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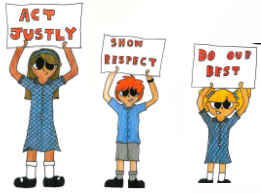
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St. Mary's College Vision Statement

*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:-
4 of 11

Dear Parents & Friends of St. Mary's,



Suessical...

The College Production was a huge hit last week and we congratulate all the students in the cast and crew of Seussical. More than 750 people enjoyed the show over 3 nights on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday of last week. A huge thank you to Mrs. Kerry Hogan and Mr. Sean O'Brien and the whole cast and crew who all worked together to make it what many believe to be the most successful production ever!



Opening Number



The Whos



Bird Girls



Solla Sollew

Cast of Seussical



Sound & Lighting Crew



Solla Sollew



The Jungle Animals



The Whos



All For You



The Make-up Team

Update - New Principal

Yesterday, our newly appointed principal Mr. Wayne Smith visited us for the day. Wayne received a great welcome from us all and, at a short assembly with the students, he told us all about his family and past experiences as a principal - answering lots of questions that students have been asking for the past few weeks.

Prep and Year 7 Transition 2019

Last Monday evening we welcomed many new families whose children will be transitioning to St Mary's College in 2019. The new students consist mostly of prospective Preps and Year 7s and we acknowledge that is both an exciting and challenging time for them. Thank you to our staff who made our new families so welcome as they disseminated all the important information.

Snake Protocol



After a week of such warm weather it is timely to raise a few important health and safety matters!

This week teachers have been revising the College Snake Protocol with the students. Being prepared for a snake sighting means knowing a few key steps to ensure our personal safety and the safety of others. Below is a summary of the protocol if you wish to discuss it with your child. More detail on the Protocol can be found on the College website.

What to do when there is a snake sighting

Student - In the event of a snake sighting on or near the College grounds, please observe the following protocols:

Move away from the snake immediately and find the nearest teacher. If you cannot see a teacher go to the office and tell them.

Do not approach, scare or throw things at the snake or get in the path of the snake.

Tell other students who are nearby to move away from the area.

Staff - For staff who may be told of a sighting, regardless of where you are:

Contact the College office (or send a responsible student with a message of the location of the snake). The office staff will inform the principal/deputies who will immediately attend the scene.

At the same time you should make your way to the vicinity of the snake to ensure other students have not approached it or are interfering with it, do not put yourself in danger but instruct others from a safe distance. In doing this, be clear to students that there is a 'no go zone'. This will be reinforced when back up staff arrive.

Do not leave the area of the snake sighting until instructed to do so.

Asthma Alert



If your child's asthma is triggered by pollens, and is worse in the spring and summer when hay fever is active, then it is important that you have a current asthma action plan. It may be time to review your home and school plan and ensure all precautions and medications are not out of date. Please contact the office if we can assist in any way.

This time last year Melbourne's emergency services responded to a spike in asthma related attacks caused by what has been termed Thunderstorm Asthma. As we approach the late Spring/early Summer in 2017 we are experiencing similar weather conditions - namely consecutive warm days, followed by increasing northerly winds culminating in stormy weather. After some very warm days this week, and a change in weather predicted, let's be proactive and on the look-out for the early signs of asthma related conditions.

This week I have visited some popular online sites and found this helpful information about Thunderstorm Asthma.

- Thunderstorm asthma is a form of asthma that is triggered by an uncommon combination of high pollen (usually during late Spring to early Summer) and a certain kind of thunderstorm.
 - Anyone can be affected, even if you don't have a history of asthma.
 - People at increased risk have a history of asthma, have unrecognised asthma, have hay fever (allergic rhinitis), particularly seasonal hay fever, or are allergic to grass pollen.
- People experiencing asthma symptoms even if for the first time should not ignore it, and should seek medical advice as soon as possible.
 - An asthma flare up can vary in severity and can be life threatening. If there are signs that a person's condition is deteriorating, urgent care should be sought. Call Triple Zero (000).
 - Be aware of forecast thunderstorms in the pollen season particularly on days with a HIGH or EXTREME pollen count.
 - Where possible, stay indoors with doors and windows closed until the storm front has passed.

College Board and Parents and Friends

The College Board AGM will be held next Wednesday 7th November.

The Parents And friends AGM will be held on Wednesday 21st November.

Education in Faith & School Community

from the Deputy Principal ...



This week, we celebrate two special feast days. Stephen Elder, Executive Director CEM, wrote this reflection about All Saints Day and All Souls Day last week.

The signs of Halloween are everywhere in our supermarkets and commercial centres. We've mostly forgotten in all the hype that Halloween is really All Hallow's Eve, the day before the feast of All Hallows – or All Saints on 1 November.

The Christian feasts of All Saints and the Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed (or All Souls Day) that follow it, are significant feasts in the life of the Church. They are a reminder that the Church is a community – a communion – of all the faithful, both in this world and beyond. We are connected in Christ to all those who have gone before us,

as we are connected to the faithful here on earth. This year we include new members of the Communion of Saints, most notably St Pope Paul VI and St Oscar Romero, who were canonised recently.

These feasts invite us to pray for all those who have gone before us and all those who have led lives of holiness, and they begin a month of prayer for those who have died before us. Indeed, to pray for the dead, and the living, is a spiritual work of mercy. Let us take the time to embrace this work of mercy during November and let's not lose sight of these important feasts in the midst of competing events.

*"I will give you rest"
Matthew 11:27-30*

All things have been handed over to me by my Father; and no one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and anyone to whom the Son chooses to reveal him.

'Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.

We especially hold in our thoughts and prayers all those who are feeling the pain of the loss of loved ones these past weeks- from our local communities, other schools and the wider, global community. May their families feel the comfort of God's loving presence.

Next week we commemorate Remembrance Day and 100 years since the end of WW1. Our special prayer for Remembrance Day will be in next weeks Marian.



Special Events Ahead

A very important date for your diary is **Thursday 6th December** when we will farewell **Mr Kelly** and **Mr O'Dwyer** with a special Mass, morning tea and celebration, including an assembly with the students. It is hard to imagine our school without Peter and Brian, after so many years of amazing service to St Mary's so we would love to see as many people as possible there to celebrate all that they have contributed to our school.

Please keep this date free and watch for further details on our Facebook page and in the Marian.

Other important dates include:

Friday 9th Nov- Launch of new website in MPH 2.30pm. Mrs Tanya Oakley has been working for months on preparing our new College website that will show our wonderful school in a whole new light. Please join us as we showcase this new venture.

Wednesday 5th Dec- for our **End of Year liturgy and awards ceremony.** Awards are presented to students in Years 6-9 while the Year 10 students receive their awards at the Graduation evening.

Tuesday 18th Dec– Prep Christmas Play and Liturgy for P-6.

Both events take place during the day- times to be confirmed.

Samaritans Purse

A huge thank you to all of our wonderful families for the very generous donations for the Samaritans purse. We will be able to fill around 40 boxes which is an amazing effort by so many.

We hope to send the boxes on their way by the end of the week.

An extra special thanks to Mrs. Brock for her organization and support of this incredible initiative.

Year 10 Final Weeks

As we turn the corner into November, we especially think of our Yr. 10 students

The students are preparing for their final weeks at St Mary's. This is a busy month for the Year 10 classes as their time at St Mary's comes to a close. We are very proud of the Year 10 class of 2019 and ask you to hold them in your thoughts and prayers over the coming weeks.

Students will be sitting exams from Monday Nov 27th- 29th November and then having their final school day on Thursday 29th November.

This day will include morning tea with the staff and a farewell assembly. All parents are invited to the assembly, with a special invitation to all of our Year 10 families. The Year 10 Graduation will be held on Friday 30th November.

Details of all these events will be published next week but please mark these dates in your diary.

We wish the Yr. 10 students all the very best in the weeks ahead.

Year 9 students

Year 9 students are preparing to take over the mantle from the Year 10's. They have been meeting to discuss leadership positions for next year and are busy writing letters of application to Mr Kelly. We have many wonderful applicants for these leadership positions.

They will present their speeches to the **College later in November.** Please keep these students in your thoughts and prayers over the coming weeks.

A busy and exciting time ahead! Please contact me if you have any questions about Faith and Community events in our final term for 2018.



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Student Wellbeing



from the Deputy Principal ...

Building and maintaining positive relationships is an essential part of developing a caring and safe environment for our students. Positive relationships between staff and students, students and students and staff/students and parents are essential in ensuring that each student is able to “do their best” academically, socially and emotionally. There is not one magic formula that create positive relationships. The truth is that it takes time and a combination of a number of elements. One important element that works to build and sustain positive relationships, is the ability to be polite. The following article lists some key actions that increase our politeness and have a positive influence on our relationships.

Building Relationships through Politeness

by Michael Herbert

Politeness: having or showing behaviour that is respectful and considerate of other people.

Show appreciation and gratitude by writing thank you notes.

Old fashioned, maybe. Valuable, extremely. Do people typically throw a handwritten note or card straight in the bin - no, it is almost always kept in a prominent position because it is appreciated and valued.

Go out of your way to make new people feel welcome and cared for.

Make the effort to go the extra mile for those who are unwell or overloaded.

There is always someone who will benefit from us going that extra mile for them when they are unwell or overloaded. It might be a family member, a friend, a colleague or a student. How we respond to their needs will tell us a lot about who we truly are.

Be polite to those who have little impact on your life.

We have a lot to gain from being polite to those who play an important role in our life. The true test of our character is the way we respond to those who have little to offer us.

Say “you’re welcome”.

When you stop and think about it, the words “you’re welcome” or “it’s a pleasure” have a more appreciative meaning than expressions such as “no probs” or “cheers for that”.

Hold the door open and speak to the person behind you.

Holding the door open for a person and offering a greeting or gentle word of acknowledgment is a sign of respect and acknowledgment of the person. What is the alternative - ignore them and let the door close in their face?

Never devalue the importance of the person in front of you.

Think carefully about the message you give someone when you interrupt a conversation in order to answer a phone or text message or to check Facebook. Politeness is being fully present to the person whose company you are in.

“It is astounding what power being kind, mannered, polite and considerate has in transforming your life.”

Bryant McGill, Simple Reminders: Inspiration for Living Your Best Life



Allison Moore & Rohan Williamson

Last week we were visited by the CEO of Australian First Aid. A company that delivers First Aid education to schools across Australia. As part of our new agreement with Australian First Aid to provide our College a range of courses we were fortunate to receive a new Defibrillator. Alison Moore representing the PE department and College accepts the new Defibrillator from Rohan Williamson.

Mr Sean O'Brien

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Learning & Teaching



from the Deputy Principal ...

Congratulations to all students involved in the production! You were amazing on stage and in your particular roles! You have also demonstrated your learning in so many ways. And thanks to the staff and families for all the work and time commitments to enable this wonderful musical to happen! Of course to Seuss for his wizardry with words – everyone from youngest to oldest is familiar with the characters and rhymes!

Continuing the learning journey –

Teachers and students are attempting to complete course work required in all year levels before the end of the year. So much planning and organisation is required for all students to demonstrate their learning and strive to achieve the standard for their year of schooling.

Parents need to be aware that secondary students will be experiencing an increased workload as many final due dates are approaching. This usually means the final components of larger pieces of work and only students who have fallen behind with their home learning or who have not kept the pace up will be facing more challenges at this time. With the new learning areas in PAM, parents and students are receiving teacher comments and student achievement results throughout the year.

Please support your child's learning by continuing to have high expectations and a positive approach to learning.

Learning Areas - PAM

Teachers have continued to develop and improve in using PAM Learning Areas. Please support the full implementation of the program by using it as often as possible and especially in conversation with your child. It is planned to implement this with all subjects in years 5 and 6 next year.

Are you aware that you can access the College calendar in PAM? Many event dates have already been published for 2019. Please continue to check on a regular basis as events will continue to be added as they become known and planned.

Curriculum Audit -

Curriculum leaders are working with all teachers across the College to conduct a full audit of curriculum planning and teaching. This will be completed by the end of the term and will support the development of new units of work, as well as ensuring a stronger focus in some emerging areas such as sustainability, STEM and The Arts.

A review of all intervention and support programs will assist in design and structures for the following year. I will be consulting with students across the College for their feedback, comments and suggestions.

Exam Timetable-

Year 9 and 10 students will have exams during week 8 as follows.

Tuesday 27th November: English and Science and revision and study in period 5.

Wednesday 28th November: Maths and Humanities and revision and study in period 5.

Thursday 29th November: Faith Education and Health & Physical Education. Followed by the Whole College Assembly to farewell the year 10s and handover leadership to the year 9s.

Meanwhile, the rest of the students have much to learn over the coming weeks!

Around the College –

We continue to embed sustainable activities in recycling, sorting rubbish, composting and planting in the kitchen garden. The trees we planted in Learning Areas week continue to flourish and we look forward to the next time the year 7s measure their growth!

Enjoy the 4-day break – looking forward to the second half of the term!

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Sports Update



Oliver competed at State Level Athletics last week in both discus and shotput. Congratulations Oliver on a fabulous effort to reach the State level and to compete so well. We are all very proud of you

Oliver Munro SPK



DATES TO REMEMBER... 2018



Term FOUR

These dates are subject to change.

Any changes will be noted in red. Watch this space!

NOV

Wk.5	Monday 5 th	Mid Term Break (Note: the Marian will not be published this week)
[A]	Tuesday 6 th	Melbourne Cup – Public Holiday
Wk.6	Tuesday 13 th	Science Incursion Yr. 10 & 7
[B]	Wed 14 th	Science Excursion Yr.9 & 10 (selected group)
		Transition: Levels P-6
	Friday 16 th	Yr. 7 Market Day Stall
		TAG Outdoor Games
Wk.7	Wed 21 st	Transition: Levels P-6 & kinder
[A]	Friday 23 rd	Yr. 8 Excursion Scienceworks
		Level Assemblies (2.30-3.00)
Wk 8	Monday 26 th	JP Excursion Kyabram Fauna Park
[B]		Yr 9 & 10 Exams commence
	Wed 28 th	Transition: Levels 1&2 & Kinder
	Thursday 29 th	Yr 10 Final Assembly 2-3pm
	Friday 30 th	Yr 10 Graduation 6-11pm

Class Mass
(9.00am)

Term 4:

31/10:	JP
7/11:	MP
14/11	Yr7&8
21/11	Yr 9&10

Remembrance Day 11th November

Poppy's and other items are available from the College Office.



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'

Login issues/concerns with your PAM account... email: ictsupport@smseymour.catholic.edu.au

T4 Swim. Program:

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

7A Weekly (Mon): 11.30am-1.20pm

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CANTEEN ROSTER

5th -16th November
(10.45am-2.30pm)

Wed. 7 th Nov.	C. Plessey
Thursday 8 th Nov.	Volunteer Required
Friday 9 th Nov.	Melinda Parker
	Sue O'Keefe
Monday 12 th Nov	Kerry Hogan
Tuesday 13 th Nov	C. Plessey
Wed. 14 th Nov	Kelly Rogers
Thursday 15 th Nov	Rob Fifield
Friday 16 th Nov	Therse Stopp
	Barb Plum

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