From the Principal's Desk:

Prime Ministers NAIDOC Medal
Congratulations to Zoe Haywood who last Thursday afternoon received the Prime Ministers NAIDOC Medal as part of the 2012 NAIDOC Week School Initiatives Competition. The aim of the initiative was to provide children with a greater understanding on the importance of friendship and cultural diversity. As part of this competition over 50 000 students in Victoria submitted entries in the primary school's competition Zoe was one of only twenty children who received an award. Mr Dylan Williams Executive Director of NAIDOC Week presented Zoe with her medal at a special assembly last Thursday.

Italian Day
Thank you to Carmela Vozzo who provided many interesting Italian activities for the children to participate in. At lunch time we had a special treat for the children which they enjoyed. The magician was one of the highlights of the day.

Lemon Tree Planting Ceremony
On the 21 November we will be planting a lemon tree at 9.05am as a result of the funds raised from the Walk to School Day in Term 2. We will be joined by a special guest who will help us with the planting ceremony. It would be great to see many parents join us for this ceremony.

Numeracy Day
Last Friday the children celebrated Numeracy Day under the theme of 150 (linking to the Parish's 150th Anniversary). Thank you to Freda Tahtouh, Ruth Crispin and all the teachers who provided many interesting mathematics activities for the children to participate in. At lunch time many of the younger children participated in a treasure hunt for all the numbers up to 150. Once they found them they arranged them successfully on a number line. This was one of the highlights of the day.
Mathematics Leadership
Tomorrow we are privileged to have Professor Peter Sullivan from Monash University come to our school to teach our Year 4 class a Fractions lesson in front of School Mathematics Leaders from across the Archdiocese of Melbourne. A lot of the teachers at St Mary’s will be able to observe this lesson and as a result some minor changes will be made to the school timetable and class structure from 11.00 am – 12.00 pm. Professor Sullivan is a highly respected researcher in Australia and his work is acknowledged in many parts of the world.

Years Prep – Two Swimming
Thank you to the parents who have been helping with the Years Prep to two swimming. It is certainly a great help to the teachers to have your assistance.

Student and Parent Safety
In the busyness of before and after school pick up I ask that you show care and thought for others when you are parking your cars. Some parents have been double parking which is very dangerous for yourselves, your children and the other cars using the street. A reminder for the children’s and parent’s safety who use the parking arrangements near the presbytery, we have opened up the large gate outside the senior campus. I ask that you walk through that gate after you have parked your car and proceed to walk to the pedestrian crossing.

PLEASE USE THE PEDESTRIAN CROSSING near the church when walking over to the main campus.

For those parents who use Westbury Street, please make sure you park in the allocated spaces for parking. Please do not use any parking spots allocated to private property. This is against the law and also causes concern for the relevant residents.

End Of Year Events
To help make the Year 6 Graduation a memorable one for our students, the following activities have been organised:

Thursday 29 November
- Carols and picnic night has been organised to commence at 7.00pm.
- We will be joined by Andrew Chinn who will work with the children during the day in preparing some songs for the night.

Wednesday 12 December
- Will be the Year 6 Graduation Dinner at Zimari Greek Restaurant.

Monday 17 December
- A whole school celebration of the Year 6 Graduation Mass commencing at 6.00 pm. This will be followed by a Disco/Picnic.

I hope you all have a wonderful week.

Gerard Lewis
Principal

SCHOOL NEWSLETTER
From Monday 26th November, the School Newsletter will be emailed to families and will also be available to view on our school website. There will be no more paper copies sent home via your child.

SCHOOL FEES
A reminder that all school fees must be now finalised. If you have any concerns please don’t hesitate to contact Erica in the office.

NO LUNCH ORDERS - IMPORTANT
Due to the CBC canteen being renovated there will be NO Lunch Orders till next year 2013.

YEAR 5 LEADERSHIP WORKSHOP
The Year 5 students have been invited to participate in a Leadership Workshop on Wednesday 14th November. This workshop will provide the students the opportunity to reflect on their previous years at St Mary’s and further develop Leadership skills that may be required next year as they become the Leaders of the school. The workshop is run by Pia Pagotto of the Presentation Sisters.

CHRISTMAS CONCERT AND PICNIC
On Thursday 29th November at 7pm, religious songwriter and singer, Andrew Chinn, will be visiting our school to be a part of our Christmas celebrations. Andrew’s songs, such as “These Hands”, “Together As One”, “Rainbow” and “In the Beginning” are used in classrooms and liturgies around Australia, New Zealand, the United States, Canada and the United Kingdom. You are warmly invited to be a part of the celebration of faith and fun. The concert will take place in the top court yard and if it rains it will take place in the Church. Students are to sit with their classes during the performance. We look forward to seeing you there.

Ruth Crispin – Music Teacher
R.E NEWS – SOCIAL JUSTICE
For over twenty years, the Sacred Heart Mission in St. Kilda has been helping those most in need in our local community. Over the years St. Mary's has provided support by making donations of both food and money. This support is a great opportunity for us to live out our School Vision. We encourage our children and their families to take this opportunity to give to those in need. We are collecting food and kitchen items, as well as gift items for Christmas. We are asking each grade to collect items for the appeal and deliver to the yellow bucket in the classroom. Donations will be collected until November 30th and delivered to Sacred Heart in early December. If any parents are able to assist with the delivery of goods to Sacred Heart in December, please let us know. As a school community, we will gather together in the Church and pray for the Missionary activity of the Church on Monday 26th November at 2.45pm. Parents are most welcome to join us in prayer. Claire O’Dowd - R.E Leader

STUDENT WELLBEING NEWS
PLANTING OUR LEMON TREE
We will be planting our lemon tree on Wednesday 21st November at 9.05am. Everyone is welcome. The children are presently working on a letter to put in a Time Capsule. This will be planted with the tree. The money for the lemon tree came from the Walk to School Day in second term. The earth is now ready for our tree.

NADIOC AWARD
Congratulations to Zoe Haywood for winning the NADIOC Award. This was organized by the SRC's and Student Well Being Leaders. St. Mary’s has won this award three years in a row. Great Effort!

Therese John - Student Wellbeing Leader

ITALIAN DAY
Dear Parents,
Thank you very much for your presence and support on Italian Day. I was truly overwhelmed when the children arrived dressed in their magnificent costume. They looked splendid. Thank you for your time and effort at home in helping prepare them for the day. The day was a great success! The children enjoyed the various classroom activities along with the Magic show by Luigi Zucchini and their Gelato. Thank you to all the staff for their support and work in the classroom throughout the day. Regards, Signora Vozzo

Gentili Genitori,
Vorrei sinceramente ringraziarvi per la vostra presenza martedì scorso, il giorno in cui abbiamo celebrato la lingua e cultura italiana. Grazie anche del vostro aiuto con il loro costume. È stata una giornata stupenda! I bambini si sono divertiti un mondo con lo spettacolo magico, le attività fatte in classe ed anche l’assaggio di un gelato italiano. Grazie anche a tutti i maestri per il loro aiuto quel giorno. Distinti Saluti, Signora Vozzo
St Mary's Cake Stall
Hosted by Year 4

When: Friday 16th November 2012
Time: 3.00pm - 3.45pm
Where: In front of the new building (or in parent room if raining)

There will be lots of yummy goodies on offer so please come along and support our fundraiser.

Extend OSHC at St Mary's - Primary School

A message from the Team Leader:
“Although last week was a short week, the children have not been short of things to do. They made some delicious pancakes and enjoyed them with strawberries. They also created salt-dough master pieces, which were fired and painted. Outside we had games with racquets and balls and lots of running around. We also enjoyed imaginative games as well as indoor cubby houses and drawing. The children loved the construction sets and playing with the toy animals. Sadly, our attempts to germinate seeds have not been too successful, with only one reasonable shoot so far. We will keep trying-fingers crossed!” – Debbie

What's on next week...

Monday 12 November: Ballerina cards
Wednesday 14 November: Jewellery making and beading
Friday 16 November: 3D pictures

Tuesday 13 November: Cooking chocolate chip cookies
Thursday 15 November: Photo frames

Kids Club Competition!
NOW OPEN FOR ONLINE VOTING!
Visit extend.com.au to vote!

A big thank you to all the children who entered and put in so much hard work into their impressive Kids Club entries. Judging each entry was extremely tough but we’ve narrowed it down to the shortlisted winning entries. Make sure you head to our website to vote! Voting ends: Monday 26 November 12pm

School Holiday Program bookings NOW OPEN at a location near you!
Monday 10 December to Thursday 31 January (*dates vary according to location)
We have heaps of jam-packed activities and incursions. Come along and celebrate Australia Day and enjoy a party afternoon complete with themed games and activities! You can also join in our exciting science activities and make your own colourful kaleidoscopes. Or get your design off the ground when building your own mini parachute!
Visit the Extend website at extend.com.au for locations, program timetables, booking forms, and activity descriptions.

December bookings close: Friday 30 November
January bookings close: Monday 17 December

Book now to avoid disappointment!