Catholic Education

Week!

Christ our Teacher,
You dwell deep within each of our students:
  In those who struggle academically,
    and in those who excel;
  In those who seek attention,
    and in those who try to hide from notice;
  In those surrounded by friends,
    and in those feeling lonely.
Give us the grace to know your presence in each
of them and to respond to their needs
as you would to ours.
Amen

Dear Parents, Carers, Staff, Students and Friends,

Hopefully like me, you feel a great sense of pride at
being part of a Catholic school. Our school and parish
community has much to celebrate when we consider
our facilities, our amazing children, families and staff,
our traditions and the learning opportunities and
challenges that are offered to us daily.
Students and staff will have the chance to reflect on
these concepts next week as we celebrate Catholic
Education Week.
You are most welcome to join us for our Catholic
Education Week events, especially Mass at the
Monivae Chapel on Thursday at 12.30pm.
So far this term we have been able to bring on rain
with a Cross Country and now a Working Bee!
Hopefully we’ll still be able to get some jobs done!
Thanks for a great week!
Have a wonderful weekend with the people you love,
Terrielynn

IMPORTANT DATES

May
Week 6
25th May – School Working Bee 8am – 10am
27th May – Catholic Education Week
27th May – Open Morning 9.30-11am
27th May – Information Evening for 2020 Prep
students 6-7pm
30th May – Catholic Education Week Mass
12.30pm at the Monivae Chapel (note
the change of date and time)
31st May – Gr 1 Parish Dinner

June
Week 7
5th June – Step Into Prep 9.30-11am
7th June – Pupil Free Day - RE Professional
Learning
10th June – Long Weekend
12th, 13th & 14th – June – 5/6 Camp
16th June – Sacrament of Confirmation
Attachments to this week’s Newsletter:

1. Catholic Education Week message from Audrey Brown Director of Catholic Education.

Advance Notice:
21st June – Gr 2 Parish Dinner
2nd August - Grandparent’s Day
9th August – Gr 3 Parish Dinner
19th August – School Photos
23rd August – Gr 4 Parish dinner
30th August - Father’s Day Lunch/Footy Colours
6th September – Gr 5/6 Parish Dinner
12th September – Art Show

Staff Professional Learning
29th May – Terrielynn Groves & Chris Minney, Nationally Consistent Collection of Data on School Students with Disability briefing
30th & 31st May – Terrielynn Groves
Diocesan Leadership Meeting

Prayers
Our deepest sympathy to former St Mary’s parents, Leonie and Brendan Bell on the tragic death of their daughter Natalie, a Yr 8 student at Monivae. Leonie’s eldest two children were students here many years ago. Natalie is the niece of Mazie and Robert Meade, also a former family at our school. They are all very much in our thoughts and prayers.

Welcome!
This week we have welcomed Michael Sherry and his family to our school. Michael will join the 5/6 team. We hope he enjoys being at our wonderful school!

Congratulations
Late last week we received the exciting news that John Healy and the team from The South West Languages Cluster have been awarded the Partnership Award as part of the Diocesan Leadership Awards. This award and others will be presented at the Catholic Education Week Dinner on May 31. Congratulations John on being recognised for your hard work!

Peg Collery Awards
The Peg Collery Awards were presented to three students this afternoon, one each from the Junior, Middle and Senior areas of the school. These scholarships are in memory of Peg Collery, a former student and parish member, established by her husband Joe. We will share the names of these special students next week.

RUBBISH FREE FRIDAYS!
As a school, we have been concerned for some time about the amount of rubbish we generate each day. After a recent meeting with our Environmental Group, we came up with the idea of having Rubbish Free Fridays and today was our first day! Look out for a full report in next week’s newsletter.

Open Morning
On Monday from 9.30-11pm we will be opening our doors for tours of our school. We have many prospective families booked in to see what we have to offer here at St Mary’s.

STEP INTO PREP!
We have also had a huge response to Step Into Prep on Wednesday 5th June, particularly from new families. If you already have your children here at St Mary’s and have a kinder child ready to start in 2020, make sure you book them in too!

Principal Position
Advertising for our school’s Principal position will begin this weekend. A video showcasing St Mary’s was made on Thursday to accompany the advertising.

Link Up!
A strength of the St Mary’s Community is our ability to look after one another in times of need. On numerous occasions already this year Link Up has assisted families who have experienced loss, illness, sadness and celebration. Thank you to those families who have already generously provided food for our freezer: lasagne, quiche, cakes, slices, cupcakes, sausage rolls, soup, casseroles …
Food needs to be clearly labelled and dated in disposable containers. You can place it in the freezer in the multi-purpose room yourself or leave at the office.
For more information or to let us know of families who need assistance please call the office.

Pupil Free Day Reminder
On Friday 7th June we will have a school closure day which will have an RE focus. Please pop this date in your diary!

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.

Sacramental Program Reminder
Catechist sessions started 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

Assembly

Our next assembly will be Friday 21st June 2019
in our Learning Street @ 2.40pm.
All welcome!

Parish News

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THE SPORT CATCH UP

School Cross Country

Thank you once again for an amazing school community event. It was bitterly cold, wet, windy and rainy - real Cross Country weather! However, in true St Mary’s school community spirit we brought our own sunshine and excitement to the St Mary’s Cross Country. The positivity and overwhelming support the kids received was so helpful on the kind of day we had. I hope the school community can see the possibility that the day could be with better weather, and I hope this becomes a prominent event on our school sporting calendar. Thank you to everyone who braved the cold to support our incredible kids. Congratulations to all the kids who finished in the top three for their race!

I would like to thank all the mums, who braved the elements to collect tags and tally laps. Your support in trying conditions was unwavering, a true testament to your love. We promise not to put our Cross Country on our Mother’s Day celebration day next year! Thank you to the staff who marshalled the course, helped at home base and played up-beat tunes in the face of adversity. Our kids are blessed to have such an incredible team of dedicated staff.

My last thank you goes to Leanne Willder, the Physical Education teacher at North Hamilton and the HDSA coordinator, for her mentoring and guidance on commencing a whole school Cross Country. I value the time and support she gave me to allow this vision to come to life.

District Cross Country

We had just under 50 students attend District Cross Country last Friday following their fantastic efforts at our school Cross Country. We are very proud of all the students who attended, as they represented St Mary’s with utmost respect and pride. The really impressive part of the afternoon was the positive attitude our students displayed. It goes to show, you don’t need to win to be a winner! Well done! We are exceptionally proud of our top eight finishers. There were continuous waves of excitement for St Mary’s. In the two kilometre races the first cabs off the rank were the 9 year olds boys at 2.15pm. We were proudly represented by Bryce McArthur in 2nd place and Dustyn Cooper in 6th. The 9 year old girls took flight at 2.17pm. It was a beautiful run from Ruby Fitzpatrick coming 1st and Tahlia Maybery placing 3rd. The 10 year old boys had their chance at 2.19pm where Jobe Dunn worked hard to finish in 4th place. The St Mary’s race of the day, the 10 year old girls, began at 2.21pm. In this race we took out 5 of the top 10 positions! Well done to Holly Rook 2nd, Lily Raymond 4th, Hazel Clarkson 7th, Ruby Cleaver 8th and Emily Beattie 9th!

In the three kilometre races we were equally proud! The 11 year boys began their battle at 2.20pm where Jack Sobey came home strong in 1st place and Jude Alexander ran an incredible race to finish 3rd. Our 11 year old girls ran up against strong competition. We had Arbella, Erin, Maria and Sophie finish within the top 15. Some say that they save the best until last, 2.24pm and 2.26pm saw the 12 year boys and girls respectively take charge. Well done to our own, Lightning McQueen, Hugh Fitzgerald for finishing in 1st place and Josh Gardner for giving it his all to finish 7th. Congratulations to Grace Cleaver 3rd, Bridget Mailes 5th and Maddy Maybery 8th, an amazing display of girl power!

We will have 13 students representing St Mary’s at Division Cross Country in Warrnambool on Monday 27th May. We wish these students all the very best, we know you will do us all proud. We can’t wait to share their efforts with you!

Division Hockey

We are very excited to take up the opportunity, for the first time, to participate in the Hamilton and Portland Division Hockey Championships to be held on Friday May 31st at Pedrina Park, Hamilton. We will be entering a boys/mixed team to this competition, with our resident hockey expert and enthusiastic coach Tania Stevens. This is a competition we hope to participate regularly in, in the future, thanks to the support of our amazing hockey-crazed staff and the Coles Sports for School equipment.
Catholic Education Week
Fantastic responses from our students about why they like being at St. Mary’s.

- ‘I have so many friends’.
- ‘We get to have class mass’.
- ‘Being a Catholic, I love and like to be with a catholic school, where I found caring teachers and wonderful friends’.
- ‘I like St. Mary’s because you can see your new friends’.
- ‘I like the playground’.
- ‘I get to play and learn with my friends’.
- ‘The teachers are kind and we get to do class mass’.
- ‘We do meditation’.
- ‘We get to get icy poles’.
- ‘It’s fun at Indonesiant’.
- ‘There are lots of kind people’.
- ‘I have compassionate friends’.
- ‘It’s a good school’.
- ‘I get to see my friends and use technologies’.
- ‘I like how the teachers help someone who is hurt at lunch!’.
- ‘We talk about Jesus and do meditation’.
- ‘Everyone makes me welcome and I am cared for’.