

St Mary's News



The Educational Ministry of St Fergal's Catholic Parish

School Calendar

JULY

- 20th—NAIDOC Mass
- 21st—Early Learning Program launch
- 31st—Cluster Athletics Carnival

AUGUST

- 1st—ICAS English
- 4th-7th—Life Education Van
- 15th—ICAS Mathematics
- 18th—Diocesan Athletics

Term Dates 2017

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| Term 1 | 6/2/17 to 7/4/17 |
| Term 2 | 24/4/17 to 30/6/17 |
| Term 3 | 17/7/17 to 18/9/17 |
| Term 4 | 9/10/17 to 15/12/17 |

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From the Principal

Welcome Back!

It is hard to believe we are already halfway through the 2017 school year! We have certainly packed plenty into the calendar so far this year and this term is going to be another busy one.

I spoke to the students yesterday about the difficulties of Term Three. It is often a challenging time—the enthusiasm of the start of the year has long worn off and the end seems a long way away. The weather is cold and dreary and we can easily become frustrated and see our resilience wane at these times. I think the parable of the two villages paints the picture for Term Three very well;

A man who was traveling came upon a farmer working in his field and asked him what the people in the next village were like. The farmer asked "What were the people like in the last village you visited?" The man responded "They were kind, friendly, generous, great people." "You'll find the people in the next village are the same," said the farmer.

Another man who was traveling to the same village came up to the same farmer somewhat later and asked him what the people in the next village were like. Again the farmer asked "What were the people like in the last village you visited?" The second man responded, "They were rude, unfriendly, dishonest people." "You'll find the people in the next village are the same," said the farmer.

This parable teaches us our attitudes and pre-conceived ideas have significant influence over our thoughts and feelings. What may appear to one person can be

significantly different to another. This is an important life lesson for all us. Before we pass judgement, be sure that we are putting ourselves in the position of others first.

St Mary's Art Show

The artworks on display at The Spot came down today and will be distributed to students. Should any parents wish to have their children's artworks specially framed, please contact the school and we can arrange that at a small cost. The drawings completed with Mrs Cannon are different sizes, however custom framing can be purchased should parents wish to do so. However, most of the artworks will fit in regular framing should parents wish to organise that themselves.

Early Learning Program

Our Early Learning Program launches this Friday for students entering Kindergarten in 2018. The children will work on early literacy and numeracy skills and provide an opportunity to transition to school smoothly before officially starting next year. If you are aware of any interested parents, please direct them to the front office to pick up an enrolment pack.

Have a great week!

Mr Nick Baird

Religious Education News

NAIDOC Mass

NAIDOC Week was celebrated in the school holidays. We will be having **Mass this Thursday at 2pm in the school playground** to celebrate the occasion. Please join us as we pray together.



Canteen Special Menu

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| Wed 19/7 | Normal canteen menu | |
| Thurs 20/7 | Normal canteen menu | |
| Fri 21/7 | Chicken Goujons | \$2.50 |
| Mon 24/7 | 1/4 pounder with Cheese | \$4.50 |
| Tues 25/7 | Chicken Schnitzel Burger with lettuce and mayo | \$4.50 |

Tennis

Junior Tennis Activities
Resume Sunday 23rd July

10am session—red, orange & green balls & mini-nets (Kinder to Year 3 or 4)

11am session---green & normal balls (Year 3 or 4 to High School students)

ALL WELCOME

Home Reading Awards

Congratulations to the following students on their home reading achievements;

50 Nights: Simranjot Dhaliwal, Rhett Lin Mealing and Jessica Tapper

75 Nights: Montana Buick and Jensen Hargreaves

100 Nights: Heath Cunningham, Tia Cunningham, Sofia Perrotta, Isabella Perrotta, Skye Cannon, Prince Patel, Hilton Hargreaves and Navieen Singh

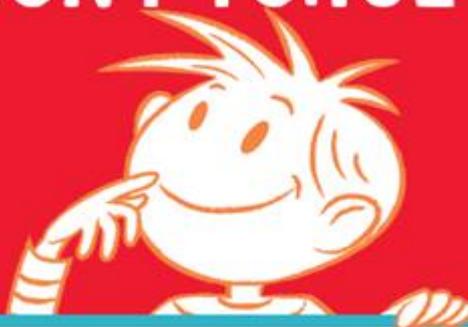
125 Nights: Frederick Nelson

150 Nights: Pierre Terblanche and Charlie Perrotta



Book Club

DON'T FORGET!



SCHOLASTIC
Book Club
orders are due:
Thursday 3rd
August 2017



ST MARY'S PARISH SCHOOL, HAY NSW

St Mary's Early Learning Program

An exciting introduction to school:

- Commencing Friday 21st July: 9am - 3pm
- Continuing each Friday of Terms 3 & 4 (No cost)
- All children will need to have completed an enrolment form for 2018 before attending.
- Run by a highly experienced teacher, with a passion for kinder teaching.

Come and learn the difference a personalised program in our school can make. Our aim is to provide all students with opportunities that allow them to grow and thrive academically, spiritually, and emotionally.



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For further information and to secure a place in our program contact
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