A Winter Prayer

From the rising of the winter sun to its setting,
Scatter the darkness with the light of your love,
O Shining One.
Make me short on mean thoughts, long on offers of words of comfort.
Make me short on being driven, long on paying attention.
Make me short on focusing only on myself, long on looking beyond.
Make me short of obsessive lists, long on spontaneous acts of kindness.
Make me short on mindless activity, long on time to reflect.
Make me short on tradition as a habit, long on rediscovery and re-owning.
Make me short on rushing and tiring, long on walking and wondering.
Make me short on false, festive jollity, long on stilling and rooted joy.
Make me short on guilt, long on being merciful to myself.
Make me short on being overwhelmed, long on peacableness as I set forth this day.

From The Celtic Wheel of the Year by Tess Ward

IMPORTANT DATES

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Last day of term 2
Journals home
Early finish @ 2.15pm
Attachments:
- Canteen price list (updated)

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

Step into Prep
Next Monday we are looking forward to welcoming little people who are interested in joining our St Mary’s learning family next year. Our Step into Prep day aims to give kindergarten children a taste of school life and a chance to work in our learning space. This program runs from 10.00am to 12.30pm. If you know of anyone who is interested in enrolling at St Mary’s for 2019 please ask them to contact the office as we are very fortunate to be receiving a lot of interest.

Peg Collery
The Peg Collery Scholarship is awarded to three students, one each from the Junior, Middle and Senior areas of the school. These scholarships are in memory of Peg Collery by her husband Joe and will be announced at assembly next Friday 8th June.

Staff planning
Staff are currently working hard at writing Semester 1 student reports which will be sent home on Friday 22nd June. This is a great time of the year as we celebrate student growth and learning.

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

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 Wednesday 27th June, 2018 at 5:30pm at school.

PASTORAL CARE
Hello again. For the next few weeks I am going to share “Ten Hints for Creating Resilient Families” by Andrew Fuller, with you. You can check out his website which has lots of information www.anderfuller.com.au. I hope it will be of interest to you.

Resilience is the happy knack of being able to bungy jump through life. It allows you to bounce back from hard times.

No.1. Promote Belonging
The sense of belonging we have is the strongest antidote we know of for self-harm, depression and drug abuse and it’s built on our sense of belonging. Children are most resilient when they have three types of belonging:

a) A sense of being part of a family
b) Having different friendship’s to belong to
c) Having an adult outside their family who connects with them.
No. 2. Have some mooch time.
We live in a world that suffers from attention deficit disorder.
We rush children from activity to activity, from lesson to lesson and from one organised event to another. Then we wonder why, when there is a lull that they say “I’m Bored”. Be a counter-revolutionary. Find some time each week just to be at home without anything structured happening. Quiet times allow children to develop creativity and ingenuity.

Another quick reminder of mindfulness classes, you are able to join in anytime, if you would like more information please call me on 0400 994 032. Don’t forget I am available to support you and your family not just your child.

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

Fantastic Prep Writing
Our clever prep students had to write and draw about the below picture of a Piglet in red boots.

Here are a few of their works.

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

MASS TIMES – 2018

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THE SPORT CATCH UP

Inter Primary Games Day – Equestrian

On Friday the 18th of May, Warrick, Michaela and Charlotte Tonissen along with Drew Garratt participated in the Hamilton College Inter Primary Games Day. The day was filled with a range of games including the postman’s chase, barrel race, sack race and fancy dress! Check out the photos for an idea of the fun that was had on the day! Well done to Drew Garratt who took out Reserve Champion in the Grade 5/6 group!

Hoop Time

It’s that time of year again!! Hoop Time is taking place at the beginning of Term Three. The Junior Day (Grade 3/4) will be held on Thursday 26th July and the Senior Day (Grade 5/6) will be held on Monday 30th July. Both these events will be held in Hamilton at HILAC. If we have qualifiers for the next level the dates are 23/10 for the Juniors and 13/11 for the Seniors. We are hoping to fill four teams in both the Junior and Senior competitions. Information letters and helper forms will go out in the coming weeks. If you are super keen on coaching or scoring for a team please let Miss Couchman know.

Division Cross Country

Well done to our eight remarkable Cross Country runners who represented St Mary’s in Warrnambool last Friday. Congratulations on making it to this level! Mrs Willder passed on that it was a great day and all the Hamilton kids tried so hard. She said it was a heavy soggy track and the standard was high, which often comes as a shock to the kids who are attending for the first time. All our St Mary’s runners competed with terrific determination and we are so proud of their efforts:

- Jack Sobey 4th: 8:08.2
- Will Baker 52nd: 9:15.2
- Jude Alexander 56th: 9:25.1
- Hugh Fitzgerald 41st: 13:13.4
- Grace Cleaver 24th: 14:30.9
- Stella Raymond 24th: 14:14.1
- Macey Bowie 39th: 14:47.6
- Caitlin Urquhart 49th: 15:50.9

Thank you to all the parents and family friends who supported the children at this event. Congratulations to Jack Sobey who has qualified for Regional Cross Country, running 2km in just over 8 minutes!

Jack will compete this Friday at the same venue. We wish you all the very best Jack!!

On Friday I went to a Games Day at Hamilton and Alexandra College with my horse Jagger. The first game was the mug and cup race, which I came 1st in. After that I had bouncing pony, I came 2nd. Thirdly I had the barrel race and I also came 2nd. The other games were a bending race, sack race and the ball and cone race. I had a great day with Charlotte and my pony Jagger. Thanks to my mum Sharna and Kylie Tonissen for helping on the day.

Drew Garratt