**Holy Week**

Lord Jesus Christ,

in this sacred and solemn week when we see again the depth
and mystery of your redeeming love,
help us to follow where you go,
to stop where you stumble,
to listen when you cry,
to hurt as you suffer,
to bow our heads in sorrow as you die,
so that, when you are raised to life again, we may share in your endless joy.

Amen.

**Dear Parents, Carers, Staff, Students and Friends,**

Holy Week is the last week of Lent, when we follow Jesus from Palm Sunday, the Sunday of the Passion, to his death on Good Friday in preparation for his rising from the dead on Easter Sunday.

These holidays provide us with the opportunity to take time to reflect on our Easter story and gift of the risen Jesus. There are many services during the holidays to mark the events of Holy Week and the wonderful mystery of the resurrection.

**IMPORTANT DATES**

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Start of term 2
Pupil free day
Public holiday – ANZAC Day
School Council AGM 6.30 @ Roxburgh
Division Aths
Sacramental Parent m’ing @ 7pm
No matter where you are for Easter please take the time to investigate the service times in your location.

Our responsibility as partners in faith is to immerse children in our Christian story and allow them to soak up the beautiful nature of this liturgical season. **Local mass times are included in this newsletter.**

Please take time over the next two weeks to relax and spend some time regaining energy in time for the start of term 2. Students (and adults) need to be fit and healthy for learning as they move into term 2, cooler weather and shorter days. Look forward to seeing you return to school on Tuesday 18th April!

**Thanks for a great term! God bless you and enjoy your holidays!**

Jo-Anne

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**Advance notice:**
- Fri 12th May Mother’s Day High Tea
- Fri 21st July Grandparents’ Day
- Tues 25th July School photos
- Fri 1st Sept Fathers & Footy Day

**Attachments:**
- Lent cards – week 5
- Residential Collection Notice
- School fees
- OSHClub

**Uniform**
Term 2 brings the changeover from summer to winter uniform, depending on the weather. As the weather is quite unpredictable at the start of the term, please gauge the forecast yourself and make an informed decision on the uniform you will send your children to school in for the start of term 2. Notice will be provided in the newsletter next term regarding an official change to winter uniform.

**Journals**
Learning journals are coming home with students today! These are a great way to share the learning of the term and celebrate improvements and learning. Please enjoy the pages from term 1, write a comment praising your child’s growth and return to school after the holidays.

**Thanks!**
A huge thank you to Lisa Cleaver for co-ordinating our Easter Raffle this year. Your time and enthusiasm for this activity has been greatly appreciated and added greatly to our preparation for Easter. Thanks – hopefully I win a prize at today’s assembly! Thanks also to Grace Cleaver and Keely Burland for organising the Zooper Dooper Fridays to support the Hamilton Animal Rescue & Re-Homing Centre.

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**Sacramental Program**
Congratulations to children from our Parish who have celebrated the Sacrament of First Reconciliation this week. Please keep these young people in your prayers as they continue to learn about our loving God.

| SEAMUS BRYTON | LACHLAN MCDONALD |
| JUDE ALEXANDER | MIA SPONG |
| CHLOE WORMALD | STELLA GRINHAM |
| JOSEPH WORMALD | POPPY DIEKIRCHS |
| JAYDE BROWN | SARAH PHILIP |
| SOPHIE KUILBOER | CLIFFORD DELOSO |
| HOLLY FOOK | LENNON DELOSO |

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**Assembly**
Assemblies are held every second Friday starting at 2.40pm.

**Our next assembly will be Friday 28th April.**

All welcome!

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**St Mary’s Primary School School Advisory Council AGM**
**Wed 26th April 6.30pm**

at Roxburgh House

All parents, staff and friends are invited to attend the Annual General Meeting of the School Advisory Council. The agenda of the meeting will be the presentation of reports and election of two new Council members followed by some social time. The St Mary’s School Advisory Council has two parent vacancies for the period of April 2017 to April 2019. Nominations are due by Wednesday 19th April.

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**NOMINATIONS FOR ST MARY’S SCHOOL ADVISORY COUNCIL 2017**

I ______________________
would like to nominate ______________________
as a member of the St Mary’s School Advisory Council.

Signature of person nominating:

I ______________________
accept this nomination.

Signature of person nominated:

Dated: __________
School Fees
School Fees have been sent home with today’s newsletter. If you would like to set up a Direct Debit payment for your school fees, I have included our bank details on your statement. If you have any queries or concerns or you would like help to set up a payment plan, please contact Helen at the office. Thank you.

Fundraiser
There are currently a few fundraising activities around town for the Jacobson family following the sudden death of Dani recently. There are car stickers ($5 each) and purple wristbands ($7 each) for sale with the money raised going to help Stevie and the children out. Call in at the school office if you would like to purchase.

Parish News

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Easter Triduum 2017

Reconciliation
Tuesday 11th April, Hamilton 7pm

Holy Thursday Good Friday
Hamilton 7pm Hamilton 3pm
Dunkeld 3pm

Easter Vigil
Hamilton 7pm

Easter Sunday
8.30am Macarthur & Dunkeld.
10.30am Hamilton & Penshurst.

Parents and Friends

Uniform Shop
Opening times: Every second Monday 3.15 – 3.45pm

Monday 1st May (NB: change from last week’s newsletter as pupil free day on the 24th of March)

Regional Swimming
Wow! Our Regional swimmers had a fantastic day in Ballarat! Libby Fox came 4th in Freestyle and 3rd in Backstroke, well done Libby! Both our relay teams consisting of Ellen White, Libby Fox, Chloe Jones,
Stella Raymond and Jasmine Young both came 5th! We are so proud of you all! Thank you to the parents who supported the girls on the day, your encouragement towards your wonderful kids is truly appreciated.

**Saturday Netball**
Round Five saw the St Mary’s Swifts take on a much older Baimbridge team, but that didn’t stop the Swifts from giving the game their all! The umpires commented on how persistent and disciplined our team were, which was lovely to hear. The girls fought hard all game, taking some incredible intercepts and applying defensive pressure up and down the court. Unfortunately, once again, the scoreboard didn’t truly reflect the play of the game. Monivae had to forfeit to us for Round Six, which would have been our last game. The nine young ladies who play for the Swifts are going from strength to strength with their netball. Chloe Jones has become an outstanding defence player, who prevents even the oldest and strongest teams from scoring. Klay Collins is learning to read the play brilliantly, taking some impressive intercepts every game. Sophie Button is displaying how versatile she is on the court, adapting her play to suit her opponent. Jasmine Young slotted straight into our team and offered solid leads every game. Molly O’Brien continues to be an energetic and reliable player anywhere on the court. Caitlin Urquhart had improved her ‘netball smarts’ over this season, outplaying many of her older opponents. Libby Rentsch provided amazing movement in the goal ring and the determination she applied to every game was inspirational. Ellen White is quickly becoming an extremely reliable goal shooter with tremendous accuracy. Libby Fox has proved she can shine in any position across the court, but her goal shooting skills and movements are especially beautiful to watch. Thank you and well done to the parents who support the team so well and to Ayva Jones for her tremendous coaching this season. We appreciate all the hard work Ayva put into leading the team on Saturdays. I hope everyone enjoys their upcoming Football/Netball season!

**Miss Couchman 😊**

**LINK UP!-Can you help??**
We have a number of families we would like to support with a food parcel from our Link Up freezer but the cupboard is bare! If you can manage to contribute to this care initiative your support would be greatly appreciated. Please see Jo-Anne, Terrielynn or Monique Sobey if you have any queries.

**HAMILTON PAC SLAPDASH GALAXY COMPETITION**
Slapdash Galaxy – Saturday 1 April, 11am
Slapdash Galaxy features epic shadow puppetry effects that will dazzle and delight all ages! [https://youtu.be/jADdwgaaUxQ](https://youtu.be/jADdwgaaUxQ) A link for a sneak peek about the show.