THE ROSARY

During the month of October our school hosts the Fatima Statue from the Parish. This encourages us to pray the Rosary – a very old prayer of the Church which meditates on the life, values and message of Mary. Over the next three weeks classes will be involved in activities to learn more about Mary and will also pray parts of the Rosary together.

Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with you; blessed are you among women and blessed is the fruit of your womb, Jesus. Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners, now and at the hour of our death. Amen.

Dear Parents, Carers, Staff, Students and Friends,

Welcome to Term 4! It was wonderful to see students, staff and parents/carers back at school for a new and fresh term. Students were buzzing about their holidays and quickly settled into the rhythm of learning.

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

Welcome!

We warmly welcome Alabama (Gr 2) and Lochlann (Gr 1) Bianchin and their parents Brad and Candace to St Mary’s this week. Alabama and Lochlann have already shown themselves to be very eager learners and are settling in well. We hope that you find your time as members of our school community rewarding and happy.

Prayers please

Our sympathy is extended to John, Sarah and Seamus (Gr 1) Byron and their family this week following the sudden death of John’s son, Michael. Our thoughts and prayers are with you at this very sad and difficult time.

IMPORTANT DATES

OCTOBER

Mon 12th – Tues 13th
Gr 3/4 Camp – Sovereign Hill
Mon 12th – Fri 16th
P/1/2 Swimming Program
Wed 14th
Expo Committee m’ing @ 5.30pm
P&F meeting @ 6.30pm!
Thurs 15th
Gr 5/6 anointing mass 10am @ Eventide
Fri 16th
Parish family dinner – Gr 6
Sat 17th
Working Bee 8.00 – 10.00am
Mon 19th – Fri 23rd
Gr 5/6 Swimming Program

Tues 20th
Hooptime Regional – Juniors
Tues 27th

Wed 28th
School Council @ 7.00pm TBC

Fri 30th
P/1/2 late stay/sleepover

NOVEMBER

Tues 3rd
Public holiday – Melbourne Cup
Wed 4th
Prep Transition 9.00 – 11.00am
Mission Day!
Fri 6th
Tues 10th
Prep Transition 9.00 – 11.30am
Hooptime Regional – Seniors
Wed 18th
Prep Transition 9.00am – 1.00pm
School Council @ 7.00pm
Wed 25th

Gr 3/4 Camp
Students and staff from Grade 3/4 will be heading off bright and early on Monday morning for their camp at Sovereign Hill. Thanks to the parents and carers who are assisting with the activities and supervision. The bus is expected to return to school at approximately 5.30pm on Tuesday. A message will be announced at the end of the school day and via the Skoolbag app on Tuesday afternoon confirming the time.

Chaplaincy permission
Last term each family was supplied with a general permission form to fill in each child’s name, sign and return to school. This permission is a requirement of the funding we receive and is not an indication that Lisa will be working individually with your child. Signed forms must be returned. A repeat letter will be sent out to families who have not completed this process in the coming weeks.

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.

Uniform
A big thanks to students for the prompt changeover to our summer uniform – the weather has certainly helped! Please note that all students must be in correct summer uniform by Friday 16th October. Well done to all for remembering to have your hats at school for outside play. A reminder that our policy is ‘no hat – no play’.

Parents and Friends Association
Would you like to have some input into the work of the Parents and Friends? The events, activities and support of the P&F greatly enhances the community spirit of our school. Unfortunately I will be an apology for the meeting next Wednesday due to a meeting in Ballarat but other staff members will be eager to work with you! Come along and share pizza and a wine. If you bring a friend along you will be eligible for the lucky prize draw!

Working Bee
A note regarding a working bee to be held on Saturday 17th October from 8.00 – 10.00am is attached to today’s newsletter. Please consider how you can support the work of our landscaping committee.

THE WORD ON THE LEARNING STREET!
Gr 1/2
History: How has our personal/local/history and technology changed overtime?
We have been talking about older day news and we matched old things with pictures of new ones.  
Griet Rowe
Our new topic is ‘How has our local history and technology changed?’ We are learning about the olden days.  
Kellies San8a

Learning at HILAC and the velodrome during the Gr 3/4 Swimming Program!
This week the grade 3/4s had their swimming program. We divided into 2 groups. While group1 was swimming group 2 was doing measurements on the velodrome, and then we swapped over. Over the first 2 days we did measurements of the inside, the outside and through the middle of the velodrome track. It was fun. 
Molly O’Brien, Keely Burland, Macey Bowie
Swimming at HILAC was exciting. We had 2 groups and the other group ran the velodrome then we rotated. 
Liam Handreck, Kombo Dunduru, Nick Trotter

Gr 5/6
On Thursday the 8th of October the Grade 5/6 students walked down to the shopping district of Hamilton. We split into homerooms and we looked at different businesses. We compared similar businesses and found out the difference between a business and a service.  
Nicholas O’Brien
In Money Matters this week we have been getting ready to open up our businesses with our partners. All of us are hoping our businesses are successful and that the teachers don’t take away too much money or we will become bankrupt.  
Ben Starkie & Nick Ferguson

Sports News
Swimming Program
Thank you to all our parents for returning swimming notes so promptly. The Grade 3/4s have had a lovely week of swimming and have made a great start to our school
swimming program. Next week the Grade Prep, One and Two departments have their swimming week. Thank you to all our Prep/One/Two parent helpers, a timetable has been sent home to all parents who were able to kindly offer their support. Please remember that during your child’s swimming week they are able to wear sports uniform every day to allow easier changing.

**Division Athletics**

I was very proud to attend the Division Athletics in Warrnambool with our fantastic athletes who gave their all and displayed terrific sportsmanship. Thank you to all our athletes’ parents who supported them in different ways on the day. A big thank you to Teresa Purcell for her expert marshalling at the Shot Put- your knowledge and help was truly appreciated by all at the HDSA. Please see the results below- congratulations to all our athletes!

- Jason Hawker: Long Jump – 3rd 200m – 6th 100m – 11th
- Ayva Jones: Shot Put 7th
- Bree-Anna Richards: Long Jump 6th
- Ben Perkins: Shot Put 6th
- Bailey Mason: High Jump 4th
- Tegan Kenny: Discus 8th
- Noah Mulley: Long Jump 3rd

**Saturday Morning Netball**

The St Mary’s Superstars take the court for the Term 4 competition this Saturday 10th October. We have a large team for the end of the season, with plenty of young talent! The girls will play at Pedrina Park at 9.30am each week. The girls have received an information pack this week and their draw. Please make sure you return the signed paperwork and money this Saturday- arriving half an hour earlier has been recommended. Training will be held at Friday lunchtimes, please bring your sneakers in your bag.

**Hoop Time**

Our first Regional qualifiers for HoopTime, the Grade 3/4 All Star Girls, will play in Hamilton on Tuesday 20th October. Thank you to Jacinta Donaldson who has kindly offered to coach the girls and Kylie Pearce for being our scorer. The girls have received their draw and information for the day. All the best girls- we hope you have a fantastic day!

**Cybersafety**

**GAMES, APPS AND SOCIAL NETWORKING**

This week we have a quick link to popular social media sites and apps. There is a video explaining how some of these apps work and then links to popular apps with some FAQ.

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**Parish News**

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**Youth Group Morning Tea fundraiser for Breast Cancer research:**

When: Sunday 11th October after Mass
Where: In the foyer at St Mary’s Church
Baked goods in exchange for a donation! All proceeds go towards research for breast cancer. Members of Youth Group please help with serving and collecting proceeds. Also, please meet in the foyer at least 10 mins before Mass ends.

RSVP: Charlotte Stanhope 0437 017296

**PASTORAL CARE**

*From Lisa Gonnet Pastoral Care Worker*

Here we are back at school for the fourth term and for many of you your grade 6 children will be working towards their transition into secondary school. This transition can bring with it some anxieties both for your children and yourselves as parents, so to assist you as best I could, I did some research and found some interesting and informative websites. The segment below is taken from the raising children website.

**Going to high school: what to expect**

Children often have mixed feelings about starting high school. They might be:

- excited about new friends, subjects and teachers
- nervous about learning new routines, making new friends or even wearing a new uniform
- worried about handling an increased workload or being bullied

You might also worry about these issues, and about whether your child will have the confidence and skills to handle them. These worries are all normal. Secondary school also means a move from the familiar to the unknown, and a whole new way of doing things.

raisingchildren.net.au
www.parentline.com.au

I hope this will be of some support.

Kind regards
Lisa Gonnet
Pastoral Care Worker.
Parents who are interested in organising some additional learning support for their students are invited to call Sam Johnson to discuss tutoring services on 0434 639 736.

Next P&F Meeting
All parents and friends are invited to come to our next P&F meeting on Wednesday 14th October @ 6.30pm.
Pizza and wine night!
The general business for this meeting will be planning social and fundraising activities for 2016.
Come along with a friend to be eligible for the lucky draw!!!

Uniform Shop
Please note that the Uniform Shop will now open on Tuesdays from 3.30pm due to Kellie’s new work commitments. Have you got some time once a week to help out with our Uniform Shop? Please contact Kellie or Jo-Anne for more information.

Canteen Roster Term 4
14/10/15 Cathy Ferguson
21/10/15 Jen Taylor
28/10/15 Cathy Ferguson
4/11/15 Jen Taylor
11/11/15 Volunteer needed

Please put your name down if you can help on a Wednesday for Canteen for Term 4. You wouldn’t have to do it on your own, the girls are happy to teach anyone who would like to assist.

Expo News!
Please make sure you have a good read of the Expo Newsletter which will be sent home on Monday to all families!
Keep in mind the following items will be coming home to each family early 4th term. Your support of our Expo is greatly appreciated.
- Gift Boxes
- Raffle Books
- Volunteer Forms

Second-hand Books
Hope you had some time in the holidays to find all your quality but no longer needed books ready for the St Mary’s Christmas Expo second hand book stall. All donations gratefully accepted at the school office from Term 4.
Thanks – Naomi Turner

Sandford Village Market
Sunday 11th October 2015
9am - 1pm
Sandford Mechanics Hall
16 Burke St. Sandford, Victoria 3312
Baked products, arts and crafts, honey, refreshments, second hand goods, hand knitted items, plants and so much more.
Open 'Rain or Shine'!
Please contact Kerrie on (03) 5582 0191 if you need any more information.