**ST MARY’S PRIMARY SCHOOL**

**NEWSLETTER**

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**REFUGEES**

By Brian Bilston

They have no need of our help  
So do not tell me  
These haggard faces could belong to you or me  
Should life have dealt a different hand  
We need to see them for who they really are  
Chancers and scruggers  
Layabouts and loungers  
With bombs up their sleeves  
Cut-throats and thieves  
They are not  
Welcome here  
We should make them  
Go back to where they came from  
They cannot  
Share our food  
Share our homes  
Share our countries  
Instead let us  
Build a wall to keep them out  
It is not okay to say  
These are people just like us  
A place should only belong to those who are born there  
Do not be so stupid to think that  
The world can be looked at another way…

*(now read from bottom to top)*

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Dear Parents, Carers, Staff, Students and Friends,

Ask your children if they have read the book ‘Room on our Rock’ by Kate Temple. Many of our students have heard the story and related it to ‘filling people’s buckets’, following the Golden Rule and the treatment of refugees. In this Refugee Week I pray that our hearts and minds are open to supporting those in our world who have the need to seek refuge from their world. May we be the face of God to these

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**IM**PORTANT **D**ATES

**JUNE**

Mon 25**th**  
Principal consultation  

 Tues 26**th**  
School photos  

Wed 27**th**  
Expo meeting @ 5.30pm  

Fri 29**th**  
Last day of term 2  
Journals home  
Early finish @ 2.15pm
people and find ways to show that we have hearts of love, care and compassion. Jesus was a refugee!

Reports are being sent home today! Well done to all students for their hard work during the first semester. I was involved in a conversation with grade 5 and 6 students and staff earlier in the week as they looked at pre and post data for their learning in addition and subtraction. The students considered that a major contributor to showing progress in their results is their attitude towards learning and improving – even when it is hard. Part of our responsibility as teachers and parents is to ensure that we support and encourage students to have a go, persevere and celebrate every success.

Thanks for a great week!
God bless you! 😊

Anne

Attachments:
- Reports

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

Principal Consultation
Lee Schlooz from the Catholic Education Office will be visiting our school on Monday 25th June to consult with students, parents and staff on the new principal appointment. If you would like to be part of the conversation with Lee please come along to the meeting room at 2.30pm. Alternatively, you can request a copy of a survey from the office and return in hard copy or via e-mail by Friday 29th June.

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 Photos
Photo envelopes should have been returned to school by now (even if you choose not to purchase). All students must wear their correct winter uniform, including jumper.

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

School Fees
School Fees were sent home with last week’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.

Congratulations
Rhylee Beveridge (Grade 1) is very excited about the arrival of her baby sister! Congratulations to her mum Tenielle and to Tracy (one of our valued LSO staff) who is a very proud Nanna again!

Winter Uniform
I have noticed a few issues with school uniform of late – hoping that you can assist by supporting our school policy.
- Jewellery (other than a watch and small sleeper/stud earrings) are not part of our uniform.
- Nail polish is not to be worn to school.
- Our winter uniform indicates that boys are to wear long sleeve shirts.
- I know that sometimes it is difficult to get your children to wear a jumper but on mornings when the temperature is barely above zero degrees and there is frost on the ground, common sense would be put a jumper on – or at least have one in their bag.

Pyjama day
Next 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
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. Please RSVP as soon as you get a chance.

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.

Parish News

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Canteen Roster
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 are available from the canteen:
- 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!

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
$10,000 GIVE AWAY!!!

Halls Gap Lakeside are giving away $10,000 in accommodation vouchers which can be raffled by your local communities. There are 8 categories and for each category, you can enter once! You automatically go in the draw to win a Halls Gap Lakeside glamping stay worth over $800 full of surprises!

Happy voting!! And don’t forget to spread the word to maximise your chances.

If you would like to enter St Mary’s Primary school this could enable us to raffle them for needed upgrades around our school.