Prayer for Mother’s Day

Loving God,
We thank you for the love of the mothers you have given us, whose love is so precious that it can never be measured, whose patience seems to have no end. We ask your blessings on all mothers. May they be inspired with your mercy, wisdom, strength and selfless love. Bless all mothers, that their love may be deep and tender and that they may lead their children to do what is good. Amen.

Dear Parents, Carers, Staff, Students and Friends,
Brrr! The cold weather has definitely set in!

A huge thanks to those families who came along and joined in our OLSEL Family Night on Tuesday. It was a lovely atmosphere with teachers, students and parents learning alongside each other. The children certainly loved being the experts and teaching their parents a few learning strategies. Great job by our teachers too! Thanks for your time and energy which you so eagerly give in order to enhance learning for our students – no matter what time of day it is!

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

Important Dates

May

Tues 15th – Thurs 17th
NAPLAN – Gr 3 & 5

Wed 16th
Rescheduled SAC AGM @ 6.30pm

Thurs 17th
District cross country

Sun 20th – Fri 25th

Catholic Education Week

Sun 20th
Sacrament of Confirmation @ 10.30am

Mon 21st
Pupil free day – staff PD

Wed 23rd
Open Morning 9.30 – 12.30

National Simultaneous Storytime day

Information meeting @ 6.30pm

Thurs 24th
SW Network Mass & lunch – Gr 5 & 6

Wed 30th
Expo meeting @ 5.30pm
Advance notice:
- Mon 4th June  Step into Prep
- Tues 26th June  School Photos!
- Fri 27th July  Grandparents’ Day
- Mon 6th Aug  Pupil free day
- Fri 31st Aug  Fathers & Footy Day
- Tues 18th Sept  School Concert!

Reminder
Monday 21st May, Pupil free day, as staff are attending professional learning. Students not required at school.

Mother’s Day High Tea
What a lovely afternoon we have planned for our mums, nannas and special friends! Our High Tea promises to be amazing!
Thanks to Jenni K for the love and excitement she puts into this event and to Terrielynn Groves for her energy, support and encouragement.
I hear that the Gr 1/2 class mass yesterday – with a Mother’s Day theme – was very well supported. The kids absolutely loved celebrating their mums and special ladies. Thanks for coming along.

Uniform
All students will be required to be in their correct winter uniform by Monday 14th May please. This includes long pants and long-sleeved shirts for the boys.

NAPLAN
The National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) is an annual assessment for students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9. This year’s assessments will take place on Tuesday 15th, Wednesday 16th and Thursday 17th May.
Information has been sent home to parents. Please contact Jo-Anne or Chris Minney if you have any queries concerning this year’s NAPLAN program.

Student Illness
We have had many students with gastro symptoms this week. Advice from the Department of Health states ‘As viral gastro is very infectious, it is advisable that people with symptoms do not work or attend child care centres, kindergartens or schools until 48 hours after symptoms have stopped.’ Please speak with family members about the importance of washing hands thoroughly.

Student Safety
I have a few concerns regarding the safety of students traveling to and from school at the moment. Please have a read and have a conversation with your children so that they are safe at all times. Thanks for your support with this.

A reminder that students in Grades 3 – 6 are permitted to ride (bike, scooter etc) to and from school unless accompanied by a parent.

Students walking to school need to enter Monivae either by the Ballarat Rd crossing entrance (not their driveway) or Strachan St entrance.

Students being picked up are required to wait in the designated area for pick up at the end of the day in a safe manner.

Parents who are collecting students from the pick up zone are asked to show patience and wait their turn rather than push their way forward.

If you are waiting and your child is not at the pick up zone and there are car parks available please park rather than hold up the traffic.

Catholic Education Week
Catholic Education Week begins next Friday with a celebratory mass and dinner in Ballarat.
During the week, we have many activities planned to mark the occasion and share the great things we do at St Mary’s.

- All parents and friends are invited to join us for our Open Morning on Wednesday 23rd May – this is not just for parents looking to enrol their children. It is also a wonderful opportunity to wander through our school and have conversations with Jo-Anne and Terrielynn about the learning that takes place each day. You are most welcome – ring the office and book a time to celebrate your school. Your children would love to see you!

- Students in Grades 5 & 6 will travel to Portland on Thursday 24th May to join students and staff from schools in our South West Network – St Joseph’s Penshurst, St Joseph’s Coleraine, Sacred Heart Casterton, St Malachy’s Edenhope, All Saints Portland and Monivae College. We will celebrate mass together, enjoy some activities and share lunch.

St Mary’s Primary School
School Advisory Council AGM
Rescheduled - Wed 16th May @ 6.30pm
at Roxburgh House

All parents, staff and friends are invited to attend the Annual General Meeting of the School Advisory Council. The agenda of the meeting will be the presentation of reports and election of one new Council member followed by some social time.
Mother’s Day tributes from Grades 1 & 2

My Mum - Bryce McArthur
I love my mum because she gives me the biggest hugs of all and nearly squishes my heart out. It is so squishy I can’t breathe.

My Mum - Erin Houlihan
I love you Mum because you are always there for me when I leave Monivae, you give me a cuddle, I get to school and I still feel it. You always help me when I have a problem. To me you do everything perfectly. When you’re away you ring, at the end I always say I love you. I know you never forget. I couldn’t find a better Mum than you. You are amazing.

My Mum – Noah Romeo
I love my Mum because she is the best Mum in the world. She is a good Mum. She is very nice and she is the best. She is beautiful and saves me from creepy stuff!

My Mum – Willow Colliton
I love my Mum because she says “I love you to the moon and back”. I love my Mum because she hugs me and kisses me. She does good meals. Her perfume smells good too. She never stops loving me.

My Mum – Stella Osborn
I love my Mum because she gives me hugs when I go to bed. She is the best Mum I ever have had. I like the things she does to help me. I love her with all my heart. I love the things she does to help me. I love when she pays for my swimming lessons. I like when she cuddles me when I am scared.

My Mum – Sydney Smith
I love my Mum because she is lovely and respectful and nice. Even when I am naughty she still loves me. I love her so much. Last night someone accidently hit her car on the side but she was okay so I cheered her up.

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- Can you help with our Canteen Roster?
- Please note that if there are no parent volunteers there will be no lunch orders available on that day.
- If you are interested in finding out what is involved, please contact the office.

Pastoral Care

Hello again this is the final week for the article by Michael Grose on encouraging independence in young children.

Easy ways to develop independence in kids

3. WE drive primary school kids half way to school and let them walk the rest. That’s a JUNIOR VERSION of walking to school.

4. We let an early teen go to a local cinema with friends. That’s a JUNIOR VERSION of going out without adult supervision. There are plenty of ways to create JUNIOR VERSIONS of independent living every day so kids can become more self-sufficient.

What JUNIOR VERSIONS of independent living are you creating for your kids? If you are anxious about your child’s safety and tend to be more protective than you want, then start creating JUNIOR VERSIONS of independent living, so that kids can learn to stand on their own two feet rather than be dependent on you. Remember, REDUNDANCY is your aim as a parent! Similarly, one way for kids to develop self-help skills is to create JUNIOR VERSIONS of what you already do, so they can develop the skill-sets needed to look after themselves, and help out the rest of the family. Now that’s an idea worth thinking about!

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Mindfulness classes for parents have begun. The classes will run for the term and will be from 2.45 to 3.15. You can join any week, however there will be some continuity and for mindfulness to be of benefit some commitment will be necessary.

If you wish to participate or you would like more information please contact me Lisa Gonnet, on 0400 994 032.

Have a wonderful week.

Kind regards, Lisa Gonnet
Schools Pastoral Care Worker
0400 994 032
Assembly
Assemblies are held every second Friday in our Learning Street @ 2.40pm.
Our next assembly will be Friday 25th May.
All welcome!

Red Poppies - Anzac Day Buddy activity

THE SPORT CATCH UP

School Cross Country
Our School Cross Country has been postponed to Monday the 14th May. It will be held at the same venue (Lake Hamilton) and at the same time. The buses will arrive to take us to the lake at 12.45pm and the events should begin between 1.00-1.15pm. Our Cross Country will finish up with a ribbon presentation for the top three place getters in each age group at the Lake, weather permitting. This will allow us to be back at school by 2.30pm.

Thank you for your understanding in our decision to cancel today. If you can help out at the finish line please let Miss Couchman know, as soon as possible, at ecouchman@smhamilton.catholic.edu.au

Thank you for your support in advance!

Miss Couchman 😊

Hamilton Netball Association are proud to run the NET-SET-GO PROGRAM
Commencing Saturday 21 July 2018 until Saturday 15 Sept 2018,
9.00am – 10.00am @ PEDRINA PARK,
9 weeks - $70 per child includes participant pack

– please register online via the NSG website or if you have trouble email krugs77@hotmail.com
For further information please contact Melissa Beaton on 0417 722 061 or email krugs77@hotmail.com

MOVING FORWARD

Post Separation Program
A 3-week program that will explore:
1. The grief process for adults and children
2. Strategies to understand reactions and improve communication with children
3. Strategies to improve communication with the other parent
4. The importance of looking after yourself post separation

Included in this program is the option for 2 individual sessions with a Centacare counsellor.

Date: TBC – Expressions of Interest currently being taken
Time: 6:30 – 8:30pm
Venue: Warrnambool, Portland, Hamilton
Cost: $20
Bookings: Centacare Family and Community Services

Family Relationship Educator
Marea Sholly
Phone: (03) 5559 3000
Email: marea.sholly@centacarewarrnambool.org.au

St Mary’s OPEN MORNING
WEDNESDAY 23RD MAY 2018
9.30AM – 12.30PM