Dear Parents, Carers, Staff, Students and Friends,

Our Grade 3/4 students are loving their swimming program this week! We very much appreciate the partnership with Monivae in the use of their swimming pool for this activity. The teachers and instructors have been most impressed with the efforts shown by all students to challenge themselves to improve their skills each day.

I accompanied our Grade 5/6C students to an anointing mass at Eventide this morning. Our kids are sensational! The gentleness and care they showed our older parishioners throughout mass was genuine and respectful. Well done!

Thanks for a great week!
God bless you! 😊

To-Anne

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**Important Dates**

**August**

- Tues 7th – Fri 17th
  - Gr 3/4 swimming program
- Tues 14th & Wed 15th
  - Learning Conversations
- Wed 15th
  - Feast of the Assumption school mass – 10.00am @ Monivae stadium
- Fri 17th
  - Dress up day – Concert and Book Week!
  - Parish family dinner – Gr 5
- Mon 20th – Fri 24th
  - Book Week!
- Mon 20th – Fri 31st
  - Gr 5/6 swimming program
- Thurs 23rd
  - Gr 3/4 class mass @ 10.00am – in Monivae Chapel

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**Feast of St Mary of the Cross MacKillop**

Ever generous God,
You inspired Saint Mary MacKillop
To live her life faithful
to the Gospel of Jesus Christ
and constant in bringing
hope and encouragement
to those who were disheartened,
lonely or needy.

We ask that our faith and hope be fired afresh by
the Holy Spirit
so that we too, like Mary MacKillop, may live
with courage, trust and openness.
Ever generous God hear our prayer.
We ask this through Jesus Christ.
Amen.
School Concert

Tickets for our 2018 school concert are now on sale!

The cost of tickets is $10.00/adult and $5.00/16 & under. The general rule is, regardless of age, if the child needs a seat, you will need to purchase a ticket.

- Initially there will be a limit of 5 tickets per family per performance.
- All tickets will be pre-sold; none will be available on the night.
- Tickets are available from the school office from Tuesday 7th August.
- If by Monday 27th August we still have unsold tickets they will then be released to those who would like extra (place your name on the waiting list at the office if you require extra).
- Ticket purchases will be on a ‘first come, first serve’ basis until each of the shows are sold out.
- Seat numbers will be allocated and you can select your seats when you purchase.
- On the day/night of the performance, you will present your ticket and sit in the seat indicated on your ticket.

Rehearsals for our upcoming concert are well under way. We realise that rehearsals can be a tedious time, but they are very necessary and each child’s active involvement in these is crucial.

The involvement of all students in the concert is a school expectation. I have had some students come to me saying that they will not be in the concert. As each child has a role to play, it would be most unfair on others in their group, if one child did not turn up for the performance. If for any reason your child will not be able to perform in the concert, please notify the school in writing.

“By Request” is the title given to our concert this year, as most of the songs being performed were requested by parents and friends. It has taken on a decidedly 80s feel, so I’m sure many of you will be able to sing along!

The concert will feature not just singing, but also class dances and four plays presented by some Year Five and Six students. I believe very much in the KISS theory (Keep It Simple, Stupid!), plus in the “quality beats quantity” theory, therefore the costumes and props required for the night will be very simple and involve no extra cost. Much of this is being produced at school by the amazing Mrs Waters. Below is a breakdown of the class items and required costumes.

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The Year Five and Six plays are being produced by individual teachers and so each group will be given ideas on what props and costumes will be needed for each play.

Why not get into the “groove” and dress up in your favourite 80s gear when attending the concert? See you on September 18, at either 12:30 or 6:30 (or both), for an event that will be hard to forget.

John Healy

Learning Conversations

Appointment slips are being sent home with today’s newsletter for Learning Conversations, which will be held on Tuesday 14th and Wednesday 15th August. These meetings of parents, students and teachers are an opportunity to share the celebrations of learning so far and focus on the goals ahead. Please remember to bring your child along to the appointment with you. Fifteen minutes is allocated for each student, please indicate to the teacher at the beginning of your time if you wish to take a few minutes at the end of the conversation for a chat without your child present.

School Improvement Surveys

A big thanks to those parents who have completed an Insight SRC survey either in paper form or online. Your contribution to the continuous improvement process of your school is very much appreciated.
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.

Library News – Important Update

Unfortunately, due to unforeseen circumstances beyond our control, our Book Fair will NOT be taking place next week. It has been postponed to a date yet to be decided. When a decision has been made, our school community will be notified via our school newsletter or a flyer sent home with our students. I apologise for any inconvenience this change may have caused. Sincerely, Miss Stevens.

Now, REMEMBER our Out of Uniform Day – Friday 17th August, 2018

Our Book Week Parade will combine with our Concert themed out of uniform Day next Friday. Our students can choose to dress out of uniform in the theme of our concert or in the theme of this year’s Book Week - ‘Find your Treasure’ or as a Book Character. The Parade will take place at Lunchtime in the Learning Street and everyone is welcome to come along. So…….

Are you ready to have fun? Have you got your costume ready?

Remember, it is not compulsory and it is not a competition, but you are encouraged to take part.

Let’s have some fun!!

Happy Reading!
Kerry Stevens (Teacher/Librarian)

Pastoral Care

Hello again, this week I continue with the article on Gastroenteritis, taken again from The Royal Children’s Hospital Melbourne website https://www.rch.org.au/kidsinfo/fact_sheets/.

When to see a doctor

Babies under six months old should always be checked by a GP if they have gastro, because they are at higher risk of dehydration. Any child with gastro should see a GP if they:

- are vomiting and have diarrhoea, and are not drinking
- have a lot of diarrhoea (eight to 10 watery poos, or two or three large poos per day) or if the diarrhoea is not improving after 10 days
- vomit frequently and seem unable to keep any fluids down
- show signs of dehydration e.g. fewer wet nappies or not going to the toilet much, dark yellow or brown wee, feel lightheaded or dizzy, have dry lips and mouth
- have a bad stomach pain
- have any blood in their poo
- have green vomit
- are making you worried for any other reason.

If your child is very dehydrated and cannot keep any fluids down, they may need to be admitted to hospital to have fluids by a tube through the nose into the stomach (a nasogastric tube) or directly into a vein through a drip (intravenous or IV therapy).

Key points to remember

- Babies under six months old with gastro can become dehydrated very easily and need to be checked by a GP.
- Offer babies a drink every time they vomit. Keep breastfeeding. If bottle feeding, give oral rehydration solution for the first 12 hours.
- Give children small amounts of fluid often.
- Your baby or child is infectious, so regularly wash your hands thoroughly, particularly before feeding and after nappy changes.
- Take your child to the doctor if they are becoming dehydrated, have bad stomach pain or you are worried.

Next week I will complete the article. Don’t forget that if you are interested in participating in weekly mindfulness classes please register your interest with me on 0400994032. Have a wonderful week, keep warm and dry.

Kind regards,
Lisa Gonnet
Schools Pastoral Care worker 0400 994 032
Assembly
Assemblies are held every second Friday in our Learning Street @ 2.40pm.
Our next assembly will be Friday 24th August.
All welcome!

Footy Colours Day - 31st AUGUST
This day is to raise money, and be able to support kids living with cancer, so they can continue their education, whilst having treatment.
We are asking for a gold coin donation for the day, and to come dressed in your Footy, Rugby or Soccer team colours.
We have plenty of giveaway prizes for:
  • Colouring competition
  • Longest Kick
  • Handball competition
Cost for Longest kick and Handball Competition is 50 cents each.
Dad's/Special person are encouraged to participate, as we have prizes for them as well.
Longest kick - You get 2 kicks.
Handball - You get 3 balls to Handball thru the Handball target, using whichever hand you want.
Dads get to handball 2 balls with each hand.
Hopefully some footy games, House Teams V's Dads.
We will also have raffle tickets, 12 Vouchers from some local Cafés, Resturants and Hotels, total value of $425. 9 Vouchers / Gifts from other local businesses, total value of $500. 1 ticket for $2, 7 tickets for $5, or 15 tickets for $10.
Tickets available at the front office as of next week, and tickets sold on the day. So heaps of fun for all.

THE WONDERFUL BUSINESSES WHO HAVE SPONSORED THIS IMPORTANT DAY;
Accurate Clothing, AFL Western District, Alexandra House, Barry Francis, Beattie's Newspaper, Botanical Motel, Buckle Menswear, Caledonian Hotel, Chris's Kebab & Grill, Commercial Hotel, Hair For Men, Hamilton Farm Supplies, Hamilton Furnishing Co, Hamilton Spectator, Harvey Norman, Hip Pocket Menswear, Hunts Auto Spares, King's Bakery, Lady Bug Nursery, Lemon Myrtle Cafe, McDonalds Restaurant, Panama Fish Shop, Regional Butcher, Repco, Robinsons Sportscene, Roxburgh House, Siade's Newsagency, Solo Cutting & Styling For Men, Sportpower, Toyworld and Woody's Cafe.
Hugh and Imogen Fitzgerald

Hoop Time
The Grade Five and Six students had a marvellous day at Hoop Time on Monday 30th July. Thank you to Mrs Pickford and all the parents who supported the teams on the day especially Jo Bowie, Lia Malles, Matt Dunn, Deb Fitzgerald, Vanessa Slattery and Kylie Pearce. A very special thank you to Marie McDonald for coaching our Future Stars team, even after last minute changes. It was terrific to see so many parents from our school community at HILAC positively supporting our budding basketballers!
The Rookies improved each game they played, as they discovered the fun that competitive basketball provides! The team work they displayed was terrific and each player grew in confidence as the day went on. The smiles on their faces when they shot their first goal to win their first game was priceless!!
The Future Stars also displayed outstanding sportsmanship and team cooperation on the day.
Each player did an outstanding job and used their strengths to better the team.
The All Star Boys had a day of close calls and mixed results. They took a couple of games to warm up to the task. However once they gelled together, they looked excellent on the court. Their last game was by far their best of the day and it kept the spectators on the edge of their seat!
The All Star Girls had a marvellous day. Each player in the team did their job outstandingly well. Grace and Macey were on their toes all day, providing many turn overs and leadership on court. Phoebe did an amazing job in offense, providing many a reliable shot when it counted. Bridget and Emily were terrific all-rounders, making subtle but essential plays at just the right times! The girls went into the Grand Final undefeated and won 16-7. They now move onto the Regional Hoop Time day, with a seven player team, in Hamilton on the 13th November. We congratulate our All Star Girls team and wish them all the very best!!

Primary School Golf
The Golf Vic/SSV Primary Golf Event will be played at Parklands Golf Club (Hamilton) on Thursday August 30th. If any Grade 5 or 6 students are capable golfers, can keep score and wish to enter can they please contact Miss Couchman to enter this event by Friday 17th August. Loan clubs are available on the day. Our senior students will not be undertaking a golf clinic this year to the timing of our school swimming program.

Elise Couchman