

ST MARY'S PRIMARY SCHOOL



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NEWSLETTER

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Loving God,

So many times I turn away from you
and always you welcome me back.

Your mercy and love gives me confidence.

Thank you for the invitation

to share, Fast and pray

so that you can form a new heart within me.

Your powerful compassion for my weaknesses
leads me to ask for mercy and await with great hope
the Easter joy you share with us.

Amen!



Dear Parents, Carers, Staff, Students and Friends,
Wasn't it lovely to enjoy an extra-long weekend! It seems to have come at a perfect time for everyone to reinvigorate themselves for the last few weeks of term!

Last Friday the staff spent the day working on our Behavioural Procedures, both evaluating what we have already done and producing two new procedures. We have them displayed at the start of the Learning Street for you to come in and have a look at. The feedback from both students and staff is that these procedures are providing a welcomed set of expectations for everyone to follow.

Next Wednesday and Thursday, Mrs Chris Minney and I will be in Horsham for a Diocesan Leadership Meeting where, amongst other things, we will catch up with Miss Bond! We will be very interested to find out how she is going at her new school. While we are away, the school will be in the safe hands of our Leadership Team, Ms Tania Stevens, Miss Elise Couchman, Mrs Lindy Cullinane and Mr John Healy.

Thanks for a great week!

Have a wonderful weekend with the people you love,
Terrielynn

IMPORTANT DATES

March

19th March – Gr 6s 'Spend the Day at Monivae'

22nd March - Learning Walk 9.30-10.30am

25th March – Snow Queen performance @
Monivae for the whole school

April

5th April – End of Term 1 @ 2.15pm

23rd April – Beginning of Term 2

24th April – ANZAC Day ceremony at 3pm at
Monivae

25th April – ANZAC Day Holiday

26th April – Assembly

May

2nd May – Drum Performance at school

10th May – Mother's Day High Tea

Attachments to this week's Newsletter:

1. Easter Raffle Tickets

Advance Notice:

24th May - Peg Collery Awards
 27th May - Beginning of Catholic Education Week
 27th May - Open Morning
 2nd August - Grandparent's Day
 30th August - Father's Day Lunch/Footy Colours

Project Compassion

Mr Healy and Mrs Cullinane have some fantastic ideas to share for donating money to Project Compassion.

They suggest that in your family you could donate:

5c for every tap in your house

10c for every pair of shoes

\$1 for every TV

\$1 for every electronic device

\$2 for a fridge with food in it

Some thought provoking ideas that will make us all realise how lucky we are!

St Patrick's Day

While St Patrick's Day is on Sunday 17th March, our Student Councillors thought that we could all wear a **touch of green with our school uniform on Monday 18th** to mark the day. If children would like to decorate a fancy hat over the weekend and wear that to school, they would be invited to participate in a lunch time hat parade to show off their finery! Totally optional!

Learning Walk

Would you like to go for a wander through our learning space and chat about the strategies we use to support students at St Mary's? Come along to our Learning Walk on Friday 22nd March, between 9.30 and 10.30! Please share this event with friends and family who might be considering enrolling at St Mary's for 2020.

Ride to School Day 2019

- This event will take place on **Friday 22nd March, 2019** and everyone is encouraged to take part.
- Participants will meet at the **Skate Park** and leave there at **8.15 a.m. sharp**.
- The student's bags will be transported to our school by Monivae staff.
- **Please note** that students in Grade Prep, One and Two taking part in the Ride2School Day will need to be accompanied by a parent or guardian.
- Please complete a 'Ride2School Day' participation slip for each child in your family who

will be taking part and let us know if you can assist on the day.

- Please make sure that your child(ren) know how they are getting home at the end of the day.
- Participation slips are to be returned to our school office on **Monday 18th March, 2018**.
- Miss Kerry Stevens and our Environmental Officers will be assisting our students on the day.



It is almost Easter time and we will be having a raffle again this year. Half of the money received from the tickets will purchase the prizes and the other half goes to Project Compassion. Each family will receive a book of 5 tickets to sell at \$1.00 each (feel free to sell both sides of the ticket which makes it \$10 for the book). Extra books are available at the office. There will be 20 prizes which will be drawn at assembly on Friday 5th April (last day of Term 1). **Please have your tickets returned to school by Monday 1st April**. We appreciate your support!

Darish 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, I will continue sharing the information about mindful parenting, taken from the Australian Childhood Foundation booklet Mindful Parenting, it can be found on www.kidscount.com.au.

Understanding how children develop

It is hard to be mindful and calm if we expect more of our children than they are capable of. It can feel like they are letting us down. Because they are little, children do not keep up with adults. Sometimes we want them to do things on their own because we have so much to do. In the middle of busy life, it is easy to have unrealistic expectations of our children. Knowing a little more about how children's brains develop and grow can support you to be more mindful. It can give you a map to understand what makes your child tick from the inside.

How do children's brains develop?

Children's brains are amazing things. They are growing and changing constantly. Understanding more about the way children's brains develop helps us to understand why children feel, act and think in certain ways at different stages of their lives.

There are four major brain centres.

The Brain Stem: is the first to develop and is responsible for the basic functions which keep us alive such as our hearts beating and breathing. The Brain Stem is fully developed by birth.

The Motor Centre: is responsible for movement and develops over the first few years of life. It starts when babies gain head control and continues to mature as they sit, crawl and walk. Over the next few years they learn to skip, kick a ball, ride bikes, drawing, and even eating with cutlery.

The Limbic System: is the emotional centre of the brain and rules the lives of children up to four years of age. During the Toddler years, the Limbic System goes through a period of rapid development. This explains bursts of emotional behaviour and tantrums. Toddlers need our help to support and manage their feelings. Young children feel and act at the same time. They have limited ability to think and be reasoned with – they can't link their feelings, thoughts and behaviour together. Thinking and being able to know what to do when develops later when their cortex matures.

The Cortex: or thinking part of the brain is the last part to develop. This is the part responsible for reasoning and planning. It is only when it has come one line that children learn to think before they act. For the thinking part of the brain to grow and mature, children need everything to be repeated before they can remember it and use it later.

How children's brains develop is very dependent on the strength and quality of the relationships around them. As such, parents are important sculptors of children's brains. Children are best supported when parents' expectations of their children match their children's developmental capacity.

If you have any questions about this or anything else, please call me on 0400 994032 to make an appointment.

Kind regards, Lisa Gonnet
Schools Pastoral Care Worker, 0400 994 032

Assembly

Our next assembly will be Friday 29th March, 2019
in our Learning Street @ 2.40pm.
All welcome!

Canteen Roster

Lunch orders are available every Wednesday from now on as long as we have a volunteer. Canteen cannot be offered to our students without our volunteers. If you are interested in helping out, please let the school office know or put your name on the roster at the office.

20/03/2019 Katrina Turnbull
27/03/2019 Cass Young
03/04/2019 Sue Wilson/Katrina Turnbull

Does Wednesday suit for our Canteen day? If you think there would be another day that would suit better please notify the office 55519000 or office@smhamilton.catholic.edu.au

THE SPORT CATCH UP**District Athletics**

It was an immense pleasure to attend the District Athletics yesterday with our 49 competitors. They represented our school extraordinarily well! There were outstanding displays of athletic ability, but also fantastic sportsmanship displayed towards each other and other schools! It was such a great day to be a part of, so thank you to everyone who made it so wonderful! To cap off such an incredible day we had two age champions from St Mary's!! An outstanding effort from Ruby Cleaver and Grace Cleaver!! We are so very proud of you and all the athletes who attended yesterday.

A full report, top 3 results and thank you's will appear in next week's newsletter!

Division Swimming

We wish our Division swimmers all the very best in Warrnambool today. Congratulations on qualifying! We can't wait to report on your results next week!

DID YOU KNOW

TICKETS ARE ON SALE NOW!!!

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St Mary's Primary School Social
Night
Sat 30th March 7:30-Midnight
BYO Drinks, light supper provided
Live music
\$20 pp

Social Night

We are very excited about our upcoming social night on Saturday 30th March. The night will be held at St Mary's Parish Hall in Lonsdale St, beginning at 7.30. Payment can be made at the school office. This is a fantastic way to socialise with other school parents and have a great night out. Thanks to Karren Ewing and her band of helpers for organising this event.

HOCKEY @ MONIVAE

The 2019 season of Hockey is starting in Term 2 Monivae are looking for players for all age groups & levels. Even if you've never played Hockey before we would love for you to come and learn with us and be part of this great club.

We are holding Pre Season Training / Social Sessions on Wednesday 27th March & Wednesday 3rd April at *Monivae College* (meet in Chevalier Centre Car Park) from 5.30 – 6.30pm.

Come and talk to us and join in the fun.

If you have any questions please contact :
Kerri Jennings on **Mob:** 0408 561 080 or
Email: kerrij@citstraining.com.au

Or

Sofia Vearing SVearing@monivae.vic.edu.au



Hamilton Kangaroos Junior Football Association

2019 Season

The Hamilton Kangaroos Junior Football Association (HKJFA) invites all existing and potential new players to join the "All-In Trainings".

The HKJFA consists of 5 family friendly clubs, St Andrews, St Mary's Monivae, Kokoda, College Magpies and includes associate Junior teams from the Coleraine Football Netball Club. The competition fields 10 teams across Under 13 and Under 16 age groups and is driven by enthusiastic coaches, volunteers and families with the support of the Hamilton Kangaroos FNC executive.

Junior Football enables kids be part of a team/club, make new friends, create lifelong memories and most of all have fun learning through match play. Any new players to the competition must go through the HKJFA allocation process.

Age Eligibility

Under 13's – Must be under 13 as at the 1st January 2019 (born 2006, 2007 and 2008)

Under 16's – Must be under 16 as at the 1st January 2019 (born 2005, 2004 and 2003)

If you are interested, please come along to our all-in trainings and learn more about the HKJFA. Association Representatives will be available to answer questions, assist with new player applications and registration queries.

All-In Training Dates

Wednesday 6th March – 5-6pm – Friendlies Recreation Reserve

Wednesday 13th March 2019 – 5-6pm Pedrina Park



Learning Walk!

Are you aware that St Mary's Primary School has
a flexible learning space?

Do you understand what this means for students who
engage in learning at our school?

Would you like to know more?

**Join us for a walk down our Learning Street
on Friday 22nd March between 9.30 – 10.30am.**

- Walk through the school with the Principal
- Observe students in class at every level
- Enjoy being part of our school community
- Share morning tea and the chance to ask questions and talk about learning

St Mary's Primary School, Hiller Lane Hamilton – Ph 5551 9000

All Welcome!