Dear Parents, Carers, Staff, Students and Friends,

Best wishes for a lovely day on Sunday to all mums, nannas and other wonderful women who care for their children. We also remember our mums who are no longer with us but whose love we continue to experience every day.

A big thank you to the mums, grandmas, aunts and special friends who joined us for High Tea today. It was lovely to contribute to your celebrations. Thanks also to Terrielynn Groves, Jenni K and Michelle Porter for their organisation and support of this event.

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

IMPORTANT DATES

MAY
Thurs 18th
Fri 19th
Mon 22nd – Fri 26th

Catholic Education Week!
Mon 22nd
Wed 24th
Fri 26th

District Cross Country
Prep class mass @ 10.00am (Church)

Open Morning 9.30 – 12.30
National Simultaneous Storytime
Division Cross Country

Whole school mass @ 10.00am
Special event @ assembly
– to be announced!
Parish Family Dinner – Gr 1

JUNE
Fri 2nd
Sun 4th
Mon 5th

Confirmation workshop
Sacrament of Confirmation @ 10.30am
Step Into Prep 9.30-1pm
Advance notice:
- Fri 21st July  Grandparents’ Day
- Tues 25th July  School photos
- Fri 1st Sept  Fathers & Footy Day

Position Vacant
It will be sad for our school community to farewell Michelle Porter from our office staff later this month. Michelle recently shared the news that she and her husband, John, are relocating to NSW. Her last day at St Mary’s will be Tuesday 23rd May. We will certainly miss Michelle’s friendly smile and conversation.

Uniform
There are number of students who are not wearing correct school shoes. Runners/sneakers are only to be worn with the sports uniform. Black leather shoes are to be worn on all other days.

NAPLAN
Well done to the students in grades 3 and 5 for the way in which they approached their NAPLAN testing this week. The message to students was to have a go and do your best! Thanks also to Chris Minney for her organisation and assistance with the testing routines and materials.

Reminder
Toys are not to be brought to school, unless they are for ‘show and tell’. Please note that we classify fidget spinners – the latest craze – as toys and therefore are not to be at school.

Sport
Our students have had so many opportunities of late to participate in sports activities such as the recent Aussie Footy and Cross Country. Thanks to Annie and Elise for the way they prepare the students and encourage their participation. A lot of time and effort goes into organising and co-ordinating these activities – thanks to Elise for her leadership in this area.

St Mary’s Primary School

Position Vacant

School Administration Officer

Applications are invited from suitably experienced persons for a part-time, (13 hours per week over two days – Tuesday and Friday) ongoing position of School Administration Officer to commence on Tuesday 27th June 2017. This is a Category B Education Support 2-1 position under the Victorian Catholic Education Multi Enterprise Agreement 2013. The successful applicant will have a demonstrated commitment to Catholic education and to the safety and wellbeing of children.

- The successful applicant will possess the skills and abilities necessary to undertake general secretarial duties and co-ordinate the school’s OH&S compliance requirements.
- The successful candidate will demonstrate enthusiasm and the ability to communicate effectively with members of our school community, and be able to provide care and support for students whilst supporting and respecting the ethos of the school and its environment.
- The successful applicant will be subject to a Working with Children Check and a National Police Record Check.

How to apply:
A detailed position description and application requirements are available by accessing the School website at www.smhamilton.catholic.edu.au or by contacting the school office on 5551 9000 or helen@smhamilton.catholic.edu.au

Applications close: Friday 26th May

This school community promotes the safety, wellbeing and inclusion of all children.

Assembly
Assemblies are held every second Friday starting at 2.40pm.

Our next assembly will be Friday 26th May.

Special Event – to be announced soon!
All welcome!

Parish News

MASS TIMES – 2016

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Parents and Friends

UNIFORM SHOP

Opening times: Every second Monday 3.15 – 3.45pm

Monday 15th May

Purchases can be made by attending the Uniform Shop or by placing an order with payment at the front office. EFTPOS available.
CAN YOU HELP?

Chris McArthur has kindly been volunteering to assist families with uniform shop purchases. Due to a change in work commitments Chris is no longer able to help out. Are you able to give some of your time to open the uniform shop (day can be selected to suit you)? If you are interested please contact the office.

Canteen Roster

17/5/2017 Jen Taylor
24/5/2017 Jen Taylor
31/5/2017 Volunteer needed

Please note that if there are no parent volunteers there will be no lunch orders available on that day. If you would like to volunteer please put your name on the roster at the front office. We urgently need some new faces on our roster for our canteen to continue. Jen Taylor is more than happy to show you the ropes for your first time.

PASTORAL CARE

Hello as we head into week four! This week we look at helping our children to develop their strengths. If you have any topic you would like me to research and share via this newsletter please feel free to make contact with me on: 0400 994 032.

Parenting tip #4: Develop strengths

One of the best things for promoting resilience is a belief that we are competent and able to complete difficult challenges. Parents who identify their children’s strengths and help them develop those strengths will see their children become increasingly competent. Their children will experience success. They will be inspired and confident. They will gain a sense that they have something to offer the world.

Maddie, a seven year-old, had trouble with reading and writing. But her parents and teachers noticed her love for drawing. They encouraged Maddie to draw by displaying her art in the classroom and at home. Maddie’s strengths ensured she was not defined by her weaknesses in reading.

Your child may possess strengths in relationships, academics, music, sport, creativity, curiosity, or any number of other areas. By developing those strengths, inspiration, competence, and confidence will build resilience in your child.

Wishing you a wonderful week.

Kind regards Lisa Gonnet
Schools pastoral care worker
0400994032

THE SPORT CATCH UP

School Cross Country Results

Congratulations to everyone that competed in the school cross country last Friday. It was great to see everyone doing their best and encouraging their classmates with excellent sportsmanship! All the results are posted in the student entry and the Top 3 from each age group is listed below:

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District Cross Country

The District Cross Country is being held next Thursday 18th May at Lake Hamilton, commencing at 2:00pm. A note has been sent home with the 37 students that will be representing St. Mary’s at this event, it was due back today.

Aussie Footy

St Mary’s Blues coached by Miss Forrest had a tough afternoon on the field but thoroughly enjoyed themselves none the less! They came up against very tall and strong teams in College 1, Gray Street 1, North 1 and College 2. Star players on the day were Tiago Gaio, Molly O’Brien, Hugh Mailes, Grace Cleaver and Jasmine Young. St Mary’s Saints coached by Miss Couchman had a
great afternoon, they came away with a win in their first game, had a close loss in their second and played two strong defensive games to finish the afternoon. The first game against Good Shepherd saw Clay, Bailey, Hugh and Charles kick a goal each. Star players were Hugh, Lachlan, Bailey and Caitlin. The second game against Gray Street 2 saw Rafael kick two goals. Star players were Koby, Macey, Brandon, Charles, Caitlin and Hugh. Our third game was a brilliant team effort and our star players were Ava, Amy S, Rafael, Bailey, Sam, Caitlin, Macey, Lachlan and Felicity. Abbey kicked our only score for the game, a brilliant behind. Our fourth game against College 1 was tough, star players were Hugh, Caitlin, Felicity and Amy S.

**Hoop Time**

We have received confirmation that our Hoop Time teams are registered this year! We will aim to have 4 teams in the Junior and Senior competitions. The Junior Day (Grade 3/4) will be held on Thursday 27th July and the Senior Day (Grade 5/6) will be held on Monday 31st July. If we have qualifiers for the next level the dates are 24/10 for the Juniors and 14/11 for the Seniors. Information letters and helper forms will go out later this term, but if you are super keen on coaching or scoring for a team please let Miss Couchman know.  

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**Miss Couchman**

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**Looking Forward 2017**

Fr Patrick Mugavin invites all parishioners to a Looking Forward meeting to be held on Wednesday 17 May at 7pm at 33 Dinwoodie Street, Hamilton (Dunwoole Centre).

The meeting will be facilitated by Fr Justin Driscoll, Vicar General and Amanda Smith, Pastoral Services Consultant. The meeting is part of the Looking Forward decision pastoral planning process. In 2016 and 2017 there were far larger Looking Forward gatherings around the diocese. This year, in alliance with priests and parish councils, Looking Forward is holding meetings at parishes to focus on local matters.

All parishioners and members of the school community are most welcome for more information, contact: 5551 9000 or Parish Office 5551 1381.