Dear Parents & Friends of St. Mary's,

Catholic Education Week is a celebration of the long and distinguished history of our schools in the Archdiocese of Melbourne. It is a major annual event on the Church calendar. Pope Francis declared 2016 the Year of Mercy, promoting love, forgiveness and compassion, so the theme of the week is Be the Face of Mercy, from which we took our mission for the year. Another theme of this extraordinary Year of Mercy is the idea of walking through a doorway - a door to mercy, love and forgiveness. Each homeroom will have a scripture reference, chosen by the class, above their doorway to focus on this week of celebration.

Our SRC representatives and our College Captains will represent our College at the Mass for Schools. The Mass is on Thursday 17th March. The College Captains and Vice captains will then attend a Young Leaders Forum while the younger students head to the concert in the Fitzroy gardens. We will all meet at the Visual art Exhibition at the Catholic Leadership centre (576 Victoria Pde, East Melbourne) to see many great art works from students across the Archdiocese:-

Georgia Elson (Year 9), Jasper Berryman, Sophie Conroy, (Year 5) and two ensemble pieces from Years 10 (right) and JP (below), will represent St Mary's College. Congratulations to all of our budding artists!!

Our Prayer in the garden is on Friday 11th March at 8.45am. Please join us as we continue our journey through Lent. Our final fundraising event is on Friday 18th March when we will “Walk for Water”. Details next week. Please join us on Thursday 24th March for our Holy Week Liturgy. Also details next week.
Last Friday we held our Crazy Hair Day.... And was it crazy!!!

Thank you so much to everyone who participated and made it not only a fun day, but raised over $200 for our Lenten appeal.

Miss Fuhrmeister won the staff award - she had what looked like a real birds nest in her hair!!

We also loved Mrs Gough’s crazy ponytails but funnily enough, I don’t have photos of either of them...

Have a look at some of these photos - I hope it didn’t take too long to get the colour or the tangles out on Friday night!!!

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**Tomorrow’s School**

**Leader:** God, the beginning and end of all creation, in your name we come together to reflect upon and plan for the future education of your young people.

**Refrain:** Guide us in our sacred work

We are conscious of the richness and variety of the gifts you have given us for our task; We are conscious, too, of our human limitations.

**Refrain:** Guide us in our sacred work

**Leader:** We ask you to guide us as we search in partnership for understanding of the signs of our times, for insight into that tomorrow which begins today, for a vision of possibilities which will fulfil the mission you have entrusted to us.

**Refrain:** Guide us in our sacred work

**Leader:** We thank you for your enlivening Spirit who continues to inspire us through these times of change and growth.

**Refrain:** Guide us in our sacred work

We make this prayer through Christ, our Lord, Amen

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Mr Peter Kelly
✧ Wood Chop  

Our Wood Chop commences at 7.00am this Saturday morning 12th March on the College Grounds near the Basketball Courts (off High Street).

We still need….
* A wood splitter (we have one but will be cutting firewood in 2 separate areas).
* Trailers.

Please… no children are permitted to attend this activity.

✧ Raffle Tickets  

Are now over-due – please return your raffle book (sold or unsold) ASAP!!

✧ Spinning Wheel Stall - Helpers  

The spinning wheel team is desperately seeking volunteers to help run this stall on Carnival Day. If you can spare some time please phone the College Office and leave your name and contact number. Many thanks, Mr Brian O’Dwyer

✧ Pop Up Hairdressers:-

|$ 5.00  Crazy Hairspray |
|$ 20.00 Mens Haircuts |
|$ 10.00 Kids Haircuts |
|$ 30.00 Ladies Haircuts |

... from  

St. Mary’s Parish

Dear friends

I have often told the children and I would like everyone to know that if they have any special prayer intentions – sickness, family, or something private… - please let me know. I pray for you all every day and will continue to do so.

God bless.
Fr Paul

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I used this picture early last year and it remains as true today.

The answers CAN be so simple to what seems like an overwhelming problem but they often need CONSISTENCY to have an ongoing impact. Strategies and expectations require consistent reinforcement, encouragement, modifications and definitions, also needing adaptation to suit ages and situations.

As children grow, we often relax the intensity, and this makes sense. However, we often forget that consistency is still required but with a different focus.

We teach children to acknowledge their feelings of anger or annoyance and how to manage it. We provide opportunities to develop their problem solving skills and conflict resolution strategies, often whilst they are in junior or middle primary.

Parents, this is for you. Thank you for being wonderful human beings who have invested in your children’s education by sending them to our school. Parental support of key issues is paramount in any success we may have. Parents, never underestimate the difference you can make by consistently using wellbeing strategies throughout your child’s life. Home and school are the greatest influences on a child. Together, we can make a difference in your child not only academically, but socially and behaviourally.

The greatest wish of any teacher is for a student to positively manage life’s twists and turns and to draw on the strategies CONSISTENTLY taught throughout their schooling years and be able to adapt these strategies to suit their situation. I look forward to seeing what we together can achieve.

**Reading in the Morning in JP-1 & JP-P**

Over the past couple of years, we have successfully integrated Parent Reading into our mornings. Each morning children are asked to read their readers. This is a fantastic way for parents & carers to be part of their child’s school life without the burden of needing to stay for an extended period of time. Parents hear other children read their reader before joining us for Prayer. This enables children to practise what they have previously read, and also for those who have difficulty reading regularly. Thank you parents, we certainly appreciate you.

Next Tuesday is Parent Teacher Interviews.

We look forward to catching up with parents to discuss their child’s Interim Report. Please check your child’s Take Home Folder or schoolbag for a time for your interview.

**What’s happening in our classrooms –**

**JP** – All Junior Primary students are still enjoying our Inquiry unit – ‘Now & Then?’. Preps will be reading a story called ‘My Family Cake’ in the coming weeks and parents will be asked to consider what sort of cake their family might be. Preps will also be looking at family traditions, roles and how story moves from generation to generation. Preps are also consolidating their initial sound knowledge and I encourage families to continue using the Alphabet Chart that was sent home several weeks ago. This will benefit students in their Reading and Writing.

**MP** – Some beautiful prayers, thoughts and poems for Monsignor Toms.

F arewell Monsignor
A rmy Chaplain
Running was his hobby
E njoys Tim Tams
W ish you well
E veryone loves you
L oves his garden
L oves his Church

M onsignor is the best
O utdoors a lot
N ever forgotten
S cience is his hobby
I mportant person
G arden is a favourite thing
N obel person
O verjoyed to spend time with his family
R etired!!

Zac constructed a 3D church with his cousin Maddie Albers and presented it to Mons.
Dear Monsignor, Middle Primary think that you are a great and caring person and you will never be forgotten. You have a great personality and you are a good cook. You went to many countries and you tell great jokes. We love your smile and will pray for you now and forever.  Remy Hare

Monsignor is strong
Is brave one hundred percent
He is the best priest.
Cooper Shearer & Renon Weerasinghe

Monsignor is kind
Monsignor prays all his life
We love you so much!
Jacinta Raymond & Emily Homewood

Monsignor is kind,
Has a compassionate heart,
And loves everyone.
Sonya Freeman

Measuring Madness
Scarlet, Lizzie and I were in a maths measuring group. We measured the science wing and discovered it was 38 metres long. We found the trundle wheel was the best thing to use for long distances. When you use a trundle wheel you begin on the arrow that says start and count the metres when you hear the click.

Eaknoor Sidhu

My group went outside to measure the basketball court, area A, MPJ’s back verandah and the oval. We needed a trundle wheel, ipad and books to record measurements. The oval was 370 metres and the school boundary was 780 metres.

Oliver Munro

Ollie, Jack and Jayden were in my group. Jayden used the trundle wheel first and measured area A. It was 204 metres. Jack measured the grassed area and it was 153 metres. We had a few problems getting our measurements accurate to start with but we improved after a practise with the trundle wheel.

Izaac Joseph Hauser

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

Extend After School Care at St Mary’s College (Primary Campus)

‘Recap’
Last week was a very busy week. We did many exciting activities and created lots of amazing things. This weeks highlights were – making chocolate truffles, creating an under the sea mural and playing with our new toys we received at the centre! We also had the challenge of having a table tennis tournament and versing the educators! This was a very fun activity for everyone!!
Last week we also welcomed a few new members of our service! We are always looking forward to meeting new families and children around St Mary’s to welcome in our centre!

If you have any unwanted toys, books or board games, we would love to hear from you! We are always looking for pre-loved items in the service for the children to enjoy! Thank you in advance!!

Chelsea Wallace (Team Leader)

Our Extend Superstar for the week is... Morgan Donovan!!!! Morgan is a very new member to our program, and he has settled in very well! Morgan is a very respectful student and he is always a great helper to the educators and to younger children at the centre! Morgan is a very delightful member of our program!!!

Next week’s activities:
- Monday 14th March - Public holiday
- Tuesday 15th March - Pancake day & paddle pop stick photo frames
- Wednesday 16th March - Board games
- Thursday 17th March - Soap clouds
- Friday 18th March - Stained glass pictures

Parent Portal:
extend.com.au
Our Positive Behaviour Goal for this term is:

… ‘Be The Friend I Want To Have’.

We would like to congratulate our Positive Behaviour winners for this week. Courtney Jones, Oryiana Hanna, Caitlin Reid, Nicholas Wyllie, Ashleigh Aldous and Charlie Becks.

Our winners last week were; Thomas Carlin, Fraser Rutherford, Imogen Cafasso and Matthew Whitfort. They were all awarded for displaying wonderful qualities within their learning, attitude and overall work ethic.

Our Year 7’s are away on their camp next week to Great Aussie Holiday Park in Bowna. We are looking forward to this experience and the benefits it brings our students on a social, emotional and physical level, as they work together in teams to develop their relationships and make new friendships. In preparation for our camp, please ensure you have browsed through the requirements list with your child. Any Agreement and Waiver notes need to be returned ASAP. If your child is on any medication, please ensure it is packed in its original packaging with clear instructions, labeled with child's name. They will need to bring lunch, drink and snack for the first day, which is Wednesday 16th March. The student's have chosen a friend to be in their cabin, but we encourage them to meet and make new friendships also whilst on camp. Please notify us if your child struggles being away from home and feeling a bit uneasy about the camp. Mobile phones will be permitted for a period of time after dinner to call home, as we will be busy throughout the day on various activities. Any further inquiries regarding camp, please contact your child’s homeroom teacher or myself before next Wednesday.

Our Homework Club continues to run on Monday and Thursday and we would like you to encourage your child to attend. Please ensure you have established a well-balanced home learning routine with your child and taken on board some of our helpful hints from our last Marian. Our Year 7’s in particular need to be settled into a routine where they can have home tasks completed to a high standard and studying for ongoing assessments and tests, especially in Mathematics.

Our SP-A students were busily participating in some Maths games this week and working in teams to solve subtraction problems. It was wonderful to witness them all engaged and helping one another as a team to solve mathematical problems.

A helpful tip to best support your child with Maths is to have a Times Table chart up around the house and to regularly practise them with your child. Knowing the Times Tables is the basis for all Maths Problems.
Senior Primary Literacy
After reading and discussing a recent newspaper article, students across Senior Primary listed the issues in the article and brainstormed possible writing pieces arising from the article.

Students were fully engaged in numerous self-directed writing tasks. Some students researched and created posters about water and beach safety. Some worked in groups, writing scripts and filming news reports. Others wrote poetry or snapshot pieces of writing.

All students were highly engaged and really enthusiastic about their writing!

The students are feeling the heat lately and the weather may continue to be quite warm, so please ensure your child has a water bottle, sunscreen and their school hat with them daily, especially our Year 7’s next week as we take off on our camp to Bowna where the weather is bound to be much warmer

Ms Zine Dovara: 5-7 Level Co-ordinator

ICT Corner

Reminder:

A large number of Apple Macbook computers and iPads are in use at St Mary’s College. As many of you would be aware, Apple has recalled the charger that has been distributed with these devices.

Apple has determined that, in rare cases, the two prong Apple AC wall plug adapters designed for use in Australia may break and create a risk of electrical shock if touched.

Most school issued Apple chargers for both Macbook and iPad are affected by this recall. We have negotiated with our Apple supplier to exchange these chargers for new ones. The part being replaced is the “duck head” adapter that connects your charger directly to the wall (see picture below).

We request that this detachable part is removed from the charger and brought to school as part of our exchange program.

Students are to bring their charger “duck head” (as above) for immediate replacement to the St Mary’s College ICT office in the secondary corridor on Tuesdays or Fridays at lunchtime between 1st March and 11th March.

Those families with St Mary’s College supplied laptops that are no longer enrolled at the College are advised to follow the procedures as shared by Apple at https://www.apple.com/support/ac-wallplug-adapter/

David Carter - ICT Co-ordinator
Our Term One Focus is:  
… “Be the Face of Mercy by being Compassionate!”

We have many reasons to celebrate all that has happened in our level over the past couple of weeks. The students continue to amaze me with their enthusiasm and dedication to all the challenges and activities that are put before them in their education here at St. Mary’s.

Congratulations to all our Year Ten students for your exemplary behaviour on our Leadership Camp in Melbourne. The students were exposed to a variety of different experiences ranging from visiting the Andy Worhol/ Al Weiwei Exhibition at the National Gallery, to a wave pool and diving/fitness session at MSAC, to participating in an Electrical Engineering session at Latrobe University Bundoora where they had fun operating robotic cars followed by fine dining at Ant’s Chinese Bistro in Chinatown. That evening we were treated to a visit from ‘Ahmed Kelly’ who spoke about his life story and how Moira Kelly from Kilmore rescued him and his brother Emmanuel as toddlers from an orphanage in Baghdad, Iraq. He is now in training for swimming at the Rio ParaOlympics! Special thanks to Rochelle Gough and Catherine Evans who organized Ahmed. On their last day the students also participated in a Team Challenge Tour of Ethiad Stadium and congratulations to our winners – Hunter Bell, Joshua Boyer, Samuel Galafaro, Harrison Greeno, and Michael Quine who are pictured with their Trophy!!!!

AFL Players Visit
Last Friday 4th March two AFL players visited the Year 8 PE classes to share their knowledge of nutrition with the students and to join in their PE class. Alex Morgan (25 jumper) and Orazio Fantasia (13 jumper) joined the students in a game of European Handball and then spent time kicking the footy and answering their questions. Everyone thoroughly enjoyed their visit. Thank you to Ms Dalrymple for organizing the visit.

Macbeth Incursion
Year 9 and 10’s participated in a Macbeth performance last Thursday run by The Flying Bookworm Theatre Company. The performers helped the students to understand the plot of the play and its characters more thoroughly by performing a number of scenes both in traditional and modern text. Students volunteered to join the actors on stage to re-create the witches and the banquet scene.
In Year Eight Food Technology the students have been producing some amazing meals and their reports follow. Mrs Morris has reported she is very happy with their progress and culinary skills in the kitchen.

Food/Home Eco/Food Technology
In C’ARTS we have been cooking various foods and treats, but a good one would have had to be scrambled eggs on toast with juice. Though it was simple we had to do various things. One of the most important things is to make sure our hands are clean, as well as our fingernails (if they were dirty). We put the eggs in the pot and whisked it away in the low temperature heated pot until it was ready. While all of that was happening we used the griller to make toast (also on a low temperature). After everything was done and the eggs were nicely scrambled, and the toast was a golden colour we put the scrambled eggs on the toast and we enjoyed a delectable meal. Then we had to clean up which wasn’t hard because we didn’t need much to do what we needed. After all of the cleaning we finished up and went back to our classrooms.

Carmelo Gattuso

Our Year Eight students had a fantastic Market Day last week – there were delicious smells wafting around at recess of bacon and eggs, sausages etc. There was a real market atmosphere and congratulations to all students and teachers on all your efforts and monies raised will go to a suitable charity. A big thank you to all parents who supported your child in buying for their

PIZZA
How did we make it? ...
First of all, Josh and I had to assign each other to different jobs, one of us should’ve been assigned to making the dough base of the pizza, and the other on the pizza sauce. However, we sort of switched between the two. We started grabbing ingredients from the front such as, yeast, garlic, onion, flour and a few cups of water. When I put it in the bowl I accidentally poured too much making our dough super sticky, so then we were told we needed more flour which is what we did and it turned out quite well. After finishing that we put a cloth over the dough and the bowl, and waited for the yeast to do its magic. During this process, Josh was doing very well with our pizza sauce. He had finely chopped onions and had grabbed the tomato, and taught me a trick with garlic, instead of peeling the garlic you crush it with one side of the knife, it makes it significantly easier to take the skin off. We then added some breadcrumbs and oregano while it was on the stove. After it started spitting we turned the heat off and focused on the dough again. The dough had risen and was proving. We took it out and rolled it hardly with the palms of our hand for a few minutes. Afterwards we sprayed a round tray with oil so the dough didn’t stick, then pushed the dough firmly on the tray with our knuckles. Josh then had a great idea and made the edges like a classic pizza, with a thick crust. Josh’s original idea was to make a cheesy crust, but we were running out of time so we couldn’t do Josh’s brilliant idea! We had shredded our variety of meat and grated our cheese, cut our capsicum and grabbed our pineapple. Then we assembled a masterpiece! We put it in the oven to cook and waited. It took about 40 minutes for it to thoroughly cook. When it was cooked though, it looked like the best thing I’ve ever seen! The teacher gave us an A for this amazing creation!! Also it was delicious!

Benjamin Postill and Joshua Dorado

Our Year Eight students are on Camp in Hall’s Gap this week. Their activities range from high ropes, canoeing and abseiling to an evening workshop session at the local Brambuk Educational Centre in Hall’s Gap. Full report in our next Marian.

Congratulations to and Daniel O’Sullivan, Marko Culina and Keegan Grant who were Eastern Hill’s Under 16 Premiers recently in the Seymour and District Junior Cricket Association. Great effort boys and a great reward for all your dedication to your sports!

Mrs Mary Tampion: 8-10 Level Co-ordinator
DATES TO REMEMBER
14th – 18th March 2016
(Week 8 of 9)

Friday 11th Mar.
- Prayer in the Garden (8.45am)
  - Scholastic BookClub orders in due today.

Monday 14th Mar.
- Labour Day – Public Holiday

Tuesday 15th Mar.
- Yr.7 Immunisation: Gardasil
  - Yr.10 Incursion: Keys Please

Wed. 16th Mar.
- Yr.7 Camp ‘Great Aussie Holiday Park’ (D1 of 3)
  - Yr. B4W - Melbourne

Thursday 17th Mar.
- SRC & College Capt – St. Patrick’s Day Mass - Melbourne

Friday 18th Mar.

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MASS TIMES: St. Mary’s: SAT 7.00pm, SUN 10.00am; St. Joseph’s: SUN 8.30am

CANTEEN ROSTER
14th – 18th March

Friday 11th Mar.
- Susan Samson, Sharon Williams

Monday 14th Mar.
- Public Holiday

Tuesday 15th Mar.
- Julie Robinson

Wed. 16th Mar.
- Volunteer Required

Thursday 17th Mar.
- Jodie Parchomenko

Friday 18th Mar.
- Deb Kaak, Kathy Whitfield

College Photo day was held early this week (Monday 7th March)

Families have until Thursday 17th March to place online orders.

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