Dear Parents, Carers, Staff, Students and Friends,

Best wishes to all of our Dads, Grandpas and the special father figures in our lives for Fathers’ Day this Sunday.

We are very excited to welcome you all to school for our Fathers’ Day special lunch and footy day this afternoon. Thank you for taking the time so we can express our appreciation.

Thoughts and prayers also to families who have experienced the death of their special men – may you remember happily the influence they had on your lives.

A big thanks to Hugh, Imogen and Deb Fitzgerald and Matt Dunn for the fun lunch time activities and to Kylie Pearce and helpers for organising our special lunch.

Thanks for a great week!
God bless you! 🙏
Jo-Anne

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**Important Dates**

**SEPTEMBER**

- Fri 1st: Parish family dinner – Gr 5
- Wed 6th: School Council @ 7.00pm
- Thurs 7th & Fri 8th: Gr 3/4 Camp
- Fri 8th: Parish family dinner – Gr 6
- Thurs 14th: Art Show Opening @ 6.30pm
- Fri 15th: First Communion workshop
- Sun 17th: First Communion @ 10.30am
- Thurs 21st: P/1 late stay & Gr 2 sleepover
- Fri 22nd: Monivae Mission Fair Day – Gr 5/6
  - Last day of term 3 (Early finish @ 2.15pm)

**OCTOBER**

- Mon 9th: Start of term 3!
- Fri 13th: Regional aths
- Fri 27th: Mission Day!
Advance notice:
- Fri 27th Oct  Mission Day
- Fri 15th Dec  Swimming Carnival

Attachments:
- School Fees

Staff Professional Learning
Last Thursday and Friday our teachers and support staff attended the Southern Zone Education Conference in Warrnambool. The theme of the conference was ‘Fullness of Life – Engagement through Diversity’. Staff had the opportunity to listen to great messages from our keynote speakers, Michael McQueen and Dan Petro, as well as workshops covering a range of topics. The other advantage of these gatherings is the amazing networking we are able to experience – catching up with ‘old’ colleagues and making connections with new ones. Our staff very much appreciate and value opportunities such as this and are grateful to the support of the school community in increasing our skills and knowledge in our profession.

Student Safety
There is great excitement at the end of the day and everyone is focused on getting to where they need to be. We have a few safety concerns around some students heading to the Monivae Stadium for basketball training and not showing awareness of the busy road between our school and their destination. The safest way for these students to get to training is to walk with the staff supervising bus duty who can then make sure they get across the road at the end of our shed area or be fully supervised by an adult accompanying them. I am sure that you share our desire to get everyone home safely at the end of the day.

History Box
Today all classes have participated in some amazing in-house education sessions with the skilled staff from History Box. With the activities relating to our current Integrated Inquiry units the Junior students focused on Toys, Middle area on First Fleet and the Seniors on Eureka to Federation. We are very fortunate to work with Barry and Cynda who provide a rich opportunity for students and staff.

Cyber Safety
Paula Cutler from Hamilton Police will present a session to staff and parents relating to how you can support your young people to develop healthy online behaviours. Paula will cover:
- What dangers are online and how can you keep your child safe from them?
- Hear the latest information from the Victoria Police

E-Crime Team.
- Learn about sexting, trolling, grooming, latest social media and controls YOU can manage with your children’s access.
- Walk away with online family contracts, and helpful information that you can manage easily and quickly in your own home.

All welcome! Tuesday 12th September at St Mary’s starting at 3.40pm.

Working with Children Check
All parents/carers/visitors wishing to participate in any school activity will be required to have a current Working with Children Check. WWC Check applications can be made online at www.workingwithchildren.vic.gov.au and are free for volunteers. Please present your WWC card at the front office to be entered into our register.

Grade 3/4 Camp
Some very eager middle school students are packing their bags this weekend for their camp to Port Fairy and Warrnambool next Thursday and Friday. Mrs Schurmann and Mrs Gallagher have planned an amazing program related to their classroom Inquiry unit. Wishing them a wonderful trip!

Parish News

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Assembly
Assemblies are held every second Friday starting at 2.40pm.
Our next assembly will be Friday 15th September
All welcome!

Canteen Roster

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Please note that if there are no parent volunteers there will be no lunch orders available on that day.
PASTORAL CARE

Hello, today we continue with the body image article, and we look at how to help our children develop confidence. Next week is the final instalment so if you have a request for information on a specific subject please let me know.

Help your child feel confident about themselves

A strong sense of identity and self-worth are crucial to your child’s self-esteem.

Suggestions include:

- Encourage problem solving, expression of feelings, opinions and individuality. Providing opportunities for your child to problem solve will help them to build confidence in their abilities.
- Teach your child various healthy coping strategies to help them deal with life’s challenges.
- Allow them to say ‘no’. Encourage them to be assertive if they feel they have been mistreated.
- Listen to their concerns about body shape and appearance. Puberty, in particular, can be a worrying time. Reassure your child that their physical changes are normal and that everyone develops at different times and rates.
- Don’t tease them about their weight, body shape or looks. Even seemingly friendly nicknames can be hurtful if they focus on some aspect of the child’s appearance.
- Place value on their achievements, such as talents, skills and personality characteristics.

Make your child feel they have an important role in the family; for example, give them age-appropriate household tasks. Tell them what a valuable contribution they make to the running of the house.

Wishing you a great week.

Kind regards Lisa Gonnet
Schools pastoral care worker
0400994032

ICAS

We have received the student’s results for the Science, Spelling and Writing International Competitions and Assessment for Schools. Congratulations to all of our students who participated in these ICAS challenges. Well done on perhaps stepping out of your comfort zone and testing your learning.

Participation certificates
Eliza Anjith
Isabelle Schaap
Charlotte Tonissen
Thomas Marziale
Bailey Hayes
Abbey Northcott

Merit certificates – Science
Will Baker
Amy Gardner

Merit certificate – Writing
Michaela Tonissen

Credit certificate – Science
Chloe Jones

Credit certificates – Spelling
Amy Gardner
Tayla Lewis
Amy Shelly

Credit certificates – Writing
Lauren Borgmeyer
Will Baker
Amy Shelly
Amy Gardner
Chloe Jones
Holly Rook

Congratulations Chloe, Amy Gardner, Tayla, Amy Shelly, Lauren, Will and Holly on your Credit certificates. Great results and you should feel rightfully proud of yourselves.

Chris Minney

Legacy

Legacy Week is a time when Legacy sells its iconic badges and other merchandise to raise funds for the vital work it does for families of veterans. Legacy Week is always the first week of September and has been held since World War II.

We have Legacy badges, wrist bands, pens & keyrings ranging from $2 - $5 for sale at the front office.
The Sport Catch Up

Golf Tournament
We had 7 keen golfers participate in the Hamilton District Primary School Golf Tournament yesterday. Well done to Lauren Borgmeyer, Libby Fox, Rafael Gaio, Abbey Northcott, Hugh Mailes, Keely Burland & Molly O’Brien who represented our school wonderfully. A very big thank you to Clint Northcott, Taryn Borgmeyer and Mark O’Brien who supported the kids! A full report will come next week.

Swimming Program 2017
We are excited to announce our Swimming Program for 2017! The Preps, Grade Ones and Grade Twos will be swimming at HILAC from Monday 30th October to Friday 3rd November. Their swimming program will run for 5 days and will be completed in half an hour time slots from 1.00pm to 2.30pm.

This year the Grade 3-6 students will be using the facilities at Monivae. We are excited to be using such a wonderful facility that is so close to our school. Removing bus costs will allow us to run a 10 day program at a similar cost to previous years. The lessons will be run by three fully qualified AUSTSWIM teachers who have a Working with Children Check and a CPR Certificate. The students will be placed into three levels and will be learning to exit and enter water safely, stroke techniques including survival strokes, water safety skills and water rescue skills. The students will undergo a brief assessment on day one to ensure they are in correct levels. They will then be moved throughout the program should they complete their current level, providing there is room in next level. If not, the student will be challenged in their current level.

The Grade 3/4s will swim from the 13th November to Friday 24th November. Their swimming program will run for 10 days and will be completed in 45 minute time slots from 11.30am-1.30pm. The Grade 5/6s will swim from the 27th November to Friday 8th December. Their swimming program will run for 10 days and will be completed in 45 minute time slots from 11.30am-1.30pm.

The Swimming Carnival for the Grade 3-6 students will be held on Friday 15th December (Monday 18th December Back Up Day) at the Hamilton Outdoor Pool from 11.30am-2.30pm.

Further information and costs will be sent home to each Grade level in Term Four.

FOOTY COLOURS DAY.
Thank you everyone for supporting Footy Colours Day, today. What a great time we all had together. I would like again to thank our many Businesses who sponsored today through Prizes, Vouchers and Donations.

Hugh and Imogen Fitzgerald

Book Fair—Escape to Everywhere

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Accurate Clothing, AFL Western District, Alexandra House, Beattie’s Newagency, Blue Malt Restaurant, Botanical Motel, Bull Rush, Cafe Gray, Caledonian Hotel, Chris Kebabs, Commercial Hotel, Hamilton Spectator, Henriz, Home Hardware - Permewans, Kings Bakery, Robinsons Sportscene, Roxburgh House, Slade’s Newsagency, Sportspower, Subway, Target, Tosca Browns and Toyworld.

Next week I will list the winners for the events and Raffles.

Have a great weekend and enjoy Father’s Day, Dad’s.