Dates to Remember

- 18th March - National Day Against Bullying & Violence
- 24th March - 2.30pm Term 1 Finishes
- April 18th - School Photos
- April 21st - Parent teacher interviews 4pm-6.40pm
- April 22nd - Parent teacher interviews 9am-12.20pm. Students do not attend classes.
- April 25th - Anzac Day Public holiday
- April 28th - Pupil Free Day
- May 20th - Foundation to Year 2 Major Excursion
- October 31st - Pupil Free Day

Weekly Events

- Thursdays 9.30am Playgroup
- Fridays 9.30am Mother Goose

“PREPARING FOR TOMORROW”

THE MESSENGER

ISSUE 7 THURSDAY, 17TH MARCH 2016

FROM THE PRINCIPAL’S DESK

PARENT TEACHER INTERVIEWS
Parent teacher interviews will be held on the Thursday, April 21st from 4pm-6.40pm and also Friday, April 22nd between 9am-12.20pm. No students are expected at school on Friday 22nd April although all students are encouraged to attend interviews. This year, interviews will be booked online; more information will be sent home on this next week.

EASTER BONNET PARADE
On the last day of term we will be holding our annual Easter Bonnet Parade at 9.00am. Children are to make their bonnets at home. This is also an out of uniform day for students. We ask for a gold coin donation which will be donated towards the Good Friday Appeal. If out of uniform, students must wear appropriate clothing, which means no open toed shoes, thongs or singlets.

Thank you to the families who have returned their raffle books and donated items for our annual Easter Raffle. A reminder that all books need to be returned by Wednesday, March 23rd. We are still seeking donations of items for the hampers and would appreciate items being left at the main office. The hamper winners will be announced at the Easter Bonnet Parade, which will be held on the last day of term, Thursday March 24th.

EASTER RAFFLE

LUNCH ORDERS
The Canteen Supervisor has contacted the office regarding the number of lunch orders being dropped in late. If your child is late to school please consider a packed lunch as the latest orders can be accepted is 11.00am. Unfortunately due to time restrictions any orders dropped in after 11.00am will be unable to be fulfilled.

SCHOOL PHOTOS

LUNCH WITH MR ROGERS
Congratulations to Marcus Turner, Tyler Turner & Lee Kenyon who each collected 100 “BEE” tokens to purchase lunch for themselves and a friend at McDonalds with Mr Rogers. Well done!

Photos will take place on Monday April 18th and individual order forms from the photographer should arrive at school and be sent home next week. Student envelopes will need be to be returned before the photo day.

MAJOR EXCURSION - FOUNDATION—YEAR 2
Arrangements are currently being made for the F-2 Major Excursion to Melbourne. As we normally have many parents come along on this excursion, I suggest you pop the date in your calendar. More information will be provided shortly.

BOOT BANK
The Boot Bank has arrived and is located outside the office. AFL Goulburn Murray are hoping families can donate pre-loved football and soccer boots which will then be cleaned and refreshed for resale. Please send...
ST MARY’S & MOOROOPNA LAWN JUNIOR TENNIS REPORT 2015/16 Season

This season the St Mary’s Junior Tennis Club with Mooroolbark Lawn Tennis Club had 66 registered players and entered 14 teams into the Shepparton Junior Tennis Association competition. There have been 75 teams competing in this year’s season.

The St Mary’s & Mooroolbark Tennis Clubs welcomed 13 new registered players – Kade James, Bailey Leask, Oliver Dodds, Ruby Eggleston, Jesse Singh, Mitch Walsh, Kadeyn & Lacey Pogue, Reece Reedy, Brianne Moon, Lauren & Emily Turnbull & Tara Jones. At the end of the season we welcomed our fill in player Campbell McElhinney, who did an amazing job in the SDV2 Team. It has been wonderful to see the development of all the players over the tennis season, particularly the 10 & under players.

The teams had a very successful season with 8 teams making finals. The combined Kialla/St Mary’s B2 and Mpn/St Mary’s DDV2 Grade teams came runners up & the combined Mpn/St Mary’s B1 and D Grade teams came premiers.

Congratulations to all the teams on a great season.

Kialla/St Mary’s B2 Grade - Runners Up
Sarah Mfitsa, Shivani Pillai, Elara McIntosh, Jye, Harry & Oscar Crilly, Keldi Brauman (Absent)

Mpn/St Mary’s DDV2 Grade - Runners Up
Jaylin Masters, Lauren Turnbull, Ruby Eggleston, Oliver Dodds & Bailey Leask

Mpn/St Mary’s B1 Grade - Premiers
Dustin Blake, Jack Nicholson, Josh Mazzuco, Sophie Brown, Paris Williams & Olivia Lear

Mpn/St Mary’s D Grade - Premiers
Back: Kirsty Jones, Kaedyn Napier, Emmerson Williams Front: Julius Bonadisi, Colby James, & Nicola Brown

The tennis clubs have run effectively this season because of the reliable and dedicated parents who actively get involved in their children’s sport and willingly provide assistance on a weekly basis. I would like to take this opportunity to thank the various people who have assisted the clubs in our roles as Coordinators. A special thank you to the following team managers who made a commitment to team training and the co-ordination of the teams on Saturdays:

- Michelle Smith (Kialla/St Mary’s A Grade Team)
- Jenny Marshall & Sue Brown (B1 Grade Teams)
- Soizig McIntosh (Kialla/St Mary’s B2 Grade Team)
- Karen Nhill & Kim Banfield (Tatura/St Mary’s B2 Grade)
- Kirrily Basile (C Grade Team)
- Nicole Williams, Ross Russo & Moray Church (D Grade Teams)
- Mark Jacobs, Kim James & Katie Vandermeer (16U Teams)
- Jess Vanderdook & Michelle Ballintine (SDV1 Teams)
- Hayley Nicholson & Ben Leask (DDV2 Teams)

A special thank you to Hayley Nicholson & Brian Anderson, who have worked closely with me this season. With their help and input we were able to combined teams with Mooroolbark for the first time, which has been a great success, and was well supported by many club members. We were able to create these fantastic teams for our successful season. It was great to have the extra support. Children formed new friendships with children from the other Mooroolbark Schools.

Thanks to Kialla Park & Tatura Lawn who combined 3 teams with St Mary’s to give the children the opportunity to play with members of other clubs and to ensure they were challenged throughout the season. Well done to those players, as they had become really great teams.

Riki Blake, Hayley Nicholson & Brian Anderson
St Mary’s & Mooroolbark Lawn Junior Tennis Coordinators
On Wednesday the 9th of March, the Year 5/6’s were going to Echuca’s Amazing Camp Billabong Ranch on the bus it took 30 minutes to get to the Kyabram Fauna Park. We arrived there fifteen minutes early. So we played on the playground and there was a seesaw that you had to stand on, two swings, a slide and some high monkey bars. As soon as the fifteen minutes was over, we split into six groups. We were with Daniel’s group which only had Year 5’s in it. There was Acacia, Kyla, Tegen, Mackenzie, Ashanti and us two. We saw emus, a fresh water crocodile and Tassie Devils.

As soon as we got to camp we found out the rules and they told us our cabins. First we were with Tommy and Grady, but after a big confusion Riley and Xavier moved in and we had a bigger cabin. It was cool! Our favourite part was staying up talking with each other. On the second morning we were having breakfast, and then Ryan had jammed his finger in the door and his nail fell off and it really looked bad and damaged. Luckily Nicole the nurse and Mrs Ruhe had fixed it up. The activities that we did included low ropes, commando course, bikes and trikes, the farm nursery, mini golf, archery, pedal boats, bouldering, orienteering, a trivia walk, initiative games and a night time bush walk. On the way home we went on a paddle steamer called the Pevensey and we got an ice cream before we made the trip home.

We would thank the staff who came along with us.

By Calin Andronaco and Ryan Hallum

On Wednesday we got ready to go to the Fauna Park in Kyabram and we had to do a trivia walk to find out information about the animals. After we finished at the park we went straight to camp Billabong Ranch near Echuca. At camp we met the manager named Kerri and she told us about the rules and some information about the ranch. When she was finished talking Mr. Fenton told us which cabins we were in. In my cabin I had Ella, Zoe, Jada, Tawana, Isabella, Mackenzie and myself. We got to pick our own bed but Jada got the bottom bunk but the rest of us got the top bunk.

After we settled in we got ready to do our first activity. After the first activity we got to do orienteering which is doing stuff with a compass. We then had morning yea which was our sandwich and a snack as well. For dinner that night we had lasagna, chips and salad and it was really nice. Before we went to bed we went for a nighttime bush walk which we didn’t get back from until 9.30pm. I thought Billabong Ranch Camp was fantastic.

By Bianca-Lee Butcher
MOOROOPNA LIBRARY
Mooroopna Library is going to the Lions Mooroopna Market on Sunday 20th March from 8am till 12:30pm.
We’ll have membership forms and information about our opening and closing hours.
We will be selling second hand children’s and adult books, and a variety of magazines.
Tickets at $1 for our annual Easter Raffle (3 prizes) and a raffle of Keri Arthur Urban / fantasy novels (2 to be won) can be bought.
Rhonda and Michelle and the Friends of Mooroopna Library look forward to seeing you there – just look for the big blue library flag.
The next Mooroopna Library Rhyme and Story Time will be on March 16th at 10:30 till 11:30am
This is ideal for children aged 1 to pre-school. Mothers and fathers also welcome!
Rhyme and Story Time will also be held on 20 April, 18 May and 15 June, same time, same place.

PLAYGROUP
The kids this week at Playgroup have had fun making ducks and singing five little ducks.
Playgroup starts at 9.30am on a Thursday morning in the Learning Centre. All welcome.
Mooroopna Cats Combined Clubs Family Day

We invite all Junior and Senior Players and supporters to our combined family day.

Date: Sunday 3rd April
Venue: Mooroopna Football Ground
Time: From 11am

Kids will participate in skills training, fun and games.

U14, U16 and Youth Girls will be on the main oval with the senior players.
U10, U12 will be on John Gray with the 3rds Players
Senior netballers will take the junior netballers at the netball courts.

Free BBQ lunch and Drinks available from 1pm

Come and enjoy the fun...... a good chance to meet our Senior and Junior coaches and players for 2016

Junior Football Member ship and Registration will also be available on the day

Hope to see you all there

GO CATS!!

Corey Vanderwerf
President
Mooroopna Junior Football Club

Please download Team App on your smart phone. Search Mooroopna Junior Football club to stay up to date.
School holiday fun @ your library

Autumn Mobile Madness

Come along to enjoy a story and create your own Autumn Mobile.
Find out what else is happening at your local library.

1300 374 765
gvlibraries.com.au

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Activities available all Holidays...
Make leaf creature art during opening hours at Shepparton, Mooroopna, Tatura, Cobram, Nathalia, Euroa, Violet Town and Nagambie Libraries.

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STARTS 23rd APRIL 2016 9 TO 10:30AM SATURDAYS
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BOYS AND GIRLS WELCOME. HAVE TO BE TURNING 5 OR OLDER IN 2016 TO PLAY

ANY QUESTIONS CALL WENDY ON 0408788306 OR GO TO WEBSITE BELOW AND TYPE IN POSTCODE 3629 TO FIND US AND TO REGISTER. REGISTRATIONS HAVE TO BE DONE ONLINE

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# BOOT BANK

AFL Goulburn Murray are calling all parents, growing children and ex players to donate your preloved football and soccer boots.

Your school has kindly offered to host a ‘BOOT BIN’ from the March 10th to 20th.

Collected boots will be cleaned and refreshed and will be available for purchase for $15 per pair at BOOT BANK SHOP (AFG Goulburn Murray, Reserve St Kialla) on Saturday 23rd April from 9am until 1pm.

Purchased boots also receive a pair of Zaidee Rainbow Foundation Shoelaces.

For more information contact 03 5823 9800 or head to www.goulburnmurrayafl.com.au
My Child and Autism
Parent/Carer workshop Shepparton
Date: Tuesday 12th April 2016
Time: 2:30pm – 3:30pm
Venue: Veron Road School, Veron Road Shepparton 3300
Cost: FREE for parents and carers. A light lunch is provided.

The Early Days Workshops are for parents and carers of young children (aged 0 – 6) who have a diagnosis of Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD), or who are currently undergoing a diagnosis. Amaze (formerly Autism Victoria) facilitates these workshops in Victoria.

The introductory Workshop covers:
Understanding Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD)
What ASD looks like for your child and your family
How you can make a difference
Navigating and funding

REGISTRATIONS ARE ESSENTIAL — Please go to:
http://www.amaze.org.au/events/early-days/early-days-workshop-dates/

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activities in the park
FREE AND LOW COST ACTIVITIES IN GREATER SHEPPARTON

STARGAZING IN THE PARK

Friday 18 March 2016
8.30pm
Toolamba Recreation Reserve

Join the Bendigo District Astronomical Society members and explore the beauty of the stars, planets and nebulae through their large telescopes

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Tatura Primary School Fun Run
Sunday April 17th, 2016

Have you saved the date yet?
Have you told family and friends?
7:30am: Registrations open
All registration forms available from school office (cash, BND or taturaprimary@longway.com.au)
8:30am: 10km run (30)
8:30am: 5km run adults ($20), secondary students ($15), primary age ($10)
8:45am: 3km Children’s run ($5)
8:50am: 3km Family Walk ($10 per family or $5 adult only)

New in '16

8:30am CORPORATE TEAMS EVENT

teams of 3 runners at $50.00 per team

Additional points awarded for every $100 raised by your team in sponsorship

Write the date on your calendar now!

We look forward to seeing you at the Fun Run!!