Dear Parents, Carers, Staff, Students and Friends,

Teachers have been busily preparing reports to provide feedback on the first semester of the year. It has been wonderful to read the comments made for each student which gives a very accurate snapshot of strengths and areas for further development. Teachers have demonstrated that they know each student and how they best learn. It is important to view suggestions in the reports as opportunities for future learning in order to bring a positive mind-set to working at improving outcomes in semester 2. We often tell the children, and ourselves, that when work is easy we are practising what we already know. When it’s hard we are learning!

Reports will be sent home with the eldest child next Friday.

Thanks for a great week!  
God bless you!  ☺

Jo-Anne

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**IMPORTANT DATES**

**JUNE**

- **Fri 15th**: Parish family dinner Gr 3  
- **Wed 20th**: Junior team planning day  
- **Thurs 21st**: Middle team planning day  
- **Fri 22nd**: Senior team planning day  
- **Mon 25th**: George’s Marvellous Medicine performance @ PAC – Grades 1 - 4  
- **Semester 1 reports sent home**  
- **Tues 26th**: Expo meeting @ 5.30pm  
- **Wed 27th**: Last day of term 2  
- **Fri 29th**: Journals home  
  - Early finish @ 2.15pm

**JULY**

- **Mon 16th**: Term 3 begins  
- **Thurs 26th**: Junior Hooptime  
- **Fri 27th**: Grandparents Day!  
  - Parish family dinner Gr 4

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Attachments:
- School fees

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

Peg Collery Memorial Scholarship 2018
Last Friday at our assembly the annual Peg Collery Memorial Scholarships were presented. These are presented each year to a recipient in the Junior, Middle and Senior area of our school.

Peg’s husband, Joe, initiated this scholarship in our school in 2003, after Peg’s death. His criteria for the scholarship was ‘...the hope that the students selected will be able to become a citizen proud of school, our city and Australia.’

We were thankful to Kerry Stevens who presented the scholarships and shared her memories of Joe and Peg Collery with us.

Congratulations to Amy Shelly, Chase Turnbull and Xander McIntosh who were recognised by their teachers as wonderful examples of the qualities Joe Collery asked staff to consider in the selection of students for the scholarships. An outline of the fantastic efforts of each recipient is included below.

Amy Shelly
Amy is a delightful young lady who impresses all those who meet her. She is a student who continually strives to uphold the values of St Mary’s, by epitomising the Good Samaritan. Amy demonstrates kindness and care to all. She regularly goes out of her way to help our school community and is extremely generous with her time.

Her gentle manner and genuine concern for others are outstanding qualities which make those around her feel important and cared for. Amy does little things every day that help others to succeed, without the expectation of acknowledgment.

Amy is a diligent, organised and focussed learner who endeavours to do her very best at all times. Making her an outstanding role model.

Amy is a very admirable member of our school community and is thoroughly deserving of this recognition.

Congratulations Amy!

Chase Turnbull
Chase has many wonderful qualities that make him a very worthy recipient of this year’s Peg Collery Memorial Scholarship. These qualities also make Chase a fabulous class member, who is admired and looked up to by his classmates and wider school community.

Chase is a very enthusiastic student who always presents himself for the learning day in an organised and willing manner. He is a keen learner who brings much to the classroom environment through his vast general knowledge and expertise.

Chase has a very creative streak, often thinking outside of the square and entertaining his cohort with his sense of humour and witty ideas.

Chase is a boy whose very nature is the epitome of everything we are about here at St. Mary’s. The three school rules: do your best, help others to succeed and respect your school, are clearly evident in everything Chase does.

He shows great sportsmanship and encourages others to do their best in everything they do, whether it be sports or academic in nature. Chase is generally a quiet and considerate class member who is friendly to his classmates and shows concern and compassion for those around him. He has a strong sense of justice and empathy for others.

One word that springs to mind when we think about Chase is kind. He is never short of a kind word for others. He has an innate ability to recognise the good in others and has no problem sharing his observations with them. He truly is one of the most gentle, kind and respectful young men we have ever had the pleasure of teaching.

Chase is a very admirable member of our school community and is thoroughly deserving of this recognition.

Congratulations Chase!

Xander McIntosh
Xander has many outstanding qualities that make him a wonderful member of our school community and very deserving of the Peg Collery Scholarship for the Junior area.

Xander is a well-mannered boy who is willing to help other students when needed. He has a caring nature and likes to work with other students.

Xander demonstrates kindness and care in his dealings with others. He looks out for his friends and other students and is always willing to offer assistance to anyone who needs it, students and teachers alike.

He is an excellent role model to the younger students in the school.

Xander is an independent learner. He listens intently to instructions and is able to begin work promptly. Xander is able to be the boss of his learning and has a
very inquisitive mind, asking questions with great curiosity. Xander is an admirable member of our school community and is thoroughly deserving of this recognition.

Congratulations Xander!

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 between 2.30 – 3.30pm. There will be an opportunity for parents to have a conversation with Lee Schloo from the Catholic Education Office or complete a survey form (either paper or electronic). More information to come.

School Photos
Please return photo envelopes 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.

Enrolments
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.

School Fees
School Fees have been sent home with today’s newsletter. Please note that I have had two deposits into our account this month with no name or account numbers as a reference. Please check your statements and contact Helen if you believe one or both of these deposits belong to you – the amount will then be receipted off your fee balance. If you would like to set up a Direct Debit payment for your school fees, I have included our bank details 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.

Staff planning
Over the next few weeks’ staff will 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!
Thanks for the great response to Michelle Winnell regarding the planning of the Christmas Ball – a new addition to our Expo event.

The next meeting of the Expo Committee is Wednesday 27th June @ 5.30.

Shoes please!
School shoes are being removed when students enter the 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.

Congratulations
Very exciting news from the Wensley house this week as they celebrate the arrival of twins Eliza & Nate! Congratulations to big brother Seth (Gr 1) & Connor (Prep) and to Sinead and Adam.

Pyjama day
On Friday the 29th of June Mini Vinnies has organized to have a pyjama day. Please bring a gold coin donation if you want to participate in this event. Money will be donated to St Vincent de Paul for their Winter Appeal. Wear your pyjamas and have fun!
From Isabelle, Liam and Grace
Parish News

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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

20/06/2018 Shannon Smith
27/06/2018 No Canteen - Monivae School Holidays

- 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.

Please note only two Juices available from the canteen are:
- Orange Juice
- Apple/Blackcurrant (mix)

Assembly

Our next assembly will be
Friday 29th June @ 1:40pm
(changed from the 22nd June as it clashes with Georges Marvellous Medicines).
All welcome!

Table Tennis Clinic

Featuring Commonwealth Games representatives David Powell!!! & GOLD Medalist
Melissa Tapper!!

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