

# ST MARY'S PRIMARY SCHOOL



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## Newsletter

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Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> September @ 6.30-8pm

Dear Parents, Carers, Staff, Students and Friends,

It is with great excitement and anticipation that we wait for our Art Show next Thursday evening! How blessed we are at St Mary's to have the amazingly talented Shelley Waters working with our children, sharing her love of art and creativity. We thank Shelley, our students and staff for all their hard work in putting this most impressive show together. Don't miss it!

Thanks for a great week!

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

## IMPORTANT DATES

### September

#### Week 9

9<sup>th</sup> September – Gr 3/4 Swimming starts

10<sup>th</sup> September – Fundraising Meeting at 5.30pm

12<sup>th</sup> September – Art Show! 6.30-8pm

#### Week 10

20<sup>th</sup> September – St Mary's Got Talent @ 10am

20<sup>th</sup> September – BBQ Lunch @ 12.30pm

20<sup>th</sup> September – Last day of term 2.15pm finish

### October – Term 4

#### Week 1

7<sup>th</sup> October – First day of Term 4

11<sup>th</sup> September – Assembly

#### Week 2

14<sup>th</sup> & 15<sup>th</sup> October – 3/4 Camp

16<sup>th</sup> & 17<sup>th</sup> October – School Review

**Advance Notice:**24<sup>th</sup> October – Rice Day25<sup>th</sup> October – Mission Day**Staff Professional Learning****Prayers**

It was with great sadness last Friday that we heard the devastating news of the death of Mikaela Claridge. Mikaela is the wife of former St Mary's student and teacher, Jamie Ferguson. Our sincere condolences are extended to the Claridge and Ferguson families.

**Pupil Free Day**

At Wednesday's School Advisory Council (SAC) meeting, a **pupil free day on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> November** (the day before the Melbourne Cup Day holiday) was approved. Staff will use this as a whole school report writing day.

**Father's Day Lunch/Footy Colours**

Last Friday we enjoyed the most wonderful day with our dads and special friends. The weather was very kind to us and allowed for a fantastic afternoon of footy activities. A huge thank you to the Fitzgerald family for the amazing work they do in organising this terrific day. A total of \$1461.15 was raised for cancer research! Thank you!

**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 look at a standard to further increase our understandings as a community.

**STANDARD Seven - Strategies to promote the participation and empowerment of children.**

Children have unique insights into their lives, their needs and the world around them. They have a right to be heard and have their concerns and ideas taken seriously, particularly on matters that affect them – including how to keep them safe.

Enabling and promoting the participation of children includes:

- supporting children and young people to understand their rights, contribute to child safety planning and raise concerns
- promoting and encouraging children's participation in decision-making
- valuing and respecting children's opinions
- seeking children's views about what makes them feel safe and unsafe
- establishing an environment of trust and inclusion that enables children to ask questions

and speak up if they are worried or feeling unsafe.

How does the St Mary's achieve this?

- Strategies statement which outlines how the school will encourage participation and empowerment of children
- Student Friendly Version of the Child Safety Policy developed by students.
- Delivers appropriate education about:
  - standards of behaviour for students attending the school
  - healthy and respectful relationships (including sexuality)
  - resilience
  - child abuse awareness and prevention.

At our **first assembly next term on Friday 11<sup>th</sup> October**, we will present to parents and the community the child friendly version of the Child Safe Standards. Put this date in your diaries. More details will follow in the coming weeks.

**Fundraising Meeting**

**Pop the date of our next meeting in your diary – TUESDAY 10<sup>th</sup> September @ 5.30pm. We'd love to see you there!**

**School Review**

Our school is in a very exciting time as we prepare for our school review next term in October. Every five years all schools work through a process to reflect on the recent journey - achievements and future challenges. The staff at St Mary's have put a great deal of time, energy and thought into collaboratively creating a self-reflection report and priorities for focus over the next period of review. Students in Gr 5/6 will have the opportunity to meet with the review panel when they visit. Parents and community members are also invited to consider meeting with the panel on **Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> October** at around 2.40pm (time to be confirmed). If you are interested in participating, please send an e-mail via [tgroves@smhamilton.catholic.edu.au](mailto:tgroves@smhamilton.catholic.edu.au) or phone the office. Thanks for your consideration.

**Before and After School Procedures**

Just a few friendly reminders about our before and after school procedures.

If students arrive at school before 8.30am, they need to wait in the Learning Street near the Junior area until they can go outside when **teacher supervision starts at 8.30am**.

Traffic management is tricky after school, so it is greatly appreciated when cars arrive at school in a staggered manner. However, we are finding that

we have some students still at school beyond 3.30pm on a regular basis. (We are not referring to the emergencies that sometimes happen.) This can cause great anxiety for the children and stop staff getting to meetings on time. Please ensure your children are picked up in a timely manner. Thanks so much for your support with this!

**BBQ Lunch**

We are so lucky to have some of our parents and grandparents organising a BBQ lunch for us on the last day of school. **Please note that lunch will be at 12.40 on this day as we finish early at 2.15pm. Therefore, if you are able to help with the BBQ, we will need you at 12noon, not 1pm as the note says. Sorry for any confusion!** Adults are most welcome to order lunch too.

**St Mary's Got Talent!**

Also on the last day of term, Friday 20<sup>th</sup> September we will hold the greatly anticipated event, ST MARY'S GOT TALENT! The children are very excited about this! Families are welcome to attend **at 10am (please note the change of time to accommodate the 3/4 swimming program).**

**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. If we don't have a volunteer by the Friday before Canteen we will cancel Canteen for that day.

**11/09/2019 No Canteen**

**18/09/2019 No Canteen**

**Assembly**

Our next assembly will be Friday 13<sup>th</sup> September, 2019  
in our Learning Street @ 2.40pm.  
All welcome!

**Darish News**

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<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, for the next two weeks we will be looking at Diversity. This information was sourced from: <https://beyou.edu.au/factsheets/relationships/supporting-cultural-diversity>

**Respecting diversity**

Early childhood is the time when children first

become aware of differences among people and start to form opinions and attitudes about these differences.

**Young children are naturally curious about differences**

One of the ways they make sense of their world is to sort things into different categories and focus on one thing at a time – for example, whether another child has the same or different skin colour to them. Children do this to organise their experiences. Awareness of differences also means young children are sensitive to experiences of racism and prejudice. This can impact on their social and emotional wellbeing, their learning and their social relationships. Their ideas about and responses to diversity are influenced by what they see and hear around them.

Helping all children and young people understand difference encourages them to feel good about who they are, where they fit in the world and appreciate diversity in others. It helps to build strong, inclusive communities where everyone enjoys a sense of being valued and belonging, which supports positive mental health.

**How can you promote respect for diversity with children?**

Babies and young children learn and develop through their early experiences and relationships. When children develop positive relationships with other children and educators, it helps them to feel that they belong. This early learning about themselves and others lays the foundation for their future health and wellbeing.

**You can:**

- encourage children to recognise and appreciate people for the things that make them unique and special
- encourage children to view differences as something that makes a person interesting
- support children to understand that just because somebody looks or sounds different, or does things in a different way, doesn't mean that this person is any less worthy of respect or friendship
- support all children to develop the skills necessary to form positive friendships regardless of differences in practices, languages and ethnic backgrounds.

I hope you enjoy this.

Please don't forget if you have any questions or concerns please feel free to call me on: 0400 994032

**Kind regards Lisa Gonnet  
Schools Pastoral Care Worker, 0400994032**

**FOOTY COLOURS DAY.**

Thank you everyone for supporting Footy Colours Day and raising money for kids with Cancer, so they can continue to be educated, whilst having treatment.

**We raised \$1,461.15.**

**Colouring in winners**

The Winners prizes were donated from Beatties NewsXpress, McDonalds and Subway. The Runners up received a Cafe Gray Voucher.

Prep Runner Up was Alani Rook and the WINNER was Charlie Moyle.

Grade 1/2 Runner Up was Blake Lan and the WINNER was Stella Osborn.

Grade 3/4 Runner Up was Ruby Cleaver and the WINNER was Mazie Perriman.

Grade 5/6 Runner Up was Holly Rook and the WINNER was Grace Cleaver.

**Longest kick winners**

Grades P-4 received a Footy Record Book from Beatties NewsXpress.

Prep Winner was Sophie Uebergang, she kicked 8.30m. Grade 1 Winner was Carter Moyle, he kicked 16.75m. Grade 2 Winner was Cooper Kearney, he kicked 20.20m. Grade 3 Winner was Xander McIntosh he kicked 21.00m. Grade 4 Winner was Jobe Dunn, he kicked 26.20m. Grade 5 Winner was Jack Sobey, he kicked 26.50m. He received Chocolates from Coleraine Rd Takeaway and a Subway Voucher.

Grade 6 Winner was Hugh Fitzgerald, he kicked 26.05m. I received a Voodoo Doll from Beatties NewsXpress. Dad/Special Person Winner was Pat Sherlock, he kicked 45m. Pat received Hip Pocket Workwear bag of goodies, Pit Stop Cafe Voucher and a Woody's Cafe coffee & cake Voucher.

**Handball comp winners**

All Grade Runners Up received gifts from Beatties NewsXpress

Prep Runner Up was Sophie Uebergang, the Winner was Rebecca Shelly with 23 points. Rebecca received stickers and Lego from Slades Newsagency.

Grade 1 Runners Up was Charlotte Morton, the Winner was Taya Sherlock with 27 points. Taya received a National Geographic Book from NewsXpress. Grade 2 Runner Up was Jordan Uebergang and the Winner was Cooper Kearney with 28 points. Cooper received a Sportspower Drink Bottle. Grade 3 Runner Up was Ally Holmes and the Winner was Dustyn Cooper with 15 points. Dustyn received a Footy from Toyworld.

Grade 4 Runner Up was Jack Mansbridge and the Winner was Jobe Dunn with 27 points. Jobe received a Sportspower bag. Grade 5 Runner Up was Jude Alexander and the Winner was Jack Sobey with 24 points. Jack received a Sportspower bag.

Grade 6 Runner Up was Koby Slettery Fisher and the Winner was Jack Roberts with 24 points. Jack received a Footy from Robinson's SportsScene. Dad/Special Person Runner Up was Rowan Gunning, Rowan received a Solo Hair cut Voucher and a Woody's Cafe Voucher. The Winner was Bailey Cooper with 30 points. Bailey received a Hip Pocket Bag of goodies, a Pit Stop Cafe and a Woody's Cafe Voucher.

**RAFFLE WINNERS**

1ST Hamilton Produce - Esky - Cooper Kearney  
 2ND LA Walker - Cordless Sander - Robyn Wensley  
 3RD Accurate Clothing - Socks & Cap - Jarrod Kelson  
 4TH Hamilton Furnishings - Pillow - Finbar McCann  
 5TH Tim's Fringe Benefits Box of products - Holly Rook  
 6TH Hunts Auto Pro - Car Clean & Detail - Dot Sibley  
 7TH Buckle Menswear - Electric Razor - Sydney Smith  
 8TH Repco - Recovery Track - Brendan McIntosh  
 9TH Jack + Jude - Drink Voucher - Jed Brown  
 10TH Jack + Jude - Drink Voucher - Jay Casey  
 11TH Caledonian Hotel - \$50 Voucher - Cindy McIntosh  
 12TH Roxburgh House - \$45 Voucher - Sadie Stanley  
 13TH Roxburgh House - \$45 Voucher - Finuala Neeson  
 14TH Lady Bug Nursery - Succulent Tray - Mars (Cleavers)  
 15TH Hamilton Farm Supplies - 22kg Dog Food - Flynn Northcott  
 16TH Commercial Hotel- \$40 Voucher - Charles San Ba  
 17TH Chris's Kebab & Grill - \$30 Voucher - Casey Rook  
 18TH Blue Malt Resturant - \$30 Voucher - Lola Stanley  
 19TH McDonalds - Family Favourite Box - Jordee Murphy  
 20TH McDonalds - Family Favourite Box - Shane Raymond  
 21ST Alexandra House - \$25 Voucher - Kerry Stevens  
 22ND Alexandra House - \$25 Voucher - Chelle Rook  
 23RD Regional Butcher - \$25 Voucher - Leigh Alexander  
 24TH Regional Butcher - \$25 Voucher - Grant Clarkson  
 25TH Harvey Norman - \$25 Voucher - Paul Kuilboer  
 26TH Little Koi - \$25 Voucher - Jack Richards  
 27TH Little Koi - \$25 Voucher - Blake Lan  
 28TH Botanical Motel - Lunch for 1 person - Ann Hayes  
 29TH Grand Central - \$20 Voucher - Bridget Mailes  
 30TH Lemon Myrtle - \$20 Voucher - Elise Couchman  
 31ST Panama Fish Shop - \$20 Voucher - Josh Holyoak  
 32ND Woody's Cafe - Cake and Coffee - Angus Hutchins

Thanks again for all your support.

**Hugh Fitzgerald & Alex Gunning**