Feast of the Body and Blood of Christ

There are two experiences that lie behind the images used in this Gospel. The first was the experience of the Israelites when they escaped from Egypt and were fed by the manna in the wilderness. The second is the experience of Eucharist in the early Christian communities. Remember that this Gospel was written long after Jesus’ death and Christians had been gathering for Eucharist for about sixty years. The evangelist, John, affirms in very strong and vivid language the reality of Jesus’ presence when Christians gather to eat and drink at the table of the Eucharist. Just as food nourishes ordinary human life, the bread and wine of the Eucharist nourishes the life of Christ in the believer.  

By Mary Coloe - liturgyhelp.com.au

Dear Parents, Carers, Staff, Students and Friends,

With the cold air and shorter days we certainly know we are in for a long winter! We are also feeling that holidays are just around the corner – can you believe it!

Teachers are currently finalising reports for the end of semester as well as planning rich learning opportunities for term 3.

Thanks for a great week!
God bless you!

Jo-Anne

IMPORTANT DATES

JUNE
Fri 23rd   PSG meetings
Fri 30th   Reports home
Fri 30th   End of Term 2 - early finish @ 2.15pm
JULY
Mon 17th   Start of Term 3!
Fri 21st   Grandparents’ Day
Tues 25th   School photos
Thurs 27th   Junior Hootime – Gr 3/4s
Fri 28th   Parish family dinner – Gr 3 – postponed to 4th August
Advance notice:
- Fri 21st July  Grandparents’ Day
- Tues 25th July  School photos
- Fri 1st Sept  Fathers & Footy Day

Attachments:
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Enrolments
If you have a child ready for Prep in 2018 please contact the Office for an enrolment form. We would appreciate it if existing families could submit their forms as soon as possible so that we can plan effectively for next year.

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.

Travelling to and from school
- Please make sure that your child/ren has a clear understanding of how they are getting home of an afternoon. Over the last couple of weeks we have had many instances where students are unsure which creates anxiety for them. A good way to find out if they have understood the instruction is to ask them to repeat it to you as they walk out the door/get out of the car.
- If travel arrangements change please let the office staff know as early as you can. Phone calls after 3.00pm put pressure on an already busy time in the office.

Annual Report to the School Community
The Annual Report to the School Community 2016 is now available on our school website (documents > general information). If you would like a hard copy please contact the office.

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).
- Due to the new program we are using for reports they will look slightly different in how they are presented. Hopefully you will like the new look!

Assembly
Assemblies are held every second Friday starting at 2.40pm.
Our next assembly will be
Friday 23rd June
All welcome!

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
Christmas Expo 2017

The Christmas Expo is our annual community event & major fundraiser. The Christmas Expo is always held on the first Saturday in December at our Hamilton Performing Arts Centre (P.A.C.) Brown Street and this year’s event will be our 25th. This wonderful event, not only raises important funds for our school, but it heralds the beginning of the Christmas Season in Hamilton and the surrounding District & strengthens our St. Mary’s Community Spirit. We would love you to be a part of it and we welcome and encourage you to become involved.

At our Christmas Expo, we organise and supervise a Street Parade, which proceeds along Gray Street, and manage Traders/Stall Holders, Amusement Rides, Santa-land, Gourmet Gifts, Gift Boxes/Baskets, a Raffle, an Auction, a Second Hand Books stall, a B.B.Q. & a Café, within and around our Hamilton Performing Arts Centre (P.A.C.) Brown Street. Each of our homerooms organise an entry to enter in the Street Parade. (Other community organisations are also invited and encouraged to enter the Street Parade.) So, clearly there are a variety of activities where you could share your gifts and talents.

The Christmas Expo Committee is run by parent volunteers, as a subcommittee to our Parents & Friends Association. As a parent or guardian you are a member of our Parents & Friends Association (P. & F.) The committee is supported by the Team Leaders, who are volunteers who agree to organise and manage the activities mentioned above, and they in turn, have a group of willing helpers to support them before and on the day. Everyone is encouraged to be involved. A list of this year’s Team Leaders will be included in a newsletter early next term. So, you are all invited to be a part of this wonderful annual event and contribute to your school!

Your involvement/participation/contribution, no matter how big or small, will be greatly appreciated. Please think about how you will be able to take part. Next term a form will be sent home formally asking you how you would be willing to assist in the preparation of our Expo and on the day. Keep a lookout for upcoming newsletters.

If you have any questions or require any further information regarding our Christmas Expo please don’t hesitate to contact us. We welcome your interest and/or enquiries.

Phone: 55519000 or send an email to expo@smhamilton.catholic.edu.au

Let’s make this year’s event a memorable one!

Kerry Stevens,
on behalf of the 2017 Christmas Expo committee.

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

21/6/2017  Cassandra Young
28/6/2017  Jen Taylor
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

Hello, we are fast heading to the end of term and over these last few weeks I will continue to share The Resilient Mindset, by Andrew Fuller and John Hendry, taken from the Resilient Youth website, again I hope it is of interest.

The Avoidant Mindset

Students in this mindset are escapees from the demands of school. Habitually they respond to challenges with fight or flight. They may distract, question the validity of the work, get angry, distant or incommunicative. These students may become disengaged and distracting to others. Their anxiety can influence other students and lower their motivation.

The Resilient Mindset

Shifting the appraisal of challenges that invoke anxious or avoidant responses into a Resilient Mindset requires a positive, trusting relationship between teacher and student. This is the art of great teaching: to reframe tasks, create support that overrides fear, develop a sense of success, and mastery is the basis of establishing a Resilient Mindset.
The establishment of a Resilient Mindset increases engagement in learning, motivation and academic success. It also relates to the factor that most predicts success in life and in relationships: the ability to regulate emotions. To create Resilient Learners, we have to deal with the ability to form relationships. The Resilient Mindset relates to how we see ourselves and how others view us as we attempt new tasks, make mistakes and learn new skills. This is why it directly relates to the cultures of schools and classrooms. A Resilient Mindset is developed at school, inside and outside the classroom, in the corridors, on the sporting fields and at play.

Have a good week
Kind regards Lisa Gonnert
Schools pastoral care worker
0400994032

**THE SPORT CATCH UP**

**Hoop Time**

Hoop Time blue notes and information will go out next week. We will be able to have 5 teams in the Grade 3/4 competition which is fantastic, thank you so much for your support! In the Grade 5/6 Hoop Time we will have 3 teams. Keep your eyes peeled for these notes next week!

**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 proud to run the

**NET-SET-GO PROGRAM**

Commencing Saturday 29 July 2017
9.00am – 10.00am
PEDRINA PARK

9 weeks - $66 per child includes participant pack – please register online via Netball Victoria website

For further information please contact Melissa Beaton on 0417 722 061 or email krugs77@hotmail.com

**Greater Hamilton Library School Holiday Program**

**Movie/Craft**

**Monday 3rd July**

10.30am @ Library

**Fire Safe Kids**

Have a go at being a firefighter
The CFA teacher’s kids to be Fire Safe while enjoying loads of fun and games.
FREE event for all ages

**Wednesday 5th July**

1.15pm

Cinema Foyer

Turn yourself into a Minion by making our great Minion hats.
PLUS
SPECIAL SHOWING OF “DESPICABLE ME 3”
@ 2.00 PM
Rated PG – 1hr 36min
Cost: $8.50 per person
Limited tickets available. Purchase at the Library before Tuesday 4th July

**EMBOSSING WORKSHOP**

Hear the beautiful story of Marli the elephant followed by an embossing craft workshop.

Thursday 13th July, Library @ 11.00 am
Recommended age 6+
Bookings are required. Cost $2.00
Contact Library staff or phone 5573 0470