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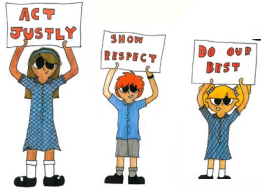
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No. 9

Term 1 Week 9 of 10

(27/03/19)



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.*



From the Principal

Dear Parents and Families,

“The golden rule, all lives have equal value and we should treat people, as we would like to be treated.” Bill Gates 2013

When we hear the name Bill Gates, two words may come to mind, Microsoft and wealth. Mr Gates and his wife, Melinda intend to give most of their wealth to Third World needs before they pass on from this life. Eradicating polio; and malaria, sustainable agricultural development, supporting HIV and other medical research projects are high on their list. Improving the quality of life in the Third World rather than leaving their fortune to their children.....“that wouldn't be good either for my kids or society.” Gates once gave the following advice when speaking at a High School Assembly quoting, **Charles Sykes**, author of *Dumbing Down Our Kids*. Gates talked about how feel-good, politically correct teachings created a generation of American children with little concept of reality and how this concept set them up for failure in the real world. Perhaps some of what Gates quoted is universal:



- *Life is not fair - get used to it; If you think your teacher is tough, wait till you get a boss;*
- *Flipping burgers is not beneath your dignity. Your grandparents had a different word for burger flipping: they called it opportunity;*
- *If you mess up, it's not your parents' fault, so don't whine about your mistakes, learn from them;*
- *Before you were born, your parents weren't as boring as they are now. They got that way from paying your bills, cleaning your clothes;*
- *Television is not real life. In real life people actually have to leave the coffee shop and go to jobs;*

Students are well protected in the school environment and it is not until they move into the real world that the realities of life hit home. Building a resilient student/son/daughter is so important. When life is good we are all good. When difficulty strikes that is when the strength of an individual's character enables a young adult to cope with what may confront them. A willingness to accept help, advice or guidance can be just the thing that enables an individual to move forward rather than remaining stuck. Parents who back teachers are building a resilient child. There has been much in the media lately on the power of words and if used in the wrong context the hurt and damage that can be caused. If only our society lived by *the golden rule, all lives have equal value and we should treat people, as we would like to be treated.* The conversation around the family dinner table can be the most powerful place to promote the understanding of tolerance.



Catholic Schools Parent Victoria publish a newsletter each term, which provides articles and information on State advocacy issues for Victorian Catholic Schools. Please visit the link below to view the newsletter: <https://vcspb.schoolzineplus.com/streamnews?nid=6>

Fun and Laughter! Today was the first session of the *St. Mary's TAG Buddy* program. A time when our older students interact with their younger peers. Older students do influence younger minds. The example given can so often be the example followed.

P and F Meeting The College P&F met at the Royal Hotel on Wednesday evening. Another excellent meeting with a good roll up of parents. The meeting covered lots of topics in regards to fundraising with excited conversation on long term goals. A brief summary from the meeting:

- The P&F Constitution will be updated to reflect the role of Office Bearers, constitutional role of the P&F and financial processes.
- The Colour Run was a tremendous success with \$12000 plus raised to support the purchase of Chrome Books and extending the playground fitness equipment. A letter of thanks will be sent to the Seymour CFA thanking the CFA for being present during the afternoon to cool the students with the water fountain.
- Discussion on the Mother's Day Stall for 2019.
- Working with Children's Requirements list to be updated.
- Major Raffle is on for 2019 with some very impressive prizes to be included. The Games Night to be held in Term 4 (date TBC)

The meeting ended with an enthusiastic discussion on what the Major Raffle and Games Night could be targeted for at the College. There was overwhelming support to begin a *Thermometer Gauge* to begin raising funds for... **'Bring The Mercy (Oval) Back.'** The P&F want to kick start the longer term dream to return the current oval back to its former glory so the College can use the oval for curriculum and extra curricula learning and for weekend sports community use.

The Rite of Enrolment Mass Thursday morning for students who will begin their sacramental journey in Reconciliation, Eucharist or Confirmation next term was a sincere and spiritual way to begin preparing for their sacramental preparation. Our primary students were wonderful during Mass, especially in responding to the order of the Mass. Thank you to Father Eugene for his words of wisdom! The final week of term will be soon upon us. Blessings on ur staff and students. A hectic and busy term it has been.



PS Rosey the Wombat had a wonderful weekend with Finn Melville from JPR. Rumour has it that Rosey was seen at the MCG wearing a Demons scarf. I'm sure Finn knows that Rosey will always be loyal to her navy blue blood and brown/gold skin!

Best wishes

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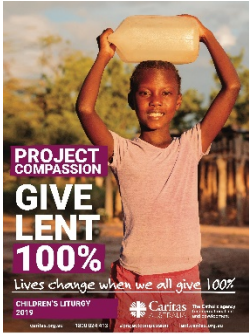


Education in Faith & School Community

from the Deputy Principal ...



"I alone cannot change the world, but I can cast a stone across the waters to create many ripples"



St Teresa of Calcutta The Theme for Project compassion in 2019 is "lives change when we give 100%" All this term, we have seen people giving in so many ways - our College Leaders setting great examples in many different ways, our younger students settling into a new routine at school, such fabulous support at the Colour Run from parents and families and support from families, staff and students at the many different faith and community events those term.

We have finished the term with our annual Project compassion appeal where we try to make a difference in the lives of those who need it most. Thank you for your support- we hope to add to the Project Compassion boxes over the last week of term so we can send a donation to Caritas from St Mary's college.

Easter liturgy Families are very welcome to join us on Friday 5th April at 11.45am, for our Easter Liturgy in the MPH. This is a very special way to reflect on the Easter story and the events of that week.

Yr. 7 Reflection Day On Monday, the Yr. 7 Reflection Day was held here at the College. The students participated in a full day of reflection, prayer and focusing on the Mercy Values of Compassion, respect, hospitality, Social Justice, excellence and service. They looked at how we could enact these values in our own lives.

Thank you to the students for their respectful participation on the day.





Young Vinnies We are almost ready to launch our Young Vinnies group for 2019! Mrs. Carol Smith, from our local Vinnies Conference, will be coming to school on Monday to speak to interested students from Yr. 9 and 10. This is a great initiative started by Brian O'Dwyer and Kellie Graham last year. We will be able to give a full report next term.



Catholic Education Art Show Congratulations to Laura Hogan (7M) and Jeremy Quigg (JPR) for their great effort in being St Mary's representatives at the Catholic Education Art Show in Melbourne last week.

Arts Centre visit We were successful last year in securing funding from First call fund, Arts Centre Victoria, for some of our students to attend a performance at the Arts Centre. The application covered the costs of both the performance and the bus travel which is a wonderfully generous gesture from this fund.

Our Middle Primary students will be attending 'Billionaire Boy' at the Playhouse Theatre on Tuesday 4th April. Billionaire Boy is from a series of very popular children's books by David Walliams. We are looking forward to hearing a report next week.

First term wrap This has been a very busy term!!! We have celebrated Mass together and as a class, participated in liturgies and prayer and come together as a community through sporting and school events. None of these things are possible without the support of staff, students and families. Thank you to all students, staff and families for their support and enthusiasm this term.

I would especially like to acknowledge the Yr 10 College Leaders – and all the Yr 10 students, for the wonderful way they have led student's activities and participated in so many ways this term.

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.

Rite of Enrolment Sacramental Mass



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Student Wellbeing



from the Deputy Principal ...

As we near the end of our first term for 2019, I would like to thank all the students for settling in beautifully into the new school year. We, as a staff have been pleased with their level of commitment to their learning, wearing their uniform with pride, attending each day on time and living out our **College TAG**.

Thank you to our wonderful staff who have had a very busy start to 2019 and who care and look after the wellbeing of all children. To all our parents who are always mindful of thanking the staff and appreciate everything they do collectively as a team to support and encourage the students. Our vocation is unique and endless, but we do so in partnership with our supportive families.



We know that **“EVERY DAY COUNTS”**, as Mrs Tampion mentioned in her article last week. Consistent student attendance at St. Mary’s College is an expectation that relies on both family and College support. Our three Level Coordinators, along with all staff will be following this up more closely next term with parents to ensure all student attendance is above the expected requirement.

Your child’s homeroom teacher would have made contact with you if attendance has been an issue for your child. Please continue to discuss this with your child over the holiday period and as parent/carer we will continue to work in partnership to ensure your child is present and on time every day to maximize learning time and strengthen overall wellbeing.

Last week, as part of **Catholic Education Week**, we also celebrated **‘National Day against Bullying’**. Each class participated in some activities to raise more awareness of Bullying and how we can collectively as a College support one another and be ‘Upstanders’ instead of ‘Bystanders’ when someone is being treated unfairly. Our Wellbeing Leaders in Yr 10 Isabelle and Alanah went around our College asking students from P-10 what they thought Bullying was

all about. The girls will put a slideshow presentation together and hopefully we can show this next week on our last day to the whole college. A great initiative taken by the girls. Well done!

We know in order for it to be identified as Bullying, it is behavior that is repeated and the victim is made to feel less valued. As parents and educators our goal is to help build resilience in our students to solve conflicts and manage themselves in appropriate ways. We take pride in providing a safe and respectful learning environment where bullying will not be tolerated. Unacceptable behavior towards others will be addressed with age appropriate consequences for choices and actions. All incidents are resolved by re-educating all parties involved. As a parent, if you have concerns about your child's wellbeing, we encourage you to discuss things with your child to get all the background and then contact the homeroom teacher first as part of our process who may also have other facts to share with you, resulting in all stakeholders being heard equally.

Last Friday, we also had **College Photos** and we were pleased to see the day run smoothly and all students looking wonderful. Your child was given a slip from Arthur Reed to remind you all of the process for ordering the photos, please give them a call directly if uncertain of any details (03) 52434390.

Today we also came together for the first time with our **TAG BUDDY**. In the past, we have had vertical P-10 TAG groups come together on a Friday afternoon a couple of times per term to share our unique P-10 culture. We surveyed students and staff last year and asked them what they liked about TAG and what would make it even better? Overall response was that they liked being with their friends but if possible not in vertical groupings and not with their siblings. Their honesty was priceless and therefore we asked for suggestions. They wanted a buddy ☺

So, this year, we continue to strengthen the unique culture of being a primary to secondary College by extending our Buddy Program. We have had our existing Prep and Yr 10 buddy program for many years. We now extend this into all the other year levels and match younger children with the older students. We know that being a buddy has many advantages for all children and in particular we envisage developing leadership skills amongst the older children when coming together to mentor a younger buddy.

Our TAG BUDDY groupings are as follow; Yr 9s with our Yr 5/6s, Yr 8s with Yr 3/4s, Yr 7s with the Yr 1/2s.

The afternoon saw many wonderful relationships being formed and lots of happy smiles and fun filled activities across the College. Watch this Space next week for some responses from our students and staff with lots of great pictures.

As you may already know, we have our P-4 level come together each Monday in the garden area to pray, discuss weekly events, and now also acknowledging the students who have been wonderful examples of living out our College TAG by receiving an award. Beginning next term, we also have Yr 5-7s and 8-10s having fortnightly morning assemblies. More details to follow next week from our level coordinators Mary and Andrew. We look forward to seeing as many parents and grandparents possible at these assemblies and sharing in the moment your child may receive an award, as well as be a part of our coming together to pray as a College community.

Once again, as we come to the end of Term 1, I would like to invite all parents to attend our parent/teacher conferences at the start of Term 2 to discuss all facets of school life for your child with the staff and to support one another in making not only the learning of your child a priority, but the overall personal wellbeing an enjoyable experience for the remainder of 2019. Together, we work in partnership with you to 'encourage, engage and motivate' your child, as we continue to live out our **College TAG, to Act Justly, Show Respect and Do Our Best**.

Enjoy a restful Easter break and may good health and may God's spirit be with you all and keep you safe and well.

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Learning & Teaching



from the Deputy Principal ...

Catholic Education Week finished on Friday with much activity and excitement around the College! It was wonderful to see so many parents, grandparents and visitors in classrooms joining in the STEM challenges!



The themes around the rooms were:

Junior Primary - Design a building for Rosie (Mr. Smith's wombat) to live in.

Middle primary - Designing paper planes

Senior primary - Bridge Building

Year 7 - Have you ever tried to bake ice-cream?

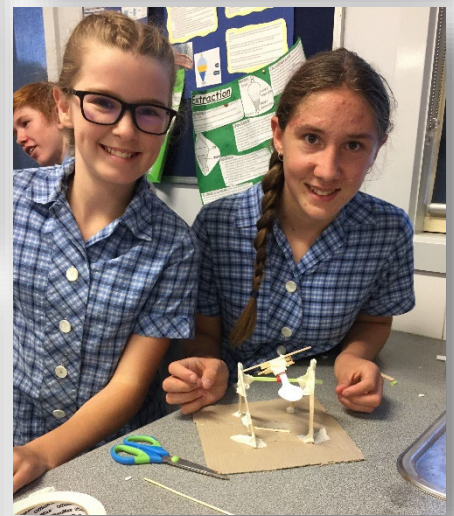
Year 8 - Catapults

Year 9 - Making a TV News Show

Year 10 - Marble Run

As you can see from the happy smiling faces and the action photos, all had a great time. Thanks to all staff and students for organising and managing the varied range of activities.







DEMYSTIFYING NAPLAN ONLINE – my how it's changing!

Exciting times ahead as we move to the online environment for NAPLAN. Here's a summary of the key features and implications for students, parents and teachers!

- easier for students to use – need device and ear buds
- has tools for online screen – zoom in/out, can flag questions to revise later, on line tools click to turn on/off, has audio: to listen to words for spelling or instructions when permitted
- has adaptive capability – will give harder or easier questions to students base on their responses
- Is therefore personalised and inclusive of all students
- Has examples at <http://www.nap.edu.au/online-assessment/public-demonstration-site>
- Gives more personalised feedback and advice to students, parents and teachers

Term 1 - Week 9

- Yr 3, 5, 7 & 9 begin familiarisation with the website and the format of the assessment.
- Students will explore the online testing environment in class focusing on using strategies and thinking-look at how to answer the question, what tools are there to use, how to move on or flag the question to come back later.
- Note students should not be concerned if they don't finish especially if they are 'competent at the year level' as the questions will adjust higher to challenge them and they may be at a much higher level than their age! A good thing.

Students in Yrs 3 and 5 will participate in a practice NAPLAN test environment in Week 1 Term 2, and can do as much learning as possible from the public demonstration website between now and then.

Students in Yrs 7 & 9 will practice at least 2 individual sessions between Monday and Wednesday this week. And then sit the Coordinated Practise Test on Thursday 28th March. This is a Statewide CPT.

This will be a 45 min assessment made up of questions from all areas expected.

Timetabled teachers will be with the classes at that time as well as an administrator – Mrs. Rowland (Yr 9) and Mr. Krammer (Yr 7).

Teachers, Parents and students can access the public demonstration site at any time! There are NO students who qualify for exemption or adjustment this year as the NAPLAN online environment caters for all our students.

If there are any comments, concerns or questions, please do not hesitate to contact the school.



Don't forget the ongoing **Premier's Reading Challenge**, if your child wants to participate they need to ask their teacher to let Mrs. Rowland know.

Mrs Christine Buhler

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Holy Week and Easter Triduum Masses, Ceremonies and Confession Times

Dear School Parents and Staff,

It is extraordinary how fast time goes by each year. I was told that it all has to do with the law of fractions; in your first year of life, one year is all your life, while at fifty it is only a fraction of your life and so goes faster. Either way, it is amazing to realise that we are already a quarter of the way through the year and Holy Week and Easter is upon us. Now that the first term has ended and an opportunity for a time of holidays and refreshment has arrived, I wish to take this opportunity to wish you the best for this season and for it to be a well-deserved break from the usual routine.

As to be expected your children are tired from the length of what is normally a short school term. This Holy Week and Easter, may we take advantage of this opportunity to live and move towards recognising all the blessing God is offering us that we may grow emotionally, spiritually and socially into the people we know we can be.

This season of Lent, and especially Holy Week as we remember all that Jesus endured for our salvation, highlights our own need for spiritual growth and of the hunger we all have for that grace of God in our lives. This Easter, call upon that grace from God, grow and become renewed and revitalised, celebrating the day with family and friends, and also coming and praying with us. Give praise and honour to God who took on our human nature and was born for us that we may all be saved.

May the peace, joy and love of this time reign in your hearts and homes! I invite you all to take advantage of the many ceremonies available that will aid us all in the sanctification of our families and the parish as a whole.

God bless and keep you; may he shine his face upon you and keep you in his peace. *Fr Eugene Ashkar*

Immaculate Conception Parish - St Mary's Seymour and St Joseph's Tallarook Holy Week and Easter Triduum Masses, Ceremonies and Confession Times			
DAY	EVENT	LOCATION	TIME
Saturday 13/4	Morning Mass of Day	St Mary's	9:00am
	Confessions	St Mary's	9:30am
Palm Sunday Vigil 13/4	Confessions	St Mary's	5:00pm
	Vigil Mass	St Mary's	6:00pm
Palm Sunday 14/4	Morning Mass	St Joseph's	8:00am
	Confessions	St Mary's	9:30am
	Morning Mass	St Mary's	10:00am
Tuesday 16/4	NO PARISH MASS		
	Mass of the Oils	Cathedral	11:00am
Wednesday 17/4	Morning Mass	St Mary's	9:00am
	Confessions	St Mary's	9:30am
	Confessions	St Mary's	6:00pm
Holy Thursday 18/4	Confessions	St Mary's	5:00pm
	Mass of the Last Supper	St Mary's	6:00pm
	Vigil Watch in Chapel	St Mary's	7:30-10:30
Good Friday 19/4	Stations of the Cross & Divine Mercy Novena	St Mary's	9:00am
	Passion Ceremony	St Mary's	3:00pm
	Confessions	St Mary's	following
	Stations of the Cross & Divine Mercy Novena	St Mary's	6:00pm
Holy Saturday 20/4	Divine Mercy Novena	St Mary's	9:00am
	Vigil Mass with Fire	St Mary's	7:30pm
	No Other Sacraments on	this Day except	For the dying
Easter Sunday 21/4	Morning Mass	St Joseph's	8:00am
	Morning Mass	St Mary's	10:00am
	Divine Mercy Novena	St Mary's	Following
Easter Week Mon-Sat 22-27/4	Morning Mass & Divine Mercy Novena	St Mary's	9:00am

Reminders



Pets From time to time students make a request to bring a pet to school to show their class. For health and safety reasons each request must be approved by the principal. Parents/guardians are asked to make that request via the class teacher who will make the appropriate follow up. Please note that pets are not permitted on the school property.

Office Closure Please note the office will be closed during the school holidays and re-open 8.15 Tuesday 23rd April.

Winter Uniform the first two weeks of Term 2 allows for a change-over period where students may wear summer or winter uniform. Commencing **Monday 6th May**. Students are required to wear the **full Winter Uniform**, this includes the **school tie & long sleeve shirt** for students in **Yrs 5-10**.

Head Lice Cases of head lice infestation are being reported in the Primary campus. With the weekend upon us Parents are requested to check their child's hair, particularly if they are complaining of 'an itchy head' and if necessary carry out the appropriate treatment. Your local Chemist will have the required lotion to deal with the infestation. To assist us further in the attempt to control the infestation, please inform the College Office of any re-occurrence.

Community



The Schoolhouse Theatre 50 Tallarook St Seymour
Bookings: www.spworkshop.org.au or 0490 459 853
Tickets \$20/\$15
Saturday 13 April 2pm & 7pm
Sunday 14 April 2pm & 7pm
Monday 15 April 5pm
Tuesday 16 April 2pm



'CHINA & LACE'

The Lions Club of Seymour Goulburn cordially invite you to join us for Afternoon Tea Sunday 28th April 2019 Seymour Bowling Club, Tallarook Street. 1.30 – 4.00pm.
Tickets \$25 per person. To make a booking please call:
Leonie 5792 4363 or 0439 308 055 Regina: 0417 329 981
Complimentary drink on arrival – Raffle & lucky gift draws – live entertainment



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A Federal Election campaign has been developed to ensure community voices are heard highlighting the important issues that need addressing now in Mitchell Shire.

Mitchell Shire Council, invites you to attend the Federal Election Campaign launch focused on funding for:

- Local mental health support services
- A full diamond interchange connecting Wallan to the Hume Freeway

Come and hear about the campaign and how you can participate!

When: 4pm, Wednesday 3 April 2019 **Where:** Wallan Town Heart Plaza, High St, Wallan

All Welcome – no need to RSVP we look forward to seeing you there.



MITCHELL SHIRE.

*Check out this
Mitchell Madness!*

VOLUME

*All of our youth events are Alcohol and
Drug free zones*

For more details and tickets to
youth week in Mitchell Shire, please
contact the Youth Services team
on (03) 5734 6200 or
youth@mitchellshire.vic.gov.au or
visit www.mitchellshire.vic.gov.au



MitchellYouthServices

This year, Mitchell Youth Services will be hosting
8 different youth and family friendly events to
celebrate our young people during Youth Week!

Space Jam on the lawn

When: 7.30pm – late, Friday 5 April

Where: Club Mandalay, Beveridge

Youth Fishing Comp

When: 10.30am – 2.30pm, Sunday 7 April

Where: Goulburn Park, Seymour

Volume Presents: Seymour Splash!

When: 12noon – 5pm, Monday 8 April

Where: Seymour Sports Aquatic Centre

Volume Presents: Skate Tricks Clinic

When: 12noon – 4pm, Tuesday 9 April

Where: Wandong Skate Park

Volume Presents: Park Games

When: 11am – 3pm, Wednesday 10 April

Where: The Island Park, Broadford

Gen Z Trivia Night

When: 6pm – 9pm, Thursday 11 April

Where: Hidden Valley Golf and Country Club

Volume Presents: Cell Block Party

When: 5pm – 7pm (10 – 14 y/o) and

8pm – 11pm (15 – 17 y/o), Friday 12 April

Where: Old Kilmore Gaol, 8 Sutherland Street

Art at the Heart

When: 9am – 2pm, Saturday 13 April

Where: Wallan Heart, High Street Service Road



DATES TO REMEMBER

These dates are subject to change.

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

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Tue 2

Thu 4

Fri 5

Fri 19

Mon 22

Term 2 Week 1 A

Tue 23

Thu 25

Sun 28

Week 2 B

Tue 30

May

Thu 2

Fri 3

Sun 5

Week 3 A

Mon 6

Tue 7

Thu 9

Fri 10

Sun 12

Week 4 B

Sun 19

Week 5 A

Fri 24

Sun 26

Week 6 B

Mon 27

Excursion MP Arts Centre

Excursion Yr 9 & 10 Indonesian Students – Film Festival

College Easter Liturgy (11.30-12.30)

Last Day of Term **(2.30 dismissal)**

Easter Sunday

Easter Monday

Start Term 2

Anzac Day

Deb Ball Practice (6.00-8.00pm)

Yr 9&10 Excursion. Careers _ Go Tafe Shepparton

College Cross Country(11.30-2.00)

JP Excursion _ Melbourne Zoo

Deb Ball Practice (6.00-8.00pm)

Yr 10 Roadsmart Incursion (9.00-10.45)

College Open Day

Yr 8 Excursion _ Victoria Market & Museum

Mother's Day afternoon tea (2.00-3.00)

Deb Ball Practice (6.00-8.00pm)

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Yr 8 Reflection Day

Yr 10 Excursion _ Careers at Assumption College

Deb Ball Practice (6.00-8.00pm)

Yr 7 Camp _ Marysville (day 1 of 3)

Yr 10 Immunisation

Student Free Days 2019

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

1st -5th April
(10.45am-2.30pm)

Mon 1st Kristy Woods
Tue 2nd Rob Welsh
Wed 3rd Kathryn Rohde
Thu 4th Cherie Matthews
Fri 5th Therese Stopp
Barb Plum

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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