REFUGEE WEEK 2017

Almighty and merciful God, whose Son became a refugee and had no place to call his own; look with mercy on those who today are fleeing from danger, those who are homeless and hungry. Bless those who work to bring them relief; inspire generosity and compassion in all our hearts; and guide the nations of the world towards that day when all will rejoice in your Kingdom of justice and of peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Dear Parents, Carers, Staff, Students and Friends,

Semester One reports are coming home today with students. Please take time to have a conversation about the achievements your child has celebrated this term as well as the areas they need to work towards during Term 3.

Congratulations to those students who have given 100% so far this year and made the most of their learning opportunities in Semester One. You have achieved excellent results and can be proud of your efforts and your approach to your learning. We also thank parents for their continued support of their children’s learning at home.

A huge thankyou to the dedicated staff for their time, energy and care in preparing these statements of learning.

IMPORTANT DATES

**JUNE**
- Fri 30th: End of Term 2 – early finish @ 2.15pm
- Journals home

**JULY**
- Mon 17th: Start of Term 3!
- Fri 21st: Grandparents’ Day
- Tues 25th: School photos
- Thurs 27th: Junior Hooptime – Gr 3/4s
- Fri 28th: Parish family dinner – Gr 3 – postponed to 4th August
- Mon 31st: Senior Hooptime – Gr 5/6s

**AUGUST**
- Wed 2nd: School Council @ 7.00pm
- Thurs 3rd: Sacramental Parent meeting @ 7.00pm
- Wed 9th – Thurs 10th: Gr 5/6 Camp – Melb & Ballarat
Thanks also to Tania Stevens for her co-ordination of our reporting system and to Helen and Shannon for collating the reports for distribution. It’s a great team effort to get them to the parent community.

If you would like to have any discussion in regards to your child’s report, please feel free to contact your child’s homeroom teacher.

Learning Journals will be sent home with students next Friday.

Thanks for a great week!
God bless you! @
Jo-Anne

REMINDER
School finishes at the earlier time of 2.15pm next Friday 30th June.

Advance notice:
- Fri 21st July Grandparents’ Day
- Tues 25th July School photos
- Mon 7th August No country buses running due to Sheepvention
- Fri 1st Sept Fathers & Footy Day

Attachments:
- School fees
- School photo forms
- Wannon Water – Water wizards newsletter

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.

Staffing
We wish Sherree Gallagher a time of rest and rejuvenation as she enjoys some long service leave next week and the first week of term 3. We look forward to welcoming her back to school on Monday 24th July.

I am also taking some long service leave next term. I will return to school on Monday 14th August. Terrielynn Groves will be Acting Principal during this time.

School Photos
Those with missing teeth have until Tuesday 25th July to practice their cheesy grins for our school photos! Information is being sent home to families today.

Feel free to get organised and return your envelopes before the holidays – otherwise please return them by Wednesday 19th July (even if you choose not to purchase). All students must wear their correct winter uniform, including jumper. Family photo envelopes are available from the office.

Assembly
Assemblies are held every second Friday starting at 2.40pm.
Our next assembly will be Friday 28th July
All welcome!

A note to the St Mary’s Community
I would like to thank everyone for the support you have shown over the last four months. I don’t really have the right words to express the gratitude Tily, Bentley, Zeehen and I feel for all you have done for us. Thank you for the meals, the lunch boxes, the care and the support, for taking the time to say g’day and how are you going. I think that the St Mary’s school community is alive and well through how you responded to helping me in my situation. Thank you. Stevie Jacobson

Mini Vinnies
Mini Vinnies is a group of students who are formed around the St Vincent de Paul foundation. We organise fundraisers for good charities, but mainly we raise money and awareness for Vinnies. We joined Mini Vinnies because we wanted to help other people and wanted to feel that we were doing something good. We currently have 11 Mini Vinnies members at St Mary’s. Lauren and Libby

CASUAL CLOTHES
On Friday 30th June we will be having a casual clothes day to raise money for the Miriam-Rose Foundation. Please bring a gold coin on the day if you wish to wear casual clothes. Lauren

VINNIES WINTER APPEAL
From the first day of next term we will be promoting our Winter Appeal. We are asking you to bring in tinned food (for example tinned ham, baked beans, tinned fruit). We are also looking for a few cloth shopping bags to put these in. You can also bring in essential items such as toothbrushes, toothpaste, soap, shampoo etc. So make sure to stock up on essential items and tins over the holidays! Sienna and Tayla
PJ Day & Hot Chocolate!
On Friday 18th August we are having our PJ day and selling hot chocolates. If you wear your PJs to school you will be asked to donate a gold coin to the St Vincent de Paul Winter Appeal. If you would like a hot chocolate it is also a gold coin donation. Caitlin & Emily

Parish News

Mass Times – 2017

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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.

School Fees

School Fees have been sent home with today’s newsletter. 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.

Uniform Shop

Are you able to volunteer your time once a week to open our Uniform Shop for sales? If you can help out please speak to Jo-Anne or Helen.

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**

28/6/2017      Jen Taylor  
19/7/2017      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**

Hello, this is the last article for the term I hope it has been of interest. I hope you enjoy some down time with your young one/s. Although the school is closed I am still available for most of the two weeks if you wish to chat or make an appointment please call me on 0400994032.

This table is taken from The Resilient Mindset by Andrew Fuller and John Hendry and completes the article.

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<td>Has a go and persists</td>
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<td>Freezes in the face of challenges. Doesn’t know where to start. Feels incapacitated.</td>
<td>Gets stressed but resolves it through support (while there may be times of freeze or flight, the eventual strategy is tend, mend and befriend).</td>
<td>Flight. When confronted with a challenge, avoids, procrastinates or distracts.</td>
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<td>Sees mistakes as personal failings.</td>
<td>Sees mistakes as necessary to learning</td>
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<td>May blame others for difficulties. Feels ashamed and avoids it.</td>
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<td>Energy is focused on pleasing people.</td>
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<td>Concentration is often focused on other people and their judgements.</td>
<td>Concentration can flexibly shift between focused and diffuse; externally focused and internally reflective</td>
<td>Wary; vigilant.</td>
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<td>Sleep is often lessened through worry.</td>
<td>Sleeps well</td>
<td>May sleep too long or be up playing computer games.</td>
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Resilience fragile and dependent on social support.  
Resilience is robust enough to overcome challenges and upsets. Resilience is present in the absence of social approval.  
Resilience may appear good but be fragile in crises due to inability to rely on others.

Decision making – seeks input from others, worries about what others might do.  
Decision making – can make independent decisions and can seek the input of others when useful.  
Overly self-reliant on making decisions alone. Reluctant to seek help from others.

Feedback - seeks reassurance and may feel helpless.  
Feedback - seeks feedback in order to improve.  
Avoids feedback and may feel judged and threatened.

Once again have a good break, and I look forward to term 3.

Kind regards Lisa Gonnet  
Schools pastoral care worker  
0400994032

**The Sport Catch Up**

**Hoop Time**

Hoop Time blue notes and information went out this 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. Please return your blue notes ASAP.

Foster Care Information Sessions

Come along to our information sessions

**FOSTER CARE INFORMATION SESSIONS**

Want to know more about becoming a foster carer?

**Brophy Family and Youth Services**

**Come along to our information sessions**

**Where:** Blue Malt Restaurant, 106 Grey St, Hamilton

**When:** Thursday, 13th of July, 2017

1-2pm and 6-7pm

**For more information:** Contact: Bec or Shivon

Ph: 5561 8888
Ef: fostercare@brophy.org.au