FEAST OF CHRIST THE KING

“Come, you whom my Father has blessed, take for your heritage the kingdom prepared for you since the foundation of the world. For I was hungry and you gave me food; I was thirsty and you gave me drink; I was a stranger and you made me welcome; naked and you clothed me, sick and you visited me, in prison and you came to see me.” - Matt 25: 31 - 46

This week’s liturgy marks the end of the liturgical cycle. Next week begins the new year with the season of Advent. The liturgy is celebrated as the Feast of Christ the King – reminding us of a very imperial model of church and theology that reflected the structure of the Roman Empire and later, feudal Europe, to have this reading on the Feast of Christ the King is a powerful reminder of How Jesus envisaged the Kingdom of God. For Jesus, the Kingdom was not a rule of power and status but a rule of justice and peace for even the lowliest. It is an apt conclusion to the liturgical year. (Greg Sunter)

Dear Parents, Carers, Staff, Students and Friends,

This Sunday in our Parish we celebrate the Feast of Christ the King by celebrating the diversity amongst us. We are also celebrating Fr John McKinnon’s 60th anniversary of ordination. It would be fantastic if you could join the Parish community on this occasion and prepare for the beginning of Advent the weekend following. Mass is at 10.30am – bring a plate of food for a shared community lunch. All welcome!

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

IMPORTANT DATES

**NOVEMBER**
- Mon 27th – Fri 8th
- Gr 5/6 Swimming @ Monivae pool
- Mon 27th
- Expo meeting @ 6.30pm
- Wed 29th
- SAC meeting @ 7.00pm

**DECEMBER**
- Fri 1st
- Mixx FM broadcast from school
  - 10.00am– 1.00pm
- Sat 2nd
- Christmas Expo!
- Expo debrief meeting @ 6.00pm
- Wed 6th
- Mon 11th – Thurs 14th
- Numeracy testing week
Advance notice:
- Tuesday 12th Dec  Transition Day (whole school)
- Fri 15th Dec  Swimming Carnival
- Sun 17th Dec  End of year mass @ 10.30am

Attachments:
- A Sparkling Christmas Expo. Auction items
- A Sparkling Christmas Expo. Information

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

2018 Planning
A few bits of information for you to be aware of as we continue planning for next year!
- Classroom teachers for 2018 are:

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- Transition: On Tuesday 12th December all students will experience a taste of 2018 when they work in their learning groups for next year. Our new Prep students will be with us on this day and everyone else moves up a grade for the day. Grade 6 students spend the day at Monivae or their respective secondary college. Slips indicating grades and teachers for 2018 will be sent home on Monday 11th December.
- Grade 5/6 Transition Experience: On Monday 4th and Tuesday 5th December, grade 5 and 6 students from St Joseph’s Coleraine, St Mary’s Hamilton and St Joseph’s Penshurst will spend two days learning at Monivae College. ‘Transition’ into secondary school is a major wellbeing concern for many students, so these days provide an excellent opportunity for our senior students to experience two days of learning in a secondary school environment. Our senior teachers have spent a considerable amount of time planning in collaboration with our neighbouring schools to ensure a positive experience for all students. Please do not hesitate to contact us if you have any queries.

CHRISTMAS EXPO PARADE
- All classes are preparing for the Expo Parade next week. Students should arrive and meet their classroom teachers in the grounds of Gray St Primary School between 10.00 - 10.15am. Please make sure that students come dressed in their costumes ready to parade (or as per the information provided by teachers).
- Following the parade students will remain with their teachers outside the PAC until collected by a parent. Please make sure that you collect your child promptly and notify your teacher before they leave the area.
- If you are rostered on to help at Expo before or during the Parade Miss Bond will meet your children at the front of the PAC just before 10.00am and walk the group down to meet their class group at the start point.

End of Year Mass
Our mass to celebrate the end of the school year is Sunday 17th December starting at 10.30am at St Mary’s Church.
All students are expected to attend this special occasion in their correct school uniform. Students will sit with their class in the church and all parents and friends are invited to join us.
Our Grade 6 students will be presented with their Graduation Certificates following the mass.
Your support of all that we do in terms of our liturgical celebrations throughout the year is appreciated and is something you agree to when you sign your enrolment application form.
Mass will be followed by a cuppa in the gathering space to which an open invitation is extended. Could Grade 5 families please bring along a plate to share for morning tea?

Parish News

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Assembly
Assemblies are held every second Friday starting at 2.40pm.
Our next assembly will be Friday 1st December
All welcome!
Canteen Roster

22/11/2017  Cass Young
29/11/2017  Jen Taylor
06/12/2017  Jen Taylor
13/12/2017  NO CANTEEN
20/12/2017  NO CANTEEN

The last day for lunch orders is Wednesday 6th December as Monivae finishes school on the 8th.

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.

LIBRARY NEWS

All books and other items borrowed from our Library Resource Centre are now due to be returned.

- We have some books that have been overdue for some time.
- Please spend some time at home looking through your book collection and in unusual places and return any items that have our school barcode on their back cover.
- I would like all students to take on this task and would especially like ask that the students in Grade Six to do this as they will soon be leaving our school.
- Items that are being returned, can be placed in the Blue Tub in our Library Resource Centre. It has a sign on it that says ‘Please place all returns here.’. No questions will be asked.
- It would be ideal if all items are returned by Monday 11th December, 2017.
- Our Library Monitors and myself will spend time over the coming weeks placing all items onto the shelves in their correct position, in preparation for the 2018 school year. This is a big task. The more items that are returned earlier make this task a little easier.
- Students will be allowed to borrow during their next two Library sessions. However, students with overdue items will be restricted.
- Thank you in advance for your co-operation.

Kind regards Lisa Gonnet

Jokes of the Week

Q: What do you call a man with a paper bag on his head?
A: Russell!!

Q: Why did the golfer wear two pairs of trousers?
A: In case he got a hole in one!

Q: What do you call a man with a spade on his head?
A: Doug!

Q: What kind of cough medicine does Dracula take?
A: Coffin Medicine!

Chase Turnbull & Sam Handreck

THE SPORT CATCH UP

Swimming
The Grade 3/4s have had an amazing swimming fortnight! They all deserve a big rest over the weekend! Thank you to all the parents who supported their children throughout the last fortnight. On Monday the Grade 5/6 students get their chance to enter the Monivae pool. The lessons run from 11.30am – 1.30pm (Group 1 will swim from 11.40am-12.25pm and Group 2 will swim from 12.35pm-1.20pm). 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.

PASTORAL CARE

Hello as we head towards Christmas! I’m sure you all know how many sleeps are left.
This week is the final of the mindfulness article, next week I will give you some ideas of where to access more information.

Mindful play: Dedicate a window of time each week to mindfully play with your child or children. Turn off all other distractions such as TV, and put your mobile away and on silent. Try to give them your full attention during this time and if your mind wanders off to all the things you should be doing, that’s fine – that’s just what minds do! Use your child as an anchor to come back to every time your mind wanders away.

- Mindful cooking: Cooking together can be a great way to spend quality time. Help your child notice the colours, smell and taste of the ingredients as you add them to the meal, and the touch of the different items as you cook.
- Mindful dinnertime: Create a time for your family to appreciate and savour their food at the start of a meal by spending the first few minutes of dinner in silence, just eating and enjoying the food. It’s a surprisingly nice activity to do with the whole family, and done regularly, can become a lovely ritual.
- Mindful teeth brushing: Getting kids to brush their teeth can be a challenge, so why not make it a challenge, by inviting them to try to do it mindfully with you? Invite them to pay attention to the feel of the brush in their mouth and the sensation and taste of the toothpaste. Ask them three things they noticed that was different about their brushing tonight than from the previous night.

Again I hope this has been of interest and please feel free to make contact if you require more information or just want a chat.

Miss Stevens

Schools pastoral care worker

Chase Turnbull & Sam Handreck
Thank you for the overwhelming support we have received for our Swimming Carnival! I will send home a helper roster in the coming week, thank you again!

**Saturday Netball**
PLEASE NOTE that the Under 11s play at 8.30am this week and the Under 13s play at 9.30am. The Under 11s improve their knowledge of the game and their skills each and every week. Sophie Kuilboer was a star player last week taking multiple intercepts and shooting a much needed goal for the team!! The Under 13s remain undefeated going into the last round before the Grand Final week. They continue to play as a tremendously tight team unit with fantastic defence and superb attack across the court.

**Walk to School**
Congratulations to the Cooper family who received the bike courtesy of the Southern Grampians Shire and Daktari. We hope you enjoy your new bike and use it to continue a healthy and active lifestyle.

**State Golf**
We wish Molly O’Brien all the very best for State Golf on Wednesday the 29th November at the Kooringal Golf Course. This is an outstanding achievement and we are all so proud of your efforts!

**SWAS Individual Athlete Program is NOW open for application.**

The South West Academy of Sport (SWAS) is the peak sporting body of South West Victoria for aspiring elite athletes. SWAS provides athlete education and training opportunities for all its member athletes across the South West. SWAS is the regional development pathway provider for the Victorian Institute of Sport and is funded by the State government and South West Local Governments to provide training and educational opportunities for aspiring South West athletes and coaches. SWAS works within all Olympic and Commonwealth sports programs and also works in any sport program that is linked with the Department of Sport and Recreation. So if you are an aspiring athlete, SWAS can help you along your pathway and provide you with the essential elite athlete education and training that you require to take the next big step in your sporting career.

SWAS provides a range of performance services for supported talented athletes including:

- Intensive training by quality coaches
- Skill development
- Development camps (Each camp combines on-course activities with sport science and personal development activities off the course).
- Strength and conditioning programs, support and advice (including functional movement screening)
- Access to myAISbasecamp an Australian Institute of Sport athlete development and support program
- Sports science testing and education
- SWAS uniform
- Personal Development workshops such as Nutrition, Sports Psychology, Media training and Recovery
- Access to a medical support network.

In sports where SWAS does not have a partnered squad program, athletes may apply for the Individual Athlete Program. The Individual Athlete Program supports talented athletes from a variety of Olympic, Paralympic and non-Olympic (Commonwealth Games) sports.

**SWAS individual athlete programs are NOW open**, go to our **Individual Athlete Program page** at swas.org.au for more information. The scholarship period for the Individual Athlete Program will run from February 2018 to January 2019. The timeline for the selection process is outlined below:

- Closing date for applications 22 January 2018

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**ST MARY’S CHRISTMAS EXPO 2017**

**A WRISTBAND ENTITLES YOU TO UNLIMITED RIDES FOR THE DAY**

1 CHILD  $15.00
2 CHILDREN  $25.00
3+ CHILDREN  $40.00

(Maximum 4 children - must be from the same family)

Note: Wristbands will be $15 each on the day

Tickets now available from the school office

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**WRISTBAND PRICES**

**RIDES FOR YOU TO ENJOY:**
- Bungee Run
- Merry-Go-Round
- Looney Tunes 3-in-1