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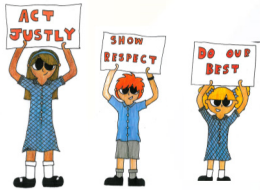
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St. Mary's College Vision Statement

A welcoming Catholic community that respects our heritage and looks to a sustainable future.

We inspire learning excellence, resilience and service to others.



Term 4.
Week:-
1 of 11

Dear Parents & Friends of St. Mary's,

Welcome back! After such a cold winter last term weren't we blessed with some beautiful weather during the holidays. I hope you and your families were able to enjoy some of the sunny days.

On the last day of the term the whole College joined in the Footy Colours day which was a huge success, helping to raise more funds for the Drought Relief. Thank you to Mrs. Jennine Brock, the College leaders and the Community team for their wonderful work. And well done to all those West Coast supporters out there!

College Production 2018...

The cast and crew of this year's College Production, Seussical, are working hard as rehearsals are ramping up. Over the next two weeks they will be very busy.

**Wednesday 24th October - Opening Night
(7.30pm)**

Thursday 25th & Friday 26th October (7.30pm)

Venue: Seymour Community Arts Centre, Cnr Anglesey & Loco Sts Seymour



Tickets On Sale From the College Office...

Admission: \$ 5.00 Student/child
\$15.00 Adult
\$30.00 Family

Staff News

Last Tuesday Fr. Ashkar wrote to all families informing them of the appointment of **Mr. Wayne Smith** to the position of Principal at St Mary's College from 2019. And on the same day I telephoned Wayne to congratulate and welcome him. We had a great chat on the phone and I felt very comfortable talking with him and am looking forward to working with Wayne very closely in the coming months to ensure a smooth transition.

Congratulations to **Mr. Sean O'Brien** who has been appointed to the position of Notre Dame College, Shepparton as Director of Emmaus Campus for Year 9 students, commencing 2019. This is a wonderful opportunity for Sean and we all congratulate him on his appointment.

Welcome **Mrs. Gail Strahan** who has been appointed to the position of Office Manager at St Mary's College. Gail has previously worked in administration in schools and brings with her a wealth of experience and expertise. Please pop in and say hello to Gail!

State Government Grant

What an exciting week it has been!! The news last Monday of a \$1.4 million building grant came quite unexpectedly and is a huge boost to our Masterplan and will greatly assist us in our efforts to provide the very best learning facilities for our students. Whilst the Director of Catholic Education Mr. Stephen Elder is currently seeking a commitment from the Opposition that they will match the Government's offer, we will continue to prepare for another building in 2019.

Capital Works Program

Earlier this year, I informed families of our intention to construct an extension to the MP Hall.

With our ever increasing resources and equipment, the College needs more storage space for large items of PE and Sports equipment.

This addition to the hall will ensure greater safety and organization of our resources.



from the... *Business Manager*

Fees and Levies

Families are reminded that the due date for the payment of all fees and levies is 31st October. Thank you to all those families who have been making regular payments or have already paid their fees in full.



All families, particularly those families who are leaving the College at the end of the school year, are requested to contact me at the College by 19th October if they need to discuss alternative payment arrangements.

It is also a good time for those families who have direct debit or direct deposit arrangements in place to review their payment instalment amounts in order to meet their commitment in 2018 and into 2019. Information regarding the fees and levies for next year will be posted or emailed to all families in January 2019 but if you require any assistance before then regarding fee payment calculations please feel free to ask.

If you wish to discuss any matter relating to Fees and Levies, please do not hesitate to contact me at the College.

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Learning & Teaching



from the Deputy Principal ...

Parent/Student/Teacher Learning Conversations - are available on **Tuesday 16th October** between **3.30pm and 7.50pm**.

Please use your PAM account to book an appointment time with your child's teachers.

When you view the booking schedule you may notice that a teacher may be unavailable on that day. If this is the case please email the teacher for a return phone call and you will be contacted as soon as possible.

One of the key things to clarify is student goal setting for the term and a clear understanding of exactly what level the student is achieving.

Parents of students in Years 7-10 can access assessment tasks in the Learning Areas section of the PAM account. At this stage not all Arts/Technologies assessments are available as these are semester long units and they may require more time to complete.

Mrs Christine Buhler
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P- 4 News



from the Level Co-ordinator ...

Upcoming Transition Hints for Parents



Welcome back to a huge final term for 2018. As always there will be plenty of activities and events throughout the term. However, one of the most important and anticipated events is Transition. Transition is often only thought about in relation to Prep and Year 7 enrolments, but it can be a significant time for students moving classrooms or needing to adjust to a new teacher or cohort of incoming students. As always, we have diligently planned transition mornings that benefit all students. I have attached an article I recently read about transition for your information. There are two other parts to this article that I will print in turn. Enjoy and have a great term!

(Part 1 of 3) Starting school is an important time for children and families. Children who make a positive start to school are more likely to:

- feel comfortable, relaxed and valued;
- feel excited and motivated to learn;
- have good relationships with others.
- develop a sense of belonging within the school community.

Starting school is not just about the first day. It's a process that begins when children and families start to prepare in the year before, and continues as children experience their first days, weeks and months of school. The process involves a number of changes for children and families, and everyone reacts differently.

For some children the change brings excitement about making new friends and learning new things, while for others the change can leave them feeling nervous and overwhelmed. You may reflect on your own school experiences and be reminded of the mix of emotions you felt when starting school.

Families play an important role in supporting children to manage the transition to primary school. With the support of your child's early childhood educator and school teacher, you can help them to cope with the new challenges by developing their social, emotional and learning skills. Supporting your child's skills in these areas contributes to their mental health and wellbeing.

The main changes for your child

When children start school they experience changes in the following areas.

Physical environment: the size of the playground, classroom and school buildings, the location and types of toilets, the number of other children and teachers.

Rules and procedures: more structured times for attending class, eating and going to the toilet, rules for different places such as the classroom and playground, lining up and putting up a hand to speak.

Relationships: meeting new children and adults, responding to children of different ages, leaving an early childhood educator, getting to know a range of teachers for different subjects and from different grades.

Learning: For example, more formal learning experiences, structured times and set tasks, increasing independence.

<https://www.kidsmatter.edu.au/families/starting-school/1-thinking-about-transition-school>

Hats & Uniform

Next week is the last week with the choice of winter or summer uniform. As from Monday 22nd October, students will be required to wear full summer uniform. If you are unsure of what the uniform consists of, please ask your classroom teacher.



As it is Term 4 and we are a Sun Smart School, it is a requirement that all students wear a hat whilst outside. Hats will be required by Monday 15th October. The expected hat is a blue broad brimmed hat. Our policy of 'No hat, No play' means that students will be required to play under the verandahs during recess and lunch if they do not have a hat. It is suggested that students leave their hats at school each day so they are not lost or forgotten. We appreciate your support in this matter.

Junior Primary Swimming

This term has Junior Primary swimming every Thursday and Friday. Please ensure your child has their swimmers, towel and goggles. If your child wears board shorts, please ensure an additional pair of underwear is packed. Items clearly named will make it much easier if they are misplaced. The timetable is attached and parents are more than welcome to meet their child's class at the stadium:-



JP-P Thursday 1.00pm

JP-R Friday 11.15am

JP-C Thursday 1.45pm

JP-F Friday 12.00pm

Until next fortnight, continue to ACT JUSTLY, SHOW RESPECT and DO YOUR 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

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Yr. 5-7 News



from the Level Co-ordinator ...

Welcome to our final term for 2018... another busy time as we meet for **Parent/Student/Teacher Learning Conversations**, commence our **Transition** program and conduct our **Year 7 Information Evening** on **Monday 29th October**. We look forward to seeing all current Year 6 parents and students entering Year 7 in 2019.

We will continue with our **Transition Program** where the students get to move up a level for a short period of time over a series of dates. The students will experience various teachers and classrooms throughout this process.

An important date is our **Year 7 Information Evening** on **Monday 29th October** at **7.00pm** in the **Library** for all our Year 6 students, along with our new students coming into Year 7 for 2017. Please ensure you come along to this evening with your child, as this is an important part of the transition process into secondary for your child. We will discuss the notion of

'Transition' and how young adolescents cope with new beginnings and higher academic, social and emotional expectations put upon them.

We have many special events happening in the coming weeks and would love to see as many parents and grandparents attend to encourage and support the students. Please view the live Parent Calendar in PAM and dates to remember in The Marian for Term 4 and place them in your diary.

As we now are in our Summer Uniform, please ensure your child is in the correct attire and wearing a school **hat**. We need to ensure we all have our hats by next week. If for any reason your child is not in the correct uniform, please write a note explaining this to the homeroom teacher. Please encourage your child to also be wearing sunscreen as part of being SunSmart. We are happy for the students to have water bottles in class, but only to be filled up during break times and not interrupt learning times.

We would like to congratulate all our students who utilised **Homework Club** last term in the library and enjoyed the feeling of having work completed on time. We will continue with Homework Club this term each day, as it will soon become quite busy with assignments and various home tasks.

**We look forward to working in partnership with you once again for the wellbeing of your children.
Please contact your child's homeroom teacher if you have any questions or concerns.**

Ms Zine Dovara

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Yr. 8-10 News



from the Level Co-ordinator ...

Our Level Focus For Term 4 is:

'The 4th Quarter: Finish with Pride!'

Parent Teacher Meetings
'Night of Notables'
Karingal Presentations
B4W 'Project Rocket' / Urban Camp
'Seussical' Production
9/10 Examinations

Welcome back to term four with summer uniforms, sunny days, happy students...!

All of the above are the perfect recipe for a great term for all of us.

Our term focus is the stimulus we all need to be motivated about our work and a strong fourth quarter is always fuelled by our pride so let's all take this focus onboard.

Congratulations to all those **Year 8** students and teachers who were involved in the very successful **'Night of Notables'** presentations the last week of Term 3.



The theme for this year was 'Organisations/Foundations that contribute to the Community' and the diversity of the students

presentations was fantastic.... The Reach Foundation, The Big Freeze MND, Make A Wish, Guide Dogs, Smith Family and Save The Children Fund to name a few.

Special thanks to Mrs Lorna Hooper and Mrs Kymberleigh Rowland who spent hours working with and supporting the students with these presentations.

There is much excitement building amongst the **Year Nine** students with their Urban Camp coming up from October 31st until November 2nd in Melbourne. The students will spend three days in Melbourne experiencing many varied and cultural activities.

On Wednesday 17th October our **Year 9** students will participate in two "Project Rocket" workshops called 'Rally: New Ways to Tackle Bullying!' and 'Connect: Tackling (cyber) bullying with empathy!' The workshops are set up around highly energetic and interactive challenges that enable students to safely and anonymously reflect on past behaviour and empathise with those different experiences.

Our College Production '**Seussical!**' is fast approaching and we have lots of excited students who are involved in this. Just a reminder to all of you to turn up for rehearsals and costume appointments as the big night is fast approaching!

Parent/Teacher Learning Conversations are being held next Tuesday 16th October from 3.30 until 8.00pm.... please take advantage of this opportunity to catch up with your child's teachers.

This term is always an exciting one for our **Year Ten** students, with exams on the horizon from the week beginning November 26th... their last week at the College.

Now is the time to be motivated about your learning and continue applying those SMART goals that you set for yourselves earlier this year into practice! The week finishes with the Graduation Mass and Dinner on Friday November 30th!

Our **Year Ten** students conclude their weekly visits to **Karingal** next Friday with a shared morning tea and presentations of their Memory Books and Life Story DVDS they have made for their buddies. This has been a most rewarding experience for all involved and I would like to congratulate the students on the empathy and respect they have all shown towards their older buddies.



I encourage all students to make the most of **Homework Club** this term which is held every day at lunchtimes in the Library. Maths tutoring is also available every Thursday after school from 3.30pm-4.30 pm in the Library as well. A great opportunity to get on top of your workload and finish off the school year in a positive and rewarding way.

Please feel free to contact your child's homeroom teacher or level coordinator if you have any concerns or queries regarding your child's wellbeing/education.

Mrs Mary Tampion
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DATES TO REMEMBER... 2018



Term FOUR

*These dates are subject to change.
Any changes will be noted in red. Watch this space!*

OCT


Wk. 1

[A] Friday 12th College Assembly (2.30pm)

Wk. 2

[B] Tuesday 16th **P/T Learning Conversations (Optional): 3.30pm-8.00pm**
Wed. 17th JP Incursion 'Wild Action'

Wk. 3

[A] Monday 22nd Production Rehearsals (all day) M/P Hall
Tuesday 23rd Production Rehearsals (all day) Comm Arts Centre 
Wed. 24th Production: Opening Night (7.30pm)
Thurs - Fri Production (7.30pm)
Friday 26th Level Assemblies (2.30pm)

Wk. 4

[B] Monday 29th 2019 Information Nights: (Prep: 5.30pm); (Yr.7: 7.00pm)

NOV

Thursday 1st Transition Morning (P-6 & 2019 Preps)


Wk.5

[A] Monday 5th Mid Term Break
Tuesday 6th Melbourne Cup – Public Holiday

Class Mass (9.00am)	
Term 4:	
17/10:	Yr.7&8
24/10:	SP
31/10:	JP
7/11:	MP

Log into your [PAM Account](#) and...

... notify the College of Student Absences (instead of ringing the Absentee line)

(To do this go to the top right of your screen and click on the symbol  to access the Parent Notified Absent Tab)

... View the '[Live Parent Calendar](#)'

Scholastic Book Club: Issue 7 is out now.

Please return orders by Friday 26th October

T4 Swim. Program:

JP Weekly (Thurs): JP-P: 1.00pm; C: 1.45pm
(Fri): JP-F: 11.15am; R: 12.00pm

7A Weekly (Mon): 1130am-1.20pm

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CANTEEN ROSTER

15th - 19th October
(10.45am-2.30pm)

Friday 12 th Oct.	Therese Stopp
Monday 15 th Oct	Neisha Reid
Tuesday 16 th Oct.	Catherine Plessey
Wed. 17 th Oct.	Kelly Rogers
Thursday 18 th Oct.	Rob Field
Friday 19 th Oct.	Barb Plum, Jo Fairweather

ST. MARY'S PARISH SEYMOUR ~ ST. JOSEPH'S TALLAROOK

Parish Priest: Father Eugene Ashkar

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MASS TIMES: St. Mary's: SAT 6.00pm, SUN 10.00am; St. Joseph's: SUN 8.30am