A Blessing for the School Holidays
Sustaining God, caretaker of life, you are always present.
You live in us.
Watch over our students, teachers and families during the break,
and keep them safe in your watchful gaze.
Bless our school community as we celebrate our holidays.
We make this prayer through Jesus our guardian.
Amen.

Dear Parents, Carers, Staff, Students and Friends,
After eleven extremely busy weeks we have made it! In conversations with staff we have been amazed, impressed and extremely pleased with the growth students have made this term.

➢ It has been astounding to see our Preps engage in reading and writing and feel so comfortable in their learning environment.
➢ In our Gr 1/2 learning area the leadership shown by many students is very impressive as they live our school rule of ‘help others to succeed’.
➢ Our middle school students are making connections across their learning subjects and can show their understandings in a variety of ways. I love hearing them talking about being ‘inspired’ and ‘proud’ of finally overcoming a learning hurdle.
➢ Our senior students this week have been celebrating the end of their unit of work which has involved learning about the early history of our country, the arrival of the first Europeans and the ongoing story of immigration in Australia. It has been fantastic to see many parents and grandparents visit this week to view the students’ presentations to their homeroom group – many have even commented on how much they have learnt from the experience!

A big thank you for the support you give to students and staff in their teaching and learning each day. I hope you all enjoy a restful holiday in readiness for a busy term 3.

Important Dates

**JULY**
- Mon 13th: Welcome to Term 3!
- Wed 15th: Expo Committee meeting @ 6.00pm
- Thurs 16th: Information Night @ 7.00pm
- Fri 17th: Australian Ballet incursion
- Thurs 23rd: Gr 3/4 HoopTime
- Sacramental m’ing – First Communion @ 7.00pm Dunworth Centre
- Fri 24th: Cartoonist – Matt Glover visiting
- Mon 27th & Tues 28th: Learning Conversations
- Mon 27th: Gr 5/6 HoopTime
- Wed 29th: Pupil free day – staff attending
- Religious Education professional learning
- Fri 31st: Grandparents’ Day!

**AUGUST**
- Wed 5th: School Council @ 7.00pm
- Fri 7th: Parish Family Dinner – Gr 1
- Mon 10th: Pupil free day – OLSEL professional learning for staff
- Fri 14th: Parish Family Dinner – Gr 2
- Fri 21st: Parish family dinner – Gr 3
- Fri 28th: First Communion workshop
- P&F Trivia Night!
- Sun 30th: Sacrament of First Communion
- – St Mary’s Church @ 10.30am

**SEPTEMBER**
- Fri 4th: Bake Day for Expo!
- Parish Family Dinner – Gr 5
ST MARY’S PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Farewell
This week we farewell Leonie Wolfe from our staff as she relocates to a new teaching position in Bendigo. Leonie has been a member of our staff since 2001 working throughout the school to support the growth of all students and has made an outstanding contribution to St Mary’s School and Parish. A love for teaching and a willingness and determination to provide the best learning environment for her class are characteristics which describe Leonie’s approach to her vocation. We will certainly miss Leonie and wish her the very best as she enjoys a new challenge and step in her life journey.

Thanks for a great term!
God bless you
Jo-Anne

School Photos
Thanks for your assistance with our photo day and all of the organisation which goes with it – including the hair-dos! We will look forward to receiving the results of the day early next term.

Pupil Free Days – Term 3
A reminder that Wednesday 29th July and Monday 10th August are pupil free days to allow staff to attend professional learning. Bus families also need to note that country buses will not be running on Monday 3rd August (Sheepvention).

Australian Ballet
We are very fortunate to be receiving a visit from the Australian Ballet during the first week of next term, Friday 17th July. The dancers will work with students in Grades 3 – 6 during the day in one hour workshops followed by a demonstration and discussion time for all students in the afternoon. The activities look like they will be great fun and engage students of all interests. Could students in Grades 3 – 6 please wear their sports uniform on this day?

Learning Conversations
Thanks to those families who have returned their preference slips for Learning Conversations on Monday 27th and Tuesday 28th July. If you would like to request a time with your child’s classroom teacher to discuss learning progress please complete the slip below and return it to school no later than Tuesday 14th July. Times will be organised and slips sent home in the week prior. Please note that you may also receive a slip if your child’s teacher has requested a time with you.

ST MARY’S PRIMARY SCHOOL
Applications are invited for a full-time replacement classroom teaching position at St Mary’s Primary School. The successful applicant will begin teaching duties with a Grade 5/6 class on Monday 27th July, 2015 and conclude at the end of the 2015 school year.

St Mary’s is a school of approximately 160 students. Our staff enjoys working together, teaching and learning in an open and creative environment. This position requires the successful applicant to work in a team-teaching environment to support the learning of all students in Grade 5 and 6.

The successful applicant will meet the following criteria:
- A commitment to Catholic Education and Parish life.
- Registration with VIT (please provide evidence).
- Accreditation to teach Religious Education, or willingness to undertake accreditation.
- Knowledge of working in a flexible and collaborative learning environment.
- Ability to demonstrate a sound understanding of current and effective Literacy and Numeracy practices.
- A commitment to on-going school and personal professional improvement.
- Strong interpersonal skills and a willingness to work as part of a passionate and productive school team.
- A high standard of competency and proficiency in classroom practice and student management.
- Enthusiastic and motivated about teaching and a willingness to share gifts and talents.

Applications should include a personal letter of introduction, current resume and three current referees. The above criteria must be addressed as part of your application.

E-mail applications to the Principal, Jo-Anne Bond principal@smhamilton.catholic.edu.au
Closing date: Friday 3rd July, 2015.

CONGRATULATIONS!
The following students were presented with awards at our assembly recently. Student awards recognise effort and achievement demonstrated in the daily learning environment.

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**St Mary’s Information Night**

All parents, carers and friends are most welcome to come along to our Information Night on Thursday 16th July @ 7.00pm. This session is designed for new and prospective parents so please pass on the invitation to families you think might be interested.

**THE WORD ON THE LEARNING STREET!**

Today we are having our party and we are going to play limbo and dancing and have cake and cupcakes.

**Kaeden Prep**

Today we are having a Prep party we are having lots of fun we are playing lots of fun games.

**Ruby C Prep**

Today we have a Prep party we have lots of food and we have lots of Prep party games.

**Chase Prep**

**Term 2 Reflections – What we have enjoyed this term in the 1/2 area…**

I enjoyed learning how to play soccer at the Monivae stadium. Some of the Monivae kids taught us how to kick the ball and how to do tricks with the ball. **William Baker**

I have really enjoyed art this term. We made coil pots out of clay and created shape monsters. **Claire Pearce**

I enjoyed doing science. We rubbed potatoes on the sink, our hands and in the dirt to make the germs grow. We wanted to find out how germs grow. **Charlie Fitzpatrick**

I have enjoyed learning about money in maths. We had $100 to visit an amusement park and we had to choose what rides to go on to spend our $100. I didn’t spend all my money! **Grace Cleaver**

I have really enjoyed playing soccer at the Monivae stadium. I learnt how to kick a goal and how to keep the ball in my feet. **Hugh Fitzgerald**

I have enjoyed writing this term because it is fun and I am getting better at it. I like to write about the weekend. **Georgia Trotter**

I enjoyed learning about coins and money in maths. We had to make $30 using different notes. I used $10 and $20. **Lachlan McDonald**

I have enjoyed ‘read to self’ this term because I like reading and I am getting better at it. I like reading ‘The Cat, The Rat and the Baseball Bat’. **Seamus Byron**

I have enjoyed using the Story Patch app on the iPads in ICT. We chose a story and we had to illustrate the story to make it realistic. **Jack Roberts**

**Procedure Writing**

This week the Grade 3/4s have been writing procedures about how to make a warm Milo as a group. Now we are doing one by ourselves about something that we know how to do really well. We have learnt that we need to use commanding verbs in our procedure writing. Working in a group has made it easier for us to write our own piece of work.

By Noah Mulley and Brady Flavel.

**Readers Theatre**

In Grade 3/4 we have been doing a thing called Readers Theatre. We performed a play earlier this term and now we are going to redo them. On Tuesday we went to Roald Dahl and that helped a lot for me. Now I know what to bring for props and costumes. I’m really enjoying it and presenting for my grade. It is fun to use reading for others, not just myself.

By Amy Shelley

**Revolting Rhymes**

On Tuesday the three to sixes went to Roald Dahl’s ‘Revolting Rhymes and Dirty Beasts.’ It was amazing. It had lots of colourful lights and a spinning stage; it looked like so much fun. They did their own version of nursery rhymes like ‘The Three Little Pigs’ and ‘Goldilocks and the Three Bears’. It looked so fun to act out. It was hilarious to watch, we all had a great time.

By Molly O’Brien

On Tuesday the 23rd of June the 5/6 and 3/4 classes went to watch Revolting Rhymes and Dirty Beasts by Roald Dahl. It was very cool and so fun to watch. It was very entertaining and there was so much happening I didn’t know where to look! **Tegan Kenny**

My artwork is displayed in the Learning Street. It is of a road surrounded by trees that disappears into a sunset. It was difficult to paint because there were small gaps. I used water colour paint and oil pastels. **Colby Hammond**
The Sport Catch Up
On Friday night some St Mary's students played in the basketball grand finals in Junior B and Inter C. There were four teams involved both boys and girls. Three teams won their grand final. Congratulations to all involved.

Nicholas O'Brien

St Mary's Basketball Club
If you have a child who is turning 8 this year or who is interested in taking up a great sport like basketball now is the time!! We have a few teams that are looking for some eager players. The season starts July 27th. It’s a great game!! Please email St Mary’s Basketball Club Secretary Cheryl Casey jemnoc@hotmail.com/ or contact via St Mary’s Basketball Club Facebook page.

Woolworths Earn & Learn
It’s BACK!
It’s simple to participate.
From Wednesday 15th July to Tuesday 8th September 2015, when your staff and parents shop at Woolworths they can collect Woolworths Earn & Learn Stickers from the checkout operator or through an online order and place them on a Woolworths Earn & Learn Sticker Sheet. There will be one Woolworths Earn & Learn Sticker for every $10 spent (excluding liquor, tobacco, and gift cards). Once completed, simply place the Sticker Sheet in the Collection Box, either at your school or at your local Woolworths.

Learning Conversations
I would like to request an appointment time with

_______________________________
(name of teacher)

on Monday 27th July or Tuesday 28th July (please circle preferred day).

Name of child:

Please complete and return to school by Tuesday 14th July

Parents and Friends
Canteen Roster Term 2
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.

Uniform Shop
Thank you to Kellie White for taking over the uniform shop duties. It will still be open on Mondays from 3.15pm-3.45pm. Kellie is also able to contacted on 0437 827903. Orders can also be made at the school office with payment.

Trivia Night
Friday 28th August – keep the date free for a St Mary’s social night.

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For bookings or further information please contact us:
In person: Frances Hewett Community Centre
2 Roberts Street Hamilton (Monday to Friday 9am–5pm)
Mail: Youth Holiday Program, PO Box 283 Hamilton 3300
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