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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:-
7 of 11

Dear Parents & Friends of St. Mary's,

Yr 10 Graduation - Let Your Light Shine!

Everyone who attended the Year 10 Graduation mass and dinner last Friday evening would agree that it was a fitting acknowledgement of the students and all their achievements. The graduates, all dressed up looking resplendent in their formal attire, had a wonderful evening. I wish to thank all staff involved – so much to do! And a very special thank you to Mr. Brian O'Dwyer, Mrs. Tanya Oakley and Mrs. Mary Tampion, Mr. Gary Hawkey, Mrs. Sarah Buchanan and Mrs. Loretta Duncan (and all staff involved) for their amazing support and leadership of these young people. An extra special word of thanks to Mrs. Rochelle Gough and Mrs. Catherine Evans and Fr. Ashkar for their planning and coordination of the Mass and Dinner. Finally, congratulations to all year 10 Graduates. We wish you well next year!



*"You are the light of the world. A town built on a hill cannot be hidden. ¹⁵ Neither do people light a lamp and put it under a bowl. Instead they put it on its stand, and it gives light to everyone in the house. ¹⁶ In the same way, let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven.
Matthew 5:14-16*

On the Sick List

I wish to update families on the health and progress of Mrs. Kerry Hogan. Recently I wrote to families to explain Kerry's serious illness and I am pleased to report that Kerry's treatment plan has just commenced. Kerry has been in good spirits throughout the past weeks and has been regular contact with me. Let's keep the prayers going for Kerry and her family over the coming weeks and months.



Staff News

I am pleased to inform families of the following 2019 appointments:

Welcome to the Junior Primary team Mrs. Shae Williams and Ms. Ally Yardley who will be co-teaching in the Prep/One class in 2019. Next week Mrs. Shae Williams will be teaching the Prep/One class (Mondays – Wednesdays). This class will be known as JP.W. Shae has been co-teaching with Mrs. Lisa Creak this year and is delighted to join us again next year. Ms. Ally Yardley has also taught at St Mary's in recent times and will taking up her part time role as co-teacher of JP.W in 2019 and will be teaching on Thursdays and Fridays.

The Middle Primary team welcomes Miss Naomi Hanlon who is beginning her teaching career in 2019 as MP teacher. Naomi will replace Mrs. Lynn Bullen who is relocating to Albury.



Deputy Principal – Student Wellbeing

Another significant announcement is the appointment of Ms. Zine Dovara to the role of Deputy Principal – Student Wellbeing. Zine replaces Mr. Sean O'Brien who accepted a position at Notre Dame College Shepparton. Please join with me in congratulating Zine on her appointment. Sean O'Brien's new role Notre Dame College is Head of Campus at the Year 9 Emmaus campus.



Transition – Secondary Sync Week

This week is sync week for secondary students. Well done to all secondary students as they all stepped up last Friday to their next year level. Now that all assessments are completed, our work this week is to engage the students in purposeful activities by commencing next year's coursework.



Transition – Orientation Day

Next Tuesday 12th December is Orientation day for students Foundation – Year 7. We have been focusing on transition for many weeks now so everyone has had lots of practice. Students will be informed of their classes on Monday afternoon.

On Orientation Day there are always 3 main goals:

1. To experience a strong sense of welcome and belonging particularly for all new members of the class
2. To have lots of fun and, for the younger students, to have something to take away from the day
3. To make a link between Orientation Day and Day One 2019



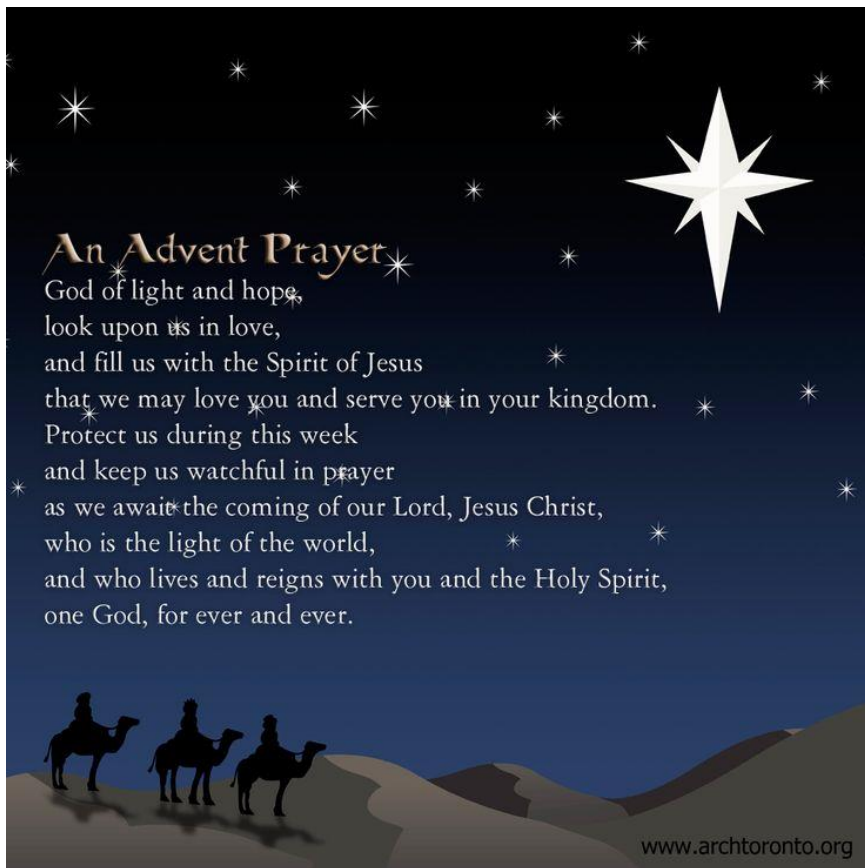
Education in Faith & School Community

from the Deputy Principal ...



Advent Last Sunday, we celebrated the beginning of the season of Advent. This Sunday is the second Sunday of Advent- we light two purple candles as we wait for the birth of Jesus.

The word 'Advent' is from the Latin 'Adventus,' which means 'coming.' Advent is the beginning of a new liturgical year and encompasses the span of time from the fourth Sunday before Christmas, until the Nativity of Our Lord is celebrated. The liturgical color for this season is purple.



Like Lent, Advent is a preparatory season. It has significance because it is a season of looking forward and waiting for something greater; both for the celebration of the event of Christ's birth, and for the time when Christ will come again.

We invite all families to gather with us for our second Advent prayer on MONDAY 10th December at 8.45am outside the Art Room. We will gather there on the following Monday (17th Dec) Our last prayer will be on the final day of school for primary students, Tuesday 18th December. We look forward to welcoming you to our Advent prayer.

Addison Stokes (JPC) lit our first advent candle on Monday morning .



Don't forget to send in your Nativity set photograph!!



St Vincent de Paul Christmas Giving

Tree Once again this year, we will be asking for contributions to the St Vincent de Paul Christmas Giving tree. We know that we have asked a lot of our community over the past months, with our drought fundraiser, market stalls and Christmas raffle. But Vinnies is a cause very close to our hearts at St Mary's so we are hoping to support them again this year.

There will be a basket in each classroom and students are invited to choose a card from the Christmas tree in the library or the front office. Inside the card will be written a grocery item for the basket. Please bring that item to school or simply place any item of non-perishable food in the basket.

This year St Vincent de Paul society are specifically asking for food and grocery items to help people this Christmas in our own local community. The baskets will be taken to the church on Tuesday 18th December.

Thank you very much for your generosity.

Final Primary Prayer and Christmas Play On the final day of the school year for our primary students, Tuesday Dec 18th, we will be holding a simple prayer celebration. This will include a Nativity play from JPC and JPP and Christmas carols from the other classes. Come and join us at 2.00pm in the MPH.



Seymour Carols By Candlelight A huge thank you to all the students who came and sang in the Seymour Lions Club Annual Carols by Candlelight that was held at Goulburn Park Seymour on Sunday 2nd December. The choir – and friends! - did a marvelous job. Mrs. Hogan would have been very proud! Thank you to the Cubs and Scouts who helped us with some more voices which was greatly appreciated.



Andrew Chinn CD Congratulations to Laura Hogan (SPC) and Lizzie Parker (SPG) who received a great surprise in the mail last week. The new Andrew Chinn CD had finally arrived! The girls had been asked to come and sing on the CD a few months ago and received their own copy last week, Well done Laura and Lizzie- you are superstars!!!

As we move into this beautiful season of Advent, we look forward to celebrating as a College community the wonderful year we have had together. We hope you can join us at the various liturgies and prayer celebrations in the next few weeks.



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Student Wellbeing

from the Deputy Principal ...

In my final Marian article, I would like to take this opportunity to thank all families for providing that essential love and support to your children throughout this school year and throughout my time at St Mary's College. This College has been a major part of my life having come here as a student from Prep to Year 10 myself. There is a unique feeling at the College. A strong sense of community and caring for one another. A special thank you to all staff for your love and support. When I started in this role my eldest son was starting his first day of prep in Shepparton. I now leave with him ordering his "Grade Six" T shirt for next year!!!! Whilst sad to leave, I believe there are times in your life when a person must challenge themselves and I wanted a new challenge. Being appointed as Director of Emmaus Campus (Notre Dame College) will certainly bring many new and exciting challenges.....with over 300 Year 9 students on the campus!! Finally to the many students past and present, you are the sole reason I love this job. To see the innocence of our young, to see a smile, to hear a hello and to see you grow into amazing young adults. Thank you.

I wish each member of our school community a safe and merry Christmas and am excited for you all as 2019 brings many amazing changes. Christmas is certainly one period of time in our busy year that we can stop and concentrate our energies on each of our families. So a final message.....



Happy Families Happy families seem to share some of the same elements. Not every family can achieve these, but working towards them can make family life happier.

In a happy family people tend to:

- *love each other and show it*
- *like and respect each other*
- *communicate honestly and openly with each other*
 - *spend time together*
 - *solve problems together*
 - *get through bad times together*
- *be willing to find ways to get on better together*

“Instead of being a time of unusual behavior, Christmas is perhaps the only time in the year when people can obey their natural impulses and express their true sentiments without feeling self-conscious and, perhaps, foolish. Christmas, in short, is about the only chance a man has to be himself.” ~ Francis C. Farley

Mr Sean O'Brien

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Learning & Teaching



from the Deputy Principal ...

Thank you to all staff for providing wonderful learning experiences for students this year. Thank you to all students for showing respect, acting justly and doing your best. Thank you to all parents and carers for working in partnership with us! Best wishes for a Lovely Christmas and relaxing holiday time.

Semester 2 Student Reports Student Reports are being finalised this week and will be released via PAM on Monday 10th December. The information shows the level of curriculum that your child is working at: comments about their achievements, and areas to focus on in the next stage of learning. Please contact your child's teacher for any clarification if needed. For students in years 7-10 a reminder that feedback from all assessment tasks has already been provided in the Learning Areas link in PAM. Congratulations to all students on their achievements this year!

Transition to 2019 Our hugely successful transition program, including orientation day, is really embedded now to provide a smooth, worry free start to the incoming year. We will welcome foundation and year 7 students for 2019 on Tuesday 11th December as all students will experience a day in their 2019 classrooms.

Tomorrow concludes the year for all the secondary students and we have already spent this week as Week 1 of 2019. We have begun our coursework and topics for the first units and are well prepared and know what we'll be doing after the break!

Thanks to all the teachers who keep the learning focus right to the end! One student made this comment to me 'I wasn't expecting this, in the last week of the year, but it's good!'

Note the stationary list (for students in years 7-10 has been published last week and is also available on the website. Please make sure that your child is ready to complete their work by having the necessary items.

Students return on Thursday 31st January 2019.

Curriculum Leaders and Professional Practice All curriculum leaders are preparing to meet with their teams in the coming week to review, plan and prepare for the start of next year. This prepares the way for a smooth start for teachers and students and ensures the design of rigorous learning programs across the College.

Thanks Special thank you to Peter for all your leadership and guidance in learning and teaching over these many years! Peter is passionate about many things, and student engagement and progress in learning is one of them! Best wishes for the future!

Mrs Christine Buhler

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Yr. 10 Graduation Snips



College Captains

College Vice Captains



Carmelo



Nathan

Ally

Ben



Dux: Lachlan



Georgia



Liam

Jaidan

Erin



Year Ten Final Assembly 'Guard of Honour'



Presentation Assembly



Sports Awards



Year Ten Leadership Group 2019



Lions Club



Rotary Club



Performing Arts







2018 Awards

The College staff believe it is important to acknowledge student achievements. Consequently student awards are a regular feature of our assemblies. At the Primary level, awards, recognising contributions made in a wide range of aspects of school life, are presented at the Monday afternoon assemblies.

As Secondary students are expected to apply themselves for much longer periods of time, acknowledgment of their achievements occurs less frequently. Accordingly the following awards were presented at last today's End of Year Liturgy:

Academic Achievement				Mother Maurice Ryan Citizenship award			
SPC	Eaknoor Sidhu	SPG	Kady Francis-Smith	10H	Eden Cater	10O	Denby Gardner
SPK	Jocelyn Holslag			TAG Award			
7A	Ashleigh Aldous	7M	Matilda Archibald	SPC	Jacinta Raymond	SPG	Hailey Altas
8H	Tenisha Raymond	8M	Claire Noonan	SPK	Heidi Warren		
9A	Polly Duff	9D	Chloe Copeland	7A	Oliver Bree	7M	Danielle Corocher
College Dux Lachlan Russell				8H	Grace Cunningham	8M	Jack Lawrence
McEwan Community Award Yr 10 Benjamin Bath				9A	Alanah O'Connell	9D	Orylana Hanna
Vocational & Education Training Award SMC Encouragement  Georgia Elson				Outstanding Sportsperson Award			
Mitchell Shire Award				Primary	Ava Cafasso		Oliver Munro
Junior Sec			Skaife Brock	Junior Sec	Courtney Jones		Nicholas Quigg
Middle Sec			Jaidan Donovan	Middle Sec	Ally Black		Benjamin Bath Nathan Beattie
Seymour Health – Wellbeing Award Yr 10 Denby Gardner				Monsignor Anthony K Toms Science Award			
Seymour Goulburn Lions Club Encouragement Award Yr 6 Emily Homewood, Jordyn Beattie				Junior Sec			Claire Noonan
Seymour Lions Inc. The Lion Marian Rojewski Community Award Yr 9 Jordyn Beattie				Middle Sec			Benjamin Postill
Seymour & District Art Society Inc. Award Carmelo Gattuso				The Best All-rounder Award Nathan Beattie			
Rotary Encouragement Award Yr 6 Ella Hayes, Darcie Donovan				The Performing Arts Awards Laura Hogan, Alanah O'Connell, Erin Lawrence			
St. Vincent de Paul Award (Assumption College Kilmore Scholarship) Yr 10 Ben Postill				Creative Arts Awards			
Excellence Award in VET Engineering Liam Cram				SPC	Laura Hogan	SP-G	Scarlett Jenkins
				SPK	Holy Bender		
				7A	Jordyn Beattie	7M	Brooke Leary
				8H	Tristan Murphy	8M	Arabella Carlin
				9A	Casey Grant	9D	Cooper Bell
				Staff Achievement Award Lara Conroy 			
				College Captains Polly Duff Dominic Plessey			



DATES TO REMEMBER... 2018



Term FOUR

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

DEC

[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:
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): 1130am-1.20pm

CANTEEN ROSTER

10-14 December (10.45am-2.30pm)

Mon 10	Lynne Morgan
Tue 11	Lynne Morgan
Wed 12	Lynne Morgan
Thu 13	Lynne Morgan
Fri 14	Lynne Morgan

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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

Community Notices



Did you know that soccer is the most-played sport in the world? Have you tried it yet?

Everyone is welcome – Boys and Girls from 5 to 35 years old.

Learn new skills on and off the pitch
Be part of a great sporting community

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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*)

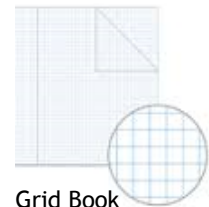
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Exercise Book



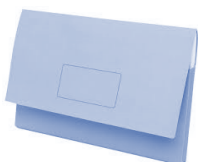
A4 Display Books



Grid Book



Year 7



- (←) 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)



A3 Visual Diary