Dear Parents, Carers, Staff, Students and Friends,

We are set for a big day to mark our efforts to support the work of Catholic Mission. We have had a major focus on teaching the students about the ‘why’ aspect of raising money to give meaning and context to their efforts. Teachers in each area of the school worked with their students on one principle of Catholic social teaching and linked their activities for Mission Day to the learning which took place. Today is a great opportunity for our school community to make a difference – not only to those whose life is hard but also to ourselves. In raising our awareness, understanding and a few dollars we hopefully make our world a better place.

Many, many thanks to all families for your support of our efforts, your generosity in providing items and materials for the activities and for supporting the students’ fundraising efforts. You are marvellous!

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

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THE FACE OF GOD – ANDREW CHINN

IMPORTANT DATES

OCTOBER
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
Wed 8th  Prep 2018 Transition 9.00 – 11.00am
Expo meeting @ 6.30pm
Mon 13th – Fri 24th  Gr 3/4 Swimming @ Monivae pool
Mon 13th  Expo meeting @ 6.30pm
Tues 14th  Prep 2018 Transition 9.00 – 11.30am
Hoop time Regional seniors
Prep 2018 Parent Meeting @ 7.00pm
Fri 17th  PSG meetings
Mon 27th – Fri 8th  Gr 5/6 Swimming @ Monivae pool
Wed 29th  SAC meeting @ 7.00pm
Advance notice:
- Tues 12th Dec  Transition day – all students
- Fri 15th Dec  Swimming Carnival

Attachments:
- ICT testing (Gr 6s only)

Lost Property
The lost property basket is overflowing with hundreds of dollars – all in the shape of misplaced jumpers, jackets, containers… Please take a moment to see if any of them belong at your place. Please also ensure that all belongings that are removable have a name on them!

2018 Planning
If you are aware of anyone who would be interested in joining our teaching team please pass the information regarding the two classroom teacher vacancies on to them.

Arrangements for the end of the 2017 school year:
Monday 11th December to Thursday 14th December
MAI testing during class time
Thursday 21st December  Last day of classes
Last day for staff

Arrangements for the beginning of 2018:
Monday 29th January  Staff day
Tuesday 30th January  Literacy assessments
Wednesday 31st January  Literacy assessments
Thursday 1st February  First day of classes

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.

A few reminders
- Please make sure you look over your right shoulder as you are leaving the drop off/pick up zone. There have been a few close calls lately.
- Please park if your child is not ready in the pick up area and you are holding up the rest of the line.
- Adults are not to stop and get out of the car in the pick up/drop off zone. If your child needs assistance please park.
- Please show extra awareness and patience at the Ballarat Road intersection at the end of the day. At times the difficulty in viewing oncoming traffic and the volume of traffic can be a distraction to exiting Hiller Lane. A solution for you could be to exit left out of our driveway instead of right.

Western District Spelling Competition
Well done to our Spelling Team who travelled to Warrnambool last night to compete in this competition: Jack Roberts, Olivia Houlihan, Bailey Hayes, Amy Shelly, Amy Goss, and Damon Taylor. Olivia Houlihan performed well in her written task and made it to the stage for the oral component!

A big thank you to Lisa Schurmman for her coordination of this activity and for supporting the students. Thanks also to the parents for helping their children to prepare and for getting them there for the event.

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 29th January 2018 to Friday 21st 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 candidate 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.mhhamilton.catholic.edu.au or by contacting the school office on 5551 1000 or principal@mhhamilton.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

MASS TIMES – 2017

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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

01/11/2017  Jen Taylor
08/11/2017  Volunteer needed
15/11/2017  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

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.

This year’s theme is ‘A Sparkling Christmas Expo – Celebrating 25 Years!’

As a valued member of this community you are encouraged to become involved. This year’s Christmas Expo. Committee and Team Leaders welcome and need your support both before this event and on the day. They are only too happy to share their experience and will answer any questions you may have about our annual Christmas Expo.

- **The Family Volunteer** - This form was sent home, a fortnight ago, formally asking where your family would be willing to assist. There are many ways you can share your gifts and talents and your involvement and contribution 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.

- **Gift Baskets/Boxes** – You are encouraged to return your Gift Basket or Box as soon as you have filled it.

- **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. 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!

Committee Members and Team Leaders

A gentle reminder –

- Our next meeting will be held next Monday evening, 30th October, 2017, in our school meeting room at 6.30 p.m. Looking forward to seeing you there. If you are unable to attend you are asked to send in your report, on paper or via email or text.

- **And our Safety Briefing Meeting** is this week on Thursday evening, 2nd November, 2017, at St. Mary’s Primary School, commencing at 7 p.m.

Pastoral Care

Good Morning, you will be settled back into school routine by now. Please don’t forget should you need an ear or some support I am available from 8.30, your confidentiality respected.

This week we continue with the Happiness article by Andrew Fuller.

How to be Happy

7. Avoid social groups where your unique
attributes are not valued. Not everyone is going to like you or think you could amount to much. Get used to it. Accept that it is so, and then get out of their way.

8. Live in the dreamtime. Find and follow your passions. Dream big dreams and make a promise to yourself to live a wonderful life.

9. Laugh a lot more. Find people, shows, books, films and situations that make you laugh and surround yourself with them.

We will complete the article next week.

Kind regards Lisa Gonnet
Schools pastoral care worker
0400994032

WINTER APPEAL

On behalf of all at St. Vincent de Paul Society I would like to say a big Thank you to all the Students, Staff and Parents who assisted in any way for our WINTER APPEAL. What a great way to make money with your hot chocolate stall, and then go shopping for items to help the needy and homeless. WELL DONE!

Already some of these items have been passed on and the smiles and thanks I am passing on to you all.
God’s blessing to all

Irene Donne
Hamilton President

THE SPORT CATCH UP

State Athletics- Grace Cleaver
We wish Grace Cleaver all the best for Monday at State Athletics in Melbourne! Grace will be competing in the Hurdles event. This is an absolutely outstanding achievement and all of us here at St Mary’s are incredibly proud, Go Grace!! Thank you to Lisa and Paul for their support of Grace.

Regional Hoop Time
Congratulations to Grade 3/4 All Star Girls who represented St Mary’s wonderfully in the Regional Hoop Time competition on Tuesday. The girls enjoyed some success and improved through the day. Thank you to all the parents who supported the team, especially Casey, Lisa, Kylie and Jo who helped score on the day and Matt for coaching.

Swimming
The Prep/One/Twos swim every day next week (30th Oct-4th Nov) at HILAC. The Preps will have their lesson from 1.00-1.30, then the One/Twos will have their lessons from 1.30-2.00 and 2.00-2.30. Please ensure appropriate bathers, a towel and goggles are packed each day. We encourage the children to wear sports uniform every day to aid with changing after their lesson.

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.

Walk to School
Next week marks the final week of VicHealth’s Walk to School Month! So there is only one week left for your child to record their walks on their class chart. Remember, part way is okay! Thank you for your support with this wonderful VicHealth initiative, which aims to build healthy habits for life.

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.

Saturday Netball
Both our Under 13 and Under 11 teams had wins last week!! The Under 13s are wonderful to watch and you can see the development they have made individually over the year and the development they have made as a team unit. They continue to play a very tight defensive game. Their ball skills and movement across the court are sensational, as is their accurate shooting. I am so proud of each member of this team, they are an incredible group of kids who all display brilliant sportsmanship.

The Under 11s played a vastly improved game to last week. They spread out, made leads in attack and tried hard to stay on their players in defence. Their passes to each other were wonderful as well. From Good Shepherd, Misha and Emily played very well in the wings, Christa was solid in defence and made great play in centre as well. Hannah from Cavendish was very handy in goals. Jayde gave shooting her all, Emily and Chloe were great through the centre court, Sophie did some wonderful rebounding in defence and Bella was so close to scoring a goal on many occasions. The excitement all the kids have for the game is wonderful to watch!