Jesus said,
“The most important commandment is this, ‘Love the Lord your God
with all your heart
and with all your soul
and with all your mind
and with all your strength.’
The second is this:
‘Love your neighbour as yourself.’
There is no commandment greater than these.”
Mark 12: 29 - 31

Dear Parents, Carers, Staff, Students and Friends,
The gospel reading of the day on Thursday is the inspiration for our Golden Rule – treat others the way you would like to be treated. Jesus teaches us that it is important to have love for God in all aspects of our lives and to love our neighbour.

Sometimes in our world both of these commandments are difficult for a variety of reasons. The sense of peace and grace which embraces us when we align ourselves with Jesus’ teachings is immense and life giving.

I read somewhere the other day that “love your neighbour as yourself does not have unless tacked on the end of it”. How about in the coming week we all find an ‘unless’ neighbour and show them some love?!

Thanks for a great week!
God bless you ☺
Jo-Anne

Expo 2015!
Our preparations are off and running for this year’s Expo event. A reminder that there is a meeting for Committee members, team leaders, helpers and anyone else wishing to know more about Expo at school next Tuesday 9th June starting at 6.00pm. Drinks and nibbles provided!

Important Dates

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Staff organisation
Staff are currently beginning to prepare student reports and plan for Term 3. Over the next few weeks teachers will be working in their teams in order to complete these tasks. Our part time staff and casual relief teachers will cover classes on the relevant days.

Hamilton Eisteddfod
Congratulations to our students who have participated in the Hamilton Eisteddfod during the week. What a great opportunity for these children to share their talents. Best wishes to those students who are eagerly waiting their time in the spotlight next week.

Prayers
Our thoughts and prayers are with the Perkins family this week following the death of Ted’s father, Graham. The Perkins and Wormald children always speak so fondly of their Pop. Please also keep in your prayers the Jennings family as they experience the loss of Adam’s grandmother. There are quite a few people in our school community who are not fit and healthy at the moment. We hope they are on the road to recovery and back to their energetic selves soon.

Illness
There are a number of students who are ill at the moment, with a high number sent home from school yesterday. If your child is not well it is important that they are given time to recover before returning to school. Please gauge carefully your child’s ‘wellness’ of a morning and keep them home if they are struggling.

Congratulations
Finally, a very excited Xavier Wilson has welcomed his little brother to his world! Jaxon William arrived safely late last week and is a tiny bundle of cuteness. Congratulations!

The Word on the Learning Street!
Grade 5/6
In Integrated we have been learning about the convicts and free settlers. I enjoyed that because I love history. I find history about anything really interesting.

Lily Page, Year 5

This week I have been learning about discussion texts. We learnt about Australia Day and now we are learning writing a discussion text about bringing your own device to school.

Max Flavel, Year 5

I loved doing touch rugby in sport. Daily 5 has increased my working level and I have liked writing because we have been doing discussion and persuasives.

Taylor Bowie, Year 5

This week we are learning about if St Mary’s school should be a BYOD (bring your own device) school. Also last week we practices using factor mushrooms and tree diagrams.

Sophie Trotter, Year 5

Fundraising for Nepal
Have you heard about the tragic news in Nepal? There were two earthquakes and an avalanche that hit Nepal and the areas around it. More than 8,000 people died and tens of thousands of people were displaced. Grade 3’s and 4’s put together a coin line to raise money for Nepal. The whole school helped to fill the letters of the word Nepal with money. All together we raised $319.70. Great work and thanks to everybody who brought their money in to help.

Klay Collins, Grade 4

The Sport Catch Up
Division Cross Country
We had 5 runners qualify for Division Cross Country last Friday. It was a tough new course in South Warrnambool and our kids did an amazing job! The determination they displayed was outstanding, I couldn’t have been more proud of them! In the 10 Year Olds Lily Annett placed 19th and Eliza Sobey placed 35th. In the 11 Year Olds Jason Hawker placed 6th. In the 12 Year Olds Sam Crawford placed 7th and Tom Burland placed 40th.
A sensational result, with many of our runners placing above students from the District Cross Country event. Well done to Jason and Sam who have qualified for Regional Cross Country on June 12th, at the same South Warrnambool course. Jason was sitting comfortably in 10th throughout the first half of his race, but had a sensational run on the back half of his race. He kicked into gear to eventually place 6th! Sam Crawford sat in 6th his whole race and was just overtaken in the last metre, his fighting spirit was inspirational. We wish these two all the best for next week!
A message from Karen Huf (HDSA co-ordinator): A huge congratulations to our Hamilton District Division X Country team! It was a very challenging course beginning with a steep climb and a sharp right hand turn. It was slippery and the 12 year olds had to deal with some rain. Runners who had competed in Melbourne said that this course was harder! So well done to everyone for doing their best as they really did our District proud. We have 7 runners qualified to run in the Regional Cross Country which will be on the same course on June 12th. Good luck to those runners!

***NET – SET – GO!!***

Hamilton Netball Association are proud to run the NET-SET-GO PROGRAM.

Commencing: Saturday 11 July 2015.
Time: 9.00am – 10.00am
Venue: PEDRINA PARK.

9 weeks - $57 per child includes participant pack
For further information please contact Melissa Beaton 0417 722 061 or email krugs77@hotmail.com

Registration night will be Wednesday 24 and Thursday 25 June 2015 at the Ansett Pavilion, Pedrina Park from 4pm – 5:30pm

***Hoop Time***

Get excited, it’s almost Hoop Time!
The Grade 3/4s will have their HoopTime day on Thursday 23rd July – Week 2 of Term 3. The Grade 5/6s will have their HoopTime day on Monday 27th July- Week 3 of Term 3.

I will be sending out notes to the interested children to gather up all the budding HoopTime coaches we have in our school community.

I like to give every child who displays an interest in HoopTime a go, regardless of their basketball playing history. However, to do this we need coaches so please have a think if you could support our kids in this endeavour. Please note, that if your child receives an interested note it does not confirm they will be involved in HoopTime. Once we have coaches, I will then organise teams and send out permission notes.

Looking forward to another successful HoopTime campaign!!

***Camps, Sports & Excursions Fund (CSEF) – Financial Assistance***

If you hold a valid means-tested concession card or are a temporary foster parent, you may be eligible for CSEF. The allowance will be paid to the school to use towards your expenses relating to camps, excursions or sporting activities for the benefit of your child.

A more detailed explanation sheet is attached to today’s newsletter.

Please contact the office for an Application form. You will also need to bring in your concession card so we can copy it for our records.

The closing date for applications is Thursday 25th June, 2015.

***Cybersafety***

This week, our QR code link gives some simple tips on what to do if children come across offensive content whilst online.
Parents and Friends

Canteen Roster Term 2

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If you are able to assist with Canteen duty in Term 3 please place your name on the roster at the Office. It would be great to have some new parents willing to help out.

Parish News

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Western District Health

Service - Youth Forum

Wednesday 24th of June
4.00pm – 6.00pm
Blue Malt Café, Hamilton

Forum information
Western District Health Service is currently reviewing what and how it delivers youth services.
We want you to help guide our youth service into the future.
We want to know what works, what doesn’t and what we can do differently.
Join us for an interactive discussion.
Refreshments and food provided.
RSVP – Kara Winderlich
kara.winderlich@wdhs.net or (03) 5551 8458

OLSEL (Oral Language Supporting Early Literacy) is a project our school has taken on this year to provide students with opportunities to engage in the four components of oral language – vocabulary, phonological awareness, complex sentences and story grammar – in a structured and targeted way.
You may have seen an article in The Age this week about teachers choosing students to answer questions by pulling a stick with their name on it out of a container.


This is a strategy we use to encourage all students to share their information and knowledge with the group. Selecting a student is usually preceded by an opportunity to discuss the question with a learning buddy so that all students have a response ready. The strategy encourages an increased level of student talking and sharing to improve learning in the classroom. However, sometimes instead of sticks we use an app on the iPad which randomly selects a student’s name.

Ask your child about how this activity works in their classroom!