Dear Parents,

Next week our children in Years 3 and 5 will be involved in the National Assessment Program - Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN). A separate letter will be going home with these children today. All schools have to participate in these national tests.

On the first day of this term we re-visited the story of our Sacred Heart Parish and St Anne's School. Over the next couple of weeks I would like to share parts of that story with you -

**St Anne's Early History - The School at Wagga Road**

By 1936 Albury had grown toward the north and children from North Albury and Lavington either travelled to Saint Brigids or attended the state school. Consequently, the parish priest asked the Sisters of Mercy to open a school in the Sacred Heart Church, Wagga Road.

It was a church/school necessitating the moving of desks each weekend to prepare for Sunday Mass. The resultant inconvenience experienced during the week with classrooms separated merely by a curtain, was borne cheerfully and with resignation.

Sr Monica Eser remembered when she was appointed to the Wagga Road School in 1954 where she taught large classes. She taught 110 children in combined kindergarten, first and second classes.

![Fr Bongiorno's welcome to the Parish in 1955 taken inside the Church/School.](image)

I wish everyone of our Mothers and special ladies a very special day this Sunday. May you be treated with the love and care you give to everyone else all year.

"God could not be everywhere and therefore he made mothers", Jewish Proverb

Have a great week,

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**The Value of Storytellers**

"When the Vikings of old raided Saxon villages, the very first people they would seek to assassinate were the village storytellers. They knew only too well that to take out the storyteller was to remove the story of the people. To sever memory was to create disorientation, to render the village into a profound sense of hopelessness. Memory is the great storehouse of experience. And the continuity of memory is important in the struggle to make meaning and to gain direction. Where memory is lacking, distorted or ruptured it requires the considerable engagement of that other profound human faculty, imagination. Memory and imagination give birth to the future."

(Fr David Ranson, Leading Religious Organisations: Spiritual Issues)
SCHOOL BANKING
School banking tomorrow!
Application packs for new accounts are available from the office.

UNIFORM SHOP-OPEN DAYS
The Uniform Shop will be open on-
Tuesday - 8.30-8.45am, Friday - 3.00-3.30pm
Second hand winter uniforms are now available. Donations are very much appreciated and we are in need of girl’s ties, size 6 & 8 winter culottes and pants.

PARENT SURVEY - FUNDRAISING
As mentioned in previous newsletters, the School Council is seeking feedback from parents regarding how we can use the money raised by our fundraising activities. Survey results will be forwarded to the School Council, along with teacher suggestions and a Priority List will be created.
The survey is available at http://bit.ly/1fB1B80 (a paper copy of the survey also went home with the eldest child in each family), responses are due by this Friday, 9th May.

ANOTHER UNIDENTIFIED
SCHOOL FEE PAYMENT
A payment of $572 was made into the school bank account on 10th March. However there was no name or account number given. Please check your records and call the office immediately if this payment belongs to you.

HEAD LICE
We have recently had a couple of cases of head lice in the school, please check your child’s hair regularly and treat if necessary.

FOUND - MOBILE PHONE
We have a Nokia phone in the office, if you lost one last week, please contact the office.

10 CENT DRIVE
This is a year long fundraiser. Congratulations to 5/6JW who have won the casual clothes day for April. Class totals for this month will be announced in next week’s newsletter. Keep sending in those 10 cent pieces!

WINTER UNIFORM
From next Monday, 12th May, it is expected that all children will be wearing their full, correct winter uniform.

YEAR 5/6 BALLARAT EXCURSION
The children in Years 5 & 6 have received a note about their excursion to Ballarat on Monday, 1st Sep - Tuesday, 2nd September. This excursion has been designed to support the HSIE (Human Society & its Environment) curriculum area, with the students studying the topic “Eureka!” in Term 3.
Permission slips with the $20 deposit are due back at school by Friday, 9th May (the total cost for this excursion is $200).

PROJECT COMPASSION
Thank you to all the families who have returned a Project Compassion box. If you still have one that you want to return, please send it in to school tomorrow. Thank you.

KINDER 2015 ENROLMENTS
We have already received many Kinder enrolment applications. If any current families would like to submit an Application for Enrolment for a child to commence Kinder next year, and have not yet done so, please collect an enrolment form from the office and return it to us by this Friday, 9th May.

TUCKSHOP ROSTER
This week:
Wed, 7 May - Fri 9 May Jenny Zanardo

Next week:
Wed, 14 May - Annie Shearer
Thu, 15 May - Cate Bell
Fri 16 May - Katherine McLennan, Kylie Miller & Donna McDonnell
We are still looking for volunteers for Fridays. If you can help, please contact the office. Thank you.

MOTHER’S DAY MASS & MORNING TEA
The Mums, Grandmothers and other special ladies in the lives of our children are invited to attend our Mother’s Day celebrations this Friday. Mass will begin at 9.30am in the Church (led by our Year 2 children), followed by a special morning tea in the school hall.

FIRST COMMUNION UPDATE
Please find below information to First Communion for Year 3 students:
Wednesday 14th May: First Communion Parent Meeting @ 5.30 pm in our school Library. If your child is receiving the Sacrament, it would be appreciated if you could attend this meeting.
Friday 23rd May: Commitment Mass for Year 3 children in Sacred Heart Church @ 9.30am. We invite all parents of the candidates to attend this Mass. More details about this will be covered at the parent meeting.
Sunday 22nd June: celebration of First Communion at Sacred Heart Church @ 10.30am.

DIOCESAN CROSS COUNTRY
Last Friday, 2nd May, 33 students and some of their parents travelled to Holbrook to compete in the Diocesan Cross Country. It was a very cold day but the students were very keen and enthusiastic about competing. Each student tried their very best and represented our school with great pride and sportsmanship. Special mention to Isaac Dykes who finished 5th in the 11yr Boys, qualifying for the next level of competition. Overall St Anne’s had a very successful day winning Division Two. Congratulations to all students who competed. Thank you to all the parents who came along and supported the students, and particular thanks to the parents that assisted with the recording and tallying of results.

MOTHER’S DAY 100 CLUB
We have a wonderful prize for Mother’s Day - an Ella Bache Massage Voucher. Lucky numbers cost $2 and are available from the office. This prize will be drawn on Friday.

MOTHER’S DAY STALL
On Friday, 9th May, we will be holding a Mother’s Day gift stall. All items on the stall are new and priced between 50¢ and $4. The aim of the stall is for the children to use their pocket money to buy something they have chosen for themselves for the special ladies in their lives.
If you have any unwanted shopping bags that can be used on the day, please send them in to the office. Thank you.

ART PROJECT MATERIALS NEEDED
If you have any unwanted 2L soft drink bottles or unwanted CDs please send them in to Miss Newth (4N) in room 10.
DEANERY ATHLETICS
Good luck to all our children competing in the Deanery Athletics Carnival tomorrow!

WALKATHON
Friday 30th May
Each child should receive a sponsorship form and instructions within the next week. We are looking for volunteers to help us on the day to help distribute lap beads to the children. Please contact Jo Dykes if you are able to help, 0408 634 689 or joanndykes@hotmail.com. Coffee and cakes will be available for family members to purchase on the day.

KINROSS RAFFLE
The FUNdraising committee will be coordinating monthly meat tray raffles at Kinross Woolshed this year. Each month we are looking for two volunteers who could sell tickets to diners at the Kinross. It should take less than an hour of your time. If you can help on the following dates please contact Jane Muriagh 0403869088 or immurtagh@bigpond.com
10th May, 14th June, 12th July, 9th August, 13th September 8th November, 15th December.

VINNIES BLANKET APPEAL
On behalf of the St Vincent de Paul Society, we are collecting blankets for those in need. If you have a good quality used or new blanket that you would like to donate, please send it into the school office.

SEASONS FOR GROWTH
Mrs Moran will be running an 8 week programme to support children who are experiencing grief due to death, loss or separation. The programme will be run during school hours commencing in Week 6 of this Term. The programme is strategy based and does not take the place of counselling. If you feel that your child would benefit from the support offered through this programme, please collect an application from the school office. Should you have any questions regarding the programme, please see Mrs Moran as soon as convenient.

FAMILY READING MONTH
Our latest Bookclub catalogue has already arrived. Your children should have received a copy of the latest catalogue last week during library lessons. Orders are due back at school next week by Monday, 12th May. Sorry no late orders will be accepted. Please make sure your name and class are clearly labelled on each order form. Correct change is appreciated if paying by cash, cheques are made payable to Scholastic. The completed form & payment is then returned to school and sent to the office.

SCHOOL K-6 CROSS COUNTRY
Congratulations to Mercy House (Blue) on winning this year’s school cross country. Points were as follows:
Mercy (Blue) 270, Flanagan (Green) 208, McAuley (Gold) 203, Bongiorno (Red) 198.
Our place getters K-6 were:
Kinder Boys-1st Louis Ceglar, 2nd Thomas Davidson, 3rd Ethan Tschirpig, 4th Toby Gunnnet
Kinder Girls-1st Rose Bell, 2nd Nina Kizonomakis, 3rd Kijana McCowan, 4th Mia Knight
Yr 1 Boys-1st Casey Webb, 2nd Christian Moncrieff, 3rd Cooper Hall, 4th Connor Phegan
Yr 1 Girls-1st Alicia Spiers, 2nd Aletra McCowan, 3rd Ella Stevens, 4th Annabel Sirr
Yr 2 Boys-1st Thomas McCullum, 2nd Eli Kannelberg, 3rd Lachlan McEvoy, 4th Mason Goulding
Yr 2 Girls-1st Rachel McAuley, 2nd Lyla Bell, 3rd Erica Simons, 4th Emily Summerfield
8/9 Boys-1st Sam Webb, 2nd Ky Knights, 3rd Jordan Croker, 4th Charlie Summerfield
8/9 Girls-1st Montanna Owen, 2nd Rachel Dykes, 3rd Ruby Lloyd, 4th Hannah Eken
10 Boys-1st Alec Costardis, 2nd Tyler O’Callaghan, 3rd Harry Arcus, 4th Sam Naughton
10 Girls-1st Ashlee Purtell, 2nd Skye Bakic, 3rd Latisha Styles, 4th Ashley Sanson
11 Boys-1st Isaac Dykes, 2nd Euriach Holland, 3rd Elijah Bodycott, 4th Owen Smith
11 Girls-1st Annie Brown, 2nd Ebony Kannelberg, 3rd Chloe Francisco, 4th Evie Wall
12/13 Boys-1st Liam Reimers, 2nd Jeremiah Dykes, 3rd Alex Bennett, 4th Declan Michael
12/13 Girls-1st Josie McAuley, 2nd Chelsea Burns, 3rd Jessie-Lee Knights, 4th Minta Woldmichael
A big ‘well done’ is extended to those students in Year 2 who tried the 8/9 age division, taking on the 2km race with great enthusiasm. It is very pleasing to see children extending themselves in sport.
Thank you to all staff, parents and grandparents who assisted with the two days of our carnival, especially those on checkpoints in the wet.
Mr Lewis
School Cross Country Convenor, MacKillop Manager

"1 book + 1 mind leads to a great adventure."
K-Yr 2 Athletics Carnival