We thank you Lord, for this term. For the challenges, the successes, and the mistakes from which we have learnt. Be with us as we spend our time with family and friends. Give us strength and courage to do what is right: to be witnesses of our faith. Help us to be a practical Christian these holidays, to appreciate what others do for us, to give time and effort to help others. To be peacemakers in our family. Keep us safe in our activities; give us good rest and good fun. Bring us back refreshed and ready for a new term. We thank you for our classmates, teachers, parents And a community that cares for us. May we always be conscious of you in our lives. Amen

Dear Parents, Carers, Staff, Students and Friends,

Phew! The end of term 2 and everyone is sliding into the holidays. Congratulations to the team – students, parents and staff – for all of your hard work this term. Enjoy your holidays and be ready for an amazing term 3!

Thanks for a great term! God bless you! 

Jo-Anne

Attachments:
- Electronic attachment – Royal Commission response

Advance notice:
- Sun 26th Aug First Communion @ 10.30am
- Fri 31st Aug Fathers & Footy Day
- Tues 18th Sept School Concert!

IMPORTANT DATES

JULY
- Mon 16th Term 3 begins
- Thurs 19th Sacramental Parent meeting – Dunworth Centre @ 7.00pm
- Wed 25th Expo meeting @ 5.30pm
- Thurs 26th Prep class mass @10.00am (Church) Junior Hootime
- Fri 27th Grandparents Day! Parish family dinner Gr 4

AUGUST
- Mon 6th Pupil free day
- Wed 8th SAC meeting @ 7.00pm
- Tues 14th & Wed 15th Learning Conversations
- Wed 15th Feast of the Assumption mass
Principal Consultation
Thanks to those parents and carers who have responded to the Principal Appointment Survey. The information you have provided will support the panel in the process of selecting a new Principal for St Mary’s.

Enrolments
Thank you to those parents who have completed enrolment application forms for Prep 2019. If you are still to hand in your form please support our planning by applying as soon as possible.

School Photos
Big smiles were easy to find on Tuesday for our photo day! Photo orders will be sent home with students when they are delivered.

Staffing
Kerry Stevens is currently enjoying some long service leave and will return at the beginning of term 3. Lindy Cullinane will be taking long service leave for the first two weeks of term 3.

Concert!
There is a lot of singing being heard around the school – especially in the staff room – as staff and students prepare for this year’s concert. Information regarding tickets etc will be sent out early next term – in the meantime make sure you have Tuesday 18th September marked in your calendar!

Christmas Expo!
The next meeting of the Expo Committee is Wednesday 25th July @ 5.30.

Responding to the Royal Commission
Dear Friends,
Please find attached a letter regarding our diocesan response to the recommendations of the Royal Commission, including the recommendation of a national redress scheme.
As you would be aware, the national redress scheme is to come into effect on July 1. This letter will be available in electronic form via our diocesan e-news and our diocesan website. I hope this letter provides helpful information on the steps we are taking to assist those who have suffered and to care for children today.

God bless you all.
Bishop Paul Bird

NB – Bishop Paul’s letter is available on our school website www.smhamilton.catholic.edu.au under Newsletters > Newsletters 2018 and is titled ‘Letter from Bishop Paul – Responding to the Royal Commission’

Winter Uniform
Please take some time over the holidays to ensure that your child has the correct school uniform. I am still speaking with a number of students who are wearing summer shirts and also having an issue with no jumpers on a 3-degree morning.

- 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
Well done to the Mini Vinnies group for their organisation of our Pyjama Day today!

Grandparents’ Day
We are looking forward to Grandparents Day on Friday 27th July!
The timetable for the day is:
12.45pm Visitors arrive
– Please note that the Monivae Stadium car park is available for school parking on this day
1.00pm Liturgy
1.30 – 2.20pm Lunch and play time with grandchildren
2.30 – 3.00pm Learning Showcase!

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.
Head Lice
We have had a number of students with head lice. Please examine your child’s hair carefully and apply an effective treatment if necessary. If unsure, your pharmacy is a reliable source for information. Effective treatment and management is important for the comfort of your child and others in the class.

Parish News

**MASS TIMES – 2017**

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**Canteen Roster**

18/07/2018 Shannon Smith  
25/07/2018 Volunteer Needed  
01/08/2018 Volunteer Needed

- 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**

Assemblies are held every second Friday in our Learning Street @ 2.40pm.

Our next assembly will be Friday 27th July.

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

**Expo Goals!**

- To raise funds for our school
- To engage parents in promoting and supporting their school in a positive manner
- To provide an event for the local community that reflects the values of St Mary’s
- To involve parents in a school event with a social context!
- To celebrate our great school community!

**How can you support Expo?**

- Start thinking about how you can support the work of the Expo Committee.
- Offer your time and energy to any of the co-ordinators or Committee members.
- Respond promptly and positively to notes sent home relating to Expo.
- Keep an eye out for the Volunteer Form where you can indicate how you can give of your time before, on and following the day.

**News!**

- Some co-ordinators met recently and are beginning their journey towards Saturday 1st December.
- We are looking for co-ordinators for the following areas and some trainees to learn the ropes this year and take over next year. If you are interested or can help us out, please come and have chat with any of the Expo Committee members ASAP.

**Co-ordinators Positions Vacant:**

- **Raffle Ticket Co-ordinator** – source prizes, organizes the printing of tickets, distributes them to each family and collects them prior to Expo, forwards money to P & F treasurer. Draws the raffle at Expo and distributes prizes.
- **Santaland Co-ordinators** – 2-3 people – to organize craft activities (mostly already planned) purchase lollies, showbags etc., - we have very good instructions of how Santaland works.
- **Gift Baskets Co-ordinator/s** - organizes the purchase of baskets, distributes them to each family with a note suggesting what to fill them with. When baskets are returned prices need to be added for sale.
If you think you may be interested in taking on a co-ordinator’s role please see one of the expo committee members! Thanks!

Jo-Anne Bond, Vickie Button, Marie McDonald, Shannon Smith, Michelle Winnell, Tamara Milne, Kerry Stevens, Karren Ewing, Erika Murphy

$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.

THE SPORT CATCH UP

Hoop Time
We are ready to go for HoopTime next term! 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. Thank you to the parents who have offered their support, we have been able to give this opportunity to all interested children! Remember to return your permission notes in the first week of Term Three, if you haven’t already.

Coles Sports for Schools
Thank you soooooo very much for your support with collecting vouchers! We have spent 26,070 of the 26,071 vouchers you collected! We can look forward to 11 new echidna balls, 12 new cricket bats, 6 new cricket wickets, 4 new cricket tees and 6 new cricket balls for Kanga 8s, a new set of cones, 25 new hockey balls and 25 new hockey sticks!!! I cannot thank you enough for this new equipment!! It will be great to offer hockey in our Physical Education program.

Grade 3-6 Swimming
The swimming program for Grades 3 and 4 will be from Tuesday 7th of August to Friday 17th of August (Weeks Four and Five of Term Three). The program will run at the Monivae Pool by three fully qualified AUSTSWIM teachers and will consist of nine 45 minute lessons. The times for the lessons are from 11.30am - 1.30pm. The cost of the Grade 3/4 swimming program will be approximately $61.00 per student and this will be included on your school account.
The swimming program for Grades 5 and 6 will be from Monday 20th of August to Friday 31st of August (Weeks Six and Seven of Term Three). The program will run at the Monivae Pool by two fully qualified AUSTSWIM teachers and will consist of ten 35 minute lessons. The cost of the Grade 5/6 swimming program will be approximately $53.00 per student and this will be included on your school account.
Full information and permission notes will go out the first week back of Term Three.

2018 Term 3 MiniRoos

STARTS SATURDAY JULY 21
9.30 -11AM @ PEDRINA PARK HAMILTON

Excited by the world cup?
Would you like to learn to play football?

Hamilton Soccer Club is offering 9 sessions of MiniRoos soccer in Term 3.

Register today and join in the fun from 9.30am Saturday 21st July.

For further information and to register visit:
www.hamiltonsoccerclubvic.com

$70 Aldi MiniRoos kickoff | Age 5-9 with participant pack.

Hamilton Soccer Club MiniRoos

$47.40 MiniRoos club | Age 5-11 without pack.

For further information and to register visit:
www.hamiltonsoccerclubvic.com