Dear Parents, Carers, Staff, Students and Friends,

With the rain yesterday afternoon (thankfully after the home time rush) we are really feeling wintery!

As many people have reminded me over the last couple of days, Ballarat is cold! Thank you to the many parents, grandparents and friends of our school who have expressed congratulations on my appointment as Principal of Emmaus Catholic Primary School, Mt Clear starting next year. Your kind words and good wishes are very much appreciated.

Now back to the business of the present! I have been listening to our junior students show off their reading skills and their ability to ‘chewy stretch’ words in their writing. I had a look at some writing this week and mistakenly thought it was Gr 1s. The Preps were very quick to assure me it was theirs – they are amazing!

Thanks for a great week!
God bless you!

Jo-Anne

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**IMPORTANT DATES**

**JUNE**
- Mon 11th
- Fri 15th
- Wed 20th
- Thurs 21st
- Fri 22nd

- Public holiday
- Parish family dinner Gr 3
- Junior team planning day
- Middle team planning day
- Senior team planning day
- George’s Marvellous Medicine performance @ PAC – Grades 1 - 4
- Semester 1 reports sent home
- Principal consultation
- School photos
- Last day of term 2
- Journals home
- Early finish @ 2.15pm

**JULY**
- Mon 16th
- Thurs 26th
- Fri 27th

- Term 3 begins
- Junior Hooptime
- Grandparents Day!
- Parish family dinner Gr 4
Public Holiday
A reminder that Monday 11th June is a public holiday.

Peg Collery Memorial Scholarship 2018
At assembly today the Peg Collery Memorial Scholarships were presented to students who were nominated by their teachers. Names and information about each recipient will be included in next week’s newsletter.

Principal Consultation
The search for a new Principal for St Mary’s is underway with the vacancy being advertised from Saturday 16th June. If you would like to be a part of the consultation process, keep the afternoon of Monday 25th June free around 2.30pm. There will be an opportunity for parents to have a conversation with Lee Schlooz from the Catholic Education Office or complete a survey form (either paper or electronic). More information to come.

School Photos
Those with missing teeth have until Tuesday 26th June to practice their cheesy grins for our school photos! Information is being sent home to families today. Please return them by Wednesday 20th June (even if you choose not to purchase). All students must wear their correct winter uniform, including jumper. Family photo envelopes and spare individual envelopes are available from the office.

Annual Report
The Annual Report to the School Community 2017 is available on the school website under documents. If you would like a hard copy please contact the office.

Enrolments
We have had a very positive response to our recent Open Morning and Kinder visits. If you have a child ready for Prep in 2019 please contact the Office for an enrolment form before the end of this term. It would be very helpful for our organisation and planning if you could return completed enrolment forms at the beginning of Term 3. If you know of other families who are interested in visiting our school and having a conversation about learning at St Mary’s please invite them to contact the school to make an appointment.

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.

Over the next few weeks staff will also begin planning for Term 3 – can you believe it? Teachers plan in teams and use the time to map out the needs of students moving into the next stage of the year.

Christmas Expo!
A very enthusiastic group has begun meeting to plan for this year’s Christmas Expo. We are looking very strategically at how we might improve our event with a few alterations and additions.

One exciting addition decided on by the group is a Christmas Ball! If you would like to volunteer your time to support this event please contact Michelle Winnell on 0438 643 451.

You might like to be on a committee, help out on the night, decorate the venue etc etc. Your involvement would be most welcome and contributes to our school sense of community. Please give Michelle a call by next Wednesday 13th June or leave a message for her at the office.

Shoes please!
School shoes are being removed when students enter building which helps us respect our school by trying to keep it clean and tidy. Well done and thanks to those who followed the instruction of having a sturdy plastic bag to place their shoes in when they take them off.

Grandparents’ Day
We are looking forward to Grandparents Day on Friday 27th July! Classes have already started to prepare for this day and are very excited! All grandparents and senior friends are welcome to join us on this day to celebrate the wonderful role these special people play in all our lives. Invitations will be sent home shortly. Please RSVP as soon as you get a chance.
Parish News

MASS TIMES – 2017

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St Mary’s Parish - employment opportunity
Part Time – Assistant Bookkeeper

St Mary’s Parish is looking for someone to assist with bookkeeping duties for 3 – 4 hours per week. Hours will be flexible. An ability to adapt to new software is required as well as an understanding of accounting concepts.

Please contact John Hockey via email at manager@stmaryshamilton.org.au to express your interest.

Kind Regards,
John Hockey, Manager
St Mary’s Parish

Canteen Roster

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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, as we race towards the end of term! I continue with Andrew Fullers Hints for Creating Resilient Families, I hope the first two hints were of interest as here are the third and fourth.

No.3. Rediscover some family rituals

Family rituals are strong predictors of resilience. It doesn’t matter whether it is the family walk after dinner, the Sunday roast, the Friday night pizza or the Sunday morning clean-up, rituals are highly protective. The best rituals often cost nothing. These are the activities you hope that later on your children will reminisce and say “Mum always made sure we did ….” Or “Dad always made sure we did….”

No.4. Spontaneity and curiosity

Spontaneity and curiosity are the building blocks of good mental health. You cannot tell someone how to have better mental health and you can’t give it to them by getting them to read a book.

So the really hard message here is that if you want to raise your children to have mentally healthy lives you are going to have a good time yourself. If you want your children to succeed you need to show them that success is worth having.

If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me on 0400 994 032.

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 22nd June.
All welcome!

The Sport Catch Up

Regional Cross Country

Congratulations to Jack Sobey who placed 16th at Regional Cross Country last Friday!! This is an incredible achievement!! Jack completed the 2km course in 8:20.9. Well done Jack, we are so incredibly proud of you!

Hoop Time

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.

Initial information letters and helper forms went out yesterday. 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.
The three little Wolves and a Bear
Boom! Crash! Bang! Went the three little wolves, but someone was watching the big bad bear!! They saw him so they ran for their life to build their own houses. The first little wolf built a house out of chocolate but the bear ate his way in. So the wolf bolted to his brother’s house. The second little wolf had built a house out of chips. The bear ate his way in. So the two little wolves bolted to their brother’s house. The last little wolf had built a house out of bricks. The bear couldn’t get in. The bear ran away and the wolves lived happily ever after. The end!!

Jack Mansbridge

The 3 Big Mice
“Help! Help!” cried the mice, the cat was after them. The cat got stuck in a branch, that gave the mice time to build their houses. The first mouse built a house of straw. The cat came back and blew the straw house down. The cat ran to mouse 2’s house. Stomp! Stomp! The big bad cat blew the house of sticks down. “AAAAAhhhh Help!” “Come into my house” cried mouse 3. “Come on”. Off the two mice went “I’m going to blow your house down and I will eat you all!" “Go ahead, you can’t get us”. The cat huffed and he puffed and he couldn’t blow the house down! The cat was determined to get the mice. The cat had an idea. He climbed up the chimney. The mice had put the fire on and he climbed down further “AAHH!” The cat shot up. The mice celebrated and they lived happily ever after!

Lily Raymond

Twisted Fairy Tales from Grades 3 & 4

The Three Billy Goats Gruff
Once in a place far in North East Scotland lived the three billy goats gruff and a bombers mascot. The bombers mascot lived under a bridge, and next to where he lived was juicy grass. The three billy goats gruff wanted the juicy grass so much, but the bombers mascot was in the way. They couldn’t get past him because he was really strong. Their plan was to get a trampoline so they could jump over him. When they tried to jump over the bombers mascot the trampoline snapped. Then they tried to tell a story so the mascot would fall asleep but he didn’t fall asleep. They tried to tell a lie about a big juicy brother and he actually fell for it. The mascot waited forever and ever and the billy goats gruff lived happily ever after on green juicy grass and it never ran out. Yum Yum!!

Jay Casey

George’s Marvellous Medicine
Students and staff in Grades 1 to 4 will be attending a live theatre production of George’s Marvellous Medicine on Friday 22nd June. Have you returned your blue permission note?

What starts as just another boring day for George quickly turns into a marvellous experiment of epic proportions! Cleverly adapted from the much loved book by Roald Dahl, George’s Marvellous Medicine bounds off the page in a spectacular live show.

On a good day, George can’t stand his Grandma. She complains all the time, she’s mean and she smells funny. On this particular day, Grandma is much more annoying than usual and George has had enough. “George – make me a cup of tea! George – rub my feet! George – stop growing!” Ugh. Wanting to put an end to her constant nagging, George creates a special medicine, greater than any medicine in the history of the world. What he doesn’t expect is that this medicine may actually work – just not in the way he thinks...

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