Grandparents Day

On Monday the school hummed with hundreds of grandparents who were able to take the opportunity to spend some time with their delightful grandchildren. The love they have for each other could be seen in the smiles, the happy chatter and the sharing of a variety of activities. Nothing is more precious than spending time with those we love, and Monday at Stella provided this opportunity for many.

The following comment by one of the parents sums up the day.

“Just wanted to touch base with you to also pass on some feedback from my parents whom visited yesterday. They were very impressed and could not speak highly enough of the school. They spoke about the layout of the school, the length of available time they could visit between and how very well organised it was. Both mum and dad really enjoyed participating in the activities with their grandson which is a nice memory for Nan’s and Pa’s. I certainly have many occasions where I tell myself it has been the best decision to move my child to Stella, this is another.”

URGENT NOTICE

At request of Marist Regional College, we ask that no parent parks in the Marist driveway on our athletics day Friday 4th November 2016 prior to 11:30am. Driveway needs to free for parking for Marist families who will be in attendance at the Marist Regional College Gr 12 Graduation Ceremony.
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GRANDPARENT'S DAY 2016

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Congratulations to the following students for reaching 100 Dojo points!

**Prep:** Eric Tom, Freya Crook, Zeb Jenkins, Maryella Mather, Mia Probets, Evita Sejo, Deegan Streets, Jacob Summers.  **Grade 1:** Hamish Clarke, Jet Dare, Maisie Quarrell, Jayden Allie, Maverick Baxter, Jabe Pringle, Rakhi Sabanikanth, Saana Virk.  **Grade 2:** Riley Finnegan, Layla McCarthy, Phoenix Simpson, Lacey-Ann Daven, Ashley Fehlberg, Oliver Pinner.  **Grade 4:** Aiden Jones, Fletcher Barnard, Corey Biggar, Bethany Boyd, Ellie Crispin, Taj Hope, Jacob Howe, Ruby Richardson.  **Grade 5:** Alexander Bokes, Nicole Chaupin Huaman, Noah Duniam, Renee Farrow, Jazmin Foster, Taylor Williams.  **Grade 6:** Jeanelle Agar, Anabelle Bolch, Tayla Partridge, Damian Shanthirajah, James Studley, Alliyah Watkinson, Ethan Wyllie.

**Well done on being such Safe, Respectful & Responsible students.**

**At Stella we are SAFE**

This fortnight our focus expectations have been **SAFE** in play areas by being sun-safe & **SAFE** in all areas by using equipment safely and for its intended purpose. You can help at home by discussing the importance of these values with your family.

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What our school values mean to our students

Britta:
“When you are gentle with others you are being Respectful.”

Matthew:
“We can be Safe by keeping our hands and our feet to ourselves.”

Abby:
“We can be Responsible by offering to help others in need.”

Jed:
“We can be Respectful by letting others join in.”

PBS Parents
This newsletter is designed to keep you informed about SW PBS in our school and tips for how you can help at home. We know that we can achieve the best for

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We are seeking donations of household items including furniture, toys, books and anything else you no longer want or need.

Items can be delivered to the school during school hours
or
4pm - 6pm on the
9th, 10th and 11th
(sorry, we are not accepting clothes)

Saturday 12th November from 8am, Stella Maris, Fortuna Ave.

Come and grab yourself a bargain at our Monster Garage Sale! While you are there buy yourself a delicious snack from our Sausage Sizzle, wash it down with a cup of Homemade Lemonade and grab a box full of Delicious Homemade Goods from our FLOUR POWER CAKE STALL! Have a seat and eat, eat, eat or take it home for another day's treat!

Do you have a green thumb or know somebody who does?

We are also accepting donations of fresh produce, plants and flowers to sell at our cake stall. Donations can be delivered to the front office during school hours or on the morning of the stall.

Saturday, 12th November from 8am Thank you for your kindness.

For cake stall please contact Veronica - 0400313559 or Amanda - 0434274058

For queries related to household items please call Annette - 0417404330

ALL PROCEEDS GO TOWARDS FUTURE SCHOOL IMPROVEMENTS

P & F MONSTER GARAGE SALE

P & F Ladies will be in attendance at MPR on Wednesday 9th, Thursday 10th and Friday 11th November from 4pm - 6pm to receive any items large or small you may like to donate toward the garage sale on Saturday 12th November.
GASTRO OUTBREAK

In recent days we have had a number of students contract gastroenteritis, gastro for short. Gastro is not only very unpleasant, but it is extremely contagious.

If your child has gastro, please do not send your child to school until they are fully recovered. A definition of FULLY RECOVERED by the various State Health Departments is as follows:

- Do not go to work or school for at least 24 hours after symptoms have finished, or 48 hours if you work in or attend a high risk setting, such as health care, residential care or child care, or handle food as part of your job.

Following this recommendation, (the passing of at least 24 hours since the last symptoms- (vomiting and/or diarrhoea), along with good hand washing hygiene, is a positive response to reducing an outbreak of gastro in your child’s class. Many students may feel well enough and are keen to return to school before this 24 hour period has elapsed. Sending your child back to school before the recommended passage of time increases the risk to other students, and staff, and may well set your child up for a second bout of the illness. Please apply the minimum 24 hour recommendation by the state health department so as to avoid needing to be contacted to take your child home.

St Brigid’s Mini Fair Brixhibition
Well done to Hamish who came 1st in his age group in the St Brigid’s Mini Fair Brixhibition. Hamish is pictured with his entry “Red Cross Knight’s Ship”

Lost Property
Disappointingly we wish to advise that there are large quantities of items in the lost property bin. Students are asked to come and check lost belongings as many of the items are labeled and replacements cost can be quite expensive.
Athletic Carnival – Friday 4th November 2016 on Marist Oval
Order and Approximate Time of Events
at Athletic Carnival

9.15am - 11.00am:
Sprint heats - 75m (Grade 3 & 4), 50m (Grade 2 - Prep)
100m (Grades 5 & 6)
200m heats - Grades 6, 5, 4, 3, 2, P, 1 starting at 9.20
Tug-of-War - start with Grade 6
400m races - Grade 3 - 6 starting with Grade 3

11.30am-1.30pm:
All sprint finals
Novelty Relays Grade 6 to Prep
Prep - 2 Sack Races, Grade 3 - 6 Sack Races
200m Finals: Grade 2 to Prep then Grade 3 to Grade 6

2.00pm-2.40pm
Running Relays - Prep to Grade 6
If time available, Staff v Parents Tug-of-War)

Parents and families are welcome to come and cheer children on.
Children will need to wear sports uniform and can wear a top in their house colour. NO singlet tops. Please ensure your child has plenty to drink, a school hat, a warm top and children with asthma carry their puffer.
Sunblock will be available at school.
We require parent assistance to run the day. If you are able to assist on the day please leave your name at the office.