Dear Parents, Carers, Staff, Students and Friends,

This Sunday will be a wonderful celebration for the children receiving the Eucharist for the first time! This is a special occasion for these students, their families and our Parish community, as they share for the first time at the altar. By receiving the bread and wine they are challenged and called to take on Jesus in their daily lives and make choices that will bring them to be loving and caring people, just as Jesus was. Please keep these children in your prayers and feel welcome to come along on Sunday at 10.30am to join in the celebration.

Lily Page
Abigail Page
Zander Joseph
Zara Hutchins
Tayla Lewis
Nicholas Cotten
Macey Bowie
Samuel Price
Braith Anderson
Tate Snell
Felicity Watson
Amy Shelly
Archie Porter
Stella Raymond
Kieren McDonald
Flynn Diedrichs
Chris Wormald
Kayla Sanders
Macey Sanders
Riley Phillips

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

IMPORTANT DATES

AUGUST
Fri 28th
P&F Trivia Night @ 6.30pm!
Sun 30th
Sacrament of First Communion – St Mary’s Church @ 10.30am

SEPTEMBER
Wed 2nd
Gr 1/2 class mass @ 10.00am
School Council @ 7.00pm
Thurs 3rd
Prep class mass @ 10.00am
– note change of day
Fri 4th
Fathers’ Day Footy Lunch!
Bake Day for Expo!
PSG meetings
Tues 8th – Wed 9th
School Review
Thurs 10th
Gr 3/4 class mass @ 10.00am
Art Show Opening!
Fri 11th
Parish family dinner – Gr 1
Tues 15th
Division Athletics
Wed 16th
Author visit – Patrick Guest
Thurs 17th
Gr 5/6 class mass @ 10.00am
Fri 18th
End of Term 3!
Learning Journals home
Early finish @ 2.15pm

OCTOBER
Mon 5th
Term 1 starts!
Prayers
Our deepest sympathy is extended to Emma Currer (part time teacher) following the death of her father-in-law last week. Please keep Emma, Liam and their family in your thoughts and prayers. We continue to remember and pray for many parents, students, staff and friends in our school community who are unwell or recovering from illness or surgery at the moment. We hope you are back on your feet and with us again soon.

Congratulations!
Congratulations to Felicity Watson, Amy Shelly and Abi and Lily Page on the celebration of their Confirmation last Sunday at mass.

Fathers’ Day!
We are looking forward to a great celebration of Fathers’ Day next Friday when we welcome Dad’s, Grandfathers and other special friends to join us for lunch and a kick of the footy from 1.30pm! Students may choose to wear their sports uniform and add their favourite team’s footy jumper or scarf to mark the day. Please make sure that you have returned your lunch order to assist with catering.

Trivia Night!
I have been trying to preserve the brain cells in readiness for tonight’s Trivia Night at the Dunworth Centre from 6.30pm. Look forward to seeing you there!

Experience OLSEL!
Advance notice of an evening to share our learning about oral language so far this year. Staff and students will work with parents and friends to give them an experience of the OLSEL (Oral Language to Support Early Literacy) framework we use throughout the school. Come along and learn from your children on Tuesday 27th October from 7.00pm.

Camps, Sports & Excursions Fund (CSEF)
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 expenses relating to camps, excursions, or sporting activities for the benefit of your child. The annual CSEF amount per student will be $125 for primary school students. This program has been extended by the Government and the closing date is now Wednesday 16th September, 2015. Please contact the office for an application form or for further information.

The Word on the Learning Street!
Grade Prep-Interesting starts!
Mary is the mother of Jesus. She is special because she really really loves all the people and cares. She made baby Jesus born. After we say Hail Mary she loves all us.  
Arlo Walsh

Mary is the mother of Jesus. She is special because she looked after Jesus and loved him.
Ruby Fitzpatrick

Mary is the mother of Jesus. She is special because she got the gift to look after Jesus.
Austin Sobey

Grade 5/6
On Wednesday the Grades 3-6 went to the Grease production by Monivae College. We thought it was a wonderful and hilarious performance and we would recommend going to watch it. Our favourite part was everything, it was that awesome! We wish we could see it again.

Saskia Schaap & Lani Gallagher

Previously, the Grade 5/6’s have been learning about the three Monotheistic religions. We learned about Judaism, Islam and lastly, Christianity. I believe it is important to know about other religions. You should always respect what others believe in because it’s their choice whether they want to believe in certain things and that is completely fine. I have really enjoyed being able to understand others and I think everyone should try and understand too.

Tiana Fitzgerald

Bailey Mason-
I learnt that Abraham’s name was originally Abram and God changed it when he made him the King of All Nations.

Max Bradbury-
I learnt about time and elapsed time. I learnt that I can use a number line to solve time problems.

Ayva Jones-
I learnt how to write a good procedure by using better action verbs at the start of each step.

Isabella Mailes-
I learnt how to use the thesaurus to search for synonyms to make my writing better.

The Sport Catch Up
Aussie Footy
We had a great afternoon of Aussie Footy recently at Pedrina Park! It was great to observe the vast football talent we have in Hamilton in a fast paced, action packed format.
Our game against North Hamilton was a great attacking game for us with Colby, Bailey, Edward and Tegan kicking a goal. Star players were Lachie and Hamish Cook.

Our game against Good Shepherd/Tarrington was another fine example of our fantastic team work and skills, with great passages of play down the field. Goal kickers were Lachie U, Bailey and Hamish Cook. Star players were Bailey, Ben, Tahlia and Eliza A.

Our last game against College went down to the final whistle! Our goal kickers were Bailey M (2), Nick and Jason. Our star player was Tegan.

Thank you to Dylan Mailes our terrific goal umpire, Leigh Alexander and Adam Jennings for offering their assistance on the day, it was very much appreciated. A big thank you to Mr Ferguson for his fantastic coordination, coaching and umpiring on the day!

**District Golf**

I represented the school at the District Schools Golf Tournament. There were 95 kids there and there was an even amount of boys and girls at the day. The top 4 girls and top 8 boys get to go on to the next stage which is at Warrnambool on the 16th of November.

My result on the day was 42 shots which put me in the running for first. I won 1st on a count back because another kid had the same amount of shots as me. The holes were shortened for kids with the maximum length being 150m. I really hope more kids have a go next year.

*By Bailey Borgmeryer*

**Hoop Time**

We have three teams that qualified for the Regional Finals of HoopTime! The Grade 3/4 All Star Girls will play in Hamilton on Tuesday 20th October. The Grade 5/6 All Star Boys and Girls will play in Hamilton on Tuesday 10th November. The children in these teams will receive notes and information closer to the dates. Please be aware that parents are responsible for taking their child/ren to these days, so please start to plan ahead and make arrangements.

**Division Athletics**

We have 9 children who have qualified for the Division Athletics being held in Warrnambool on Tuesday 15th September. We wish Jason Hawker, Lily Annett, Tegan Kenny, Bailey Mason, Ben Perkins, Ayva Jones, Eliza Armstrong, Noah Mulley & Bree-Anna Richards all the best on this day! We also wish Deacon White and Sam Crawford, who also qualified, all the best as well. New information and a note has been sent out to these children and needs to be returned ASAP please.

**Pastoral Care**

*From Lisa Gonnet Pastoral Care Worker*

Hello again,

I was looking through some old papers the other day and I came across the following:

Parenting shouldn’t feel like a competitive sport, it’s plenty challenging without any added obstacles.

Strive to be loving and kind, have the courage to ask for help, take a break when you need it, celebrate all the great stuff, be kind to your-self – that’s who your child loves anyways.

*By Ariane Brill*

and I thought I would share it with you all, I hope you like it.

Kind regards

Lisa Gonnet

**Cybersafety**

This week we have a link to a cybersafety game suitable for children aged 5-7. It is called Zippeps Astro Circus and the objectives are to help children:

- define who to trust and who to tell about what they are doing online.
- demonstrate safe behaviours regarding passwords and private information.
- evaluate positive and negative social behaviours online.

The game can be played straight from a PC via this link or downloaded from the app store. It is designed to be played with an adult to promote discussion on cybersafety issues.
**Parish News**

**MASS TIMES - 2015**

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**Parents and Friends**

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**TRIVIA NIGHT**

**Tonight @ 6.30pm!!**

Dunworth Centre
BYO drinks and nibbles
Please come along and support this event. It will be a fun and social night and an opportunity to mingle with other parents.

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**Expo News!**

Hopefully you received the latest Expo newsletter which was sent home and placed on the Skoolbag app and school website on Monday.

**Bake Day!**

A reminder that the Bake Day is next Friday 4th September at the St Mary’s Hall, Lonsdale St. Please come along, even for an hour or so, and join in the fun of making Christmas cakes for the Gourmet Gifts stall. The coffee van has been booked for 10.00am! If you are able to donate ingredients your support would also be appreciated. We are currently asking for:

- sweet sherry,
- plain flour,
- brown sugar,
- butter/margarine,
- eggs

Please leave donations at the office.

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**Next Expo Meeting**

Wednesday 16th September @ 6.00pm
Could all team leaders please attend?

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**YOUTH GROUP TRIP TO THE CINEMA:**

When: Saturday 12th September at 6pm-9.15pm.
Where: Hamilton Cinema and then the Dunworth Centre.
We will be seeing Fantastic Four at 6pm.
Please bring money for your movie ticket and snacks.
Please meet at the cinema at least 20 minutes before the movie.
Afterwards, we will walk to the Dunworth Centre for some ice cream.
Pick up time at 9.15pm from the Dunworth Centre.
RSVP: Charlotte Stanhope to 0437 017 296.
Gr. 5 to Yr. 12.
Hope you can come!