Dear Parents, Carers, Staff, Students and Friends,

WHAT IS PENTECOST?

‘The word Pentecost comes from the Greek for fiftieth day. Pentecost Sunday ends the season of Easter and comes as a Sabbath day after seven weeks of seven days. In Jewish tradition the 50th day after the Passover was celebrated as a blessing of the harvest. It was for this reason that the disciples were gathered together when they experienced the Holy Spirit empowering them. In Christian tradition, Pentecost is celebrated as the arrival of the Spirit promised by Jesus, that animated the disciples to spread the gospel of Jesus and gather believers to form what would eventually become the Church.’

(Greg Sunter)

This Sunday children from our Parish will celebrate the Sacrament of Confirmation.

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Feast of Pentecost

FOR THE SPIRIT OF PEACE
THAT CALMS OUR MIND
AND STILLS OUR LIFE,
WE GIVE YOU THANKS.

FOR THE SPIRIT OF LOVE
THAT TOUCHES HEARTS
AND REACHES OUT,
WE GIVE YOU THANKS.

FOR THE SPIRIT OF JOY
THAT LIFTS OUR SOUL
AND GIVES US FAITH,
WE GIVE YOU THANKS.

FOR THE SPIRIT OF POWER,
THAT GIFT OF GRACE
FOR THIS YOUR CHURCH,
WE GIVE YOU THANKS.

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IMPORTANT DATES

JUNE

Sun 4th  
Sacrament of Confirmation @ 10.30am

Mon 5th  
Step into Prep 9.30-1.00pm

Wed 7th  
2018 Information Session 6.30pm

Mon 12th  
School Advisory Council @ 7.00pm

Fri 16th  
Queen’s Birthday Holiday

Fri 23rd  
P/1/2 Science Expo @ 12.00pm

Fri 30th  
Parish Family Dinner – Gr 2

JULY

Mon 17th  
PSG meetings

Fri 21st  
Reports home

Tues 25th  
End of Term 2 – early finish @ 2.15pm

Thurs 27th  
Journals home

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In receiving the gifts of the Holy Spirit we pray that they use these gifts in their daily lives to show others the amazing love of our God. We pray for and congratulate these young people as they continue to grow in knowledge and understanding of their faith.

Seamus Byron  
Jude Alexander  
Chloe Wormald  
Joseph Wormald  
Jayde Brown  
Sophie Kullboer  
Holly Rook  
Fergus McDonald  

Lachlan McDonald  
Mia Spong  
Stella Grinham  
Poppy Diedrichs  
Sarah Philip  
Cufford Deloso  
Lennon Deloso

Confirmation will be celebrated this Sunday at 10.30am at St Mary’s Church. All welcome – come along and join us!

Thanks for a great week!  
God bless you! ☺

Jo-Anne

Advance notice:
- Fri 21st July Grandparents’ Day
- Tues 25th July School photos
- Fri 1st Sept Fathers & Footy Day

Attachments:  
- Nil

Miriam Rose Ungunmerr
We were privileged to welcome Miriam-Rose Ungunmerr to St Mary’s on Tuesday. Miriam-Rose is an inspirational aboriginal woman who actively and positively works with young people in her community at Daly River. Miriam-Rose linked together her story, her faith, her culture and her art during the morning. Students from St Mary’s and St Joseph’s Penshurst worked on a small group task to creatively share a story through illustrations on an outline of a cross. Students described Miriam-Rose as amazing, loving, creative and inspiring! Make sure you check out the great article by Tara Fry in Thursday’s Spectator!

On Tuesday we had a visit from Miriam-Rose Ungunmerr, an aboriginal elder. I was surprised to learn that she was the first aboriginal teacher and the first aboriginal to go to Antarctica. She showed us some of her amazing artwork; every detail on her paintings represented something. I enjoyed her visit.  
Stella Raymond 5/6C

On Tuesday Miriam-Rose and Julie came to St Mary’s School. We learnt about Miriam-Rose’s life and her art. We gathered in the Learning Street and then we made a cross each.  

Henry Haddad Gr 2

On Tuesday Miriam-Rose, an aboriginal lady, came to our school. She spoke to us about her paintings and disappointment that her elders suffered hundreds of years ago. She also taught us about how special Australia is to her. Miriam-Rose is a very inspiring lady and she is someone who has been blessed with the Holy Spirit.  

Ava Sobey Gr 4

On Tuesday we saw Miriam-Rose. She was in the learning street and we heard her stories. First she showed us some art work and I like it.  

Scott Crupi Gr 1

Student reports
Teachers are currently committing a great deal of time and energy to writing reports for each student to reflect their learning development. A few things you might notice about reports when they arrive home on Friday 23rd June:

- We are using a new program to produce our reports which is part of the SIMON database we use for student attendance, student profiles etc. SIMON reporting allows teachers to use one portal for many needs
- Although you will find dots to indicate where your student is currently working in relation to the curriculum, there will not be dots to show where they were twelve months ago. This is partly due to the change in Government requirements to be reporting against the Victorian Curriculum (previously we reported to AusVELS) and also related to our change to using SIMON.
- As a result of the work staff have been undertaking related to Professional Learning Communities, the comments teachers are providing are very specific to the essential learnings they expect students to have achieved in each area. These learnings come directly from the Victorian Curriculum and have been adapted as much as possible so that they use ‘plain English’ (not teacher jargon).

Assembly

Assemblies are held every second Friday starting at 2.40pm.

Our next assembly will be Friday 9th June

All welcome!
Prayers please
This week we offer our sympathy to Charles (Gr 6) and Kellies (Gr 3) San Ba and their family following the sudden death of their grandpa Pu Charles San Ba (Hta Doh’s father) last Friday. Please know that our thoughts and prayers are with you all at this sad time.

Thanks!
A big thanks to Kylie Pearce and her large band of helpers for preparing last Friday’s special lunch for students. Kylie does an amazing job collating orders (with the help of Emily and Claire!) and catering for these occasions. It was great to see so many parents came along to assist as well!
Thank you also to Terrielynn Groves and John Healy for their support of students preparing for St Mary’s Got Talent last Friday! I had ‘You are my sunshine’ playing in my head for the rest of the day!

Parish News

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Parents and Friends

SAVE THE DATE AND ORGANISE YOUR BABYSITTER
St Mary’s Primary School Social Night
Saturday 12th August
$20 per ticket
Live Music from THE MCINTYRE BROTHERS
Supper from SIMSON AND JAMES
BYO Drinks
More details to follow

UNIFORM SHOP
Opening times: not until further notice
Purchases can be made by attending the Uniform Shop or by placing an order with payment at the front office. EFTPOS available.

Canteen Roster
7/6/2017 Jen Taylor
14/6/2017 Jen Taylor
21/6/2017 Cassandra Young

Please note that Apple Juice is no longer available at the canteen.
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
Good Morning, this is the final week of our look at resilience from an article written by Justin Coulson, Ph. D. (Justin is a relationships and parenting expert, author and father of five children, his webpage is: happyfamilies.com.au) for Kidspot.

Parenting tip #8: Discipline, but don’t denigrate
Children will make lots of mistakes, even when trying their best. When our children do things that are wrong, we can focus on teaching them rather than punishing them. Often the most effective way to teach is to invite our children to think about what they have learned from a particular situation. We can then ask them to make decisions about the most appropriate course of action, such as apologising, making restitution, and refraining from doing what they have done again in the future.
Children who are resilient do better than children who are not resilient. Their parents use the skills outlined above to foster resilience, and as a result resilient children:
- feel special and appreciated
- learn to set realistic goals
- have appropriate expectations of themselves
- and others believe they can solve problems and make good decisions
- see weaknesses as a chance to learn and do things better
- recognise, develop, and enjoy their strengths and talents
- believe they are competent are comfortable with others
- have good interpersonal skills
- and most of all, resilient kids bounce back!

Next week I will continue looking at how we can support our children grow into strong, resilient individuals.
Please feel free to make contact with me if you have any concerns and want to talk or if you would like specific information.

Kind regards  Lisa Gonnet
Schools pastoral care worker
0400994032
The sport catch up

Division Cross Country
Well done to our five remarkable Cross Country runners who represented St Mary’s in Warrnambool last Friday. They all competed with terrific determination and we are so proud of their efforts: Grace Cleaver 25th, Bridget Mailes 44th, Hugh Fitzgerald 20th, Josh Gardner 50th and Caitlin Urquhart 35th. Congratulations on making it to this level! Thank you to Deb Fitzgerald and Miss Forrest who supported the kids on the day.

Hoop Time
Information letters and helper forms will go out next week! Thank you to the parents who have already offered their support, it would be great to offer this opportunity to all the kids who wish to be involved. I’m hoping to enter 4 teams for the Junior Day and 4 teams for the Senior Day, which will require a minimum of 14 helpers in total.

St Vincent de Paul
St Vincent de Paul have once again been asked to host the ROAD SHOW which will be run by our wonderful YOUNG VINNIES from Melbourne on July 3rd, 2017. Everything will be supplied. It will be held at Monivae College, same as last year.
Names from interested families are needed quickly so registrations can be filled in.
Contact Irene Donne on 0408923181.

Hamilton Netball Association are currently looking for a Volunteer to run our Net Set Go program in Term 3. (Sat 29th July to Sat 23rd September 2017)
Anyone that is interested or would like more information please contact Melissa Beaton via Email: krugs77@hotmail.com