Dear Parents & Friends of St. Mary's,

Lenten Reflection

We have chosen to fast, Not with ashes but with actions. Not with sackcloth but in sharing. Not in thoughts but in deeds. We will give up our abundance, To share with the hungry. We will give up our comfort, To house the destitute. We will give up our fashions, To see the naked clothed. We will share where others hoard, Free where others oppress, And heal where others harm. Then God’s light will break upon us, We will be called repairers of broken walls. Welcomed at God’s banquet table.

College Emergency Management Plan
Last Tuesday morning the College conducted the first of our emergency drills for 2016. In light of recent events in some Melbourne schools we took the opportunity to practice our Lock Down drill. This involved sounding the klaxon 3 times and instructing every person in the school to follow the Lock Down instructions. The exercise was carried out without a hitch and I thank the students and staff for their interest and support in carrying out this important drill in such an orderly manner.

Interim Reports
Teachers are currently finalising interim reports to be distributed next week. These reports are designed to be a snapshot of your child’s progress so far this year. Families will receive the reports next week along with an Interview Request form if required.

Parish Elm Tree
The elm tree that has stood proudly in the Parish grounds for so many years was this week removed due to critical and multiple defects, rendering it a major safety hazard.

Each year an arborist is employed to ensure the health and safety of all trees in the Parish and College grounds. This is of particular importance for all large trees on the property. Unfortunately, the report on the elm tree labeled it as critical and the decision to remove it was made for the safety of all.
Seymour Expo Stall Wrap-up

One of our new fundraising ideas for this year was to operate a stall at the Expo to advertise St Mary’s Carnival and to sell raffle tickets (thank you Karen!).

And what a great result! Many thanks go to the following parents, grandparents and staff who gave up their time to help out across the three days of the Expo - Kelly Smith, Sarah D’Orria, Ros Rutherford, Cherie Matthews, Jeannie Potts, Kate Loweke, Cath Evans, Amanda Quigg, Linden Read, Paul & Helen Corboy, Jamie & Siobhan Thornberry. Also to Danni and Brett Thompson for the loan of the marquee and for setting up the site last Thursday. Special thanks to Lynne Morgan for co-ordinating the smooth running of the fundraiser and to Kevin Jones for all the incredible back-up he provided before, during and after the event. Also, many thanks to Lyne and Deb from the College Office who did so much to assist us in the lead up to the Expo. More than $550 was raised.

On behalf of the College community I would like to acknowledge and thank the management of the Seymour Expo for their marvelous support and generosity extended to us.

St Mary’s Idol

This week the students in Years 5 – 10 have been talking about the upcoming auditions and preparations for this year’s edition of St Mary’s Idol. During the coming weeks the finalists will be selected from an enormous array of talent. The final of the idol will held on Carnival day. Watch this space!

Woodchop

The date for the Woodchop has been set for Saturday 12th March beginning at the early time of 7.00am. Any help at all would be greatly valued. Not just those with chainsaws and splitters but those with trailers and vehicles to deliver a load or two. Please support the P & F by registering your name at the Office or contacting Brian O’Dwyer. Please note that for the safety of all, no children are to attend this event.

Raffle Tickets

Many thanks to the parents, grandparents and staff who made themselves available last weekend to sell tickets at our St Mary’s site at the Expo. Many tickets were sold, getting us off to a great start.

Every family has been asked to sell one book of tickets and we can all support the P & F by returning the Raffle books no later than Monday 7th March. If you can assist with the sales of tickets (in the Station St Mall and Safeway) please contact Lynne Morgan in the Canteen.

Spinning Wheel Baskets

The Spinning Wheel baskets were distributed to the classrooms this week. The following is a list of the various items being collected in each classroom:

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Our next gathering will be a cuppa and a chance to meet some more of our staff. This gathering will be in the LRC on Thursday 3rd March at 8.45am. We had our initial gathering on the first day of school, where parents were able to meet Meryl Connell (our Business Manager) the Deputy Principals, Lynne Morgan (our Canteen Manager) and Karen Glen (P&F President). Please stay and have a cuppa, meet some new friends and have a chance to meet Anne Spencer, P-4 Co-ordinator. Toddlers most welcome!!!

Mr Peter Kelly

Order envelopes will be sent home tomorrow, Friday 26th February. Photos are ordered online at www.arphotos.com.au using the code provided. If you are unable to order photo’s online then order envelopes and payment must accompany your child/ren on Photo Day.

All students are required to be in their complete Summer Uniform. Students who have sport on this day will need to bring their sports uniform to change into.

Orders for a Family Photo can also be done online or a Family envelopes is available for collection from the College Office - prior to Photo Day.

Mr Sean O'Brien

P -4 News

... And haven’t we felt the heat this week!

On Tuesday, some classrooms were opened to allow students to come inside out of the heat. Air conditioners are one of the best inventions man has ever made! Along with this heat comes a reminder of our sunsmart policy and the importance of hats, shade and hydration.

As with any spell of hot weather, there comes tired children, often with a decreased ability to remain engaged. We combat this with regular breaks for drinks and relaxing. It is important to adjust our lifestyle in such heat.

Whilst children might still appear energetic it does build up and tiredness is the result. Along with the tiredness can come resistance to continue working, lack of patience towards resolving an issue, or a little less care towards others’ feelings.

Keeping this all in mind, ensure that a drink bottle is a necessity at school and look for the signs that indicate your child needs to relax and refresh.
What's happening in our classrooms:-

**JP** – All Junior Primary students are enjoying our *Inquiry Unit* – ‘*Now & Then*’. We are looking at Families as they are, what does the ‘past’ mean, how are stories transferred through the generations, how have we changed, who is important to us and plenty more. JP-S are even going to ask families if they were a cake, what would they be like......more news to come.

**MP** – In Middle Primary’s the *Inquiry Unit* is ‘*I feel good!*’. Students will investigate personal strengths, challenges and identify skills they would like to develop. Using Gardner’s Multiple Intelligences, students will investigate the type of learner they are becoming. They will learn about making positive and healthy choices at school, home and in the community. Students will begin to explain the consequences of emotional responses in a range of social situations. They define strategies for coping with difficult situations. Students will learn to persist with tasks when faced with challenges and adapt their approach when first attempts are not successful.

Middle Primary headed down to Kings Park today for athletics practice. It gave the students the opportunity to practice their long jump, triple jump, discus and shot put events before the College Athletics Carnival in the coming weeks.

A reminder that Prep-4 is a *nut free environment*, including hazelnut spread. If you are unsure of an item, please clarify your concern with your classroom teacher.

**Whooping Cough**

A case of whooping cough has been reported to the school. The signs and symptoms of whooping cough often start with a *runny nose*, *sneezing*, *tiredness* and then the onset of *coughing bouts*. Whooping cough requires antibiotics so please seek medical advice if your child presents with these symptoms.

*Until next fortnight, continue to ACT JUSTLY, SHOW RESPECT and DO OUR BEST. If you have any concerns or questions, please don’t hesitate to see your classroom teacher or myself – you know I love visitors!*  

**Mrs Anne Spencer: P-4 Co-ordinator**

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**Yr. 5-7 New**

All our classes across the Middle Years have settled in nicely and are working well showing they are focused and trying their very best. Mrs Moore has returned to classroom duties this year in SP-A and has thoroughly enjoyed coming back into a class setting. The children and team have been a wonderful support to her.

As we come to the end of another week and midway through term one, we continue to congratulate our *Positive Behaviour Award winners*, Matthew Giannarelli, Conor Jenkins, Charlie Becks, Emily Messore, Morgan Donovan, Charles Martin, Dominic Plessey, Bronte Tipping and Jack Lawrence (✓ below left).

Our winners last week were; Jordyn Beattie, Lucy Duff, Carter Grant, Brayden Deacon-Stock, Chekayla Coyle and Maggie McSpeerin (above right ✓).
They continue to uphold our College Tag, as well as our level goal of “Be the Friend You Want To Have”. We look forward to presenting more awards at our first Year Level Assembly tomorrow at 2.15pm in the M/P Hall. Please come along and join us!

Our Positive Behaviour Goal for this term is:

... ‘Be The Friend I Want To Have’.

Homework is important for all our students across the Middle Years, therefore our homework club is now up and running and we encourage all students to attend to complete their home tasks with the support of one of our staff members to guide them if they need. The days on offer are Mondays and Thursdays in SP-G from 1.25pm till 1.55pm for all our Year 5 to 7’s. Please remind and encourage your child to utilise this opportunity, especially if you do not have internet provisions at home and they need it, in order to complete tasks.

Homework reinforces the things your child learns at school, giving them an opportunity to work through learning tasks and help their long-term understanding of a topic or activity. As your child progresses through the Middle Years, homework will become more frequent and challenging.

We often get asked what you can do at home…

So, staff have got together to give you some helpful guidelines and suggestions.

Encourage a homework routine

The timing of your child’s homework will depend on your family’s routines. It will also depend on when your child is most receptive and alert. Encouraging your child to set aside a time each school day to complete their homework tasks will set them up for good study habits throughout their Middle Years education.

Have a comfortable space for your child to do their homework

Your child will find it much easier to do their homework if they have a comfortable place that has everything they need and is associated with ‘doing homework’. A good homework space is; comfortable and has plenty of fresh air, quiet and away from where siblings or family members gather. It has all the things needed to do homework tasks, like stationery, a computer, a printer and a USB stick. Most importantly, it is free from distractions like television and computer games. These should not be anywhere near where your child does their homework.

Create a study timetable

Help your child create their own homework timetable so they can keep track of their work throughout the week in their student diary/planner or a calendar. When working out your child’s homework timetable:

- enter all the non-homework activities that your child is involved in – things like sporting activities, tasks they are responsible for doing around the house, their favourite TV show and reading time – on the days and time they occur;
- get your child to list all their homework tasks for that week and when they are due to be handed in;
- ask your child to estimate how long each task might take them to complete. Be generous in allocating time for these and break up big tasks into smaller chunks;
- allow a short 10 to 15 minute break every hour they study, especially our Year 7’s. Taking these short breaks will help your child stay fresh and concentrate, making it easier for them to complete their homework;
- allow adequate breaks for mealtimes, and encourage your child to eat with the rest of the family instead of at their desk or homework space.

We hope this has given you lots of ideas and support in ensuring your child has all the necessary mental and physical tools needed to set themselves up for ‘success’ with their homework and future learning. Please do not hesitate to contact your child’s homeroom or subject teacher for more clarification.

Many Thanks for your ongoing support.

Ms Zine Dovara: 5-7 Level Co-ordinator
Our Term One Focus is:

... “Be the Face of Mercy by being Compassionate!”

We are already into week five and so many wonderful things are happening across our level. All students have taken on board our mission theme which is ‘Be the Face of Mercy’ and all have had a smooth and positive start to the school year.

Welcome to our new Year 8H student Ewan McCloy….and apologies for leaving you off in my last Marian report.

Congratulations to our Social Leaders Katelyn Barrow and Rylee George for organizing such a fantastic first social for this year. The 70’s theme was taken up enthusiastically by all those students who attended and some of the costumes were amazing….and brought back many wardrobe memories for most staff members!!!!

A big thank you to Ella Horton and Harrison Greeno who also stepped in and helped out on the night. A great night was had by all and one of the largest attendances we’ve ever had – approximately 110 students!!!!

Our Year Eight students are busy preparing and surveying for their Market Stalls which are on next Thursday 3rd March. Always an exciting day with an amazing array of Market Stalls catering for all tastes and delights!!!!

Congratulations to the following students who have all achieved excellence in their sporting pursuits out of school: Lachlan Beattie and Jack Christie who were Under 14 Cricket Premiers for Yea against Alexandra in the Seymour Junior District Cricket Association Grand Final last weekend. Lachlan was also named as Man of the Match – fantastic achievement Lachlan and well done to both of you on your win.

We also have some local Athletics Champions with Lachlan Aldous and Benjamin Bath winning their events last weekend at the Regional North Country Athletics Championships. These two boys will now compete at the next level which is the State Athletics Championships in Melbourne soon. Lachlan in 100m, 200m, 400m races and Ben in shotput and javelin. Congratulations boys on your amazing success and good luck at the State Championships. Can’t wait to see you both in action at our own Athletics Sports!!!!
I have the privilege of working with our Year Nine students this year in their B4W program. The variety of activities and experiences the student are exposed to in this program are amazing and it's great being a part of this. Last week the students started off the day with a Shared Breakfast (chocolate cake and pancakes and ice-cream were on some menus!!!!!!), a HipHop session with Arch Illias from Melbourne, a dot painting session and then a nature walk down to the Lions Park in Seymour to see the 'Scar gum trees' that were used by local aboriginals decades ago to carve out and use as canoes. The day was absolutely action packed and a huge thank you to Andrew Allen, David Carter and Karen Dalrymple who organize and steer most of this program ... it is an amazing learning experience for our students.

Our Year Ten students are on their Leadership Camp this week in Melbourne. Among their activities are a workshop and visit to the Andy Warhol Exhibition at the Australian National Gallery and a hands on engineering experience at Latrobe University Bundoora. A camp report will feature next time.

Homework Club is up and running and students can take advantage of this opportunity on Mondays, Thursdays and Fridays at lunchtimes in room 24 (the old 10-O homeroom).

Keep up the great effort everyone and remember ‘Be the Face of Mercy’ in all your words and actions!

Mrs Mary Tampion: 8-10 Level Co-ordinator

Languages - Indonesian

Selamat Siang dan selamat datang ke tahun 2016…
[ Good afternoon and welcome to 2016 ]

This year brings much excitement with Indonesian studies and lots going on. In Term 2 we are having an Indonesian day, Hari Indonesia in week 2, keep watching this space. We will continue to work with our Bridge school partners at SMP 20 and SD Alam in Kalimantan Barat (West Kalimantan) Indonesia.

This year we have the students learning Indonesian from Prep right through to Year 10.

The JP classes have started off really well and they have been keen to learn the language. They have learnt how to say my name is (nama saya…), good morning and afternoon (Selamat Pagi/Selamat Siang). This week they learnt that "Ibu" means Mum (or Mrs), next week they will learn the word for Dad. They are currently making a mobile.
The MP’s have been learning different Greetings. In Indonesia it depends on what time of day it is as to what greeting that you use. Selamat Pagi – 6am to 11am, Selamat Siang 11am to 3pm, Selamat Sore 3pm to 6pm and Selamat Malam 6pm to 6am. Students are currently making posters showing the times and the greetings.

SP classes have been busy writing post cards that we are going to send to our Bridge Partner Primary School in Indonesia SD Alam. The students are writing about themselves as well as asking questions and also giving facts about the Australian postcard that they have chosen.

We are busy in the secondary classrooms too. Year 7 is getting to know some Strange but True facts about Indonesia as well as some basic phrases. Did you know that Indonesia has more active volcanoes than any other country!

In Year 8 we are wondering what Indonesian’s like to eat. We have looked at vocabulary for different foods and have surveyed each other and even our Partner School in Sinkawang to find out what they like to eat. We will also be heading down to Victoria market and Bali Bagus restaurant at the end of term.

Year 9 and 10 are working solidly on the VET program. In Year 9 we are using “social language” to describe ourselves and will use edmodo and Skype to get to know our Singkawang partners. The Year 10’s are looking at Workplace language which ties in well with their work in the Industry and Enterprise unit.

Please keep the 19th April free to visit the school for our Indonesia Day.
We would love parents to come and help us cook some Indonesian food and to stay for our concert!

Mrs Angela Molinaro and Mrs Jacqueline Cullum.

Business Manager

Reminder:

Please find below a checklist for families…
just a reminder of all those tasks which may need attending to!

Have you:-
■ Completed your CareMonkey profile?
■ Returned your Medical Verification Report which was sent to those families who do not have a CareMonkey profile?
■ Completed and returned a CSEF form if you have a health care card?
■ Returned your Fee Payment Instalment form indicating your payment schedule?
■ Made a note of the due date of Fees and Levies for this year?
■ Returned a Conveyance Form application if you live more than 4.8kms from the College? OR The PT>Form 1 (Public Transport Victoria) ‘Application for Permission to Travel’?

What’s New:
■ Parent Term 1 Calendar Online – stay ‘up-to-date’. Visit the College Website – follow the ‘news & events’ tab to find this new feature.

Please contact the College for detailed information on any of these items. We are happy to help!

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ST. MARY’S PARISH SEYMOUR – ST. JOSEPH’S TALLAROOK
Parish Priest: Monsignor Anthony K Toms
PO BOX 100, SEYMOUR, VICTORIA 3661 TELEPHONE: (03) 5792 1064 FACSIMILE (03) 5792 4390
MASS TIMES: St. Mary’s: SAT 7.00pm, SUN 10.00am; St. Joseph’s: SUN 8.30am

Community Groups – Up-Coming Events / Expressions of Interest

**Seymour Goulburn Lions Club - Labour Day Bush Market** - Monday 14th March in Goulburn Park (Guild Street), Seymour (9.00am -2.00 pm). **Carnival activities, musical and dance entertainment, food and drink stalls, books, clothes, plants, bric a brac, hardware and lots more. Great Duck Race (1.00 pm).** Gate entry $2.00. Under 16 Free. Site Bookings: Brenda 0427 234 474

**Join A Community Of Global Friendship And Learn About Yourself!** Volunteer to host an international high school student from France arriving into Australia in May 2016 through Southern Cross Cultural Exchange. To enquire about becoming a host family visit us at [www.scce.com.au](http://www.scce.com.au) email scceaust@scce.com.au or call us toll free on 1800 500 501 for more information.

**St Mary’s Netball (SJFNC)** Final netball registration night - Wednesday 2nd March (4.00 to 5.00pm). At Kings Park Netball courts. For more information please contact Kerryn on 0418 575 630 or Gen on 0409 833 466.

**Local Girl Guide Unit** – expression of interest – girls aged 7 to 12 years. Phone Beryl: 0438 358 744

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**DATES TO REMEMBER**

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Reminder:-
‘Recap’
This week has been a fantastic week! We have done many exciting activities and created lots of beautiful masterpieces. This week’s highlights included - shave cream marbling, planting beans in a cup and cooking pancakes!
The children have really enjoyed these activities and are always very excited to arrive after school and find out what activities we are doing. We look forward to welcoming more new families to the service for a very fun filled after school care program!!!

Chelsea Wallace (Team Leader)

A word from the children....

Saxon - my favourite activity this week was the bean planting
Angus - my favourite activity this week was the basketball in the hall
Elizabeth - my favourite activity this week was the shave cream marbling

Our Extend Superstar for the week is... Mackenzie Pearce!!! Mackenzie has settled in to the program very well and is always very polite and happy

Next week’s activities:

Monday 29th February: Plaster Mould painting
Tuesday 1st March: Table tennis
Wednesday 2nd March: Outdoor activities
Thursday 3rd March: Making chocolate balls
Friday 4th March: Origami creations

Parent Portal: extend.com.au