



ST MARY'S MESSAGE STICK

Thursday 22/04/21

Giinagay Families,

A warm welcome back to Term 2! The staff and I have been happy to see so many students returning to school this week rested and excited about another 10 weeks packed full of learning.

Yours in Faith,
Warren Niethe
Principal

ANZAC Day March 2021

It would be wonderful if as many as possible staff and students could represent St Mary's at this Sunday's planned ANZAC Day march at Bowraville. This is an extremely important community event and a good representation would be much appreciated. All staff & students are to wear their correct school uniform. We will assemble at the Bowraville RSL at 9.30 am.

Celebrating 200 Years of Catholic Education

In 2021, Catholic Education is celebrating 200 years in Australia, marking the bicentenary of the first Catholic school established in 1820. The first Catholic school in the Diocese of Lismore, St Joseph's Primary, was established at South Grafton in 1858. In Bowraville, St Mary's Primary School has provided Catholic education within the Nambucca Valley since 1913. It is a time to celebrate the many contributions Catholic Education has made to the Nation.

A national theme, "Faith in the Future" has been developed for the 200 Years' Celebrations. The theme reflects the core purpose of Catholic Education to form students in their faith, and to provide an education that enables our graduates to make a meaningful contribution to the world. In addition, the celebration theme will support Proclaim Lismore Staff and Catholic Schools Week.

Catholic Schools Week Activities

To celebrate Catholic Schools Week the following events have been planned. Families and friends are most welcome to join in these activities. The students would love to have a good number of "special guests" come and see them at school.

1. Tuesday 27/4/21 - Open Classrooms - come & join in some fun learning activities, and
2. Tuesday 27/4/21 - Shared Lunch

COVID-19 School Safety Rules

Our COVID-19 school safety rules will remain in place this term. However, there will be some minor changes due to the easing of restrictions. The rules that are highlighted have been slightly changed.

Please note, families are welcomed back into the school, especially when supporting their children's learning. Simply, report to the Office first to correctly sign in.

- Families are to drop off and pick up their children from the COLA.
- Thorough hand washing for 20 seconds with soap as well as using hand sanitiser.
- Coughing & sneezing into your elbow.
- Using and correctly disposing of tissues.
- **Adults Social distancing where possible.**
- **If you are unwell do not attend school and seek medical advice.**
- Students are to use drink bottles.

School Bus Expectations

Please contact the Office before 2.00 pm if there is a change to your child's afternoon travel arrangements. In an event of emergency or a sudden change in travel arrangements please contact Uncle Dean on his mobile - 0484 870 574 (this is a new number). Thank you in advance for your cooperation.

To ensure maximum safety on the School Bus there are four simple rules that must be adhered to at all times. These are:

- No eating or drinking
- Stay in your seat & wear a seatbelt
- Quiet voices
- Follow instructions from an adult

Please note, if a student is unsafe on the School Bus they will not be allowed to make use of this service for an extended period of time. Safety is paramount at all times!

Nationally Consistent Collection of Data Information

Please refer to the 3 attached flyers.

Date Claimers

I think it would be fair to say that schools are incredibly busy places. Keeping up with everything is nearly a full-time job in itself. Luckily, the Date Claimers do make life a little easier.

22/04/21	Thursday	9.00 Presentation of 2020 NAIDOC Week certificates and gifts to students.
22/04/21	Thursday	Evacuation Drill
25/04/21	Sunday	9.30 Staff & students to assemble near the Bowraville RSL Club for the ANZAC Day March. Students are to wear their correct school uniform to represent St Mary's.
26/04/21 to 30/04/21	Monday to Friday	CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK "Faith In Our Future"
26/04/21	Monday	9.00 Whole school ANZAC Day liturgy.
27/04/21	Tuesday	11.15 Shared lunch with families & friends in the COLA.
27/04/21	Tuesday	OPEN CLASSROOMS Families & friends are invited to join their child/children in class. Mrs Sheather - 10.15 to 11.15 Mrs Jennings - 9.45 to 11.15 Mrs Smith - 10.15 to 11.15 Mr Pascoe - 10.15 to 11.15
28/04/21	Wednesday	10.00 -10.30 Parish Mass - Corpus Christi Church. Everyone is welcome to attend.
28/04/21	Wednesday	11.30 - 12.30 Selected students singing in Language at the Elders Olympics - Macksville RSL Club. PERMISSION NOTE NEEDED
29/04/21	Thursday	12.30 - 1.30 Selected students singing in Language during the Elders Olympics lunch break - E.G. Biffin Playing Fields - Nambucca. PERMISSION NOTE NEEDED
03/05/21	Monday	Stage 2 - Years 3 & 4 Excursion to Timbertown, Wauchope. PERMISSION NOTE NEEDED
05/05/21	Wednesday	PUPIL FREE DAY - no school for students. Staff Retreat Day - Proclaim Lismore.
10/05/21	Monday	5.15 - 6.15 School Parent Team Meeting - children are able to come along as well with their parents.