Dear Parents, Carers, Staff, Students and Friends,

Thank you to our school leaders for leading us so prayerfully at our ANZAC liturgy last Friday. The reflection on the service of men and women to their country and what it means to our young people was very moving.

Thanks also to Ava Jones and Ben Starkie for representing us in the laying of a wreath at the community service on Saturday morning. It was great to see a large number of students in attendance with their families.

Thanks for a great week!  
God bless you @

Jo-Anne

Blessings!

Our best wishes go with Fr Paddy as he begins his well-deserved holiday after masses this weekend. May the Spirit be in your mind and heart as you spend your time relaxing and refreshing. We look forward to your return to us in August!

Uniform

All students are now expected to be in full winter uniform. Thanks for your co-operation and support.

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**IMPORTANT DATES**

**MAY**

- Fri 1st: St Mary’s Cross Country
- Mon 11th: Pupil Free Day – OLSEL
- Tues 12th – Thurs 14th: NAPLAN – Gr 3 & 5 students
- Tues 12th: District Cross Country
- Thurs 14th: Prep class mass @ 10.00am
- Tues 19th: P&F meeting @ 7.00
- Wed 20th: School Council @ 7.00pm
- Thurs 21st: Gr 5/6C class mass @ 10.00am
- Mon 25th – Fri 29th: Catholic Education Week
  - Open Morning 9.30am – 12.30pm
  - Café Chat!
  - National Simultaneous Story time
  - Division Cross Country

**JUNE**

- Mon 8th: Public holiday
- Mon 25th: PSG meetings
- Fri 12th: Regional Cross Country
- Fri 29th: Confirmation workshop
- Sun 14th: Sacrament of Confirmation @ 10am

**“I AM THE VINE; YOU ARE THE BRANCHES.  
IF YOU REMAIN IN ME AND I IN YOU, 
YOU WILL BEAR MUCH FRUIT.”**

John 15:5
Thanks!
Thanks to Grace Murphy who has spent the last two weeks practicing and learning skills and strategies in the Grade 1/2 area as part of her teacher training. Grace has been a very positive and warm presence around the school. We look forward to her next practical experience time with us in August.

Thanks also to Monivae students Libby and Tananoia who have been great classroom helpers as part of their work experience this week.

Centacare
Thanks to Marea Sholly from Centacare who has facilitated the 1-2-3 Magic program over the last few weeks. It was wonderful to see parents from a variety of schools come along to develop their understandings and skills. Marea also conducted the Raising Teens workshop this week for parents of older students. We hope that these programs were beneficial for participants. Please let me know if you are interested in seeing our school organise future programs to support parents and carers.

Looking after our school!
Please note that once the wet weather sets in this term all students will be asked to remove their shoes when they come into the building. Students will need to provide a named, sturdy plastic bag to keep their shoes in their bag shelves. Junior students with buckles or velcro shoes will be at an advantage when the time comes to put shoes back on to go outside. If you could please prepare your child for this practice it would be appreciated.

High Tea at St Mary’s!

Mum’s, Grandma’s and special friends are invited to attend a Mothers’ Day High Tea
When: Friday 8th May at 2pm
Where: Multi-Purpose Room
RSVP: by Monday 4th May.

A special liturgy will be included in our Assembly which begins at 2.40pm on this day.

Bring along your favourite tea cup to sip from!

We will register the afternoon tea with the Anti-Cancer Council Biggest Morning Tea.

NAPLAN
The National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) is an annual assessment for students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9. NAPLAN tests the sorts of skills that are essential for every child to progress through school and life, such as reading, writing, spelling and numeracy. NAPLAN is made up of tests in the four areas (or ‘domains’) of:
- reading
- writing
- language conventions (spelling, grammar and punctuation)
- numeracy.

NAPLAN tests skills in literacy and numeracy that are developed over time through the school curriculum. All students are expected to participate in the NAPLAN tests.

Support can be arranged for students with disabilities, if the student regularly uses similar support for classroom assessment tasks.

Students may be withdrawn from NAPLAN by their parent or carer. This is a matter for consideration by parents and carers in consultation with the principal. If, after consultation, you decide to withdraw your child, you must sign a Student Withdrawal form. These forms are available at the school.

Later in the year you will receive your child’s personal NAPLAN report. The report will describe your child’s particular skills in Reading, Writing, Language Conventions (spelling, grammar and punctuation) and Numeracy. The report will also show how your child performed in relation to national minimum standards. These describe the minimum acceptable standards for students across Australia.

Please contact Jo-Anne or Chris Minney if you have any queries concerning this year’s NAPLAN program.

Happy Birthday!
There seems to be lots of birthdays happening lately! On Monday 27th April we celebrated four years since moving to our new school! Doesn’t time fly!

Pupil Free Days
The following dates have been approved as professional learning days for staff.

Students do not attend school on these days.
- Monday 11th May
- Wednesday 29th July
- Monday 10th August
School Fees
School Fees were sent home with last week’s newsletter. If you have any queries or concerns please contact Helen at the office. Thank you.

Newsletter
If you would like the newsletter e-mailed to you each week please send an e-mail request to Meg Cook mcook@smhamilton.catholic.edu.au
The newsletter is also distributed through the Skoolbag app and can be found on the school website!

The Sport Catch Up
CROSS COUNTRY
Our Cross Country was run today in beautiful autumn sunshine! All students performed to the best of their ability and supported each other well. More details in next week’s newsletter.

PE CLASSES
Now that the Monivae Chevalier Centre is completed, we have liaised with the school and have been able to add our classes to their Stadium Timetable. This will provide us with a wonderful facility for our students and staff to use, particularly coming into the cold and wet months. This arrangement does not mean that classes will necessarily use the stadiums each week for PE.

JUNIOR TENNIS PENNANT TERM 2
Junior Tennis @ The Hamilton Lawn Tennis Club
Coaching all levels Tuesday nights
Competition Wednesday 4-5.30pm
Orange 7 years+ green balls, 9 years+ yellow balls to more advanced students.
Catering for all standards.
Please contact info@warrnambooltennis.com.au or phone 55626539 to register.
Get on board a great new opportunity in Hamilton!

THE WORD ON THE LEARNING STREET!
Prep
This week I have been learning how to write. I’ve been writing sentences. A full stop goes at the end of a sentence. Ruby Cleaver

Grade 1/2
Germs are small things that you can catch. They make you sick. We are putting germs on potatoes and waiting until next week to see what happens to them. Jono Beattie

On Thursday we ‘read to self’ for 21 minutes and we were all so excited. The challenge was to read for at least 15 minutes each day. Our reward is free time to play on the big kids playground! Arbella Colliton

Grade 5/6
This week we have been learning about the First Fleet, convicts, soldiers and what life was like for them. I found out that they didn’t bring any timber on the journey because they thought they would find plenty in the new land for their buildings. Lily Page

Cybersafety
This week’s topic is parental controls. Parental controls help monitor and limit what your children do online. Use this QR code to find out which tools you should use to block out the bad stuff.

Not sure how to access information with a QR code? Search your app store for a QR code reader – a free one will do. If you still require help let us know (or ask your child!!!)

Parents and Friends
Canteen Roster Term 2
06/05 Volunteer needed
13/05 Cathy Ferguson
20/05 Volunteer needed
27/05 Volunteer needed
03/06 Cathy Ferguson
10/06 Volunteer needed
17/06 Volunteer needed
24/06 Cathy Ferguson

• As you can see above we are still in need of some parent helpers for the Canteen this term. If you are able to help on a Wednesday it would be greatly appreciated.
Would you like to find out what is involved to do canteen duty? Feel free to put your name on the list at the office next to one of the regular helpers who would be more than happy to work with you and show you what to do.

Hamburgers don’t fit in envelopes which makes it a bit hard when you are on canteen duty! Could you please ensure that you use paper bags for lunch orders?

LINK UP!
Thanks to the members of our school community who have recently helped to replenish our Link Up freezer! If you would like to donate items (cakes, soup, sausage rolls etc) to this important community activity it would be greatly appreciated. Please date and label these items and send them in to the freezer in the multi-purpose room. Please only use disposable containers. Thanks!

Uniform Shop
If anyone is interested in helping out with the view of taking over from Sally Finch as Uniform Shop co-ordinator could you please let Sally know. A big thank you to Sally for all her hard work.

Parish News

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ST. MARY’S CATHOLIC YOUTH GROUP
MOVIE NIGHT
When: Saturday 16th May at 7pm
Where: Maryknoll Centre
Cost: $4
RSVP: 0439 319 283 John and Sherrie Hockey
Snacks and drinks provided
CHOICE OF 2 FILMS!
Gr. 5 to Yr. 12

Get your green thumbs ready!
Order your bare rooted roses and trees from Lady Bug Nursery and support your school! Fill in the order form attached to today’s newsletter and drop it into the Nursery. $1 from each rose and $2 from each tree ordered will be donated to your school.