An Easter Prayer

We remember you, O risen Lord,
new Springtime in our life.
Your resurrection covers the fields with flowers
and brings the new creation into our hearts.

Dear Parents and Students,

Welcome back for term 2. I hope everyone enjoyed the holidays especially with the fine weather we have been experiencing.

Next week there are three important events for families to be aware of:

Shakespeare Festival: Student Performance
Good luck to the Grade 6 students from St Patrick’s and Stratford Primary School who are performing Hamlet as part of the annual Shakespeare Festival. All the students will attend next Tuesday afternoon’s performance at the Mechanics Hall Stratford.

Peace Mass
On Wednesday 24th April all students will take part in the PEACE Mass at Catholic College Sale. The mass is a wonderful celebration of our Catholic identity and an active prayer for peace in our world. All Catholic schools in the Wellington Shire are involved in this important event and families are most welcome to attend. Mass starts at 10.40am in the Bishop Phelan Stadium.

Anzac Day
On Thursday 25th April we have again been invited to take part in the ANZAC Day march and ceremony in Stratford. Children wishing to represent the school are asked to wear their full winter uniform and gather at the BP Service Station in Stratford at 8.30am. The March commences at 9.00am. Please let the school know if your child/ren are taking part in the march by returning the slip included in the newsletter.

Cross Country
The cross country has been re-scheduled to this Friday at the Knob Reserve. The children will be transported by bus to and from the venue, leaving school at 12.30pm and returning by 3.00pm.

A big thank-you to the families who helped with the working bee on Sunday. As many of you may have seen the large cyprus trees around the Multi-Purpose-Room were removed and once the stumps have been ground out the area will be replanted.

This Thursday is the first meeting for the parents of children preparing for the Sacrament of Confirmation. Please keep these children in your thoughts and prayers during their preparation time.

Have a great week.

Nick
STUDENT AWARDS AND ACHIEVEMENTS

Congratulations to the following students who received the Principal award for Resilience:
Sam D, Felicity H, Ethan C, Jenna R and Ruby C.

Class Award:
Year Prep/One: Yasmin K for working well in class.
Year 1/2: Rohan W for presenting himself well in front of the class.
Year 2/3: Sarah D for being nice to others.
Year 4/5: Anna B for working well in class.
Year 5/6: Jonathan L for his clear articulate speech during Stations of the Cross.

OTHER AWARDS
Prue N and Ebony L for offering your help with cleaning up the paint with Rachael. Thank-you!

ART AWARDS
Molly A, Kelsea K, Sebastian P, Serrin N and Elly J.

SCHOOL FEES
Due dates for payments are:
1st Instalment due by 23rd April 2012
2nd Instalment due by 23rd July 2012
3rd Instalment due by 15th October 2012
We offer a range of payment options including credit card, direct payment, cash and cheques.
Please see the office staff if you have any concerns regarding your fees. If paying by cash, please have correct money.
Thank-you

PE/SPORT DAYS
Sports uniform to be worn on Monday and Friday for all classes.

PARISH NEWS

WEEKEND MASS TIMES
Saturday 5.30pm: St Mary’s Cathedral
Sunday 9.30am: St Mary’s Cathedral
Sunday 11.00am: St Patrick’s Stratford
Sunday 6.00pm: St Mary’s Cathedral

SACRAMENTS 2013
Thursday 18th April
*Confirmation Parent Workshop
11.00am & 7.00pm
Saturday/Sunday 20th/21st April
*Confirmation Commitment Mass
Thursday 2nd May
*Confirmation Parent/Child Workshop
4.00pm & 6.00pm
Thursday 16th May
*Confirmation Parent/Child Workshop
4.00pm & 6.00pm
Confirmation
St Mary’s Cathedral Sale: Sunday 19th May
Pentecost Sunday—9.30am
First Communion
Stratford: Sunday 25th August 11.00am

CROSS COUNTRY
Just a reminder that Cross Country is this Friday. For these days to run successfully we do need parent helpers to assist on the course while students are running.
Once students begin running, we do stop all traffic coming into and out of the Knob as students run on the road, please be mindful of this if you are coming to support the children.
Janelle Stothers
Sports/PE Co-ordinator

SPORT NEWS
Congratulations to Prue N, Maddie S, Lachlan S and Tom T who were team members of the U12 boys and girls Maffra Eagles Basketball Squad Team which took part in the Country Victorian Junior Basketball Championships at Traralgon in the school holidays.
The U12 girls were winners in Division 2.
The U12 boys were 5th in Division 1.
A great effort!!

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Happy Birthday to these students celebrating their birthdays this week.
Hannah P, Felicity H and Katie G.
WOOLWORTHS EARN AND LEARN PROGRAM 2013
We are taking part in the Woolworths Earn & Learn Program. You can help our school by collecting Woolworths Earn & Learn Points when you shop at Woolworths between Monday 8th April and Sunday 9th June 2013.
For every $10.00 spent at Woolworths you will receive a Woolworths Earn & Learn Point. Pop them into a Woolworths Earn & Learn Points Sheet (which will be sent home when they arrive) and once completed, just bring it back to school and drop it in the box in the Multi-Purpose-Room or drop it into the Collection Box at your local Woollies. The more we collect, the more we can redeem.
We are grateful for your support and look forward to a successful program.
Michelle Boyd
Woolworths Earn & Learn Co-Ordinator for St Patrick’s.

COLES—SPORT FOR SCHOOLS
We have recently received a delivery from the Coles Sport of Schools Promotion last year. The equipment included footballs, netballs and padded goal posts. Thank-you to all the families that collected these vouchers.

COMMUNITY NEWS

STRATFORD KINDERGARTEN
All community members, present and future families of Stratford Kindergarten are invited, and strongly encouraged to attend a meeting with the Wellington Shire to discuss the recent grant received and proposed planning ideas for the extension of the Kindergarten.

Date: Tuesday 23rd April
Time: 2.30pm
Venue: Stratford Kindergarten

ANZAC DAY MARCH – Thursday 25th April 2013
Student Name: .................................
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Parent/Guardian Signature:
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