Dear Parents, Carers, Staff, Students and Friends,

There is great excitement as students, staff and parents work together to ensure that everything is ready for our biannual art show next week. I am looking forward to seeing the creative genius of our students with the help and support of Shelley Waters. I have had a sneak peek at a few art pieces which brought a smile to my face. All welcome next Thursday at 6.30pm for the official opening! Please see the attached flyer for more details of the night.

Thanks for a great week!
God bless you! ☺

Jo-Anne

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**Important Dates**

**SEPTEMBER**
- 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
- Wed 20th: Expo meeting @ 6.30pm
- School Council @ 7.00pm TBC
- 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 4th
- Fri 27th: Mission Day!
Advance notice:
- Fri 27th Oct  Mission Day
- Tues 12th Dec  Transition day – all students
- Fri 15th Dec  Swimming Carnival

Attachments:
- Mini Modern Masters flyer
- A Sparkling Christmas Expo – Celebrating 25 years!

Grade 3/4 Camp
A very excited group of campers headed off yesterday morning – rugged up and armed with raincoats – to enjoy their overnight to Port Fairy and Warrnambool. Can’t wait to hear all about their fun and learning when they return this afternoon!

New student
This week we welcome Oliver Winnell to our Prep class. We hope Oliver and his family have settled in and enjoyed their first week at St Mary’s.

Cyber Safety
DO YOU HAVE SMARTPHONES, TABLETS, COMPUTERS, OTHER DEVICES AT YOUR HOUSE?
DO YOUR CHILDREN USE THEM?
DO THEY KNOW MORE ABOUT THEM THAN YOU?
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 3.40 – 5.00pm.

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.

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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
6/9/2017  Cass Young
13/09/2017 Volunteer Needed
20/09/2017 Cass Young

Please note that if there are no parent volunteers there will be no lunch orders available on that day. Can Parents please remember to place lunch orders in brown paper bags

Uniform Shop
Opening times: Every Monday 3.15 – 3.45pm
From Monday 18th September
Purchases can be made by attending the Uniform Shop or by placing an order with payment at the front office. EFTPOS available.

Thanks to Rebecca Hill, Kristi Lewis, Anna Osborne and Cass Young for volunteering to support families by opening the uniform shop each week.
Our School Advisory Council will discuss the outcome of the recent survey at our next meeting.

Pastoral Care
Hello, this week we begin looking at helping our children to build their confidence, this will take us to the end of term.

Mateo’s story
Mateo really likes football but he’s not sure about playing with the local team. He thinks: “I’m not as good as the other children are. What if they don’t pass the ball to me? What if I drop it?” Mateo often stops himself from having a go at new things. He doesn’t want to look silly. He would rather let others go first so he can watch what they do. At school when the teacher asks him a question he often says, “I don’t know,” even if he does know the answer. Mateo doesn’t want to
get things wrong. When he makes a mistake on his homework he gives up and says, “I can’t do it.” His parents want him to try. “You’ve got to have a go,” his dad says, “otherwise, how will you learn?” Children who lack confidence in their abilities sometimes try to avoid even having a go at some things. This can get frustrating for parents and carers. It can also stop children from developing the skills they need to tackle tasks confidently.

How confidence develops
For most children, starting school means spending more time on learning and less on play. It also means more expectations of them – from parents, carers, school staff and also from themselves.

Primary school children typically start out with high expectations. When they see how well they do things compared to others, their view of their own abilities often changes. They learn that they are good at some things and not so good at others. They also see how other children and school staff respond to what they do. These things influence children’s confidence in their abilities. They also influence how willing they are to have a go in situations where they feel unsure.

How parents and carers can help
Confidence improves through building on small successes. Parents and carers (and school staff) can help by:

- explaining to children that skills develop with practice
- encouraging children to persist when they don’t succeed straight away
- praising effort, persistence and improvement
- making sure that goals are achievable by breaking down large tasks or responsibilities into small steps
- being ready to help when necessary, without taking over.

Encouraging children to have a go and valuing individual improvement support children’s confidence.

Again I hope this is of interest, and will continue over the next two weeks. Please feel free to make contact should you need to on 0400994032.

Kind regards Lisa Gonnet
Schools pastoral care worker
0400994032

**Mint Modern Masters**
Talented local artist and former St. Mary’s parent Julie Donehue has very kindly donated one of her paintings as this year’s Art Show raffle prize. We thank Julie so much for her generous donation. Tickets are available from the office and on the opening night for $2 each. ‘Georgie’s Boab’ is on display in the foyer near the office.

**The Sport Catch Up**

**Golf Tournament**
Last Thursday 7 of the 5/6s represented St Mary’s at a Golf Tournament at Parklands Golf Club. We all did really well with Molly O’Brien and Lauren Borgmeyer going on to the next level. We wish them all the best in Warrnambool on the 13th of November. Here are all of the girls’ scores. Libby Fox had a score of 73. Lauren Borgmeyer had a score of 71. Molly O’Brien had a score of 62. Abbey Northcott had a score of 79. Keely Burland had a score of 80. It was a 9 hole course. Luckily we were in the front 9. Luckily the weather held up and it was nice and sunny for us. We had a ripper of a day. Thank you to Andy Clark for organising the magnificent day.

On Thursday 31st of August some of the Grade 5/6s were invited to go to Parklands Golf Course and participate in a competition to represent our school. In the end Hugh’s final score was 79 and Rafael’s was 72, which wasn’t enough to make it to the next league in Warrnambool. In the end we won a bet against Lauren and Keely, about who would get the lowest score, and they had to give us a big Mars Bar. Overall we had a lot of fun.

**Saturday Netball**
We will have an Under 13s team and an Under 11s team in the Saturday morning netball competition, which gets underway on Saturday 14th October. The Under 11s team will be a combination of Good Shepherd and St Mary’s students, which will be a wonderful partnership. Thank you to Suzi O’Brien, Shauna Beattle, Kris Fox, Ayva Jones and Jemma White who have offered their support and assistance. Also thank you to the co-coordinator Bianca Crawford, who ensured our junior players didn’t miss out this season. We look forward to a wonderful season of netball. Information notes and consent forms have gone home today.

**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 the 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.

**Walk to School month**

This year we are participating in the Walk to School month in October. It encourages primary school children to walk, ride or scoot to and from school throughout October, to help them get the 60 minutes of physical activity they need each day. Last year we had an outstanding Walk to School month! Similar to last year we will have a “Walking Group” meeting at the Ballarat Road School Crossing from 8:20am, that will depart for school from there at 8:40am each morning during October. We will begin this the first day of Term Four, we hope to see lots of St Mary’s kids safely walking, riding or scooting to and from school in October. If you are unable to walk to/from school each day for any reason (e.g. bus travellers) but would still like to join in the fun, we will be offering an oval walk/run during selected lunchtimes in October.

**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 $622*

**FOOTY COLOURS DAY**

*We raised $622*

**The COLOURING IN**

_Prep_ Runner Up was Greta Farley and the WINNER was Pippa Raymond, she received a Shopkins Gift donated by Toyworld.

_Grade 1/2_ Runner Up was Charlie Young and the WINNER was Jobe Dunn, he received a Yo-Kai Watch donated by Toyworld.

_Grade 3/4_ Runner Up was Isabelle Schapp and the WINNER was Griet Rowe, she received a Bull Rush Beanie.

_Grade 5/6_ Runner Up was Sienna Maddocks and the WINNER was Chloe Jones, she received a Billabong Purse donated by Accurate Clothing.

**The LONGEST KICK**

_Prep_ Grade 1/2 Winner was Jobe Dunn, he kicked 23.23m. Jobe received Play Doh Set donated by Toyworld.

_Grade 3/4_ Winner was Hugh Fitzgerald, he kicked 24.43m. I received a PacMan donated by Toyworld.

_Grade 5/6_ Winner was Sienna Maddocks, she kicked 19.60m. Sienna received Footy Socks donated by Sportspower.

**Dad/Special Person** Winner was Matt Dunn, he kicked 33.83m. Matt received Footy Socks donated by Robinson’s Sportscene.

**The HANDBALL COMP**

_Prep_ Winner Eva with 22 points, _Grade 1_ Winner Connor with 17 points, _Grade 2_ Winner Jobe with 27 points. Jobe being the overall winner received a Stationary Set donated by Toyworld.

_Grade 3_ Winner Jack S with 24 points, _Grade 4_ Winner Jack R 19 points. Jack S being the overall winner received a Monopoly Game donated by Toyworld.

_Grade 5_ Winner Emily 13 points. _Grade 6_ Winner Keely 15 points. Keely being the overall winner received a Bull Rush Beanie.

**Dad/Special Person** Winner Matt Dunn 24 points received 2 coffee mugs, beanie and stubby holders donated by Home Hardware - Permeans.

**RAFFLE WINNERS**

1ST Botanical Lunch & Coffee for 2 - John Sharrock
2ND Blue Matt $50 Voucher - Sophie Kullboer
3RD Target $50 Voucher - Helen O’Brien
4TH Beatties NewsA $50 Voucher - Helen O’Brien
5TH Beatties NewsA $50 - Sherree Gallagher
6TH Commercial Hotel $30 Voucher - Fr Paddy
7TH Chris’s Kebabs $30 Voucher - Xander Densley
8TH Tosca Browns $25 Voucher - John Sharrock
9TH Henriz Cafe $20 Voucher - Tania Stevens
10TH Alexandra House $20 Voucher - Imogen Fitz.

Thanks again for all your support.

Let’s do it again next year.

Hugh and Imogen Fitzgerald