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 most definitely a very sacred time of the year, for it is now that we will commemorate and remember the last week of Jesus’ life on this earth. These are the days leading up to the great Easter Feast. This coming week is extremely important for all Christians. The greatest focus of the week is the Passion (suffering) and Resurrection of Jesus Christ and the events that lead up to it, known as the Easter Triduum.
On Holy Thursday, we re-enact the Lord’s Last Supper, which He shared with His apostles on the night He was betrayed and arrested.

On Good Friday, the day of the crucifixion and death of our Lord, we have the veneration of the Cross. A service is held at three o’clock in the afternoon (the hour He is believed to have died).

Holy Saturday is a vigil. We keep watch for the expectant rising of Our Saviour.

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 Monday 16th April!

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

Attachments to this week’s Newsletter:
1. Plenary Council Card
2. Our Diocesan Community Issue.54
3. Water Wizards Newsletter

Advance notice:
- Mon 21st May  Pupil free day
- Wed 23rd May  Open Morning
- Mon 4th June   Step into Prep
- Tues 26th June School Photos!
- Fri 27th July   Grandparents’ Day
- Mon 6th Aug    Pupil free day
- Fri 31st Aug   Fathers & Footy Day

Enhancing Catholic School Identity Surveys
Just as we continuously strive to improve our learning and teaching programs, we also gather data and information relating to other aspects of our school. The Enhancing Catholic School Identity Project (ECSIP) supports our school and Catholic Education system to identify strengths and challenges in the way we work as a faith community. A letter and information on how to participate was sent home with the newsletter on 16th March. Your contribution is appreciated and valued.

Holy Week Liturgy
A big thank you to the staff and students who contributed to our Holy Week Liturgy this morning. This was a very moving experience of the story of Holy Week. We were called to contemplate what it would have been like to be there at the time. We were thrilled to have a group of senior students from Monivae pray with us and play a part in the liturgy.

Best Wishes @
Today we are very sad to say farewell to Greta Farley (Gr 1) who is moving to Warrnambool over the holidays. Good luck at your new school Greta. We hope that the move for your family is amazing. Thank you to Rich and Claire for the wonderful contribution you have made to our school community.

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 thankyou 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!

Assembly
Assemblies are held every second Friday in our Learning Street @ 2.40pm.
Our next assembly will be Friday 27th April.
All welcome!

Parish News

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Parish Family Dinner - Prep
St Mary’s Parish have sent Invitations to Prep family’s inviting them to a Family Dinner, this is a great occasion to meet other Prep parents. When you receive the invitation please remember to RSVP, as this helps with catering.

Canteen Roster
18/04/2018 Shannon Smith
25/04/2018 Anzac Day – Public Holiday
02/05/2018 Cass Young

- *We only have two adults volunteering at the moment, it would be fantastic if we had a few more.*
- Can you help with our Canteen Roster?
- *Please note that if there are no parent volunteers there will be no lunch orders available on that day.*
- If you are interested in finding out what is involved, please contact the office.

Mindfulness for Parents
Starting in week 2 of term 2 I will be holding weekly mindfulness classes for parents. The classes will run for the term and will be from 2.45 to 3.15. We will look at different aspects of mindfulness, including being mindfully aware of our bodies, our environment, listening and of course breathing, as well as completing a weekly journal. We will also look at how our mind works and how what we think contributes to our overall sense of wellbeing.
If you would like more information, please contact me Lisa Gonnet, on 0400994032.

Regional Swimming
Congratulations to our incredible super fish last Friday! They all achieved very impressive results.
Tiago Gaio – 4th Breaststroke and 4th Freestyle
Holly Rook- 14th Breaststroke
Grace Cleaver – 8th Breaststroke
Stella Raymond – 5th Breaststroke and 10th Butterfly
Well done, we are very proud of you all!!

Division Athletics
We will have 8 students representing the school at Division Athletics in Warrnambool. Well done to Jack Sobey, Tiago Gaio, Bridget Mailes, Ava Sobey, Hugh Fitzgerald, Grace Cleaver, Drew Garratt and Macey Bowie who have qualified! We wish them all the best for Division Athletics on Friday 20th April.

The Sport Catch Up
Coles Sports for Schools
Our voucher total has well and truly exceeded all expectations, 19 804! Thank you for your generous support. The promotion will finish next Tuesday, so please use the Easter break to scrounge up any extra vouchers lying around the send them in after the holidays.

Last week we received our Earn and Learn package from the Woolworths promotion last year. It was amazing to stock up our aged athletics resources with brand new shot put’s, discus and batons. We stocked up our morning fitness resources with skill step hurdles and an agility ladder. We also received some new echidna balls for the junior students to use for our catching and throwing unit. These vouchers were also used to purchase a new electrical science kit for the Grade Five/Six department.

Thank you for wholeheartedly supporting these promotions when they arise. I wonder what we can purchase with our Sports for Schools vouchers, stay tuned.......
Saturday Netball
It was wonderful to watch the Saintly Shepherds in their last game for the Term One season on Saturday. I was overwhelmed with the improvement they had made, both as a team and as individual players. Bella Holmes was wonderful in both GD and GA, where she took intercepts, rebounds and attacked the centre passes with gusto. She displayed great leadership on the court across the season. It was terrific to see the court play improvements that Emily Beattie had made, she also tried her heart out to snatch a rebound in GK. Jayde Brown applied some nice defence through the centre court in both wing positions. Ally Holmes had fantastic court movement and was reading the ball like a player beyond her years. She played a great linking role as WA. Thank you to Shauna Beattie and Teeghan Brown who terrifically supported the team by umpiring and coaching this season. Thank you also to Kate Wear, from Good Shepherd, who assisted the team each week. The team had phenomenal support from all the player’s parents and I thank them for always encouraging their children so positively!

Lewis family
I just wanted to acknowledge the incredible work and time Kristi and Damien Lewis have put into our school community this term. They have spent many weekends tidying the sports shed, covering journals, counting vouchers, making bean bags and constructing wasp traps. Thank you for all that you have given our school, we truly appreciate your hard work.

I hope everyone enjoys a hoppy Easter Break!! Be safe, stay active, cherish family time and most importantly have some fun! Miss Couchman 😊

AusKick
Any students in grades 1-5 who register by 31 March are eligible for the Western Bulldogs v Essendon Grid Game @ Etihad Stadium on April 8.

Work required
I’m on my gap year currently and I would like to spend the time when I’m not working doing something more meaningful, such as babysitting or even housesitting for your busy families. I also have a license and my own car so I’m more than happy to drive around. If interested call Imogen Gallagher on 0437928122 or email imogenmae1@gmail.com to see if I’m available. Thank you!!