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## ST. MARY'S COLLEGE SEYMOUR

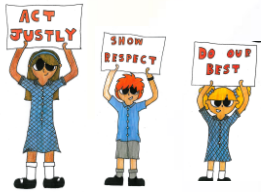
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No. 2

Term 1  
Week 2 of 10

(08/02/19)



### 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.*



### Welcome

*'It's the smell of the place'*

.....*Sr Laraine Crowe rsj*

Sister Laraine Crowe rsj (St Joseph's of the Sacred Heart) has led NSW rural Catholic schools, worked on the Mary Mackillop Motor Mission supporting remote rural communities and in recent years worked closely in various dioceses to embed greater understandings of Aboriginal spirituality across Catholic networks. I learnt much from my early mentor but the phrase, "it's the smell of the place," were the most powerful words that resonated the most during my time leading a school community with this wonderful nun. *The smell of the place* is in the greeting you receive, the daily interactions between staff and students, the smiles on the faces of the students, the commitment the staff have to a holistic education and in the walk and talk given to students by dedicated teachers.

St Mary's is all the above and it is a privilege to work alongside the professional staff who set high standards and as equally are dedicated to the pastoral care of every child from prep to the teenage years. Earlier this week I asked a community member who catches a bus in the afternoon from St. Mary's what she knew about our school? The reply, "beautiful uniform and they care for me." High praise for our students who share the bus ride home.

I have met the enthusiastic P&F led by President, Karen Glen and look forward to journeying with the College Board led by Chair, Andrew Graham. Meeting weekly with Fr Ashkar keeps strong parish links and as a parish school in the Mercy Tradition, there is much to look forward to as our St Mary's community continues to create the future.

Many Catholic Schools began with lay teachers, as did St Mary's in 1880. The Colleges charism and ethos was established when the Sisters of Mercy arrived in 1900. The Mercy charism (meaning model of life and values) **Compassion; Justice; Respect; Hospitality; Service; Courage**...are all values we want for our students to develop and remain with them, especially into their adult lives. Hospitality was and is always a strong point of the Sisters of Mercy. The welcome and care of hospitality is very obvious to me since joining the College community. The spirit of the founder of the Mercy Sisters, Catherine McCauley is alive and well at St Mary's. Our students will continue to grow and mature and life will provide good and challenging times, but if the students know they are secure in the Mission and Values of St Mary's they too will build characters that understand difference and live out a strong sense of empathy. God Bless the Mercy's!



Today we celebrated the College Opening Mass with the *Induction of the 2019 College Leaders*. The theme, 'Act Now' is the College theme for the year. Our leaders have been elected by their peers to lead them and they have been asked to Act Now, which they are already doing. Our leaders have been blessed by Fr Ashkar and each gave witness to their roles by reciting the Leaders Pledge. May our student leaders espouse the 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."

Ten years on from *Black Saturday* the memories for many people and communities remain vivid but there is comfort in knowing that life itself provides healing through time. We look forward to seeing you at the 'Meet n Greet' sessions, Monday 11<sup>th</sup> and Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> February.

Best wishes

**Mr Wayne Smith**

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**Note:** due to a systems errors, emails sent to [principal@seymour.catholic.edu.au](mailto:principal@seymour.catholic.edu.au) prior to February 4 may not have been received. The issue has now been resolved.



## from the... **Business Manager**



Please find below a checklist for families – just a reminder of all those tasks which may need attending to!

Have you –

- Completed your CareMonkey profile?
- Completed and returned a CSEF form if you have a health care card?
- Returned your Fee Payment Instalment form indicating your payment schedule?
- Made a note of the due date of fees and levies for this year?
- Returned a Conveyance Form application if you live more than 4.8kms from the College?

Please contact the College for detailed information on any of these items. We are happy to help!

**Mrs Meryl Connell**

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## Library News



from the Library Resource Centre ...

**Scholastic Book Clubbers** Issue 1 is out now. Order forms are due back by 18th February.

Please ensure you have filled in all details on your order:



- Name
- Class
- Book Ordered & Cost
- Total Quantity/Total Cost

Any enquiries please contact Linda at the College on 57 922 611. (Orders arrive approx.. 1 week after due date).

**Mrs Linda Heveren - Library Resource Centre**



# P-4 News



from the Level Co-ordinator ...



..to a new and beautiful 2019, although very dry. Whilst I love holidays and ensure I spend some quality time with family and friends (and a bit of the Australian Open!), a good portion of time my time is thinking about, resourcing, planning and preparing for the new school year. It is super important to every staff member to make their students feel safe, valued and welcome. We are a week in and that seems to be the case. Our

Preps are arriving everyday with big smiles on their faces, so that is a good indication that we have done something right. The Prep-4 Team look forward to building strong and positive relationships with students and parents.

We welcome Miss Naomi Hanlon in Middle Primary. Naomi's class MPH, is settling well and she is looking forward to establishing great routines and with the kids and relationships with parents. Mrs. Shae Williams has returned to SMC in a greater capacity as Junior Primary teacher in JPW on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday. Ms. Ally Yardley is joining Shae in JPW for Thursday and Friday.

As well as the new Preps, we are fortunate to have many new families across Prep-4. We look forward to getting know all our new students and their families in the coming weeks and months.



**Level Emails** have been sent home in the last few days. Each email talks about important dates, the weekly routine of the classroom and other important issues such as hats and uniform. It advises you of any changes to the routine in the coming week such as special events. Reading this email to your child allows them to be aware of and prepared for the week ahead. If you have any queries about your classroom, please see your child's teacher.

**Mathematics with JPW** We have been getting ourselves reacquainted with Mathematics. Before starting any new learning we discuss what it is and why it is so important for us to learn it. We also talk about how our brain is like a muscle and although we may not know things yet, we will if we exercise our brain with new challenges. This week we practised how to use equipment mathematically. We discovered that there is a difference. We used the equipment to make patterns, sort, count and add. We discovered that maths equipment is fun to play with and reminded ourselves that during maths, we use the equipment mathematically. You might like to ask your child if they know the difference.



Middle Primary have begun their Inquiry Unit ‘What makes our community hum?’ We are exploring families, local communities and then wider environments. We aim for students to become aware that there are many communities around us that we may not be aware of and to shift our mindset towards some communities and their members.

If you are able to send to school or email the classroom teachers, we are looking for photos, artifacts etc. that show the communities your child participates in. These will be used as part of a display in each classroom.



**Opening College Mass** This Friday our College Opening Mass is at 9.00am. It is always a wonderful celebration of our school and the new year. Students have been learning a new song just for this Mass and it will be wonderfully uplifting for anyone listening! We welcome everyone at our Church on Friday.

**Student Led Conversations** This Monday and Tuesday we are conducting our Student Led Conversations with families. You are able to book an appointment to see your child’s Homeroom teacher through PAM. Please contact your classroom teacher if you are having difficulty with this process. We look forward to seeing you next week.



**Canteen** lunches are available every day for the students. Each classroom has a labelled basket in which to put a lunch order. JP students are permitted to buy canteen food at lunchtime, but not at recess. All students are encouraged to place their order directly in the basket themselves as then they are aware that they are receiving a Lunch Order and not worry that they have no lunch.

Sharing food and buying treats for other students is not a practice we encourage. If you would like your child to buy something from the canteen please ensure they either have the correct money for their own purchase or that they are aware that their change is to be taken home.

**Nut Free Zones** All P-4 classrooms are NUT FREE zones. This means that no raw nuts or processed nuts such as ‘Nutella’ are permitted in lunchboxes. Please check all muesli bars to ensure they do not contain nuts. If you are unsure about an item, please ask your classroom teacher.



**School Uniform** Thank you everyone for the excellent effort in ensuring your child is dressed in the complete school uniform. Please continue to support us by using the correct coloured socks and hair ties. Girls are required to have their hair, if shoulder length or beyond, tied back and boys are also to have their hair tied back if their fringe is long enough to cover their face. See your classroom teacher if you require clarification.

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 the new school year! Hopefully the extreme heat of January is behind us for now and we can launch into 2019 with renewed vigor and enthusiasm! Firstly I’d like to extend a very warm welcome to all our new year 5, year 6 and year 7 students. I trust that you will settle in quickly, make new friends and enjoy your new school. Also welcome to our new Senior Primary teacher Mrs Donna Osborne.



Congratulations to all our Year 7 students who now have their own Macbook Air laptop computers. The roll out on Tuesday night went very smoothly. Thanks to Mr David Carter and to our Technician Glen, for all your efforts.

I strongly encourage all our parents to make full use of the Parent Access Module (PAM). PAM is part of the SIMON program which is used for communication, organisation and student assessment. If you have any issues with PAM, contact the school using the following email address: [ictsupport@smseymour.catholic.edu.au](mailto:ictsupport@smseymour.catholic.edu.au)

Finally a few calendar reminders. Opening School Mass. 9:00am Friday 8<sup>th</sup> February. Parent/Student Learning Conversations. Monday 11<sup>th</sup> and Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> of February. Book your time using PAM. 2019 Swimming Carnival. Seymour War Memorial Pool (outdoor pool). Friday 15<sup>th</sup> of February.

***Mr Andrew Allen***

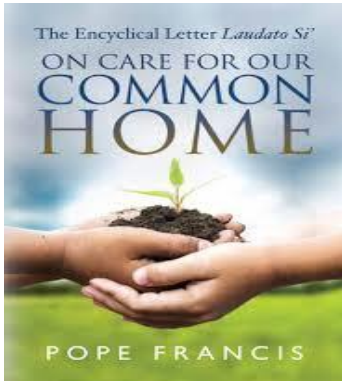
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## Yr. 8-10 News



from the Level Co-ordinator ...



### **Our theme across the college this year is: 'Caring For Our Common Home – Act Now!'**

Welcome back to all students and families for 2019. As the 8–10 Level Coordinator I would like to encourage all students to take on board our College theme for 2019 which is 'Caring For Our Common Home – Act Now!' and display this in all your work and daily interactions here at school and in your wider community. Each Homeroom has agreed on an Action statement related to this theme for the year, which will be presented as Prayer Cloths at our Opening Mass this Thursday. For example 10Ms Action is 'We must address LONELINESS in our community'.

**Welcome Mr Wayne Smith** A big welcome to our new Principal Mr Wayne Smith – as a cohort we all look forward to working closely with you and having you involved in many diverse ways with the staff and students in this level.

I will be working closely with the staff and students in this cohort for 2019. My role is to assist and support the staff in this level making your child's learning and wellbeing our focus and to work in partnership with you as the parents and guardians. I would also like to think that the older students see me as a mentor and a person they can approach if the need arises. My other roles include Assistant Homeroom teacher for 9A and teaching Faith Education and Health across years 7-10 and the Beyond4Walls program with the year 9s each week, as well as being a member of the Wellbeing team.

**New Students** I take this opportunity to welcome our new students in this cohort:

*Dominik Ciantar 8M & Imogen Cafasso 9G, Harrison Wilson 9G*

You all seem to have settled in really well and we hope you have a great year!

**Meet N Greet Conversations** We all look forward to meeting you next week at our Meet n Greet Conversations with your child's Homeroom teachers and assistants. These are Monday 11<sup>th</sup> February from 3.30pm – 8.00pm and Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> February from 3.30pm – 5.30pm.

All students have settled back into their new school year with much excitement and anticipation. So far the students are very punctual to all homerooms and there is a calm atmosphere all around. Well done to all students and their homeroom teachers for such a calm and organized start to the year. Congratulations to all our year 10 students as well who are now the leaders of our college.

Our VCE Mathematics and VET programs for some year 10 students begin this week and the students are eagerly looking forward to going out and about for their respective courses. Some year 9 and 10 students have started their certificate 2 in Applied Languages (Indonesian) also this week.

**Leadership Camp Year Tens** Our year ten students will be heading to Melbourne on Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> until 22<sup>nd</sup> Friday for their Leadership/Careers camp. This is always a great camp to start their final year at St Mary's with and the students are also exposed to career workshops to help with their choices for their future pathways.



**B4W Treasure Hunt** Our year 9 students participated in their first B4W activity this Wednesday with a Treasure Hunt around Seymour followed by a celebration lunch. The students worked together as teams and used their mapping skills to navigate their way around the main shopping district in Seymour.

Thanks to all parents for ensuring your children have started off the school year in perfect uniform. Sports uniform in our level is only to be worn on Physical Education days which are Tuesdays for year 8s, Thursdays for year 10s and Fridays for year 9s. Our year 9 students are also allowed to wear their sports uniform on Wednesdays week B, when they are at school for their B4W program. Please ensure your child has the correct uniform for the appropriate days of the week. HATS are to be worn as well this term . Please make sure your child has a plain navy hat to wear outside as NO HAT NO OUTSIDE activity!

All students have received their STUDENT PLANNERS and they are expected to carry these with them to all classes and they are to be signed by a parent/guardian on a weekly basis, as this ensures lines of communication are kept open between home and school. I also encourage you to email/ring your child's homeroom teacher or myself if you have any specific questions you would like answered.

As a level we will be offering Study Club in the library again this year. This is when the staff are available during lunch times to support any students wanting to complete any work tasks. Also the year 10M classroom will be available for private study some days as well. We encourage all students who struggle to complete tasks on time to utilise this opportunity to ensure they do not fall behind in their work.

***Mrs Mary Tampion***

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# St Mary's College Seymour SCHOOL FUN RUN 2019



St Mary's College is excited to announce our  
1st School Colour Fun Run Fundraiser on  
**FRIDAY 15th MARCH**  
**1.00pm - 2.30pm**



Non-Toxic Coloured Powder\* will be supplied.  
Younger siblings can take part on the day under parent's supervision.  
\*Please ask for MSDS if required

Prizes for every student that raises over \$10.00.  
Students get to select their own prize and create their own fundraising page.

Students will have the opportunity to pre-order a sausage in bread for their lunch on the day.

**Colour Me Happy!**

*Lots of Fun for the Whole Family!*

**Contact the College Office for more information 5792 2611**

*Come One - Come ALL!  
90 High Street, Seymour*



# DATES TO REMEMBER... 2019



*These dates are subject to change & are also in the "Live Parent Calendar" in Simon  
Any changes will be noted in red. Watch this space!*

<b>FEB</b>	<b>Mon 11th</b>	<b>Parent/Teacher 'Meet &amp; Greet' (3.30pm-8.00pm)</b> <b>**bookings close 10am Monday**</b>
Wk 3: [A]	<b>Tue 12th</b>	<b>Parent/Teacher 'Meet &amp; Greet' (3.30pm-5.30pm)</b>
	Fri 15 <sup>th</sup>	Yr. 3-10 College Swimming Carnival – Seymour Outdoor Pool
Wk 4: [B]	Wed 20 <sup>th</sup>	Yr.10 Leadership Camp – D1 of 3 Primary District Swimming
	Fri 22 <sup>nd</sup>	Level Assemblies (2.20pm)
Wk 5: [A]	Wed 27 <sup>th</sup>	Primary Division Swimming
<b>MAR</b>	Fri 1 <sup>st</sup>	Yr. 3-10 College Athletics Carnival – Kings Park Seymou (9am-3.00pm)
Wk 6: [B]	Mon 4 <sup>th</sup>	Secondary Students Southern Ranges Swimming – (select from College Carnival) Seymour Outdoor Pool
	Tue 5 <sup>th</sup>	Yr. 7 Immunisation (9.00am-10.30am)
	Wed 6 <sup>th</sup>	Ash Wednesday Mass (9.00am) Yr. 7 Retreat Day Yr. 8 'Halls Gap' Camp – D1 of 3
Wk 7 [A]	<b>Mon 10th</b>	<b>Labour Day Holiday</b>
	<b>Tue 11<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Student Free Day</b>
	Fri 15 <sup>th</sup>	Color Fun Run



## Student Free Days 2019

Tue 12<sup>th</sup> March  
Fri 7<sup>th</sup> June  
Mon 12<sup>th</sup> August  
Mon 7<sup>th</sup> October

## Term Dates 2019

Term 1: 31/1 – 5/4  
Term 2: 23/4 – 28/6  
Term 3: 15/7 – 20/9  
Term 4: 8/10 – 20/12

## CANTEEN ROSTER

11<sup>th</sup> to 15<sup>th</sup> Feb  
(10.45am-2.30pm)

Mon 11<sup>th</sup> Neisha Reid  
Tue 12<sup>th</sup> Kylie Doyle  
Wed 13<sup>th</sup> Catherine Plessey  
Thu 14<sup>th</sup> Catherine Plessey  
Fri 15<sup>th</sup> Lyn Morgan

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

- [Access your child's Semester Reports](#)
- [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...*

## ST. MARY'S COLLEGE

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

Parish Priest: Father Eugene Ashkar

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## COMMUNITY



## 2019 Soccer Training has started

MiniRoos – 8yo to 11yo – Boys & Girls – Wednesday 5.30pm to 6.30pm  
Juniors – 12yo to 16yo – Boys & Girls – Tuesday & Thursday – 5.30pm to 6.30pm

Everyone is welcome to pre-season training





**2019**

**SEYMOUR  
JUNIOR NETBALL**

**2019**



SJNA play in the Kilmore Broadford Netball League (KBNA) which is a Saturday morning netball competition for boys and girls\*  
for age groups:

**9 & Under\*** **11 & Under\***

**13 & Under\*** **15 & Under\*** **17 & Under**

**Season starts Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> April**

competition runs for 14 weeks plus finals over school terms 2 and 3  
(excluding school holidays and long weekends).

We play other clubs in the league such as:

**Broadford, Pyalong, Kilmore, St Pats Kilmore, Wandong.**

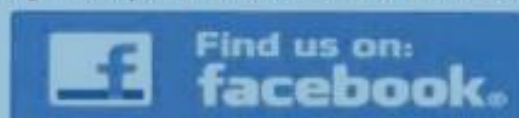
### Training

Most likely Wednesday afternoon indoor at Seymour Sports and Aquatic centre

[Registrations open February](#)

[Preseason Training March](#)

Register your interest via Facebook



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