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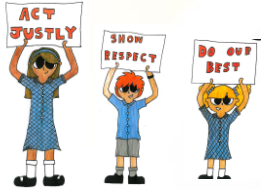
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No. 3

Term 1 Week 3 of 10

(15/02/19)



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

"The simplest and most practical lesson I know...is to resolve to be good today - but better tomorrow."

Catherine McAuley, Sisters of Mercy 1841

Dear Parents and Families,

The *College Board* had its first meeting of the year on Wednesday evening. It was a pleasure to meet the parents and hear of their long standing relationships with St. Mary's. The Board, Andrew Graham (Chair); Jara Ash (Deputy Chair); Bronwyn Martin & Ken Whitfort (Parent Representatives); Anne Spencer (Staff Representative); Felicity Melville (Business Manager as from 12th March); Fr Ashkar and I look forward to continuing to move the College forward for the common good of all families. It is important that we keep the parent community informed of College projects, particularly of the Strategic Working Party formed last year to investigate the future opportunities for secondary education at St. Mary's. Mitchell Shire will be contacted to seek advice from Traffic Management on what is best practice and design for the traffic flow in the primary car park. The Shire will also be consulted on future Shire plans to improve the bus stop, as this streetside area needs upgrading. Gates will soon be installed next to the Hall and enquiries are underway to seek financial support for a fence around the southern perimeter of the College grounds. I thank the College Board members for their commitment to journeying together, as we take up the challenges and opportunities of 2019.

The *Opening College Mass, 'Act Now Caring For Our Common Home'* was a blessed and important celebration of the Eucharistic. A Mass that gave symbolic witness to our mission and ethos as a Catholic College. Fr Ashkar blessed our community as the student leaders; student and families and staff all read pledges to remind us that the College motto, 'Protect and Care For Us' must never be taken lightly and requires a generosity of spirit and of heart. The Mass was symbolic and with ritual. Both are important because our students learn and in time understand that the sacredness of the Church requires both the ritual and Order of the Mass and the symbolism of Christ's life to bring purpose to a Catholic education. St. Mary's is lucky to have class and year level masses and to have Fr Ashkar available to be with the students and staff. Our students were respectful and attentive, even the preps could sense the importance of the occasion.



In the Opening Procession of the Mass, class representatives brought forward a class prayer cloth designed in the theme of 'Act Now.' Primary classes and secondary homerooms pray each morning and use the prayer cloth as a central focus.

In the words of a famous past AFL coach (Alan Jeans) may our students in 2019, “Don’t think, but do” - be young people of action.

The Junior Primary thoroughly enjoy their playground. I am still getting the hang of St Mary’s handball rules (every playground has a different code) and before long the cricket nets will be vacated for kicking between the big sticks. Autumn is not far away!

Best wishes



PS Either McAuley or Padua House will hold the trophy aloft poolside by 3.00pm today.

Mr Wayne Smith
Principal

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



Welcome back to all families and a special welcome to those new to the College. Families should have received a Fee Information Pack in the mail at the end of last year. If you did not receive the pack or have any questions relating to fees and levies, payment options or Conveyance, please do not hesitate to contact me at the College.

FEE DUE DATES Please be aware of the due dates for fees and levies. These due dates will also be outlined on the fee statements which were distributed last week.

- The balance of VET/VCE charges (Yr 10 only) and laptop instalments for Years 8-10 are due by 1st March.
- Tuition Levies and Secondary Levies are all due for payment by 1st June.
- The second laptop instalment for the year will be due for Year 7-9 students on 1st September.
- All remaining levies and charges are due in full by 31st October unless alternative arrangements have been arranged by contacting me personally at the College.

Our preferred method of payment is by Direct Debit (application forms available at the College) or EFT (bank details and reference number are provided on your fee statement).

We encourage the electronic delivery of fee statements. This saves paper, mailing charges and ensures the statement gets to the right person on time. If we have a fee payer’s email address on record, we will send statements electronically. If you have changed your email address recently, please send your new details to accounts@smseymour.catholic.edu.au. Please note that fee statements have been sent out last week so if you did not receive your statement please contact me at the College.

CAMPS SPORTS EXCURSION FUND CSEF The Victorian Government provides this fund to assist eligible families with the costs of camps, sports and excursions.

To be eligible for the fund, a parent of a student attending a Victorian school must be the holder of an eligible **Centrelink Health Care** card, **Veterans Affairs Gold Card** or **Pensioner Concession** card as at the first day of Term One or Term Two.

The amounts payable are \$125 for a primary student and \$225 for a secondary student. The funds are received at the College and go directly towards the payment of the excursion/camp levy.

We ask that parents submit their application to the school by **22nd February**. However, parents who received CSEF at the school in 2018 do not need to complete an application form in 2019, providing there has been no change in their family circumstances. Application forms are available at the College office and a form is also available with this newsletter. Please contact Stacia Read at the College if you have any questions regarding the Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund.

CONVEYANCE ALLOWANCE This allowance is payable to those families who reside more than 4.8 kms from the College or nearest free bus service. Families who wish to claim this allowance for the first time are asked to contact the College office for an application form. Those families who received Conveyance Allowance last year need not re-apply.

Please note, however, that a new form must be completed if there has been a change of address or if there has been a change in circumstances which may affect the payment of this allowance. Please return applications to the College by 1st March. Thank you.

CAREMONKEY Thank you to all those families who have returned profiles for their students. I do encourage any families who have not yet provided their profiles to do so as soon as possible so that we have up to date emergency and medical information for your child at all times.

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Education in Faith & School Community



from the Deputy Principal ...



Prayer

In Our Hearts. Compassionate Lord, we pray for those who have been devastated by natural disasters

We are thinking particularly of those affected by the devastating floods in Townsville and the bush fires in Tasmania. We pray for all those who have been affected by these disasters and for the emergency workers and first responders who are offering help and support.

We ask that they are surrounded with your strength. Bless all those affected and heal their memories of trauma and devastation.

We ask this prayer through Christ our Lord

Amen

Opening Mass Last week we held our Opening College Mass. It was a wonderful occasion for our school community as we welcomed Wayne as our new principal and inducted our College and sports leaders, class captains and SRC representatives. Staff, students and the community recited the school pledge and each class brought forward their prayer cloth for the year.

Our theme this year is *Caring for our Common Home - Act Now*. We are called to care for our earth and all its vital resources as well as for each other. As a college community, we have dedicated 2019 to action - to be sustainable, respectful, followers of the teachings of Christ and the ways of Mercy.







COLLEGE LEADERS 2019

<i>College Captains</i>	Polly Duff, Dominic Plessey		
<i>College Vice Captains</i>	Bronte Tipping, Matthew Whitfort		
<i>Wellbeing Leaders</i>	Isabella Hutchins, Alanah O'Connell, Cooper Bell		
<i>Community Leaders</i>	Brandy Thompson, Jarni Malik, Robert Potts		
<i>Padua Sports Captains</i>	Jonathan Moore, Maggie McSpeerin, Noah Pearce, Addison Thornberry		
<i>McAuley Sports Captains</i>	Daniel Allen, Mia Tolson, Blake Trodd, Sophie Allen		
CLASS	CAPTAIN	VICE CAPTAIN	SRC
10R	Oryiana Hanna		Bronte Tipping
10M	Jack Chetcutti		Matthew Whitfort
9A	Claire Noonan		
9D	Fionn Murphy Tristan Murphy, (co-captains)		Jack Glen
8W	Lily Ford	Matilda Maccoll	Danielle Corocher
8M	Ebony Staples		Will Speechley
7M	Emily Homewood	Ely Reid	Jacob Begley, Jesse Brock
7A	Rhidian Wilson	Tahlia Russell	Ella Hayes
SPO	Lizzie Parker	Noah Wemyss	Lainey Doyle, Ebony Smith
SPK	Travis Jones	Madison O'Connell	Charlee Di Martina
SPC	Rebecca Leech	Cooper Shearer	Remy Hare, Chloe Thompson

Fundraiser for Townsville and Tassie Our first action is to raise money for the people of Townsville and Tasmania as they face flood and fire in their respective states. Next Tuesday we will be holding a sausage sizzle and all proceeds will be forwarded on to Rotary and Vinnies to help those most in need. Each student brought home a note on Tuesday- please check the FB page for details.

More news about the Colour Run!!! This year, we have decided to hold a Colour Run for the first time. The date is Friday 15th March. The Colour Run will be held during school hours. It will be a great way to celebrate our school community and raise funds for the school at the same time. More details will follow each week. Friday 15th March begins Catholic Education Week and also Learning Areas Week.

Ash Wednesday Mass The season of lent commences with Ash Wednesday on 6th March. The whole College will attend Mass. More information to follow about the season of Lent and our annual Project Compassion Appeal.

Upcoming Dates and Events

- Ash Wednesday Mass - Wednesday 6th March
- Yr 7 Reflection Day - Thursday 7th March (at the College)
- Community Colour Run - Friday 15th March (at the College)

- Catholic Education Week - 10-17th March

Please keep an eye on the Marian and Facebook page for upcoming events. 2019 promises to be a wonderful year, full of learning and faith opportunities as well as building community and relationships.

May we ask God's blessings on our school community.

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Student Wellbeing



from the Deputy Principal ...

As we come to the end of week 3, we have been very pleased with how our students continue to wear their uniform with pride. As one of their expectations, as well as being prepared and ready for learning. The parent/teacher/student conversations this week were an opportunity to connect with the homeroom teachers and share vital information to best support the learning and wellbeing of your child. I encourage you to make regular contact with your child's homeroom teacher and discuss any current updates that might be necessary for the teacher to know about your child. We continue to work in partnership with you and share the journey to ensure your children are working to the best of their ability and happy along the way.

St. Mary's College is a School Wide Positive Behaviour School with student expectations that support our school values of 'Act Justly, Do Your Best & Show Respect'.

To wear our College uniform with pride

Be punctual and prepared for learning

Care for our environment and resources

Be respectful of each other in our community with both voice and actions

Always interact in a safe and inclusive manner

Challenge yourself to achieve your best

Support our Catholic Ethos which is at the heart of everything we do

We continue to strengthen these expectations throughout our whole college consistent approach and encourage you to discuss these once again with your child at the start of another new year.

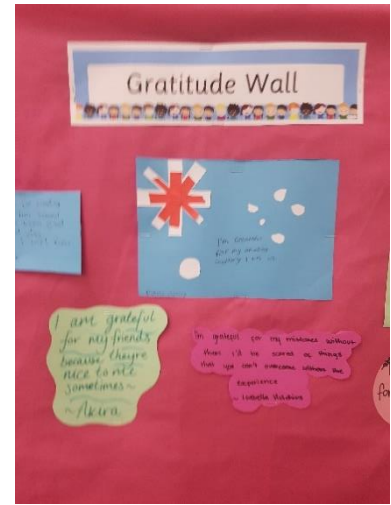
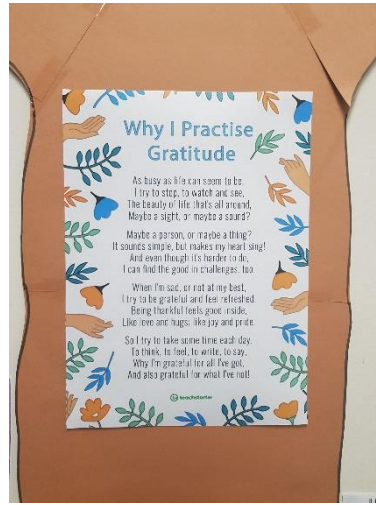
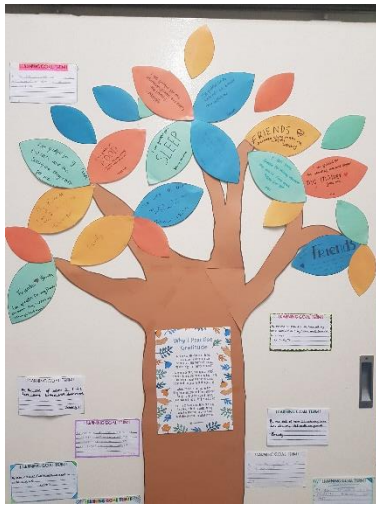
We will also continue with The Berry Street Education Model which provides schools with the training, curriculum and strategies to engage children, so that they can achieve their personal and social potential through educational achievement. This is based upon the five domains;

- **BODY:** Building school-wide rhythms and body-regulation through a focus on physical and emotional regulation of the stress response, de-escalation in school and classroom contexts, and mindfulness opportunities throughout the school day
- **RELATIONSHIP:** Increasing relational capacities in staff and students through attachment and attunement principles with specific relationship strategies with difficult to engage young people
- **STAMINA:** Creating a strong culture of independence for academic tasks by nurturing resilience, emotional intelligence and a growth mindset
- **ENGAGEMENT:** Employing engagement strategies that build willingness in all students
- **CHARACTER:** Harnessing a values and character strengths approach to enable successful student self-knowledge which leads to empowered future pathways

We have begun the year looking at CHARACTER STRENGTHS. Gratitude has been the Character Strength that we have been concentrating on the first few weeks of this year. Students have been sharing with each other, in pastoral

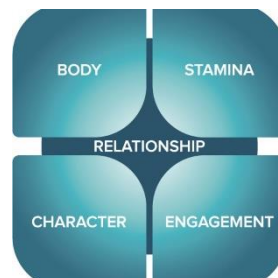
lessons and in morning homerooms, things for which we are grateful. The habit of being grateful starts with appreciating every good thing in life and recognizing that there is nothing too small for you to be thankful for. Gratitude is a skill. We have to teach our children that an attitude of gratitude is a positive way of looking at life. Gratitude can increase our children's happiness, teach them to be more empathetic and help them to be more thankful for everything they have.

To help you promote your child's gratitude journey, here are some ways to show more gratitude...



1. **Keep a Gratitude Journal** - list 5 or more things each day that you are grateful for.
2. **Practice present moment awareness** - being grateful for what you have in the moment not the future or past.
3. **Think Bigger than Yourself** - thinking of other people who have less than you will help you appreciate what you DO have and can do in life.
4. **Share love with your family and friends**- appreciate what those in your life do for you and thank them
5. **Replace complaints with Gratitude**- When you hear yourself whining, think of the positive.

So, What are you Grateful for today?



THE BERRY STREET MODEL

As we progress through the year, we will continue to incorporate the Berry Street Model within our Pastoral Care lessons and daily homeroom practices, alongside our Positive Behaviour Procedures.

FRIENDLY REMINDERS:

- **Mobile Phone Policy** - Just to remind all parents that we have a NO MOBILE PHONE POLICY at school, where students are to leave their devices in their bags. If your child needs to contact you or vice versa, please do so via the College Office. Any mobile phones in use during school hours will be confiscated and returned at the end of the day to your child, particularly if a more serious offence occurs, like using their phone to take photos.
- **SunSmart Policy** – We are a Sunsmart School and with that comes the responsibility to ensure ALL students are following the procedures, such as a wearing a hat and appropriate clothing, applying sunscreen, drinking plenty of water and staying in the shade.
- **Student Planners** - Each of our Year 5-10 students have a planner which they need to take with them to each subject and fill out reminders of homework, assignments, and upcoming events. This is also an avenue for parents to write the teachers a note if wanting to inquire about anything. Please check your child's planner regularly, as well as checking PAM for any assessments and work requirements due.

STUDENT MEDICATION:

- **Temporary Medication:** From time to time parents request that we administer medication to their child/ren. We would like to remind parents that all medication should be handed in at the College Office, and when doing so you will be asked to fill out an information label.
- **Hay Fever/Allergy Medication:** Allergy medication must also be handed in at the College Office and again, we require you to fill out an information label.
- **Ventolin/EpiPen:** For those students with on-going medication it is important that the 'use by date' has not expired. If your child has a Ventolin or EpiPen stored at the Office please call in to verify such details.

Please continue to support your child along the journey and work in partnership with us, in ensuring they are engaged, empowered and inspired to be the best person they can be. ☺ If you have any queries about your child's wellbeing, please do not hesitate to contact your child's teacher as the initial contact.

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Learning & Teaching



from the Deputy Principal ...

Student learning conversations Thank-you to all the parents, students and staff for participating in these meetings. It was great to see many new families and to build ongoing relationships with existing families. Thank you for putting your child at the center of their learning and wellbeing at school. We firmly believe that we work in partnership with you in your child's education.

Curriculum Co-ordinators This year we have created some new positions to deliver consistency in student learning across the College. I welcome Mrs. Kymberleigh Rowland as year 8-10 coordinator, Mr. Leigh Krammer as year 5-7 coordinator and Mrs. Fiona Robinson as years Foundation to 4 coordinator. Together we are responsible for a cohesive development, design and implementation of the Victorian Curriculum across the College.

Learning Diversity The learning diversity team comprises leaders in curriculum and wellbeing to identify and support teachers and students in delivering differentiated programs and interventions for students who need them. Lead by Ms. Catherine Hurst, Student Services, Mrs. Kymberleigh Rowland Literacy leader F-10, Mrs. Gen Gordon Numeracy leader F-10, Mrs. Kerrie Pearce Reading Recovery and Intervention support: these staff will work along side the Curriculum Coordinators to implement these programs.

Learning and Teaching Overviews These are available on the College website via the Learning and Teaching link, they have been updated for this year. They offer you an opportunity to keep informed of your child's learning for the year. They are to be used in conjunction with PAM for students in years 7-10. You can discuss topics and assessments with your child and have immediate access to what's happening in the classroom.

Extra Curricula Activities Camps and sporting events are about to begin in earnest. Good luck and do your best to all participating at the Swimming Carnival today, and to the year 10 students and teachers for their camp next week. The Athletics follows in week 5 and the year 8 camp to Halls Gap in week 6. May you all enjoy and make the most of these learning environments. **Please note** presentations for all events will be made after the Athletics Carnival, a date and time will be advised.

Catholic Education Week We are looking ahead to planning activities in class, to inviting parent participation in order to celebrate learning at St Mary's College. Our focus this year will be on STEAM based activities. (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts and Mathematics). And beginning the Premiers' reading challenge for this year. The Colour Run takes place on the Friday afternoon. A detailed schedule will be out soon.

Learning Around the College



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Community

CATHOLIC SCHOOL PARENTS VICTORIA... invites you to contribute to sharing the future of the Catholic Church in Australia. A listening and dialogue session for Catholic school parents – Tuesday 26th February – two sessions: (10.30am-12.00pm) OR (1.00pm-2.30pm) – Cardinal Knox Centre Catholic Room, 383 Albert St East Melbourne. For further information visit www.cspv.catholic.edu.au OR book online at: <https://www.trybooking.com/book/event>.



SEYMOUR GOLF CLUB... 'Run The Course' Fun Run/Walk (19 holes: 7.5km / 9 holes: 3.5km). Monday 11th March. For more information and www.runthecourse.com.au. registration visit

Sunday 24th February 2019 at 8 pm

SEYMOUR
ST. MARY'S CATHOLIC CHURCH

VIVALDI
LA TEMPESTA DI MARE
Concerto for Violin, Strings and basso continuo »La Tempesta di Mare«
Concerto in F Major for Oboe, Strings and basso continuo

J.S. BACH
Concerto in D Minor for Violin, Oboe and Orchestra BWV 1060

TCHAIKOVSKY
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SAINT-SAENS
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www.trybooking.com/ZSAH or www.trybooking.com/451575
and at St. Mary's Catholic Church from 7:30 pm (cash sales only)



DATES TO REMEMBER... 2019

These dates are subject to change.

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



FEB	Wed 20 th	Yr.10 Leadership Camp – D1 of 3
Wk 4: [B]		Primary District Swimming
MAR	Wed 27 th	Primary Division Swimming
Wk 5: [A]	Fri 1 st	College Athletics Carnival (Yr.3-10) – Kings Park Seymour
Wk 6: [B]	Tue 5 th	Yr 7 Immunisation 9.00-10.30
	Wed 6 th	Ash Wednesday Mass 9.00-10.00
		Yr. 8 'Halls Gap' Camp – D1 of 3
	Thu 7 th	Yr. 7 Retreat Day
Wk 7 [A]	10 th -17 th	Catholic Education Week
	Mon 11th	Labour Day Holiday
	Tue 12th	Student Free Day
	Fri 15 th	Color Fun Run



Student Free Days 2019

Tue 12th March
 Fri 7th June
 Mon 12th August
 Mon 7th 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

31st Jan / 1st Feb
 (10.45am-2.30pm)

Mon 18th Catherine Plessey
 Tue 19th Elise Smart
 Wed 20th Sue Wilson
 Thu 21st Jessica Manderson
 Fri 22nd Jane Archibald
 Nirmala Rathnayake

School Fun Run Colour Day

Date: Friday 15th March 2019

Time: 1.00pm-2.30pm (this includes a sausage sizzle lunch)

What to wear: a white or light coloured t-shirt and 'older clothes'. The Colour Run will be an out of uniform day.

What to bring: a towel and change of clothes if travelling by bus

Lunch: A Sausage sizzle will be available for lunch for all students.

Keep an eye out in the coming weeks as there will be more information about the day in the Marian, Facebook and emails. We are looking forward to a great day for our first Colour Run for St Mary's!

Log into your PAM Account and...

- Access your child's Semester 2 Report
- 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

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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