HAPPY CATHOLIC EDUCATION WEEK!

Let us go in peace
To love and to be loved
To welcome and to belong
To serve and to be nourished.

Dear Parents, Carers, Staff, Students and Friends,

This week we have found many opportunities to celebrate Catholic Education and all that our school provides for us. The sense of gratitude for all that we enjoy as part of our ongoing learning journey was evident as we showcased our school on Wednesday. As part of our Open Morning tours Terrielynn and I enjoyed introducing 16 new families to our learning space, our students and our staff. They were most impressed with their experience!

Thanks for a great week!
God bless you!

Jo-Anne

Advance notice:
- Fri 27th July    Grandparents’ Day
- Mon 6th Aug    Pupil free day
- Fri 31st Aug    Fathers & Footy Day
- Tues 18th Sept    School Concert!

IMPORTANT DATES

MAY
Sun 20th – Fri 25th
Catholic Education Week

Wed 30th
Expo meeting @ 5.30pm

JUNE
Fri 1st
Parish family dinner Gr 2

Mon 4th
Step into Prep 10.00 – 12.30
Regional cross country

Wed 6th
PSG meetings
SAC meeting @ 7.00pm

Fri 8th
Assembly – Peg Collery Scholarship

Mon 11th
Public holiday

Mon 15th
Parish family dinner Gr 3

Fri 22nd
George’s Marvellous Medicine performance @ PAC
Semester 1 reports sent home

Tues 26th
School photos

Fri 29th
Last day of term 2
Journals home
Early finish @ 2.15pm
Catholic Education Week

One of my favourite activities each day is to do morning duty in our drop off zone at the front of the school. I thoroughly enjoy greeting students each morning as they begin their day. I also appreciate the opportunity to engage with parents, grandparents and friends as you drop off your treasures. Whether it be a wave as you drive through or a longer chat on your way in or out it is a wonderful experience to be part of your day. Thanks for being part of our community and for all that you bring to it.

At mass in Portland on Thursday Fr Greg talked to us about the importance of seeing clearly the work of God in each of us. When we follow what Jesus’ teaches us about how we should live our lives we are bringing God into our world and sharing God’s work.

Last Friday evening I was pleased to accept an award on John Healy’s behalf from Bishop Paul at the Catholic Education Week dinner in Ballarat. This year John is celebrating 30 years of service to Catholic Education along with 32 other staff across our Diocese. Congratulations John and thank you for all that you bring to our school and to the educational life of our students.

Staff Professional Learning
On Monday our teachers travelled to Ballarat to spend the day learning from Professor Thomas Groome from Boston College in the US. Our diocesan schools have utilised the work of Groome for more than 15 years as part of our Religious Education curriculum. It was a buzz to gather with over 600 educators from across the Diocese to grow in our knowledge and understanding of presenting a Catholic education to our school communities.

Expo Meeting
A very enthusiastic group of parents and staff have already begun the process of planning for this year’s Expo! With a focus of looking at how we can improve this year’s event our meetings are proving to be very creative and directed. If you would like to be part of this year’s planning please come along! Our next meeting is next Wednesday 30th May at 5.30pm at school.

School Fees
School Fees were sent home with last week’s newsletter. If you would like to set up a Direct Debit payment for your school fees, our bank details are included 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.

National Simultaneous Storytime Day
All classes thoroughly enjoyed sharing the story book ‘Hickory Dickory Dash’ as part of this year’s National Simultaneous Storytime event. Thanks to our guest readers for spending time preparing to present the story to students. Thanks also to Kerry Stevens for organising us all!

Travelling to and from school – safely & respectfully
Some families may choose to make one drop off and pick up for St Mary’s and Monivae students. You are required to adhere to the directions provided for drop off zones at both schools and ensure that your children have safe paths of travel to make their final destination on foot.

The above information is included in our school document outlining how students can travel to and from school safely.

This week I have become aware of some families not adhering to the drop off areas designated as part of this document. If you drop your child off coming through Monivae you must use the identified drop off area – located at the end of our carpark area. The stadium car park is not a drop off area for our students – no matter what age they are. Please be respectful of our school procedures and mindful that these are in place for the safety of all. If you require clarification on this area please contact Jo-Anne.

Parish News

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Canteen Roster

30/05/2018 Kaye Witehira
06/06/2018 Cass Young
13/06/2018 Volunteer Needed

- 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.
Reflections from Grade 2 students, Catholic Education week

Connor Knight
I love being at St. Mary’s because we have great teachers and friends. People are always there to help us and everyone is nice. We get a great education and we are a great school community.

Mazie Perriman
I love being at St. Mary’s because we have kind teachers who care for us. We have fun activities, education, lots of friends, we get challenges and we get help when we need it.

Sam Handreck
I love being at St. Mary’s because I have kind friends. I also love St. Mary’s because of the kind teachers. My friends help me when I get hurt. I love when people say ‘Do you want to play with me?’. I love when my friends never leave me alone! When I get stuck on a word my friends always help me. I love St. Mary’s.

PASTORAL CARE
Hello, this week we continue with information regarding how to help your young ones get to sleep and the importance of having a regular routine
WHAT CAN YOU DO?

- Teach young children how to put themselves back to sleep alone. Withdraw your presence from their sleep environment slowly but surely.
- Regulate bed and wake times. Set limits at bedtime.
- Be aware of the signs of fatigue in this age group during the day (hyperactivity, acting out, irritability).
- Have a soothing and gentle routine before bed. Negotiate the routine with your child and make a deal. For example:
  - "We can ? (e.g. read two books) if you want, but then you have to do ? (e.g. go to bed now)"
  - "Would you like to do ? (e.g. read two books) then you have to do ?” (e.g. go to bed now)

Please also visit www.sleephealthfoundation.org.au for more information.

Assembly
Assemblies are held every second Friday in our Learning Street @ 2.40pm.
Our next assembly will be Friday 8th June.
All welcome!

THE SPORT CATCH UP
District Cross Country Top 8 Results
Well done to the following students who finished in the top 8 last Thursday at District Cross Country:

9 Year Old Girls
- Ruby Fitzpatrick 1st
- Holly Rook 3rd
- Lily Raymond 5th
- Ruby Cleaver 7th
- Imogen Fitzgerald 8th

10 Year Boys
- Jack Sobey 1st
- Will Baker 5th
- Jude Alexander 7th

11 Year Boys
- Hugh Fitzgerald 6th

11 Year Girls
- Grace Cleaver 6th

12 Year Girls
- Macey Bowie 4th
- Stella Raymond 7th
- Caitlin Urquhart 8th

We wish Jack, Will, Jude, Hugh, Grace, Macey, Stella and Caitlin all the very best for Division Cross Country being held today in Warrnambool. Full results from District Cross Country are posted in the student entry.

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

School Cross Country Top three age group winners

Age 9 Boys: Jay Casey, Jack Mansbridge, Austin Sobey

Age 9 Girls: Ruby Fitzpatrick, Holly Rook, Lily Raymond
Age 10 Boys: Jack Sobey, Will Baker, Jude Alexander

Age 10 Girls: Michaela Tonissen, Arbella Colliton, Claire Pearce

Age 11 Boys: Hugh Fitzgerald, Josh Gardner, Sam Walsh

Age 11 Girls: Bridget Mailes, Grace Cleaver, Charlotte Tonissen

Age 12 Boys: Chris Wormald, Bailey Hayes, Jono Beattie

Age 12 Girls: Macey Bowie, Stella Raymond, Caitlyn Urquhart

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- Leading the way in education and student well being
- Generating confident, articulate and resilient graduates
- Country families and country values

Step into Prep!

ST MARY’S PARISH PRIMARY SCHOOL, HAMILTON

Children who will be ready to begin school in 2019 are invited to come along and Step into Prep! An opportunity to discover learning at St Mary’s.

MONDAY 4th JUNE
Step into Prep! 10.00AM – 12.30PM
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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monivae.com