

# ST MARY'S PRIMARY SCHOOL



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## Newsletter

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Dear Parents, Carers, Staff, Students and Friends,

Where have the last two weeks gone! Already, we are about to farewell July and welcome in August! It may have something to do with all the engaging events and activities that we have going on here at St Mary's!

At last Friday's assembly, some of our Gr 5/6 students shared with our community their pre-learning and post-learning Numeracy data. The children always enjoy seeing how their learning has grown and we thought it was also very important that our school community share in this too. We look forward to other teams showing off their data!

We are busy getting ready for one of our favourite days of the year, Grandparent's Day. We can't wait!

Thanks for a great week!

Have a restful weekend with the people you love,  
*Terrielynn*

## IMPORTANT DATES

### July

#### Week 3

29<sup>th</sup> July – Gr 5/6 Hooptime

30<sup>th</sup> July – Fundraising Meeting @ 5pm Meeting Room

2<sup>nd</sup> August – Grandparent's Day

#### Week 4

5<sup>th</sup> August – Learning Conversations

9<sup>th</sup> August – Gr 3 Parish Dinner

#### Week 5

14<sup>th</sup> August – Learning Conversations

#### Week 6

19<sup>th</sup> August – School Photos

23<sup>rd</sup> August – Gr 4 Parish Dinner

**Attachments to this week's Newsletter:**

### **Advance Notice:**

30<sup>th</sup> August - Father's Day Lunch/Footy Colours

6<sup>th</sup> September – Gr 5/6 Parish Dinner

12<sup>th</sup> September – Art Show

## Staff Professional Learning

10<sup>th</sup> August – Library PD – Kerry

16<sup>th</sup> August – Principal's Meeting, Hamilton

## Congratulations!

Two of our staff members became grandparent's again last week to grand-daughters born on the same day! Jenni Kanoniuk welcomed Mette and Tracy and Leigh Beveridge welcomed Asuna. Congratulations to both families. Those little girls are very lucky!



## Child Safe Standards

The Child Safe Standards are compulsory minimum standards for all organisations that provide services to children including Victorian schools. The aim of the standards is to ensure organisations are well prepared to protect children from abuse and neglect. Each week we will take a look at a standard to further increase our understandings as a community.

### STANDARD ONE - Strategies to embed an organisational culture of child safety

Schools must plan, implement and review strategies that will embed a culture of child safety, including through effective leadership arrangements. It is crucial that child safety is part of the everyday thinking and practice of all within the school or the community.

How does St Mary's achieve this?

- Allocation of a designated Child Protection Officer (Tania Stevens)
- Regular agenda item at all SAC meetings, governance meetings and staff meetings
- Commitment to achieving a culture of Child Safety

## Grandparents' Day

We are looking forward to Grandparents Day on Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> August!

### 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	Sing Along!
1.30 – 2.20pm	Lunch and play time with grandchildren
2.30 – 3.00pm	Old Fashioned Games in House Groups

## DOBCEL Meeting

Fr Paddy will be hosting a meeting here at school on **Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> August at 5pm** (as part of our School Advisory Council meeting) to inform our community on a new approach to the governance of parish primary and secondary schools in the diocese. This new model sees the establishment of a company,

Diocese of Ballarat Education Limited (DOBCEL). On this evening, Fr Paddy will outline what this will mean for our community. Please let the office know if you will be attending. All welcome!

## Fundraising Meeting

We will be having a fundraising meeting on **Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> July at 5.30 in the Meeting Room at school.**

We hope to see you there!



## Rubbish Free Friday

Last Friday we had almost half the school rubbish free which was fantastic. As we said to the children at our last Monday check-in assembly, this rubbish free business is not going away so get on board! We greatly appreciate the support of our families in helping their children with this.

## Emergency Management

Each term we practice our emergency management procedure to ensure that staff and students know what to do if the need arises. We make sure that we vary the 'incident' so that we are well prepared. On Thursday morning, following the staff training session the evening before, we had a drill with everyone following the procedures extremely well.

## Sheepvention

**Just to let you know that the country buses will not be running on Monday 5<sup>th</sup> August due to Sheepvention.**

**Other buses will run as per usual.**

## Canteen Roster

Lunch orders are available every **Wednesday** as long as we have a volunteer. If you are interested in helping out, please let the school office know or put your name on the roster at the office.

## 31/07/2019 Volunteer Needed

## Learning Conversations

The timetable with your child/s Learning Conversation day and time have been sent home today for parents who have requested a conversation. Please check your child/s share folder.

## International Competitions and Assessments for Schools (ICAS) 2019

ICAS is developed by UNSW Global, a subsidiary of the University of New South Wales. ICAS is designed to target students' higher-order thinking and problem-solving skills in English, Mathematics, Science, Writing, Spelling and Digital Technologies. Each assessment celebrates students' accomplishments by providing opportunities for

recognition. The assessments are suitable for students wishing to extend themselves academically and take up the personal challenge of competing in an international assessment. Students will be presented with high-quality, expert-developed questions, allowing them to apply their learning without the need for prior study or revision. Every student will receive a certificate and an online result report

The major difference to ICAS in 2019 is that the assessments will be done online. The exception to this is the Writing assessment for Grades 3 and 4 which will still be done on paper.

If you wish your child to compete in any or all of these competitions, entry forms are available at the school office. Entry forms and entry fees need to be returned to school by Tuesday, August 6.

If you have any further queries about ICAS please contact me.

**Chris Minney**

### Fun with maths at home

The Victorian Maths Challenge provides families with opportunities to explore maths together.

It encourages families to ask questions of each other and to have fun exploring different ways to solve open-ended problems. Family participation in learning is one of the most accurate predictors of a child's success in school and beyond (State of Victoria - Department of Education and Training).

There are activities to do with younger children and other problem solving tasks for students from Grades 5 and 6. Obviously, these would not be limited to these year levels and are worth exploring as a family.

This link will allow you to find out more information about this challenge.

<https://www.education.vic.gov.au/about/events/vmc/Pages/default.aspx>

Why not have a look and see what tasks you can tackle as a family? Often we can spend time involved in Literacy learning with our children by reading with them. This gives families a chance to spend some time doing maths activities together in a fun way at home. I would love to hear if anyone takes on any of the challenges.

**Chris Minney**

## Assembly

Our next assembly will be **Friday 16<sup>th</sup> August**, 2019

in our Learning Street @ 2.40pm.

All welcome!

## Parish News

### MASS TIMES – 2019

<b>Hamilton:</b>	Saturday 6pm Sunday 10.30am
<b>Dunkeld:</b>	Sunday 8.30am
<b>Glenthompson:</b>	Sunday 8.30am
<b>Penshurst:</b>	Sunday 8.30am
<b>Macarthur:</b>	Sunday 8.30am

### Pastoral Care

Hello again, I hope the first two **Hints for Creating Resilient Families** was of interest as here are the third and fourth.

#### No.3. Rediscover some family rituals

*Family rituals are string predictors of resilience. It doesn't matter whether it is the family walk after dinner, the Sunday roast, the Friday night pizza or the Sunday morning clean-up, rituals are highly protective. The best rituals often cost nothing. These are the activities you hope that later on your children will reminisce and say "Mum always made sure we did ...." Or "Dad always made sure we did...."*

#### No.4. Spontaneity and curiosity

*Spontaneity and curiosity are the building blocks of good mental health. You cannot tell someone how to have better mental health and you can't give it to them by getting them to read a book.*

*So the really hard message here is that if you want to raise your children to have mentally healthy lives you are going to have a goodtime yourself. If you want your children to succeed you need to show them that success is worth having.*

If you have any questions or concerns please feel free to contact me on 0400 994 032.

Have a great week.

**Kind regards Lisa Gonnet**

**Schools Pastoral Care Worker, 0400994032**

### The Sports Catchup

#### State Cross Country

On Thursday the 18<sup>th</sup> July, Rebecca and I went to Bundoora in Melbourne for State Cross Country. We both ran 3kms, I came 89 out of 95 and unfortunately Rebecca wasn't able to finish her race. The weather was great, there was no rain but there were a lot of muddy patches. The experience of being there and running against the best in Victoria for Under 12/13 Primary School Boys was fantastic. **Hugh Fitzgerald**

Congratulations Hugh and Rebecca, making it to this level is a brilliant achievement. We are all so proud of your efforts and so proud to know we have some of the quickest Cross Country runners in Victoria at our school! Well done!

**Junior Hoop Time (Grade 3/4)**

The five teams of keen Grade 3/4 basketballers had a great day at Hoop Time yesterday. The day resulted in mixed success on the court, some making it to finals and some winning one or two games. The most impressive success on the day was the great sportsmanship, wonderful behaviour and fun displayed by all our players! Thank you to all the kids who attended, for representing St Mary's with terrific respect and pride. A big congratulations to the All Star "Boys" (Jay Casey, Jobe Dunn, Hamish Button, Jack Mansbridge, Lily Raymond and Ruby Cleaver) who made it through to the Grand Final, only going down by 2 points!

Thank you to all the parents and staff who supported our teams leading up to the day, ensuring all 29 students who wanted to participate could do so. We especially thank Matt Dunn, Corrine Raymond, Katrina Maybery, Hayley Hiatt, Erica Murphy, Megan Jackson, Tendai Mhasho, Cindy McIntosh, Grant Clarkson, Casey Rook, Tracy Beveridge, Shelley Waters and Chris Minney for their time, assistance and expertise.

**Senior Hoop Time (Grade 5/6)**

The senior students will get their chance to take the court on Monday. We wish them all the best!

**School Swimming**

The swimming program for Grades 5 and 6 will be from Monday 19th of August to Friday 30th of August (Weeks Six and Seven of Term Three). The program will be run at the Monivae Pool by fully qualified AUSTSWIM teachers and will consist of ten 45 minute lessons. The times for the lessons are from 11.30am-1.30pm.

The swimming program for Prep-Grade Two will be from Monday 2nd of September to Friday 6th of September (Week Eight of Term Three). The program will run at HILAC from 11.30am-1.30pm. Each group will have 30 minute lessons.

The swimming program for Grades 3 and 4 will be from Monday 9th of September to Friday 20th of September (Weeks Nine and Ten of Term Three). The program will be run at the Monivae Pool by fully qualified AUSTSWIM teachers and will consist of ten 45 minute lessons. The times for the lessons are from 11.30am-1.30pm.

Full program information including costs, and permission notes will be sent home in the coming weeks.



**Elise Couchman**