

ST MARY'S PRIMARY SCHOOL



NEWSLETTER

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Loving God

You have called us to work for true justice in our communities
and to be messengers of freedom for all who are not treated as your children.
Give us grace to put our faith into action to end the violence and cruelty
that overshadows many children's lives.

Jesus taught us to welcome children and learn from them.

May we use our imagination to put ourselves in children's shoes
and learn to teach and guide them with wisdom, gentleness and understanding.

Let us treat each child as we would treat the Christ child.

Amen

Mass to celebrate the end of the school year

Saturday 15th December @ 6.00pm

St Mary's Church

Gr 6 Graduation to follow mass



IMPORTANT DATES**NOVEMBER**

Wed 28th School Council @ 5.30pm
 Thurs 29th Gr 5/6 Mass @ St Mary's Church – 10am
 Fri 30th Gr 3/4 Mass @ Monivae Chapel – 10am

DECEMBER

Sat 1st **CHRISTMAS EXPO!**
 Fri 7th Grade 6 Graduation dinner – RSVP 30th Nov
 Tues 11th Transition Day
 Thurs 13th Nativity scene @ St Mary's Parish
 Gr 3/4 @9:45am – 11am
 Gr 5/6 11:45am – 1:30pm
 Fri 14th Dec Swimming Carnival Gr 3 – 6
 Nativity scene @ St Mary's Parish
 Prep – Gr 2 @9:45am – 11am
 Student reports sent home
 Sat 15th School Mass @ 6.00pm
 Wed 19th Last day for students
 Journals home
 Normal finish time @ 3.15pm
 Office closes @ 4.00pm
 Thurs 20th Pupil free day
 Last day for staff

Dear Parents, Carers, Staff, Students and Friends,

One week to go! Thank you to the families who have brought along gift baskets, baked goodies, sold raffle books and volunteer forms. If you are yet to make a contribution, please contact the office as soon as possible as we would love to have you on board.

A huge thanks to the small but hard working committee who are ensuring that all is organised for the day.

How you can contribute to this year's Expo and support your school in reaching its goals:

- Completing and returning your volunteer form
- Baking for the Gourmet Gifts stall
- Returning your filled gift basket/box
- Selling and returning your raffle tickets
- Promoting the event to friends and families

Thanks for a great week!
 God bless you! ☺

Jo-Anne

Attachments

- Our Diocesan Community Newsletter
- School Fees & School Fees letter
- Swimming Carnival info& form Gr 3 – 6 only
- St Mary's Christmas Expo Auction item list

End of Year Mass

Our mass to celebrate the end of the school year is
Saturday 15th December starting at 6.00pm

at St Mary's Church.

Apologies for the error in last week's newsletter.

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?

2019 Planning

We have already begun our planning for next year and are quite excited about the opportunities for staff and students ahead.

- As enrolment numbers play a major part in this process please let Jo-Anne know as soon as possible if your family is not returning in 2019.
- We are still receiving enrolments for all grades so if you know of families wishing to begin at St Mary's please let Jo-Anne know or ask them to contact the school.
- Over the next few weeks teachers will be having days to write student reports and plan for next year. On these days classes will be taught by our valued casual teachers.
- **Transition:** On Tuesday 11th December all students will experience a taste of 2019 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 2019 will be sent home on Monday 10th December.

Feast of Christ the King

This Sunday in our Parish we celebrate the Feast of Christ the King by celebrating the diversity amongst us. Those in our community who have come from other lands – whether it be this year or sixty+ years ago are invited to join in the entrance procession. 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. All welcome!

canteen roster

28/11/2018

Cass Young



One week to go 'til Expo 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 their 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.
- Gourmet Gifts** held their first wrapping day today, thank you to all who attended ☺. Our last wrapping day will be Thursday 28th November @ 1pm.

Year 6 Graduation Dinner 🍷 Friday 7 December 2018

The countdown is on and the invitations have been sent and the Year 6 students are excited.

A friendly reminder that the RSVP is next Friday, 30 November. Also if parents could help out with decorations ie. balloons, streamers etc, please give them to Corinne Raymond (Stella's mum) and if you have any items suitable for a photo booth, please give them to Bek Hill (Callum's mum).

Fire Safe Sessions

During our Numeracy testing week commencing on December 3 all of our students will be involved in Fire Safe Sessions conducted by presenters from the Hamilton Fire Brigade.

If your child may have had any experiences in the past that may trigger any anxiety about these sessions, please make their classroom teacher aware of this by Thursday, November 29. The presenters will then be made aware of this and can prepare the sessions with this prior knowledge.

Any other questions or concerns about the sessions can be directed to me.

Chris Minney

Parish News

MASS TIMES – 2017

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

Assembly

Assemblies are held every second Friday
in our Learning Street @ 2.40pm.

Our next assembly will be Friday 30th November
All welcome!

PASTORAL CARE

Hello again. This week we are looking at "Dealing with Conflict" and "Ways to build healthy family relationships" taken from the Kids Matter website, the link is given here :
(<https://www.kidsmatter.edu.au/sites/default/files/public/KMECC3-201208-Building%20blocks%20healthy%20family%20relationships.pdf>)

Dealing with conflict

Conflict is a normal and healthy part of family life. For example, families often disagree over things like house rules, what TV show to watch or bedtime. Families are made up of individuals who will sometimes have different ideas, wants or needs. Conflict can occur at any time so it is important for families to have effective ways of managing it. Conflict itself is not a problem—but the way it is handled might be. When conflict is managed in positive ways, family relationships are strengthened.

For example, agreeing that everyone gets to choose their favourite TV show that week and to take turns watching something they enjoy. When not dealt with effectively, conflict can be stressful and damaging to relationships.

Many parents and carers find that conflict between siblings happens again and again. Children in the same family often argue, tease and complain about each other, even though they may provide good company for one another during other times. When children fight, it is important for parents and carers to help children identify the problem behind the conflict and guide them through a process of problem solving. Children often look to a parent or carer to judge who is right and who is wrong in a conflict; however, taking this approach can lead to more frequent conflicts. Assisting children to work through the steps of problem solving helps them manage conflict fairly and

become more cooperative (the problem-solving process is discussed later in this information sheet). The following sections provide some suggestions about how to strengthen family relationships so positive experiences outweigh difficult ones. When relationships are strong and healthy, they are better able to withstand the stress of challenging times and celebrate the positive experiences.

Ways to build healthy family relationships.

Building and maintaining positive relationships with children and with all family members is not always easy. It can be hard work trying to ensure everyone's most important needs are met. All families have times when tempers flare, feelings get hurt and misunderstandings occur. It takes good communication, flexibility and creativity to manage these situations and maintain positive connections. Some factors that help build strong and caring family relationships include:

- making relationships a priority
- communicating effectively
- working together as a family
- providing support for each other

Next week we will continue with ways to build healthy family relationships in more depth.

Once again I hope this has been of interest, have a wonderful week.

Kind regards, Lisa Gonnet
Schools Pastoral Care worker
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FREE CASUAL ENTRY
SGSC OUTDOOR POOLS
2018/2019
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www.hilac.com.au/aquatic/outdoor-pools/
 Greater Hamilton Outdoor Swimming Pools
 5551 4333

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SHIRE COUNCIL

THE SPORT CATCH UP

Swimming Carnival

Our School Swimming Carnival for the Grade 3-6 students is being held at the Monivae Pool on Friday 14th December and we cannot wait! The swimming sports will commence at 11.30am and will be finished by approx. 2.45pm. We hope to have a great community vibe surrounding this event, so feel free to bring your picnic rug and come and support the swimming! A detailed information note, blue permission form and a helper slip is coming home today. Thank you to Casey, Tam and Kylie for their support, we would love to have a few extra helpers though, so please consider sending back the helper slip.

Junior School Athletics Morning

We will have a Junior School Athletics Morning on Thursday 13th December, more information about this event will be coming home soon.

*Making a Scene
at Christmas*

Experience the spirit of Christmas
by exploring over 400 nativity scenes
from across the world and across the centuries.

ST MARY'S HALL
LONSDALE ST, HAMILTON

THURSDAY 13TH DECEMBER 9AM - 6PM
 FRIDAY 14TH DECEMBER 9AM - 6PM
 SATURDAY 15TH DECEMBER 11AM - 8PM
 (CLOSED DURING 6PM MASS)
 SUNDAY 16TH DECEMBER 9AM - 2PM
 (CLOSED DURING 10.30AM MASS)