Dear Parents, Carers, Staff, Students and Friends,

Welcome to term 3! I hope that you all had a lovely break from the routines of the term and enjoyed some great times together. With the cold weather our concert practices this week have certainly contributed to warming us up!

We are geared up for a very busy and packed term! Please make sure you support your children in being ready for all of the events planned.

Thanks for a great week!
God bless you! 🙏

Jo-Anne

Attachments:
- School Fees

Advance notice:
- Sun 26th Aug  First Communion @ 10.30am

There can be no greater gift than that of giving one’s time and energy to **help others** without expecting anything in return.

– Nelson Mandela

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**IMPORTANT DATES**

**JULY**
- Wed 25th
- Thurs 26th
- Fri 27th
- Mon 30th

**AUGUST**
- Mon 6th
- Wed 8th
- Thurs 9th
- Tues 14th & Wed 15th

- Expo meeting @ 5.30pm
- Prep class mass @ 10.00am (Church)  
  Junior Hootime
- Grandparents Day! see below for details
- Parish family dinner Gr 4
- Senior Hootime
- Pupil free day – staff PD
- SAC meeting @ 7.00pm
- Gr 5/6C mass @ Eventide – 9.30am
- Learning Conversations
- Feast of the Assumption school mass
- Parish family dinner – Gr 5
- Gr 5/4 class mass @ 10.00am
Grandparents’ Day
We are looking forward to Grandparents Day next 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 consider parking in the Monivae College stadium car park on this day to ease congestion in our own parking area.

Catering – please drop food off to the multi-purpose room in the morning or bring it in with you when you come for the liturgy.

Congratulations!
Luella Causer had the biggest smile coming back to school on Monday very excitedly sharing the news of her baby sister Giuliana! Congratulations to Siana, Ben and Rocco as well!

Welcome!
This week we have welcomed two new students to our school. A warm welcome to Oliver Tarrant (Gr 2) and Athea Wilson (Prep) and their families. We hope your time with us is both happy and filled with learning.

Prayers please
There are a number of families in our school community at the moment who are experiencing difficulties in many ways. Please know that we are always here to support you if there is anything we can do to help just let us know.

Please keep in your thoughts and prayers the extended family of Mary Kearney – a great friend of St Mary’s – who passed away during the holidays. Mary is the great grandmother of Cooper Kearney and Taya Sherlock.

We also pass on our sympathies to Flynn Northcott and his family. Flynn had a lovely chat with me during the week about his great grandmother who passed away over the break as well.

Those who have been around St Mary’s for a few years will remember Lou Burke, a past staff member. We keep Lou and her family in our prayers following the death of her very loved sister, Mary.

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 Fees
School Fees are due and payable by the 31st August, 2018. This does not apply if you have a regular payment plan for your fees or if you have recently spoken with Helen. Please call Helen or Jo-Anne if you are unable to pay your account by this date or if you have any queries on your account. We still have a few deposits with no names or details on them. These have not been allocated to anyone’s fees. If you believe these deposits are yours, please contact Helen. Your fee statement has been sent out with today’s newsletter.

Thank you, Helen

Pick up at the end of the day
It is great to catch up with many parents, grandparents and carers who collect students at the end of the day. Teachers are finding it very difficult to finish off the day in an organised fashion due to the many people who are gathering in the Learning Street before the bell goes at 3.15pm. Please be respectful of the work of the staff at the end of the day by waiting in the foyer area until the bell sounds. Thanks for your co-operation.

Concert!
This week our Concert Rehearsals have commenced in full swing! Check out the school Facebook page for a few previews! Make sure you have Tuesday 18th September marked in your calendar! Students will perform at a matinee at 12.30 and again in the evening at 6.30pm.

Tickets for our 2018 concert will be available for purchase from the school office from Tuesday 7th August! More details regarding tickets will be sent home in a special Concert Newsletter next week.

First Communion
For those parents who missed last night’s session, you can catch up with Noreen McLeish this Sunday (22/7/18) at 9:45am at St Mary’s Church.

Noreen McLeish, 0438 531 651
Christmas Expo!
The next meeting of the Expo Committee is Wednesday 25th July @ 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.

Parish News

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Canteen Roster

- 25/07/2018 NO CANTEEN as there is no Volunteer
- 01/08/2018 NO CANTEEN as there is no Volunteer
- 08/08/2018 NO CANTEEN as there is no Volunteer

- 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.

SkoolBag

Don’t forget to download our school’s SkoolBag app to ensure that you are kept in the loop on:
- School newsletters
- Notices
- Events
- ...and more!

Just download the “SkoolBag” app on your phone, open the app and add our school!

Did you know you can use the SkoolBag app to advise St Mary’s your child will be absent from school?
- Click on ‘eForms’ (on the Home screen)
- Select ‘Absentee Form’, and complete/submit.
  The office will receive this and advise your child’s teacher.
Alternatively please email the school at office@smhamilton.catholic.edu.au or phone the office 55519000 before 9:30am.

Assembly

Assemblies are held every second Friday in our Learning Street @ 2.40pm.
Our next assembly will be Friday 27th July.
All welcome!
Work samples from Prep S

Charlotte Morton

Dear Ms Stevens,

On the holidays I went to Cambodia. We went with a friend and I saw a lot of beautiful women from Cambodia.

Ms Stevens
St Mary's Primary School
49 Hiller Lane
Hamilton 3300
Victoria

Pippa Richards

Dear Ms Stevens,

On the holidays we went to a mountain and I looked for gold. I sent you gold from Finland.

Ms Stevens
St Mary's Primary School
49 Hiller Lane
Hamilton 3300
Victoria

Billy Fitzpatrick

Dear Ms Stevens,

On the holidays I went to a hill. It was lots of fun and sunshine. I met a girl.

Ms Stevens
St Mary's Primary School
49 Hiller Lane
Hamilton 3300
Victoria

Alexander Burrowes

Dear Ms Stevens,

On the holidays I went to the playground. It was fun. From Alex.

Ms Stevens
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