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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:-
8 of 11

Dear Parents & Friends of St. Mary's,

Christmas Nativity

A Christmas nativity is probably one of the most recognisable symbols of the Christmas season. Nativities are art, models, carvings, or live demonstrations depicting the night of Jesus' birth. These scenes generally contain the same elements: Jesus in a manger; His mother, Mary; His earthly father, Joseph; shepherds; angels; various barn animals; and sometimes three wise men.

Saint Francis of Assisi created the very first nativity scene in 1223 in an effort to promote the true meaning of Christmas and worship of Jesus Christ. His idea caught on, and soon a new Christmas tradition was born. Today, it's almost impossible for one to go through the Christmas season without seeing a nativity scene somewhere!

So we are asking for families who have a nativity at home, to send in a photo. Let's see how many different styles there are!

We will then share them in the next couple of Marian's and on our facebook page.

Here is Mrs Gough's nativity ready for Christmas day!

What does yours look like?

Email your photo to
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Year 10 Farewell

On Thursday and Friday of this week the College community said farewell to the Year 10 students. This is always a sad time for our students and staff who have known and worked alongside each other for many years. We are such a close knit community that saying goodbye is always a very special time when we express our appreciation for the contributions of each student and wish them well.

I also wish to acknowledge and thank each Year 10 College leader for their contributions to St Mary's College. A very special thank you is extended to our College Captains: Denby Gardner and Lachlan Russell and Vice Captains: Eden Cater and Benjamin Postill who have had a great year as leaders, contributing at every level and being wonderful models for all. I especially thank Eden, Ben, Denby and Lachlan for their wonderful support of the staff and their enduring mature and caring approach to their roles. God bless you!



New Year 10 Leaders and College Captains

Congratulations to the new Year 10 Leaders 2019!


Yesterday at our Assembly, I announced the elected College Captains and College Vice Captains. My warmest congratulations go to:

College Captains

Polly Duff and Dominic Plessey

College Vice Captains

Bronte Tipping & Matthew Whitfort



The 2019 Sports Captains, the Wellbeing Leaders and the Community Leaders will be announced next week.



P&FAGM

Last week the Parents and Friends held our Annual General meeting and I am delighted to inform families that Karen Glen was re-elected to the role of President. Karen will be ably supported by Secretary: Barb Canty, Treasurer: Louisa Munro and Communications team: Megan Cox and Katy Lee. A great group of enthusiastic team members!

Christmas Raffle – Let's all support the Parents and Friends in their final fundraiser for the year, the Christmas Raffle. Please keep them coming in. The prizes are fantastic! The draw will take place on Wednesday 6th December at the end of year assembly. If you wish to sell another book of tickets please contact the College office. **If you cannot sell your book of tickets please return them to the office for others to sell.**



Transition

Once again this week, the Primary students had another taste of Transition on Wednesday and were again joined by all the new Preps for 2019. We all had a great morning and the new Preps thoroughly enjoyed their first experience of recess in the playground, especially the adventure playground!

Thank you so much to everyone involved.



Year 9 & 10 Exams

It has been a busy week for the Year 9s and 10s who have been sitting exams. My thanks to the staff for all their hard work and support throughout these testing times.



Sun Smart Policy

Our Sun Smart Policy highlights hats, sunscreen, shade, clothing and water as the 5 key elements of sun safety. Let's keep reminding one another of these important safety matters.



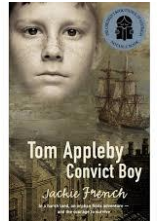
P-4 News



from the Level Co-ordinator ...



Tom Appleby – Convict Boy Throughout this semester, MP have been reading ‘Tom Appleby – Convict Boy’ by Jackie French. The themes are quite powerful and include resilience, courage, relationships, open-mindedness, love, loss, empathy and perseverance. All these attributes are beneficial to any young person making their way in the world. MP-S have been reflecting on the journey. Tom is only 8 years old when he has already witnessed the loss of his father, been sold in chimney sweeping, been starved and cold, shoeless and lonely....none of which any child should endure. He is then charged with theft and is transported to Australia on the First Fleet. Whilst I remember that this is a novel, through our research of the first Fleet, we discovered that children as young as Tom were actually sent to Australia. Over time, the class has recognised that perseverance is one of the most important attributes for Tom to retain. Over the last week, students have created their own motivating quotes to assist with building their perseverance. As educators and parents, we are able to assist our children by ensuring they recognise situations where they or other have demonstrated perseverance. It can only be a win-win for us and our children.



Transition This week saw the final morning of our Transition Program. Students have returned after each transition brimming with excitement – each transition better than the last! We need to remember that the purpose of transition is to eradicate the unknown for each student. We don’t always see anxiety. We don’t always see the worry. We don’t always hear the self talk. What we do see is students returning with a smile on their face. We see students feeling safe. We hear about their experience. We hear parents talk about their experience. The value of a strong transition program is immeasurable.



Orientation Day

A reminder that Orientation Day is on Tuesday 11th December, for the whole day.

Junior Primary Excursion Junior Primary ventured to Kyabram on Monday. The weather was perfect and we were so lucky considering the rain we had on Tuesday night! Over 100 students and many helpful parents walked around to see the various animals and reptiles including wallabies, emu’s, koala’s, dingoes, snakes, various birds, lizards and some very sleepy wombats. Thank you to all JP staff and LSO’s and to all the parents who helped on the day.





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 ...

Well what another fantastic year in our Middle School 5-7 . We have celebrated many wonderful events as a level as it all comes to another end. We continue to be keep our students productive and engaged in their learning. We would like all parents to ensure their child is attending each day and to be both physically and mentally present in order to complete the year on a high, especially as our secondary students go into their transition week next week. If your child is in Year 7, please ensure you have checked PAM online to see if any assessment tasks incomplete.

STEM Our Year 6 and 7 girls were invited by AIR4 to attend an excursion to Luna Park last week, where they learnt about the STEM program. This is the learning of science, technology, engineering and mathematics in an interdisciplinary or integrated approach. Students gain and apply knowledge, deepen their understanding and develop creative and critical thinking skills within an authentic context. This aims to engage females in these areas of study and our Year 6 and 7 girls were delighted to be involved as they learnt how STEM education is incorporated into the rides.

Some reflections from some our Year 6 girls included;

“We heard women talk to us about the AIR4 team and how they have become engineers, scientists and other related careers.”

“We were given a backpack with a hat, drink bottle and information on STEM Education.”

“We were spoilt with free lunch, drink, ice cream and chips.”

“We had a woman mentor on one of the rides talk to us about their work and how they got involved with AIR4 as an engineer or pilot.

“It was a great day and a fun experience. Thanks to the teachers who took us.”





TRANSITION Our Transition day yesterday was another successful experience for our students and staff. This process continues into our Orientation Day on Tuesday 11th December. This special whole day enables our students to engage in new activities within a new classroom environment and new peers. These days are filled with much excitement and activity. Our students experience a range of tasks associated with being in the next level of schooling, as well as meeting new teachers. This program runs smoothly due to such a wonderful group of staff that support and encourage one another. We also look forward to welcoming our new students to St. Mary's College on this Orientation Day. Our Year 7 will have a hot dog lunch, but if they prefer to bring their own, that is fine. They will experience a day of what it is like to be a secondary student.



A reminder that our Middle Years classes will be participating in their end of year picnic day on Friday 7th December at the Memorial Swimming Pool. They will be wearing their sports uniform on this day and bring along swimming gear, sunscreen, hat, water bottle, lunch and snacks. They can have maximum \$10 to spend at the canteen. This will be a wonderful day to end the year with our peers and teachers.

Another reminder is that we are preparing for the season of Christmas through Advent. Once again we donate to St. Vincent de Paul and have the 'Giving Tree' in the Library for students to choose a card off the tree that suggests an item for the St. Vinnies basket. This is our opportunity to 'make a difference' to those in our wider community who are less fortunate than us.

We would like to thank all our students for being well mannered and respectful. It has been a pleasure teaching them and we look forward to seeing them all progress through to 2019 as more confident, mature and well-mannered young ladies and gentlemen. I would like to thank all the Year 5-7 staff for their ongoing care and commitment to the children and looking after their wellbeing and learning.

On behalf of the Year 5-7 Team, we would also like to take this opportunity to thank all the parents and families for their continued support and participation in the learning and wellbeing of their children. We look forward to working in partnership once again in 2019 and wish you all a safe and happy festive season and holiday. ☺

Well done to Montana Dunne 7M for competing in a horse-riding competition last week. Congratulations on a fabulous effort Montana



Ms Zine Dovara

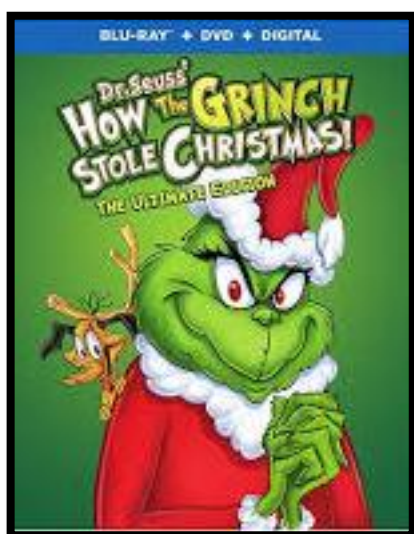
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Yr. 8-10 News



from the Level Co-ordinator ...



"Be who you are and say what you feel, because those who mind don't matter and those who matter don't mind." - Dr. Seuss

'Goodbye and Good Luck Year Tens' To our year ten students of 10-H and 10-0 2018 we all wish you Goodbye and Good Luck in the next stage of your education and exciting young lives. It has been a privilege and an honour to work with these fine young people and we will all miss each and every one of you dearly. The 'melting pot' of different personalities is what made this year ten class unique, diverse and wonderful young people to teach and work with. These students have been inspiring.

Year 10 Final Assembly & Exams Our year ten students sat their final examinations this week from Tuesday 27th November until Thursday 29th

November which was their last formal day at the College. The day culminated with a Farewell Assembly for these students from the whole College community. Led by Mrs Catherine Evans our Foundation students all presented a certificate to a year ten student bidding them farewell from us all. Our year tens also presented our current year nine students with a KEY each to wish them luck next year as the new leaders of the College. Each KEY has a personal message for each student with 'words of wisdom' for them going into year ten in 2019. After the assembly our outgoing year tens formed a guard of honour outside the hall and all students walked through and 'high fived' our year tens. I love this rite of passage and always find it very emotional and love the way everyone is excited and sad at the same time.

The Year 10 Graduation Mass and Dinner will be celebrated this Friday 30th November from 6.00 pm and we are all looking forward to this wonderful occasion.

Goodbye Year 10 class of 2018!!!

Year 9 B4W Congratulations to all our year nine students for a great year participating in your B4W program.

Thanks to Andrew Allen, David Carter and Karen Gilchrist (Dalrymple) and Kellie Giannarelli who work tirelessly with the students organising the wonderful experiences our students have had in this program.

Exams Year 9s Our year 9 students also sat their exams this week followed by their Transition Week into year ten next week.

Our year 8 students are also working hard finishing off their studies before their Transition week next week. Their Transition week ends with a traditional Picnic Day together to celebrate a great year had by all.

On a sad but happy note:

To Mr Peter Kelly, Mr Gary Hawkey and Mr Brian O'Dwyer from all of us in the year 8 – 10 cohort, we wish you all a happy retirementBon Voyage....we will all miss you!

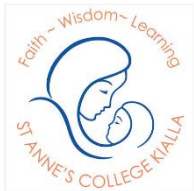
And to Mr Sean O'Brien good luck at Notre Dame College...We will all miss you too!

I would like to wish you all a happy and holy Christmas and all stay safe over the summer holiday break.

Mrs Mary Tampion

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Community Notices



St Anne's College, Kialla

St Anne's College commences next year with Foundation and Year 7 enrolments. As with any new venture, support from the wider community is valuable and greatly appreciated.

St Anne's is hoping to stock their Library and require as many novels, picture storybooks and information books as possible. If you have any you are happy to part with, please bring them to our College office and they will be transferred to Kialla. Thank you for your support.



DATES TO REMEMBER... 2018



Term FOUR

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

DEC

- Wk 8 Sun 2 Seymour Carols by Candlelight *with* St Mary's Choir
- Wed 5 Whole of School End of Yr Liturgy & Awards (2-3pm)
- Wk 9 Thu 6 Farewell Mr Kelly & Mr O'Dwyer
Canteen (**Counter sales - snacks & drinks ONLY**)
- [A] Fri 7 Yr 9 Start Smart Incursion
Last day of Term 4 - Yrs 7, 8 & 9
- Wk 10 Mon 10 Reports Distributed via PAM (see below for instructions)
- [B] Tue 11 Orientation Day
- Wk 11 Tue 18 **Last day of Term 4 – Yrs P-6**
- [A] JPC & JPP Nativity Play 2pm MPH

Class Mass
(9.00am)

Term 4:

5/12	Yrs P-2
12/12	Yrs 3-6

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 (Thu): 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

3 - 7 November
(10.45am-2.30pm)

Mon 3	Jamie Farrell
Tue 4	Catherine Plessey
Wed 5	Elise Smith
Thu 6	Catherine Plessey
Fri 7	Jenny Page Sue O'Keefe

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

Parish Priest: Father Eugene Ashkar

TELEPHONE: (03) 5792 1064 / 0455 123 509

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



2019 Stationery List for Secondary Students

Dear Parent

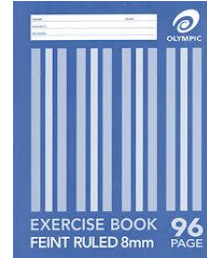
Please find below a list of stationery requirements for our Secondary students in 2019.

Due to the fact that the students will be using laptops there is no official booklist as in previous years. On-line texts are formatted onto students' lap tops and are charged to your account as an e-learning levy.

The items below are required for **all students** and will need to be replenished regularly throughout the year.

- Pencil Case
- **10** x Pens (6 blue, 2 Black, 2 Red)
- Eraser Ink/Pencil
- Ruler
- **3** Glue Sticks
- Scissors
- Sharpener
- Compass
- 180° Protractor
- **6** x Pencil 2b
- **2** x Black Fine-liners (.5mm)
- Coloured Pencils and Textas
- **3** x A4 Display Books
- (←) Ear Buds (computer use)
- **8** x A4 Exercise Books (96 pages) ~ Individual Books per subject
- **3** x A4 5mm Grid Book (128 pages) (*Mathematics*)
- (←) Document Wallets (A4 pk.10)
- **1** x A3 Visual Diary (also known as Sketchbook)
- Plastic Pockets (A4 pk.20)
- Scientific Calculator (*retain Yr.7-10*) (Compulsory)

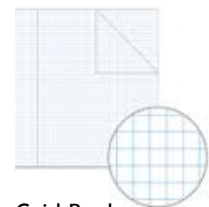
~ *Sample only* ~



Exercise Book



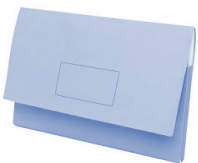
A4 Display Books



Grid Book



Year 7



A3 Visual Diary