

ST MARY'S PRIMARY SCHOOL



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Newsletter

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Dear Parents, Carers, Staff, Students and Friends,

It was fantastic to be at school for a full week after all those holidays and engage in some great learning and teaching.

At our Monday morning Check-In Assembly, we shared with our students their highs, lows and hopes from Term 1. This information was collected by our School Councillors last term and is an important part of our planning for Term 2. We highly value what our children have to say and will continue to listen to their voices in all facets of school life here at St Mary's.

The weather looks like it is still around the high teens next week so we think we'll delay our change over to winter uniform until Monday 13th May.

Thanks for a great week!

Have a wonderful weekend with the people you love,

Terrielynn

IMPORTANT DATES

May

Week 3

9th May – Prep & 1/2CS Mother's Day Mass

10th May – School Cross Country

10th May – Mother's Day High Tea

10th May – Assembly

12th May – Mother's Day

Week 4

14th May – Christmas Expo Meeting @ 5.30-6pm

17th May – Pupil Free Day – School Review

Week 5

24th May – Assembly – PEG COLLERY AWARDS

Week 6

27th May – Catholic Education Week

27th May – Open Morning 9.30-11am

28th May – Catholic Education Week Mass
12 noon at the Monivae Chapel

June

Week 7

5th June – Step Into Prep 9.30-11am

7th June – Pupil Free Day - RE Professional Learning

Attachments to this week's Newsletter:

1. School Fees
2. NAPLAN Information – Gr 3 & 5
3. Catholic Diocese magazine

Advance Notice:

2nd August - Grandparent's Day

19th August – School Photos

30th August - Father's Day Lunch/Footy Colours

Staff Professional Learning

7th May – Erin Wolfe, Writing for Prep

9th May – Chris Minney Numeracy Leaders PD

9th & 10th May – Terrielynn Groves, Principal's Induction

14th May – Lindy Cullinane, RE Day

15th May – Ashleigh Watts, Autism and Anxiety PD

Welcome!

It has been our pleasure to welcome two new students and their families to our school this week! Jesse Grima has joined the 3/4 team and Phoenix Holyoak is the new member in 5/6. We hope they love our school as much as we all do!

Congratulations!

Our congratulations to the Tonissen children, Charlotte, Michaela and Warrick, on their recent Confirmation. A wonderful celebration for their family!

Whooping Cough

As you would be well aware, we have had a confirmed case of whooping cough this week. Please refer to the note that was sent home on Thursday for more details.

NAPLAN

During the week beginning Monday 13th May, our Gr 3 and 5 students will complete the National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) tests. This is just one aspect of our assessment and reporting process and provides parents and our school with an understanding of how a student is performing at the time of the test. Our children are always very well prepared and supported for this.

Work Experience

We welcome former student Bailey Borgmeyer back to St Mary's next week for Work Experience. It will be wonderful to see him again!

Drum Performance

Unfortunately, this performance had to be cancelled due to medical reasons. We will let you know if and when the show is rescheduled.

Monivae VCAL Students

We are fortunate to have a number of VCAL students from Monivae coming to school each

Wednesday this term to assist in our classrooms from 11.30-12.30pm. We are looking forward to working with these fine young people!

Peg Coltery Awards

The Peg Coltery Awards are presented to three students, one each from the Junior, Middle and Senior areas of the school. These scholarships are in memory of Peg Coltery, a former student and Parish member, established by her husband Joe. These very special awards will be announced at assembly on Friday 24th May.

CHRISTMAS EXPO/ Fundraising Meeting

A huge thank you to all those families who completed our recent Expo survey. Some fantastic ideas were put forward and we would love to share them, and other ideas, with you at a meeting on **TUESDAY 14th MAY at 5.30 - 6pm in the Meeting Room at school.**

At this meeting we will simply share some ideas for families to go away and think about, decisions will be made following that. We promise, you won't end up with a job if you attend the meeting!

Child Safety Policies

We have recently updated our Child Safety Policies and the new policies are available for you to read on our website and here at school.

School Fees

School Fees have been sent home with today's newsletter. If you would like to set up a Direct Debit payment for your school fees, I have included our bank details on your statement. If you have any queries or concerns or you would like help to set up a payment plan, please contact Helen at the office. Thank you.

Pupil Free Days

At our last School Advisory Council meeting, the group approved two school closure days for Term 2. The first is on **Friday 17th May** and will be for our staff to work further through our School Review process. The second day is on **Friday 7th June** and will have an RE focus. Please pop those dates in your diary!

District Athletics

As we write, a group of our students are in Warrnambool participating in District Athletics. We are very proud of all of them and wish them well today.

Canteen Roster

Lunch orders are available every **Wednesday** as long as we have a volunteer. Canteen cannot be offered to our students without our volunteers. If you are interested in helping out, please let the school office know or put your name on the roster at the office.

Following many conversations and discussions, we will need to stay with Wednesday as our canteen day. Monivae feel that they are simply too busy on Thursdays and Fridays with their own students to add ours to their work-load as well. The Monivae staff are very good to us so we certainly respect their decision. We think that we will be able to do some special lunch days each term so stay tuned for news of that! Again, a huge thank you to all those who completed the survey.

08/05/2019 Katrina Turnbull
15/05/2019 Jo Sobey
22/05/2019 Volunteer needed

Sacramental Program Reminder

Confirmation Meeting for Parents – Thursday 9th May.
 Dunworth Centre 7pm – 8pm.

The Family Based Confirmation Program will be distributed at this meeting. Catechist sessions will begin on Sunday 12th May during 10:30am Mass. The Sacrament of Confirmation will be celebrated on Trinity Sunday, the 16th June at the 10:30am Mass. If you have not already given your child's Baptism Certificate to me then please bring it to the meeting. Also just a reminder that the Sacramental Levy is \$50 for the year. Thank you

Noreen McLeish
 Sacramental Coordinator 0438531651

Pastoral Care

Hello, I hope life has settled comfortably back into the school routine. For the next few weeks I will again be sharing some information from Andrew Fuller, this time we will be looking at ways to depression proof our children. Andrew has a wonderful website (www.andrewfuller.com.au) with lots of practical information. You can also find some of his talks on YouTube.

Introduction to Depression proofing your kids.

About 20% of people experience depression at some time in their lives. That means that almost every family has someone with some times of depression. Unfortunately once someone has experienced depression, they are at far greater risk of feeling that way again.

While I (Andrew Fuller) can't guarantee that we can protect everyone from depression, there are things that we can do to make it less likely.

Sadness is not always bad

Everyone loves being happy but being sad at times is not such a bad thing. Sadness gives us time for thinking things over, sometimes regretting things we have done and helps us to resolve to be better

people. Feelings of sadness, disappointment and set backs are part of human lives and without them we don't live whole lives.

We all want our kids to be happy but know that there will be times they will be sad. Helping young people to know that they won't be happy all the time is important. Realising that all feelings pass and that we can learn from the whole range of feelings, sadness included, is part of being human.

Next week we will continue with: lowering stress and friends. If you have any concerns, please contact me on: 0400 994 032 or see your GP.

Kind regards, Lisa Gonnet
 Schools Pastoral Care Worker, 0400 994 032

Parish News

MASS TIMES – 2019

Hamilton:	Saturday 6pm Sunday 10.30am
Dunkeld:	Sunday 8.30am
Glenthompson:	Sunday 8.30am
Penshurst:	Sunday 8.30am
Macarthur:	Sunday 8.30am

THE SPORT CATCH UP

Division Athletics

We have 11 students representing St Mary's at Division Athletics in Warrnambool today! We can't wait to share their experiences next week.

Cross Country - Friday 11th May

Next Friday we will have Cross Country at school from 12.30-1.30pm. Thank you for the overwhelming response for assistance!! Miss Couchman will send home a note on Monday to all the Cross Country helpers, your support is truly appreciated.

There is a 700m track around the St Mary's and Monivae school grounds, which all the students are being familiarised with. PLEASE NOTE: There has been an amendment to the running distance. The Preps and Grade Ones will complete one lap, the Grade Two students will complete two laps, the 9-10 year age groups will complete three laps and the 11-12 year age group will complete four laps. This ensures that the students who qualify to represent St Mary's at District Cross Country are running approximately a 2 or 3 kilometre distance. Sports uniform is to be worn on this day. All students need to have their own water bottle. The day is looking to be cold and slightly wet- true Cross Country weather! In case of inclement weather our back up day for Cross Country is Monday the 13th May.

Open Morning at St Mary's

PARISH PRIMARY SCHOOL, HAMILTON



MONDAY 27th MAY 2019

9.30 am – 11am

St Mary's is a Catholic primary school with modern facilities which allow staff and students to work together in a dynamic and engaging learning environment. An emphasis on developing strong and responsible learners shapes our curriculum, teaching strategies and use of flexible spaces.

Register your interest and make a half hour appointment for a school tour

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VicHealth Soccer Mums VicHealth Soccer Mums

Join the Fun in our Term 2 Saturday 7 Week Program!

Soccer Mums, an initiative of VicHealth is a #Nojudgement and #NoExperienceRequired program designed for women to empower them to leave the sidelines behind and learn more about the world game
Try the first session for FREE or register for all 7 Weeks for just \$25!

Location: Pedrina Park, Hamilton
Session Time: 9:45 - 10:45am
Session Dates: 4 May - 22 June*
Cost: \$25 per participant **

*NO SESSION on Saturday 8 JUNE due to Long Weekend
**full program payment (\$25 for all seven sessions) is paid upfront when registering online. Sessions are \$5 each, with 2 free sessions per participant.

Register Online Today!
Website: soccermums.com.au/getinvolved
For more Information email soccermums@footballvictoria.com.au

FREE COME TRY DAY

SATURDAY MAY 4

9.30 - 11AM @ PEDRINA PARK HAMILTON

Have you always wanted to give soccer a go, but you're not quite sure?

Saturday May 4 is the perfect opportunity to give it a go!

Bring a friend along - it's always more fun with a friend!

If you've played with us before you are also welcome to come and have a kick with your friends from last season—5-16 year olds welcome.

Training is Saturday mornings 9am-11am term 2 & 3 @ Pedrina Park Hamilton.

For further information contact:
Ralph Behrendt on 0407 506 519 or visit our website.

www.hamiltonsoccerclubvic.com

Step into Prep!

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Children who will be ready to begin school in 2020 are invited to come along and Step into Prep!

An opportunity to discover learning at St Mary's.

WEDNESDAY 5th JUNE 2019

Step into Prep! 9.30 am – 11am

Parents are invited to stay for morning tea with members of our school community after drop off.

Please register your child for this day

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Prep enrolments for 2020 are due by Friday 26th July 2019.