Miss Stokie!

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This week’s Lenten Symbol and reflection

**Water**

Lent is a time for us to remember our Baptism. Before Jesus went into the desert for the 40 days, he was baptised in the River Jordan by our patron saint; Saint John The Baptist. Lent is a time for us to think about our baptism and how, as Christians, we must give ourselves in the service of God and in service to each other. When we are baptised, we promise to proclaim by word and example the good news of God in Christ, and to seek and serve Christ in all persons.

This week, consider: how you can live out your baptism:
- By coming to worship God at Eucharist
- By giving your time and gifts with the church
- By serving your family and those in need
- By befriending someone who needs a friend
- By sharing your faith story with someone who doesn’t share your faith
Dennington Dash

Last Friday night we saw 149 runners and walkers take part in our 2nd Annual Dennington Dash.

The weather turned it on and we congratulate all the students and families at St John’s and around the district who gave it their all. It was another successful Dash thanks to all who came along.

Many thanks must go to the Dennington Dash Committee who helped in organising the event; Leah Kermeen, Kirsty Ryan, Michelle Osborne and Yvonne Mugavin, as well as many others who assisted on the night. We couldn’t have had this event without the help of Jason Kermeen and his students from Brauer who marshalled on the roads. Those students did an incredible job and they also gave up their own Friday night to do so. They were BRILLIANT! Nathan McInerney was a natural MC behind the microphone and also thanks to the other St John’s staff who helped out.

Lastly, we were fortunate to have several businesses who supported our Dash, to them we are also very grateful!

- Dennington Fish Shop - Psomas
- Port Fairy Day Spa
- Bundy's Curry
- Up & About Fitness Specialists
- Damian Thornton
- Kim McIntyre - Warrnambool Motorcycle & Gardening Products
- Wannon Water
- King Cole
- The Dragon Inn Restaurant
- Brad Dews & Jess Conheady
- The Cally Hotel
- Mix (Kate Spencer)
- Ink & Feathers (Renee Berringham)
- The Pavilion Cafe/Bar
- Rough Diamond
- Lucas Brothers Butchers
- Aquazone (Jason Moloney)
- Warrnambool Muscle Therapy (Deidre Smith)
- Murray Goulburn

If you get a chance check out the photos in yesterday’s Standard or on the Standard website!
On Monday we were able to have our School Sports Carnival and were lucky to have great weather. A big thank you to the Parents and Emmanuel College students for their great efforts on the day in helping organise events. Congratulations to all the children for their participation and fantastic sportsmanship that they displayed all day. Well done to Hogan Gold House, winning the shield for a second year running. Congratulations to Ellie Ryan and Curran O’Donnell for winning both the 100m and 800m running championships. Thank you to all of the families that came along and supported the day.
Student Awards

Congratulations to the following students who obtained awards in Week 5:

Fletcher Gillmartin - Fantastic work in counting
Will Stewart - A great road safety picture
Lucas Barich - Mastering the back-flip letters
Liam Burns - Great reading
Liam Elliott - Having an awesome attitude at school
Stella Brown - Sharing some great ideas
Zara Roney - Being a wonderful big sister
Caitlin Brown - Wonderful effort in Maths
Caitlin Hinkley - A great effort with your narrative writing
Henry Hose - For reading over 700,000 words in Lexile books
Zakk Morgan - Wonderful narrative writing
Sophia Greene - Demonstrating initiative during cultural studies
Jaymee Dumesny - Confidently contributing in Maths
Teghan Boag - Excellent homework this week
Emma Gass - Working hard in Reading groups

Easter Raffle
Tickets have been sent home. 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.
*The uniform shop will be closed Friday 18th March

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.

Dennington Dash
Well done to all the competitors, a great night was had by all!

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