Dear Parents, Carers, Staff, Students and Friends,

Students and staff have been preparing for our annual Mission Day next Friday, 27th October. Mission Day is one of the really special days on our school calendar where we all come together as a community to raise awareness and money for those in need.

We invite you to join us for our prayer liturgy starting at 11.30am followed by FUNdraising stalls and activities. Make sure you bring along your gold coins to join in.

We hope that our understanding of ‘mission’ will be nurtured and that we will be encouraged and supported to live as Christ challenges us.

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

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“... for I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, I was naked and you gave me clothing, I was sick and you took care of me, I was in prison and you visited me... anything you did for any of my people, you also did for me.”

Matt 25: 35 – 36, 40

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**IMPORTANT DATES**

**OCTOBER**
- Tues 24th: Hoop Time Regional
- Wed 25th: School Council @ 7.00pm
- Thurs 26th: Spelling Comp @ W’bool
- Fri 27th: **Mission Day!**
- Mon 30th: Expo meeting @ 6.30pm
- Mon 30th – Fri 3rd: P/1/2 Swimming program @ HILAC

**NOVEMBER**
- Thurs 2nd: Expo Safety briefing @ 7.00pm
- Mon 6th: Pupil free day – staff Curriculum Day
- Tues 7th: Public holiday – Melbourne Cup
- Mon 13th – Fri 24th: Gr 3/4 Swimming @ Monivae pool
- Tues 14th: Hoop time Regional seniors
Advance notice:
- Tues 12th Dec  Transition day – all students
- Fri 15th Dec  Swimming Carnival

Mission Day

- A note containing details of our Mission Day was sent home with students during the week.
- Each grade is involved in running stalls and activities which raise money and provide lots of fun for everyone.
- The money raised is forwarded to Catholic Missions, who work to assist disadvantaged communities throughout the world.
- A reminder that BBQ orders need to be returned by Wednesday 25th October. Everyone is welcome to join us for our day of activities.
- Feel free to bring along grandparents and friends – and your gold coins!

Outline of the day
11.30am - 12.15pm  Liturgy – Learning Street.
12.15pm - 1.45pm  Stalls!
1.45pm - 2.20pm  Clean up
2.40pm - 3.15pm  Assembly

School Uniform
By now all students should be in their correct summer uniform. A reminder that this includes black school shoes – sneakers are only to be worn on sports days.

2018 Planning
News this week that Sherree Gallagher and Annie Forrest are leaving St Mary’s and the Hamilton area to explore life further! We are very sad to see both Sherree and Annie leave our school but wish them the very best in their transitions. We will thank them for their contributions towards the end of the year.

Our other news is that our Prep enrolment for 2018 has allowed us to introduce a second Prep class. Today we begin the advertising process for two classroom teachers. If you are aware of anyone who would be interested in joining our teaching team please pass the information on to them.

ACER – ICT testing
Our school has been randomly selected to participate in the ACER – ICT testing program which has a focus on students in Grade 6. Those students who are involved are bringing home a note with further details today. If you have any queries or concerns regarding this information please contact Jo-Anne or John Healy

Numeracy Testing
The week beginning Monday 11th December will be used by teachers to conduct numeracy testing with all students while they are at school learning. During the week classes will be supported by our non-classroom teaching staff.

Our program for this week is currently being planned and will provide all students with a range of different learning opportunities and experiences that we hope will result in wonderful engagement, fun and learning. A great deal of emphasis is being placed on the learning to be gained during the week – even though it is the last week of school!

If your child is not going to be at school during this week please let Chris Minney know as soon as possible so that we have the opportunity to complete their testing at another time.

Uniform Shop
We are very grateful to Kristy Lewis, Anna Osborne, Rebecca Hill and Cass Young who volunteer to open the Uniform Shop each Monday afternoon.

Our School Council are still following up on the survey which was sent out last term, with the majority of respondents in favour of us investigating the option of having the uniform available through a local business.

St Mary’s Primary School
Hamilton

Classroom teacher

Applications are invited from suitably experienced persons for two full time, fixed term positions of Classroom Teacher to commence on Monday 27th January 2018 to Friday 31st December 2018. This is a Teacher Category position under the Victorian Catholic Education Multi Enterprise Agreement 2013 with remuneration subject to a salary assessment.

The successful applicant will have a demonstrated commitment to Catholic education and to the safety and wellbeing of children.

The successful applicant will possess the skills and abilities necessary to provide students with a rich and rewarding educational experience and will embrace a collegial, team-based approach to teaching and learning.

The successful applicant will be appropriately qualified, demonstrate enthusiasm and ability to deliver the appropriate curriculum to a range of educational abilities, and be able to provide care and support for students whilst supporting and respecting the ethos of the school and its environment.

The successful applicant will hold Victorian Institute of Teaching Registration.

How to apply:

A detailed position description and application requirements are available by accessing the School website at www.mthamilton.catholic-edu.au or by contacting the school office on 5551 9000 or principal@mthamilton.catholic-edu.au

Applications should include a personal letter, current resume, document addressing the selection criteria and completed application form.

Applications close: Friday 10th November

This school community promotes the safety, wellbeing and inclusion of all children.
Parish News

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Assembly

Assemblies are held every second Friday starting at 2.40pm.

Our next assembly will be Friday 3rd November.

All welcome!

Canteen Roster

25/10/2017 Cass Young
01/11/2017 Jen Taylor
08/11/2017 Volunteer needed

Please note that 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

Purchases can be made by attending the Uniform Shop or by placing an order with payment at the front office. EFTPOS available.

A Sparkling Christmas Expo.

Celebrating 25 years!

Our St. Mary’s Christmas Expo is our annual community event & major fundraiser.

This year’s Christmas Expo will be our 25th event and will be held on Saturday, 2nd December, 2017 at the Hamilton Performing Arts Centre (P.A.C.) in Brown Street.

Our Team Leaders for our Sparkling 25th Christmas Expo!

Advertising/Sponsorship and Auction – Rhys Colliton
- Parade – Shauna Beattie
- Traders – Monique Sobey
- O. H. & S. – Andrew Borgmeyer
- Decoration – Erika Murphy
- Raffle – Kellie White
- Barbeque – Mel and Julian Gardner
- Gift Baskets/Boxes – Karren Ewing
- Second-hand Books – Naomi Walsh
- Café – Helen Grego
- Gourmet Gifts – Claire Nailon
- Santaland – Rachel Rowe

Each Team leader will have a group of willing helpers to support them before and on the day. Everyone is encouraged to be involved.

So, this is where you come in. You are invited to be a part of this wonderful annual event.

- The Family Volunteer - This form was sent home last week, formally asking your family would be willing to assist. There are many ways you can share your gifts and talents and your involvement/participation/contribution, no matter how big or small, will be greatly appreciated. Please think about how you will be able to take part, fill in the Family Volunteer form and return it as soon as possible, Friday, 3rd November, 2017.
- Gourmet Gifts Stall – We are asking for donations of Christmas fare - shortbread, biscuits, Rocky Road, Coconut Ice, jam, sauces, chutneys, pickles etc., Or flour, sherry, cranberries, white chocolate, pistachios and items that our cooks can use to create edible gifts.
- Café – We will be asking for donations for this stall in our Christmas Expo newsletter following our next meeting. Look out for that request.
- Gift Baskets/Boxes – You are encouraged to return your Gift Basket or Box as soon as you have filled it.
- Raffle books – A raffle book will be sent home to each family very soon.
- Advertising – Keep an eye for our new look poster!
- Second-Hand Books Stall – Preloved books in good condition can be left at our school office.
- Rides – Wristbands will be on sale soon at our school office. We will let you know when they will be available.

If you have any questions or require any further information regarding our 25th Christmas Expo, please make contact either in person, by telephone on 55519000 or send an email to expo@smhamilton.catholic.edu.au.

Together, let’s make this year’s event a memorable one!
PASTORAL CARE
Hello again, another week and what beautiful weather, puts a smile on your face doesn’t it. This week we continue with the Happiness article by Andrew Fuller.

How to be Happy
4. Increase the closeness of extended family. Keeping in close contact with your family gives you a support base for difficult times and also strengthens your sense of where you come from. Feeling you belong in a family is a powerful way of being happy.
5. Play to your strengths. Have a good long hard look at yourself. What are you good at? Make a commitment to develop your skills, talents and abilities as much as you can. If you don’t develop your own unique talents the world misses out.
6. Seek out groups that most strongly value what you have to offer. Finding the niche where your abilities are valued is the basis of success.

I wish you a happy week.

Kind regards Lisa Gonnet
Schools pastoral care worker
0400994032

THE SPORT CATCH UP

Regional Athletics
Hugh Fitzgerald and Grace Cleaver wonderfully represented the Hamilton District last Friday at the Regional Athletics in Ballarat. Hugh gave his events his all despite a slip and a stumble, which have made him even more determined to make it back to Regional Athletics next year. Well done on reaching this level of competition Hugh! Grace achieved an amazing result in her fiercely contested hurdles race and made it through to State Athletics in Melbourne!! Well done Grace, you should be very proud of yourself on this wonderful achievement!!

Walk to School
Keep up the passionate enthusiasm for Walk to School month! We still have two weeks to go!! Don’t forget to keep ticking your Walk to School class posters!! Thank you for your support with this wonderful VicHealth initiative.

HoopTime
The Grade 3/4 All Star Girls will compete in the Regional Finals here in Hamilton on Tuesday 24th October. We wish them all the very best for the day and thank all the parents involved in scoring and coaching, especially Matt Dunn. Good luck girls!!

Milo T20 Blast Cup
Interested Grade 5/6 students will be attending the T20 Blast Cup (Kanga 8s) on Friday 10th November from 9.30am - 2.30pm. Information and permission notes will come home soon about this. If you are interested in coaching a team please let Miss Couchman know.

Swimming
Our Swimming Program will be underway in a few weeks with the Prep/One/Twos swimming in Week Four (30th Oct-4th Nov) at HILAC. Information and permission notes will be coming home next week regarding their lessons. Thank you to all the families who promptly returned their permission notes and those families who have offered their help during this week. We will send home a helper roster next week!
The Grade 3/4s swim in Weeks 6 and 7 (13th Nov-24th Nov) at Monivae. Then the Grade 5/6s swim in Weeks 8 and 9 (27th Nov-8th Dec), also at Monivae. Information notes will be coming home soon regarding their lessons.

WDHS Mural
Today a group of six students from the senior area of our school were lucky enough to participate in the painting of a community mural at The Allied Health Building at WDHS. The project was organised and directed by local artist Jasmine Mansbridge. This proved to be a great opportunity for the students and plenty of fun as well! Take some time to check out the finished product in a week or so.

Shelley

Hamilton Golf Club – Golf Lessons
Sunday 12th November
- Children’s Introduction to Golf 9:30am to 10:20am. Cost: $7.50
- Introduction to Golf for beginners & non handicappers 10:30am to 11:20am. Cost: $15
- Short Game Lesson 11:30am to 12:30pm Brush up on your chipping and putting with a group session. Cost: $15

Equipment will be supplied for lessons. Bookings are essential as there are limited numbers for each of the groups. Contact Hamilton Golf Club – Phone: 55712644