



## St Mary's Lancefield and Romsey

### **Ride 2 School**

We have successfully received a grant of \$5000 from Ride 2 School and the Bicycle Network. \$2000 towards Bike Education and \$3000 towards bike parking. We have continued to do our Hands Up count on a weekly basis to keep track of how students travel to school and we continue to encourage everyone to try and be more active by walking, riding or scooting to school at least once a week. This grant will allow us to run our Bike Education Program for Years 3 - 6 this year, which gives more students the chance to learn about bike safety and riding safely on our roads.

### **Woolworths Earn & Learn**

The Woolworths Earn & Learn Program is on again and St Mary's is participating. Between May 1 and June 25, 2019 we hope to collect as many stickers as we can. So we ask you, our Lancefield community to tell your neighbours, friends and relatives to collect Earn & Learn vouchers if you shop at Woolworths over the next couple of months. Bring them into school and at the end of the program they can be exchanged for amazing school equipment. We thank you for your support!

### **Mini Vinnies - Feed it Forward**

*On Tuesday the 30th of April, 6 Mini Vinnies went to the Romsey Hub and helped out with Feed it Forward. We had a lot of fun mingling with everyone. We asked people how they heard about Feed it Forward and there was a lot of different answers. It was great to chat and get to know people there. We helped out with stuff like serving the main meal and dessert, selling raffle tickets, we made people smile and feel welcome, took tea and coffee orders and met a lot of people. It was an amazing opportunity to be a part of Feed it Forward. At both Feed it Forward lunches that we have attended, we've participated in an activity to make it be more social. This time our activity was to talk to 10 new people and fill out a sheet of paper with each new person's name. All the finished sheets went into the raffle along with all the raffle tickets that people had bought. At everyone's seat there was an easter egg and empty glass. The table set up was different to at Lancefield, but both were good. All the volunteers and chef were the same as Lancefield, they were all very welcoming and friendly. At the end when most people had left we helped pack-up everything. Both Feed it Forward lunches felt wonderful and welcoming and a great experience for us to have. We hope to see you at the next Feed it Forward lunch.*

*By Eve Keogh, Chelsea McCarthy & Ellen Nuttall*

### **KidsView Incursion**

On Thursday 2nd May, our Year 5/6 students participated in a KidsView Incursion held at St Mary's. We were joined by students from Our Lady of the Rosary in Kyneton and Lancefield and Romsey Primary Schools. There were just under 90 students in attendance. KidsView is a Social Justice Incursion run by Bahay Tuluyan Philippines Australia. The purpose is to encourage students to understand the challenges faced by the world's poor and to use their power to create a just world for all, especially children.

The day was facilitated by Catherine Scerri, an Australian who has lived and worked with vulnerable children in the Philippines for the past 15 years. Catherine was both engaging and inspiring, challenging our students to think about poverty, social justice and using their power to create change. The students got to meet and hear from two young Filipino youths, Donata & Justin, who travelled to Australia to share their challenges of living in poverty and their journey to becoming leaders in their community.

Students participated in hands-on workshops, engaging discussions and thought provoking activities. Justin & Donata also gave a moving performance based on their lives. The day was a real eye opener for the students and hopefully made them realise just how lucky they are, for all that they have. Students will be looking at social justice as part of their R.E. unit this term and we hope that this incursion has spurred them on to spread the word and make change to help improve the lives of those less fortunate.

### **SHC Junior Chef 2019**

Once again Sacred Heart College in Kyneton are running their Junior Chef competition for Year 4 students from their 6 feeder schools. St Mary's Year 4 students were invited to apply to be part of this competition. Last year we sent two teams of four students, however they have streamlined it this year and each school can only send one team of four.

Thank you to all the students who applied. I was very impressed with all the applications so it was a tough decision. The decision was made in consultation with the classroom teachers and Mrs McDougall. Congratulations to the following students who will be representing St Mary's for Round One on Tuesday 4th June: Lyla Brown, Ayden Aboushi, Emily Stocker and Riley Alford.

### **Anti Bullying Campaign - Student Led Action**

Starting in Week 4 and continuing through Term 2, a group of students from Years 3 - 6 will be working together to design an anti bullying mural which will be displayed at the front of our school. The purpose is for students to lead the action in raising awareness and taking a stand against bullying. On Monday 13th May we had our first meeting with our student representatives and Clare, a teacher/artist who has been contracted to work with us to help produce the mural. It was a very productive hour in which we discussed what bullying is, how it makes us feel and what we can do to overcome it. We talked about ideas for the mural in the form of words and symbols. We took a good look at the blank canvas which will become our mural and the area that surrounds it. Both Clare and myself were very impressed with the students ideas and enthusiasm. The students will now go back to their classrooms to share what we have discussed so far and to ask for further ideas and input. We will be meeting each

Monday to work on this project. The students chosen to represent the voice of all students in our school are Lila Binney, John Cleve, Harry Shannon, Grace Miles, Patrick Diamond, Jack Eddy, Lauren Doria and Kammeryn Forbes.

Thanks to the generous sponsorship of Lancefield Community Bank® Branch of Bendigo Bank, we have the funds to make this project happen. We look forward to hearing the students ideas and putting their plans into action. Watch this space.....

### **Mother's Day / Special Person Breakfast**

What an amazing turn out we had for our Mother's Day / Special Person Breakfast held on Friday morning 10th May. Thank you to all our families who attended. A breakfast of croissants, pancakes, fruit & yoghurt was enjoyed by approximately 200 attendees! There was tea & plunger coffee for the adults and pop tops for the kids. It was a lovely and cheerful atmosphere with all mums / special persons getting a photo under our specially created flower mural. A huge thanks to the Mini Vinnies for designing our flower mural for photos, it was a big hit! I must say a big thank you to Shannon McElhinney who assisted me on Thursday afternoon and evening to set up the hall and to all the staff who assisted on the morning. It is all the hands that help that make such an event possible. I hope that all who attended enjoyed the breakfast as much as we enjoyed putting it on for you and that you all had a very happy Mother's Day!

### **3/4 Football Clinic**

On Monday 10th May our 3/4 's were lucky enough to have players from the Essendon Football Club come and run a footy clinic for them. Students were divided into 5 groups as they participated in different footy skills. There was lots of running, speckies, handballs and kicking. At the end the students played some football free games altogether. Smiles were a plenty as footballs flew in all directions. Well done to all our 3/4 's for their excellent behaviour.

### **Lunchtime Clubs**

Now that the weather has turned cooler, we have introduced Lunchtime Clubs to give students an option to play indoors. Our clubs run Monday through Friday with something different being offered each day. Mondays are for 'Creating and Making', Tuesdays 'Coding', Wednesdays 'Games', Thursdays 'Books' and Fridays are for 'Student Led Clubs' announced each week. This is a great opportunity for students to try something different and mix with students from all year levels. We invite those in our Community who would like to assist with clubs or who may have a suggestion for a lunchtime club to please contact us and we would love your input.

Jo Shannon (Community Liaison Leader)