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still commonly known as All Hallows Eve, or Halloween!
So on these holy feast days, and during the month of November, let us remember with love all of those who have died and who hold a special place in our hearts.

Thanks for a great week!
God bless you! ©

Jo-Anne

Advance notice:
• Tues 12th Dec Transition day – all students
• Fri 15th Dec Swimming Carnival

Attachments:
• School fees
• A Sparkling Christmas Expo fundraising flyer
• Free kids holiday Program ‘Superheros’
• Parents & friends Christmas Expo 2017 Raffle
• Diocesan Community newsletter

Pupil Free Day
• A reminder that Monday 6th November is a pupil free day for all students. Staff will be involved in professional learning related to our work as a PLC (Professional Learning Community). The focus for our day will be around increasing our understanding of the essential learnings students require at all levels in the curriculum area of Mathematics.
• This day will be followed by Melbourne Cup which is a public holiday in our Shire.

Mission Day
Well done and thank you to students, parents, staff and friends who contributed to a great Mission Day last Friday. The school was abuzz with positive action to help others! We were thrilled to raise the amazing amount of $1712! This money will be sent to Catholic Mission to support their work with communities in need around our world.

Numeracy Testing
If your child is not going to be at school in the week beginning Monday 11th December please let Chris Minney know as soon as possible so that we have the opportunity to complete their numeracy 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.

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

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 22nd December 2018. This is a Teacher Category position under the Victorian Catholic Education Multi Enterprise Agreement 2018 with remuneration subject to a salary assessment.

The successful applicant will have a demonstrated commitment to Catholic education and to the safety and well being 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.hamilton.catholic.edu.au or by contacting the school office on (03) 5331 9900 or principal@hamilton.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

The 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 17th November.

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.

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.

**School Fees**

The swimming program is now shown on your account. For students in the Prep – Grade 2 area - If you have a HILAC membership and have sent your membership number into the office, **your attendance fee for each day of swimming will be credited off your school fees** once we receive the invoice from HILAC. The credit will also apply to any days that your son/daughter does not attend swimming i.e. due to illness, appointments etc. **No late memberships will be accepted.**

If you have any queries please contact the office. Thank you.

**ICAS**

The student’s results have been received for the final two International Competitions and Assessment for Schools 2017 in Mathematics and English.

Congratulations to all of our students who participated in one, some or all of these ICAS competitions. Well done on taking these challenges on and testing your learning and knowledge.

**Participation certificates**

- Eliza Anjith
- Isabelle Schaap
- Amy Shelly
- Abbey Northcott
- Amy Gardner
- Lauren Borgmeyer

**Merit certificate – Mathematics**

- Chloe Jones

**Credit certificate – English**

- Chloe Jones

**Credit certificates – Mathematics**

- Holly Rook
- Will Baker

Congratulations Chloe, Holly and Will on your Credit certificates. This was a great result for your efforts. You should be proud of these achievements in these tough competitions against many other students.

Thanks again to the students who participated this year. It was wonderful to see some new faces having a go and some other students who have participated for many years.

Information about ICAS for 2018 will be in the school newsletter in first term. If your child is interested please keep your eye out for entry forms, prices and all relevant details.

**Pastoral Care**

Welcome to week four, this week we finish the Happiness article by Andrew Fuller.

**How to be Happy**

10. Have something bigger than yourself to believe in. Think about the contribution you can make while you are on this planet and do it.

11. Love as much as you can and then love some more.

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If anyone has any suggestions of information they would be interested in please feel free to contact me.

Kind regards Lisa Gonnet

Schools pastoral care worker

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**JOKE OF THE WEEK**

Q: Why did the Brainiac eat her homework?
A: Because it was a piece of cake!!

Q: Why are fish so smart?
A: Because they live in schools!

Q: What do you call a cow that jumps on a trampoline?
A: A Milkshake!

Chase Turnbull & Sam Handreck
State Athletics- Grace Cleaver
Well done to Grace for competing in the State Athletics. Grace was in the faster heat for her event and finished 2.12 seconds off the winning time, a great achievement! Congratulations Grace.

Regional Hoop Time
The Grade 5/6 All Star Girls will compete in the Regional Finals here in Hamilton on Tuesday 14th November. We wish them all the very best for the day and thank all the parents involved in scoring and coaching, especially Jo Bowie. Good luck girls!!

Regional Golf
Molly O’Brien and Lauren Borgmeyer will compete in the Regional Golf Tournament in Warrnambool on Monday 13th November. The girls qualified for this event after their great result at the Hamilton District Golf tournament, we wish the two girls all the very best and thank their parents for supporting them.

Swimming
The Prep/One/Twos have just finished a wonderful week of swimming! Thank you to all the parents and guardians for your support with these important lessons, we hope all the children enjoy a rest over the weekend!

Information and Permission notes are coming home today for the Grade 3-6 swimming programs.

Saturday Netball
Our Under 13 and Under 11 teams had wins again last week!
The Under 11s defeated North Hamilton and worked hard to string together some great passages of play up and down the court. They improve each week and are really starting to build an understanding and passion for the game! Hannah Lewis from Cavendish was a standout player this week, her goal shooting was incredibly accurate, but the way she included others was heart-warming to watch. Christa Bunge from Good Shepherd also played a terrific game, by attacking the ball and making great leads.
The Under 13s also defeated North Hamilton and displayed amazing team work. This team is incredible to watch. The shooting abilities of Ellen, Amy Goss and Libby R are incredible. The centre court work by Jasmine, Molly, Libby R and Caitlin is outstanding. Sophie and Chloe defensive pressure is exceptional. The stand out player this week was Klay Collins, who not only played incredible well in defence but then played a remarkably in Centre. Klay skills and netball 'smarts' have greatly improved and it is wonderful to see her confidence shine on court.
This week both teams play at 9.30am.

Walk to School
What an amazing month it’s been! It’s been wonderful to see so many students and their families getting involved by walking, riding and scooting to school, each making a huge difference to their health. So whether you’ve walked once, twice or twenty times, you should be very proud of your achievements. Every walk, ride or scoot matters!
It doesn’t have to stop now though!! A lot of effort has been put in over the last month to increase the number of children actively commuting to school, and we don’t want this to stop here. You can continue utilising our drop off point and encouraging your children to walk the remainder of the way, we really hope this trend can continue to build healthy habits for life.
Thank you to all the amazing teachers who supported Walk to School; Ms Tania Stevens, Mrs Lisa Schurmann, Miss Kerry Stevens and Miss Annie Forrest, we truly appreciate your time and energy!
Thank you also to Ebony Jenkins, the Project Officer at Southern Grampians Glenelg Primary Care Partnership who has organised a $150 Sport Voucher from either Quinn’s Sportspower or Robinsons Sportscene to all participating schools. Ebony and her team have also organised a bike prize for each participating school to be awarded to the either the child who has either recorded the most walks or who the school deems most worthy. We will announce our bike winner in the coming weeks.

FREE Kids’ Holiday Program

Superheroes

Hosted by The Baptist, Presbyterian, Lutheran & CRC Churches of Hamilton

Monday 22nd to Friday 26th January
9:30AM to 12:30PM
Hamilton Baptist Community Church
45-50 Gray St
Prep to Grade 6
For more info, call 0401837747
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