

ST MARY'S PRIMARY SCHOOL



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Newsletter

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Dear Parents, Carers, Staff, Students and Friends,

Each year on 11th November, our community takes time to pause, remember and pay respect to those men and women who have fought and died in war, protecting and preserving our country and its values. Our school captains, Jack and Isabelle, and I attended a Remembrance Ceremony at the cenotaph at Melville Oval, where Jack and Isabelle laid a wreath on our behalf. The rest of the school joined with Monivae to mark the occasion. All our students represented our school beautifully, again showing great respect and reverence. We were incredibly proud of each and every one of them.

Our Christmas Parade is fast approaching – only 3 weeks away! Some information is attached so please read carefully and give how you can help some consideration. Thanks for your continued support of our school!

Thanks for a great week!

Have a restful weekend with the people you love,
Terrielynn

IMPORTANT DATES

November

Week 7

19th November – Prep 2020 Transition Day –
9-12.30 (includes a parent meeting
at 11.30am)

22nd November – Hamilton Carols Festival

Week 8

25th November – 1/2 Team Planning Day

December

Week 9

5th December - Prep Planning Day

6th December - 5/6 Team Planning Day

6th December - Christmas Parade 6-8pm

Week 10

9th December - Dental Van visit

9th December - 3/4 Team Planning Day

10th December - Orientation Day

15th December - End of Year Mass

Week 11

16th December - 3-6 Swimming Carnival @
Monivae

19th December - Last day for students and staff

Attachments

1. Christmas Parade flyer, issue 5
2. Christmas Parade volunteer form

Advance Notice: 2020

28th January – Staff Day

29th January – Literacy Testing

30th January – Literacy Testing

31st January – Staff PD SMART Spelling

3rd February – First Day for Students

Staff PD

28th & 29th November – Principal's Meeting,

Warrnambool - Terrielynn

Prayers

Please keep Tracy Beveridge and her family in your prayers as they mourn the loss of Tracy's mum. Shirley was a great friend of our school over many years.

Child Safety

For more information regarding child safety and to view presentations of the Seven Child Safety Standards you can log on to the following webpage:

<https://ccyp.vic.gov.au/child-safety/resources/videos-presentations/#TOC-1>

Teaching Staff For 2020

We are very pleased to inform you of what our teaching structure will be in 2020.

Positions of Leadership –

- Deputy Principal – Tania Stevens
- RE Leaders – John Healy & Lindy Cullinane
- Learning Diversity Leader – Terrielynn Groves (mentoring Lauren Haeusler to take over in 2021)
- Curriculum Leader – Chris Minney
- ICT – John Healy
- Sports Coordinator – Elise Couchman
- Coaching – Tania Stevens

Teaching Positions

Grade	Teacher
Prep W	Mrs Erin Wolfe
Prep B	Mrs Madeleine Bell
1/2 C	Mrs Lindy Cullinane
1/2 E	Miss Rachael Edwards
1/2 S	Mrs Lisa Schurmann
3/4G	Miss Elise Couchman (Gordon)
3/4 W	Mr Latham Wishart
5/6 EP	Mrs Kim Pickford & Mrs Catherine Egan
5/6 P	Mr Leroy Mojica-Perez
Intervention Mentoring	Ms Tania Stevens
Indonesian Music/Drama	Mr John Healy
Intervention PE P-2	Mrs Chris Minney
Art	Mrs Shelley Waters
Library	Miss Kerry Stevens
Wellbeing	Mrs Lauren Haeusler

Lindy has decided to be a full time homeroom teacher next year. Tania will take on the Literacy intervention role in the Junior Team by implementing the MiniLit Program.

We are very excited about all the possibilities 2020 will bring!

Orientation Day

On Tuesday 10th December all students will experience a taste of 2020 when they work in their learning groups for next year. Slips indicating grades and teachers for 2020 will be sent home on Monday 9th December. The children may wear their sports uniform as we will be having an afternoon of sport to end the day.

Touch of Pink

A few weeks ago, Hamish Button proposed that we have a Touch of Pink Day to raise money for friends of his family, the Craigs. Abi Craig is facing a most challenging battle with breast cancer and Hamish thought that our school could do something to help them. His idea is that we all **wear a touch of pink with our school uniform on Friday 22nd November** and bring a gold coin to donate. We congratulate Hamish on his kindness and his desire to do something to help.

Icy-Poles

And speaking of children that are driven to help others, Grace Cleaver and friends will be selling icy-poles each Wednesday for \$1 to raise money for our local SES. Fantastic work Grace!

New Medical and Permission Forms For 2020

Thanks so much for getting our new forms back to school so promptly! It is making the end of the year flow very smoothly for us.

Fundraising Meeting

Pop the date of our next meeting in your diary – **TUESDAY 19th November @ 5.30pm**. We'd love to see you there!



Canteen Roster

Lunch orders are available every **Wednesday** as long as we have a volunteer. If you are interested in helping out, please let the school office know or put your name on the roster at the office. If we do not have a volunteer by the Friday before Canteen, we will cancel Canteen for that day.

20/11/2019 Sue Wilson

27/11/2019 Sue Wilson

Numeracy Testing

Over the coming weeks, teachers will conduct numeracy testing with all students while they are at school. During this time classes will be supported by our non-homeroom teaching staff.

Assembly

Our next assembly will be **Friday 22nd November, 2019** in our Learning Street @ 2.40pm.

All welcome!

Parish News

MASS TIMES – 2019

Hamilton:	Saturday 6pm Sunday 10.30am
Dunkeld:	Sunday 8.30am
Glenthompson:	Sunday 8.30am
Penshurst:	Sunday 8.30am
Macarthur:	Sunday 8.30am

Pastoral Care

Hello sorry for there being no article last few weeks, but this week we continue with "Establishing boundaries" taken from:

<https://healthyfamilies.beyondblue.org.au/healthy-homes/establishing-boundaries>

Family rules: why they're important

Family rules are positive statements about how your family wants to look after and treat its members.

Rules help:

- children and teenagers learn what behaviour is and isn't OK in your family
- adults be consistent in the way they behave towards children and teenagers.

Rules can help everyone in your family get along better. They make family life more positive and peaceful.

What do good family rules look like?

Good family rules guide children's behaviour in a positive way. They:

- say exactly what behaviour you expect – for example, 'We say "please" when we ask for something'
- are easy for children to understand – for example, 'Use a quiet voice inside the house'
- tell children what to do, rather than what not to do – for example, 'Put your clothes away' rather than 'Don't be messy'.

Rules that tell your children what not to do are OK sometimes. They're best when it's difficult to explain what to do instead – for example, 'Don't ask for things in the supermarket' or 'Don't get in a car with a driver who has been drinking'.

A **short list of positive family rules** is better than a long one, especially for younger children.

Every family's rules will be different. Your family rules will be influenced by your beliefs and values, your situation and your child's maturity and needs.

What to make rules about

Choose the most important things to make rules about. This might include rules about:

- **physical behaviour** towards each other – for example, 'Be gentle with each other'
- **safety** – for example, 'Wear your seatbelt in the car'
- **manners** – for example, 'We wait until others have finished talking before we talk'
- **daily routines** – for example, 'We take turns setting the table each night'
- **respect for each other** – for example, 'Knock before going into each other's rooms'.

Your children will learn that rules are a part of life, and that there are rules for different places and parts of life, like school, public transport and sport. Making and following family rules can help your children respect the rules in other places too.

I hope, as always, that this is of interest to you, and please, if you have any questions don't hesitate to contact me on: 0400 994 032.

Kind regards Lisa Gonnet

Schools Pastoral Care Worker, 0400994032

The Sports Catchup

Woolworths Cricket Blast School Cup

On Thursday three teams of 5/6 cricketers competed in the Woolworths Cricket Blast Cup, 2 boys teams and 1 girls team. Our teams represented St Marys with pride and responsibility, showing their fair but competitive nature for the whole day.

The Boys St Mary's 2 team started the day well with a strong win over Good Shepherd. The boys all cooperated as a team and contributed evenly with the bat and in the field, a great start to the competition. The second game against Hamilton North was another great team game with the boys showing they were good all-rounders and bringing home a second fantastic win. With their chests out and ready for the third game, we lined up to face Cavendish who had a young side due to low numbers, but to their credit, they fought strongly to defeat our confident team in a great game. With two wins and a loss we finished in the 5th vs 6th consolation game.

The Boys St Mary's 1 team came up against very strong competition. Our first game was against Hamilton North 1, who went on to win the Grand Final. The St Mary's boys bowled substantially well, but gave up too many wickets run out when batting, with a lack of communication. To their credit they only went down by around 40 runs. Next we played Dunkeld in a high scoring game. Once again our bowling and fielding was on point, but we couldn't quite make enough runs with the bat. We went into our third game with immense passion and came out with a very convincing win against Gray Street 1. We played in the 7th vs 8th consolation game and saved our best game play until last! This game culminated our day of hard work, we batted superbly with terrific communication between partners, winning by over 100 runs!





The Girls team worked as a great team unit all day winning their three preliminary games. Along the way their cricket skills developed, especially running between the wickets and therefore moving the run rate along. In these games the teams recorded convincing wins against two Hamilton North teams and a team from Cavendish. Their unbeaten run saw the girls qualify to play in the Grand Final. In this match the team came up against the team from Hamilton North they had played in their first round game. The opposition started strongly with their batting and it was a close tussle right to the end. Wickets taken were what separated the teams with St. Mary's prevailing by three runs. Well done to the team of Grace Cleaver, Olivia Houlihan, Bronte Lignier, Maddy Maybery, Holly Rook, Phoebe Dunn, Griet Rowe and Bridget Mailes who have now qualified for the next stage of the competition next Thursday at Pedrina Park.

Thank you to Mrs Chris Minney and Mr Tony Flavel for supporting the teams yesterday. Your expertise and assistance was immensely valued.

Hoop Time Regional Finals

ALL STAR GIRLS

On Tuesday the 12th of October the St Mary's All Stars girls team went to the Regional HoopTime competition. The six girls Ava Sobey, Bridget Mailes, Grace Cleaver, Holly Rook, Olivia Houlihan and Phoebe Dunn, had a pretty strong first game throughout the whole match against St Michael And John's Horsham finishing up with an 8 point win. During the second game the girls got jumped early by Heywood, leading to a frustrating loss by a few points. Our third game was against King's College, it was a tough contest in the first half but we lifted the intensity in the second managing to win by about 12 points. To conclude our day we lost to a very strong team, St Pats Koroit in a physical game going down by about 5 points. This team went on to win the competition. We'd like to thank Casey Rook and Lia Mailes for scoring, and Matt Dunn for coaching us, we all had a great day.

Phoebe Dunn



ALL STAR BOYS

Our first game was against Horsham P.S., we ended the first half 8pts ahead. In the second half they came back in a thriller, but at the end we lost by one point Horsham 15pts def St. Marys 14pts. Our second game was against Cobden P.S, this time they took off at a flying pace. We clawed our way back but still lost, Cobden P.S 20pts def St. Marys 15pts. Our third game was against Portland North, we kept the momentum going from the last game, because of that we won! St. Marys 21pts def Portland North 13pts. Our consolation game was against Horsham P.S again. We were out for revenge and to finish on a high. We played really well as a team and came out with a win, St. Marys 22pts def Horsham P.S 13pts. We all had a great time and a huge thanks to Adam Manson for coaching us, Deb Fitzgerald for scoring and Brendan Roberts for taking photos.

Hugh Fitzgerald



Advanced Notice: Swimming Carnival – Monday 16th December