Jesus tells us that people who want to belong to God's kingdom and help it spread will try to act with God's heart. People of God try not to judge others, try to give them a chance, never give up on them and always think that they are worth our love because God loves them. Kingdom people never close their hearts to anyone, even if they hurt us.

Lord Jesus, grant us hearts full of gratitude for our blessings and may we have a spirit of generosity towards others.

In your name we pray.
Amen

Dear Parents, Carers, Staff, Students and Friends,

And just as the weather begins to improve it is time for enjoying the holidays!

Thanks for the amazing contribution you have all made to our school community during term 3. We have had many great things to celebrate including Grandparents Day, Footy with our special blokes, Book Week parade and Art Show!

A lot of tired eyes this week – ready for a good rest. Our Junior students are especially exhausted after their big day out! Great job Junior staff for organising visits to the Pastoral Museum and Ansett Museum followed by Prep and Grade 1 late stay and Grade 2 sleepover!

Looking forward to term 4 – sunny days, celebrating fantastic learning growth and Christmas Expo!

Thanks for a great term! God bless you! @ Jo-Anne

IMPORTANT DATES

OCTOBER
Mon 9th
Fri 13th
Tues 24th
Wed 25th
Thurs 26th
Fri 27th

Start of Term 3!
Regional aths
Hoop Time Regional
School Council @ 7.00pm
Spelling Comp @ W'bool
Mission Day!

Mon 30th – Fri 3rd

P/1/2 Swimming program @ HILAC

NOVEMBER
Thurs 2nd
Mon 6th
Tues 7th
Mon 13th – Fri 24th

Expo Safety briefing @ 6.00pm
Pupil free day – staff Curriculum Day
Public holiday – Melbourne Cup
Gr 3/4 Swimming @ Monivae pool

Tues 14th
Mon 27th – Fri 8th

Hoop time Regional seniors
Gr 5/6 Swimming @ Monivae pool

Wed 29th
SAC meeting @ 7.00pm
Advance notice:
- Fri 27th Oct  Mission Day
- Mon 6th Nov  Pupil free day
- Tues 12th Dec  Transition day – all students
- Fri 15th Dec  Swimming Carnival

Attachments:
- OSH Club Hamilton Spring Holiday Program
- Water Wizards Newsletter

School Uniform
With the warmer comes our summer uniform! Students are able to wear the correct summer uniform for the start of term. Please note that if the weather is cooler winter uniform may be worn. The school uniform shop is open every Monday from 3.15 – 3.45pm if you need to shop. And a reminder that school hats must be worn during term 4.

Congratulations
Xavier Wilson was very excited to announce the arrival of a baby brother this week. Congratulations on the arrival of Tyler!

Farewell
This week we farewell Alabama and Lochlann Bianchin from St Mary’s as they move back to Canada. We wish them the very best in their move and hope that they continue to be great young people.

Best Wishes
John Healy is taking some long service leave at the start of next term and will return in time for week 2. Enjoy your break John! Debbie Hadden, our crossing supervisor and school cleaner, is also taking some leave for the first half of term. Debbie, we hope your time is restful and enjoyable.

Parish News

MASS TIMES – 2017

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Assembly
Assemblies are held every second Friday starting at 2.40pm.
Our next assembly will be Friday 20th October
All welcome!

Canteen Roster
11/10/2017  Jen Taylor
18/10/2017  Volunteer needed
25/10/2017  Volunteer needed

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.

ART SHOW RAFFLE
A big thank you to Julie Donehue for the donation of one of her own pieces ‘Georgie’s Boab’ for our biannual Art Show.

The winner of the 2017 St Mary’s Art Show raffle is:
Simone Turnbull

A Sparkling Christmas Expo.
Celebrating 25 years!
Spread the news and come along, sparkle and be a part of the celebration!
We have great news!!! The roles of Team Leader for the Gourmet Gifts stall and Café/Kitchen stall have been filled.
This year Claire Nailon has taken on the role of Team Leader for the Gourmet Gift Stall and Helen Grego has taken on the Café/Kitchen Team Leader role. The Christmas Expo Committee and Team Leaders join with our school community in sincerely thanking both
Our Christmas Expo Committee is, however, still looking for Team Leaders to co-ordinate the sale of ride wristbands. If you would like to volunteer for this role, please contact our school office as soon as possible. Our Christmas Expo Committee look forward to hearing from you and they, and previous Team Leaders, will support you should you choose to take on this role. A brief role description can be found below.

**Rides Team Leader Role –**
The Rides for this year have been booked and are supervised by the owner of the Rides and his staff. The Team Leader role is to promote the sale of wristbands prior to Christmas Expo in and beyond our school community and to be present and co-ordinate a small team of volunteers to sell the wristbands at our Christmas Expo.

Our Christmas Expo committee will support you in this role.

**Gift Baskets/Boxes** - One Gift Basket/Box to fill has been sent home to each family this week.

Team Leader Karren has included a letter of explanation with each Gift Basket/Box. If you haven’t received your Gift Basket/Box or would like a second one, please contact our school office. We hope you have fun filling your Gift Basket or Box with goodies over the holidays for others to give to family and friends for Christmas. Return your Gift Basket/Box to school as soon as it is ready. The Gift Baskets/Boxes is a very popular stall – the more we have the more we can sell!! Karren thank you for preparing the Gift Baskets/ Boxes to go home.

**Raffle Books** – (Team Leader Kellie) A raffle book will be sent home to each family early next term. There are great prizes to be won, so we encourage you to encourage others to purchase a ticket for the chance to win.

**Second Hand Book Stall** – Team Leader Naomi encourages everyone to spend some time over these school holidays clearing out your bookshelves and to send along to school any books you no longer need or want, that you think someone else may enjoy. These books can be left at our school office. Team Leader Naomi will collect them from there. Naomi and her team of helpers will prepare them for resale.

**Gourmet Gifts** – Our wonderful cooks will commence the cooking of delicious treats for this popular stall very soon. We would like to let the cooks from previous years know that the dried fruit has arrived and is available. The fruit, in 1kg bags, can be picked up from our school office when you are ready to start baking. If you have any questions or queries, please contact the school. **And...** if any of you would like to cook/bake for this stall this year we would love to hear from you. You can pre-order a Christmas Cake or Pudding. Please leave your name and details at our school office. Thank you Team Leader Claire for taking on this role this year, our 25th!

If you have any questions regarding our Christmas Expo please contact our school office or any member of our Christmas Expo Committee. (Vickie Button, Suzi O’Brien, Marie McDonald, Erika Murphy, Tamara Milne, Kerry Stevens and Jo-Anne Bond)

Our next Christmas Expo meeting will be held in our school meeting room at 6.30p.m. on Monday, 16th October, 2017.

**How to read to children and have them listen**

A workshop with Claire Jennings

Wednesday October 18th
At the Hamilton Library from 2-3.30pm or 4-5.30pm
Afternoon tea from 3.30-4.00pm

- The importance of reading to young children (early brain development, how children become good readers when they have been read to from birth)
- What is the reading process? (in terms of young children learning to becomes good readers – reading for meaning)
- Criteria for selecting good books for reading aloud to young children. Samples will be used to see what these qualities are.
- Read aloud strategies. Things we need to do to engage young listeners. We will then trial this by reading aloud in pairs using the criteria.
- Each participant to bring along a book they would choose to read to young children (we will then check the criteria from the workshop to see if their choices meet these criteria)
- Handouts will be supplied for participants to refer to after the training session

RSVP by Oct. 10th, to Shirley Gregory by email on Gregory.shirley.d@gmail.com

OR add your name to the list in the library

**Woolworths Earn and Learn 2017**

St Mary’s has been participating Woolworths Earn & Learn. The program has now finished for this year, so a big thanks to everyone who supported our school. We have collected 172 completed sticker sheets. This equals $103,200 worth of groceries the St Mary’s community has bought in that period. Well done! We will then be able to get new educational equipment for our school.
**THE SPORT CATCH UP**

**MONIVAE HOCKEY 2017 - 'IT'S A WRAP!'

Monivae Hockey had several St Mary's students represented. In Division 4, Monivae had Charlotte Tonissen, Amy Shelly and Lauren Borgmeyer. They had a very tough season but they did have one win - Well done girls.

In Division 5, we had two teams and they both had a great season. Monivae Knights made it to the Preliminary Final but unfortunately they were defeated. The team members were Isabelle Schaap, Griet Rowe, Will Baker, Jono Beattie, Chloe Wormald and Joseph Wormald. Well done team - great effort.

The other team was the Monivae Cavaliers and they made it to the Semi Finals and the team was Michaela Tonissen, Warrick Tonissen, Sam Walsh, Callum Hill, Jacob Hill and Chase Turnbull. Well done team.

Also Ms Tania Stevens and Ms Shauna Beattie played for Monivae Saints. They had a great season and their team came Runner's Up for B Grade. Huge effort ladies.

CONGRATULATIONS must go to Michaela Tonissen for winning 'Most Improved' and Sam Walsh for winning the 'Coaches Award' for Monivae Cavaliers - Div 5.

The St Mary's students had a great season and they will be looking forward to the 2018 hockey season.

*Kylie Tonissen*

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**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.

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**GREATER HAMILTON LIBRARY SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAM**

**MOVIE/ CRAFT**

Wednesday 27th Sept @1:15pm Cinema Foyer
Make an Emoji Spinner
PLUS special showing of ‘Emoji Movie’ @2:00pm
Cost $8.50 per person. Limited tickets available. Purchase at the Library before Tuesday 26th Sept.

**INK ART**

Monday 2nd October 11:00am @Library
Explore the dynamic reactions of alcohol inks and create an amazing artwork to take home.
Ages 6+ COST $5.00 per child Bookings essential

**ANIMAL WRAP**

Wednesday 4th October 1:00pm@Library
We take a look at book “Go Home Cheeky Animals”. Following a look at the book we will do the ‘Animal Wrap’ and create our own wacky animals using the wrap technique