



St Mary's Lancefield and Romsey

St Marys

National Ride 2 School Day

On Friday 13th March St Mary's School participated in National Ride 2 School Day. This is a day where students from around Australia, ride, walk or scoot to school to promote active travel and being healthy. We have 181 students at St Mary's and on this day 129 of them actively travelled to school! A tremendous effort by all our students and their families. We had parents, grandparents, family friends and pet dogs walking, riding and scooting to school together on this day. We really appreciate the support of our wonderful community by taking part in this event. All students who actively travelled to school went in the draw to win a prize. There were six prizes up for grabs, so congratulations to the following students whose names were drawn: Naite Hunt, Lachlan Brundell, Emma Donnellon, Xavier Bumpstead, Ellie Keenan and Matilda Brown. A great way to start the day!

Pedal Cure 4MND

On Friday 13th March coinciding with National Ride 2 School Day, Pedal Cure 4MND arrived in Lancefield! The Pedal Cure 4MND ride is a fully supported ride from Ungarie - the home town of Neale Daniher and his famous Essendon Bomber brothers Terry, Anthony & Chris - to Windy Hill. Neale is a founding member of FightMND and while suffering MND, he has been inspirational in raising awareness & funds to find a cure for this beast of a disease. The riders on Pedal Cure 4MND rode into Lancefield just after 1pm to a rowdy reception from the students of St Mary's who lined either side of Raglan Street to wave them into town. The riders felt like rock stars with this greeting and spent time talking to students and signing autographs. We hosted a lunch for them after their long ride from Nagambie before some of them joined us at our assembly. We had a gold coin donation on Ride 2 School Day and donated the sum of \$237 to Pedal Cure 4MND which was presented to the riders at our assembly. They in turn presented our school with a special Sherrin Cure MND football (which was signed by all the riders who had participated in the ride over the past week) to thank us for our hospitality. We'd like to say a huge thank you to the riders for stopping in at St Mary's and taking the time to talk with students and also sharing their stories with us at assembly on why they had gotten involved in this very important fundraising event. We hope that the final leg of their tour Lancefield to Windy Hill wasn't too difficult on the windy cold day that followed! It was a fabulous way for us to finish Ride 2 School Day and a memory that will last a lifetime!

Cobaw District Tennis

On Wednesday 19th February students from Years 5/6 competed in the Cobaw District Tennis Tournament at Kyneton. Dan Tucker, Zade Mezzatesta, Ellen Nuttall and Emily Stocker represented St Mary's and each played singles in a round robin competition. They played some great tennis and while they didn't make the finals, a great day was had by all. These students are to be commended on their exemplary behaviour, great manners and overall sportsmanship whilst participating in this event. A big thank you also to Sophie Bannon for taking these students to the event, umpiring and supervising them throughout the day!

Year 5/6

In Year 5/6 the students are participating in Passion Projects. To kickstart these student-led projects, the 5/6 teachers set up some inspiration stations around the school to provide students with experiences that may spark their interest. Some of the stations the students explored were:

- candle making
- cake decorating
- face painting and performing
- magic tricks
- building

Over the past few weeks, students have been exposed to some current issues, to trigger empathy and the desire to "act". They have been working very hard on their Passion Projects and we look forward to sharing them with you later in the term.

Bendigo District Swimming

On Friday 6th March students Cate & Seamus Mahoney and Evan Turok attended the Bendigo District Swimming. All students did really well. Cate came first in both her 50m Freestyle and Breaststroke races and she will be off to the Regionals in Swan Hill on 19th March. Seamus came 2nd in the 50m Breaststroke and 3rd in his 50m Freestyle. Congratulations to all our students who attended for their fantastic efforts! And thankyou to Carla Mahoney for taking them to the event and Emmett Mahoney for being chief supporter! We look forward to hearing how Cate goes at the Regionals!

Old School Uniforms

As St Mary's transitions to the new school uniform we ask all those that have items of the old uniform they no longer need to donate them in order for them to be sent overseas to schools / students in need. We now have a drop off point in both Lancefield and Romsey for the old

school uniform. If you have items you no longer need that are in good second hand condition, they can be dropped off either at St Mary's School, in the foyer of the hall or at the Romsey Hub as you enter into the Library / Shire area. The uniforms will be collected, laundered if necessary then donated to our contact at Rotary who will send them overseas to schools / students in need. So please take the time to gather all your old uniform pieces for this very good cause.

Community Fete

Unfortunately as with most events at the moment our Community Fete has been postponed. We look forward to bringing you this event later in the year.

Jo Shannon (Community Liaison Leader)