

ST MARY'S PRIMARY SCHOOL



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NEWSLETTER

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PRAYING LENT

God of infinite love,

I thank you for this reminder of your love and your call that we be more patient, gentle and compassionate with others.

Here in the middle of Lent, I turn to you to beg for your help.

Please soften my heart. Help me to let go of judging others.

I ask you this, in Jesus' name.



Dear Parents, Carers, Staff, Students and Friends,

We've made it! Some very tired people at school this week, both little and big! Holidays have arrived just in time. Term 1 has been a fantastic 10 weeks of learning and teaching. Looking back over all the things we have done, I can see why we are feeling weary! I give thanks for our precious students, our supportive families, our dedicated staff and our caring community. We are blessed to have each other.

These holidays provide us with the opportunity to take time to reflect on our Easter story and the 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. We will celebrate this time on our return to school on Tuesday 23rd April at 9am with a liturgy in the Learning Street. Everyone is welcome to attend.

Remember to take time over the next two weeks to relax and spend time regaining energy in time for the start of Term 2.

Thanks for a great term!

Have a wonderful holiday with the people you love,
Terrielynn

IMPORTANT DATES

April

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

9th May – Prep & 1/2CS Mother's Day Mass

10th May – Mother's Day High Tea

10th May – Assembly

12th May – Mother's Day

17th May – Pupil Free Day – School Review

24th May – Assembly – PEG COLLERY

AWARDS

27th May – Catholic Education Week

27th May – Open Morning 9.30-11am

28th May – Catholic Education Week Mass
12 noon at the Monivae Chapel

Attachments to this week's Newsletter:

1. Mother's Day High Tea Invitation

Advance Notice:

2nd August - Grandparent's Day

19th August – School Photos

30th August - Father's Day Lunch/Footy Colours

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Congratulations to Erin Houlihan, Charli Lewis, Dustyn Cooper, Ally Holmes, Lachlan Hiatt, Bryce McArthur, Maddie Anson, Kia Willis, Conor Knight, Scott Crupi and Ruby Read 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.

ANZAC Day

We have received a very kind invitation from our local RSL branch for our families to join in the ANZAC DAY march and ceremonies. If you would like to participate, families are invited to meet at the corner of Gray and Kennedy Streets at 9.45am on April 25th.

Students must be accompanied by an adult and wear their school uniform. I will be attending with my family as will our School Captains, Jack Roberts and Isabelle Schaap.

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 achievements. 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 thankyou to Lisa Cleaver for co-ordinating our Easter Raffle again this year. Her time and enthusiasm for this activity has been greatly appreciated and added to our preparation for Easter.

We would also like to thank families for the other ways they have supported Project Compassion through their kind donations.

Thanks also needs to go to Kristi Lewis who has worked tirelessly to cover the Learning Journals in many areas of the school. We greatly appreciate her support.

And...a huge thank you to the Hamilton Kangaroos for the very kind donation of eight netballs. We greatly appreciate that they thought of us!

Pupil Free Days

At our last School Advisory Council meeting, the group approved two school closure days for Term 2. The first is on **Friday 17th May** and will be for our staff to work further through our School Review process.

The second day is on **Friday 7th June** and will have an RE focus. Please pop those dates in your diary!

Term 2 School 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.

EXPO Survey

Thank you so much to those people who have returned the survey we sent out last week. The responses have been amazing and so encouraging for our planning going forward. If you would like to take the time over the holidays to fill the survey out, please do so and return it next term.

Good Friday Appeal Family Bake

The Murphy family is once again undertaking a bake sale to raise money for the Good Friday Appeal and to go towards our Hamilton tally.

The bake sale will be held on Friday the 12th of April from 9am until 12ish or until sold out at the Roxburgh. One dollar from every coffee sold and all proceeds from the bake sale will be donated. There is also a raffle with great prizes to be won.

However, before this can all happen we are asking if you or someone you know is great at cooking and would like to donate baked goods which could be sold on the day, cakes, slices, relish, jams etc... we would be more than grateful if you could help out in any way. Could you please phone Erika or message on 0408721991 by Friday 5th March, if you can help?

Thank you from the Murphy family

Smoke Free

Just a reminder that our school buildings and grounds are smoke free environments. Thank you for your support in this area.

International Competitions and Assessments for Schools (ICAS) 2019

Traditionally I have sent information about these competitions during first term. This year there has been a number of changes and the sitting dates are all in Term 3, so closing dates for entries does not need to be done as early.

The other major difference in 2019 is that the assessments will be done online. The exception to this is the Writing assessment for Grades 3 and 4 which will still be done on paper.

What is ICAS you may ask?

ICAS Assessments are designed to recognise and reward academic excellence.

The assessments are based on the curricula for the relevant year. Students are asked to demonstrate a deeper, integrated, and thorough level of learning. All students receive a certificate and an individual student report indicating which questions they answered correctly and their score compared with the rest of the students tested.

All information about entering the competitions will be in the school newsletter early in Term 3.

Chris Minney

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.

24/04/2019 Volunteer needed
01/05/2019 Volunteer needed

Pastoral Care

Well the last week of term has come very quickly. I hope the mindfulness information I have shared this term has been of some help and interest. If you have any suggestions for future articles, please let me know.

I still work during the holidays so if you or your child would like to chat please feel free to call me on 0400 994 032 to make an appointment.
Kind regards and enjoy your Easter break.



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

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

Assembly

Our next assembly will be Friday 26th April, 2019
in our Learning Street @ 2.40pm.
All welcome!

MOTHER'S DAY HIGH TEA

MUMS, GRANDMAS AND SPECIAL FRIENDS
are INVITED TO OUR MOTHER'S DAY HIGH TEA
ON FRIDAY 10TH MAY @ 2.00PM.
RSVP TO THE OFFICE BY FRIDAY 3RD MAY!

THE SPORT CATCH UP

Division Athletics

We will have 12 students representing St Mary's at Division Athletics in Warrnambool on Friday 3rd May. Well done to Lily Raymond, Ruby Cleaver, Holly Rook, Jack Sobey, Erin Nicholson, Hugh Fitzgerald, Jack Roberts, Grace Cleaver, Phoebe Dunn, Bridget Mailles, Ava Sobey and Maddy Maybery who have qualified! We wish them all the best for Division Athletics!

School Cross Country

School Cross Country will be held at school on Friday 10th May. It will take place from 12.00-1.30pm and the whole school will be involved!! This will take place before the Mother's Day High Tea and then an assembly will follow. Watch this space for more information next term!

Community Equipment Donations

Thank you to Kevin Manson and the Hamilton Kangaroos for gifting us training netballs and Jock Whiting for donating footballs to us this week! These are greatly appreciated!

Division Swimming in Warrnambool

Our 10 Year Old Girl Freestyle Relay team (Holly Rook, Charlie Young, Lily Raymond and Ruby Cleaver) came 1st, which is an incredible achievement!!



HOCKEY MONIVAE

The 2019 season of Hockey starts first week of 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.

Training is on Wednesdays 4.30pm to 6.30 pm at Pedrina Park.

Annie Anderson from just Hockey will be at our first training on 24 April for all your hockey needs this season. If you would like a special stick or shoes, please place an order with her so she will have it on the day, Annie always has mouthguards and shin guards in the van ! Contact Annie on 0412 031 067. 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
 Michelle Ferey – Email : mferey@monivae.vic.edu.au



BBQ & Egg Hunt

5th April at 5.30pm

BBQ provided, please bring a salad or sweet to share
 BYO drinks \$5 per family

Easter egg hunt \$2
Bunny face painting \$2
Activity packs \$2

*Raffle theme- Easter
 - please bring something to donate to the raffle, tickets \$1 ea

Everybody Welcome!!

*eggs will be divided up equally
 *younger kids will get a head start
 RSVP if possible to our event on fb
 @ The Yulecart Hall 8km out the Dartmoor-Hamilton Rd

For more info please join the Yulecart Community Group on Facebook & Like the Yulecart Show Facebook Page
 @yulecartshow



Open Morning at St Mary's

PARISH PRIMARY SCHOOL, HAMILTON



MONDAY 27th MAY 2019
9.30 am – 11am

St Mary's is a Catholic primary school with modern facilities which allow staff and students to work together in a dynamic and engaging learning environment. An emphasis on developing strong and responsible learners shapes our curriculum, teaching strategies and use of flexible spaces.

Register your interest and make a half hour appointment for a school tour

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Step into Prep!

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Children who will be ready to begin school in 2020 are invited to come along and Step into Prep!

An opportunity to discover learning at St Mary's.

WEDNESDAY 5th JUNE 2019

Step into Prep! 9.30 am – 11am

Parents are invited to stay for morning tea with members of our school community after drop off.

Please register your child for this day

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Prep enrolments for 2020 are due by Friday 26th July 2019.