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PBIS Focus of the Week

Expectations in the Church

Dear Parents/ Carers,

Confirmation

This week Emma Meyer, Holly McMahon, Akira Bonacci-Law, Sienna Park-Osborne, Georgie Upton, Jo Somerville, Taya Ward, Lucinda Steel, Grace Milthorpe, Shaun Gunning, Sonny Enever-Cooper, Paige Lee-Wood, Henry Ross, Paddy Walsh, Grace Fuge, Stacey Price, Aleisha Price, Alexandra O'Meara, Felicity Hartung, Faith O'Donoghue, Jaz Lea and Eva Maddison started their preparation for making the Sacrament of Confirmation on Sunday 18th of August. This will be a special celebration as it will be one of the last school Confirmation ceremonies in the diocese that Bishop Les Tomlinson will conduct, as Bishop Les is retiring this year.

New Bishop:

Upon the upcoming retirement of Bishop Les Tomlinson, Pope Francis has announced the appointment of the Very Reverend Shane Mackinlay as the eighth Bishop of Sandhurst. Hopefully as a school and parish we will meet Bishop Mackinlay in the near future.

Child Safe Signage:

You will notice some new signage around the school this week promoting our school as a Child Safe School and a school that welcomes the inclusion of all families at St.Mary's. All our Child Safe policies and procedures are available on our website under the Child Safe tab.





Lions Club Junior Public Speaking!



← Travis Gunning and Hamish Neil

A big congratulations to Grace Milthorpe, Shaun Gunning, Travis Gunning and Hamish Neil who represented our school so well and confidently last Friday evening at the Lions Club Junior Public speaking competition. It's not easy speaking in front of an audience at the best of times and they all did an outstanding job. A special congratulations to Shaun Gunning who won the Yr 5/6 section and now advances to the next stage at Yarrawonga this Sunday.

Grace Milthorpe and Shaun Gunning





Indigo Shire Youth Ambassador

Congratulations to **Alexandra O'Meara** (pictured right) who was selected to represent the school as our Youth Ambassador on the Indigo Shire for 2019. Alex will join with other representatives from surrounding local schools as part of the program. One of the initiatives coming out of the program is each School Rep coming up with a fundraising idea for a local needy organisation. I wonder what idea Alex will come up with!



Thanks to Jeff Chandler (AFL NE Victoria) for running some footy clinic for our students this week and last week





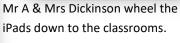
Successful IPad Rollout:

All of our new iPads were rolled out last Friday, which means that every student in our school, from Foundation to Yr 6, has an iPad as a tool to support their daily learning. Each new iPad comes with a wireless BlueTooth keyboard and an Apple pencil.

Our students were all very excited and couldn't wait to start using them.







Cheers from excited students as they entered the room.









Quiet descends as Mr A explains some of the iPad's functionality and how to care them.



Friday 6th of September

Please note revised date



Yes, the biggest night of the year is back and I'm currently writing the questions and dreaming up a few fun little surprises as we speak. Lock the date into your diary and book in your friends as well. It was a great night last year and fully booked out!!

The cost is \$10 per person. Tables of 6 and 8 are available.

I am also looking for a few helpers to source some prizes and setting up on the night.

School Closure Day:

Friday 16th of August will be a school closure day. All staff will be participating in a practical PD on how iPads are best used to support the curriculum.

PBIS Awards (Positive Behaviour in Schools):

This week's Focus: Expectations in the Church

Church	Respect Ourselves	Respect Others	Respect our Environment
RESPECT	 Participate Follow routines Sit, stand and kneel appropriately Bless yourself when entering and leaving the church Enter and exit calmly and correctly. Exiting people go first - wait for them to leave 	 Keep your hands to yourself (personal space) Listen to the person speaking Be quiet Participate Offer peace quietly and calmly to others Listen to the person speaking Enter and exit the pews correctly during communion and blessings. 	 Respect the sacred space Be quiet Use Mass book correctly Enter and exit correctly Keep your feet on the floor

Congratulations to this week's PBIS Winners

(pictured right):

Kasey Rhodes (1/2 LD), Cody O'Donoghue (F/1 HK) and Ryan Moore (1/2LD)

Have a great week,

Matt Principal





Parent Access Module (PAM)





ils for PAM notifications.

2 activities requiring permission:-

- 1. Juniors (F/1&2) visit to Glenview Nursing Home Friday 9th August
- 2. Grades 3/4 Borambola Camp Thursday 30th to Friday 1st November

Thanks to those who have already responded — fantastic!!

Parent Access Module (PAM)

IMPORTANT:

Please use this platform to notify the school of your child's absence.

CHILDREN'S CHATTER MATTERS

3. Pragmatics and Social skills

Focus: Conflict resolution

Conflict can arise for any number of reasons. As adults we can model and guide our children to solve conflicts in the most effective way possible. Don't forget not all conflicts can be resolved and we simply need to just agree to disagree. However it is important to agree/disagree in a respectful manner.



Here are some comments you might like to promote around your house when not everybody is on the same page.

Agree: "I think that's a great idea, let's go with it!"

Disagree: "I can see what you're saying, but I think this because..."

"That's a good idea but how about?"

"I can sort of see your point of view, but we're going to have to agree to disagree"

Have these phrases written and placed around the house for reminders

Here's some conflict resolution topics you might like to discuss as a family (remember no put-downs);

dogs are better than cats

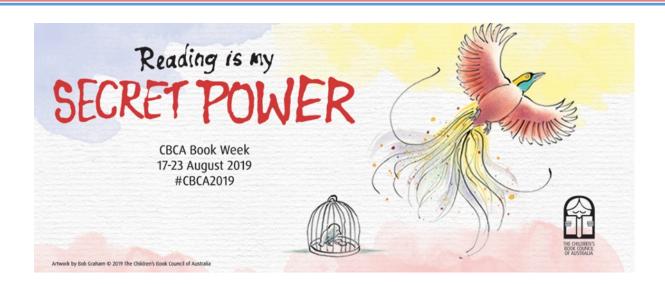
children should make their beds everyday

children should go to bed by 8 o'clock

children should only have 1 hour of tv each night

Collingwood is the best football team.

Don't forget to praise your child/children when you hear them agree/disagree in a respectful manner



Each year, schools and public libraries across Australia spend a week celebrating books, Australian authors and illustrators. Teachers and librarians conduct activities relating to a theme to highlight the importance of reading.

We at St Mary's will be celebrating throughout Book Week, but our dress up day will be on Thursday the 22nd of August. The theme is Reading is my Secret Power. So get your thinking caps on and start getting organised because we love Book Week!!!



Important Calendar Dates - 2019

Term 3

Wed 31 July 6.30pm - Board Meeting Friday 2 August 9.30am - Senior Mass

Wed 7 August 9.30 am - 1.00pm - Country Buddies visit (transition program)

Tuesday 13 August Stage Door Performance at Victory Lutheran College (whole school)

Friday 16 August Curriculum Development day (School Closed)

19—23 August Book Week

Tuesday 20 August 9.30am - 11.00am - Kinder visit (transition program)

Thursday 22 August Book Week Dress Up day

Thursday 29 August Athletics Day

Friday 30 August Father's Day Stall

Friday 6 September Trivia Night (Parish Hall)

Friday 20 September Last Day Term 3 (Casual Clothes Day - gold coin donation)

School finishes at 2.30pm

Term 4

Monday 7 October First Day Term 4

Wed 30 October Canberra Camp (Grades 5 & 6)
Thur 31 October Canberra Camp (Grades 5 & 6)

Borambola Camp (Grades 3 & 4)

Fri 1 November Canberra Camp (Grades 5 & 6)

Borambola Camp (Grades 3 & 4)

Mon 4 November Report Writing Day (School closed)

Tue 5 November Melbourne Cup Public Holiday (School closed)

Fri 29 November Bishop's Holiday (School closed)

Wed 18 December Last Day Term 4 (Casual Clothes Day - gold coin donation)

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