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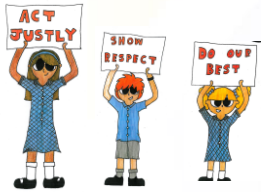
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St. Mary's College Vision Statement

A welcoming Catholic community that respects our heritage and looks to a sustainable future.

We inspire learning excellence, resilience and service to others.

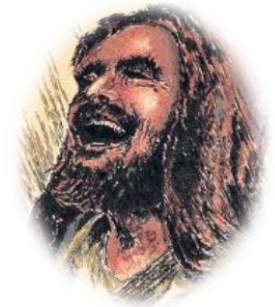


From the Principal

Dear Parents and Families,



Welcome back to Term 2. We hope your Easter was restful and although rain was (and is) scarce, the warmth of Autumn weather has been good for the soul. The following reflection by Andrew Hamilton, titled 'Easter and Anzac Day' provides some understanding of the struggles of humanity.



“The story of Easter expands to meet the large seasons of the

human heart, the stages of life's journey and the vulnerability of the natural world in which we live. It also offers hope that we and our world might one day be transformed. The Easter story is serious and far reaching. Anzac Day recalls matters of life and death, tragic events. Much of what was said by generals and politicians, was taken from the Easter story. ‘They died that others might live.’



‘They made the supreme sacrifice.’ ‘Their death was not in vain.’ In the Easter story the connections that link death, in its various forms of loss, ageing, catastrophe and grief, with life and meaning are much more mysterious and complex.

Anzac Day remembers sacrifice, courage, death and of the loss of so many people and of so much promise. Jesus' acceptance of death for others was important, but by itself it did not give full meaning to his life and death. The heart of the Easter story is that God raised Jesus from the dead. That was a gift. Both Easter and Anzac Day make a claim on us. We should never give up on life, our own or the life of any human being, no matter how hopeless it seems to be. If we appreciate life as a gift to be gratefully received and lived fully, we do not need to be afraid. We can respond generously to the needs of our world.”



At the Seymour ANZAC Day Service St Mary's was represented by staff and our College Captains, Polly Duff and Dominic Plesey, two wonderful student leaders who laid a wreath in remembrance of St Mary's past students and of past parish community members who were brave, who sacrificed and who were selfless.

McIntyre Street Bus Upgrade and High Street Speed Zones Our College has been notified by Mitchell Shire that a contract has been signed to complete the Bust Stop upgrade. Works will begin at the end of Term Two and take six weeks. During the upgrade a temporary Bus Stop will be placed in Crawford Street near the presbytery. Families will be informed and reminded of the changes. Also, please be aware that electronic speed restriction signs are now placed in High Street. School time speed limits, morning and afternoon apply.

Car Parking Thank you for continued understanding in the need to close the Parish Car Park for *Drop Off and Pick Up*. We have received further advice that will be discussed at the next Board Meeting. Families will then be updated.

Vale Sr Rose Mary McGiffin rsm Former St Mary's College Principal On Tuesday 23rd April our St Mary's College and Parish community were represented at the requiem Mass for the late Sr Rose McGiffin rsm, a Sister of Mercy who had a long association with St Mary's College community. Sr Rose was well known in Seymour, a character who was staunch in her belief and support for rural Catholic education. Many past St Mary's students and parishioners will enjoy reading part of the Words of Remembrance said by Sr Mary Wickam rsm at the requiem. Sr Mary spoke beautifully and from the heart about a loyal Sister of Mercy now with Our Lord.

1/5/1938 Carrickfergus, County Antrim, Northern Ireland- 12/4/2019 Geelong, Victoria, Australia



“There’s a famous Irish song about an exiled prisoner receiving the last rites from a priest. The exile asks the priest “(when I die) shall my soul pass through old Ireland?” I believe that’s a question Sr Rose carried, and I imagined her soul winging its way to God via the northern coast of Ireland – coming in over the Giant’s Causeway, past the famous Bushmills, down the magnificent Antrim coast to her birthplace of Carrickfergus, not far from Belfast. This was Sr Rose’s spirit home and it held her all her life.

Sr Rose’s parents Billy McGiffin and Jeanie McCallion made the decision to immigrate to Australia in 1948. Sr Rose was ten years old. Rose’s father found work in a timber mill in Woodend and the family settled there. However, any thought of a secure family future was cruelly cut short when, in October 1952, Billy was killed after his motorcycle was hit by a car. He left his widow and nine children, the youngest, Jean, only a baby. Because of her father’s death, Sr Rose left school at thirteen and worked in a café and bakery, and as housekeeper to the local priest, earning money to support the family. Her desire to become a Sister of Mercy later led her to return to school, no small decision, but typical of her

determination. Thanks to a scholarship, she completed her education at Sacred Heart College Kyneton, an experience she always recalled with great affection. Her family was precious to Sr Rose, simple as that- precious- and she loved all her siblings: Bobby, Billy, Neely, Seamus, Eileen, Eugene, Leo and Jean.

Sr Rose entered the Novitiate at Rosanna in 1956. It was as a teacher and then a Principal that Sr Rose lived out most of her life as a Sister of Mercy. She valued education from two perspectives – giving and receiving. As a teacher and Principal, Sr Rose was hardworking and enthusiastic. She was very pastorally oriented to the parents, children and staff in her care, with a special compassion for students with challenging behaviours. One of her colleagues from Seymour, on hearing of her death, wrote: “she was a wonderful educator and a feisty advocate for the people of Seymour..... like so many from Seymour I hold her in the highest regard.” Over the years Sr Rose was a member of many extra-curricular Committees and Boards in the Sandhurst, Ballarat and Melbourne dioceses. Sr Rose had a large heart and whatever she did she gave it her all. Sr Rose’s community and ministry appointments took her to locations as diverse as Seymour- (three times), Wodonga (twice), Casterton, Camperdown, Belmont, Colac, Cumberland St Newtown, Shepparton (twice), and North Melbourne. *At heart, Sr Rose was a country girl who loved the regional areas of Victoria.*

Sr Rose’s friend Sr Rosemary Graham recalls their friendship, “Rose and I lived together in Shepparton in the mid-1980s. I valued her cheerful, forthright and generous disposition. I came to respect her as a woman who lived a simple life of commitment to Jesus, frugal really. She had a great devotion to the Eucharist. The community we lived in had a number of elderly Sisters, some more eccentric than others and some very eccentric indeed. Rose was immensely kind to them and had the knack of jollying them along with genuine warmth.” Sr Rose had a true zest for life and a capacity for promoting joy in others. This was pre- eminently expressed through her singing with her trusty guitar, a gift she shared generously. Many a gathering has been enlivened by Rose’s singing. She was completely self-taught, and had a pure, distinctive and beautiful voice. Someone said to me recently that if you gave Rose a guitar and an audience she was happy!

This has been a glowing tribute thus far, but Sr Rose, who requested I write this eulogy, would fully expect me to report some of her shortcomings. So... we all know Rose could be bloody- minded and stubborn. Sr Margaret Collis (Eleanor) who twice lived with Sr Rose, expresses it more delicately: “Rose was not easily swayed from her opinion.” Sr Margaret

also said “Sr Rose gave a whole new meaning to the word stubborn.” Sr Caroline Coyle, who was in the Novitiate with Sr Rose and lived with her in Seymour, reminisced about Sr Rose’s vast, seemingly endless capacity for talk...and talk. Says Sr Caroline, “Sr Rose didn’t just kiss the Blarney Stone; she swallowed a great chunk of it! But we loved her.”

Sr Rose, you were one of a kind, McGiffin. We’ll miss you. We thank you for witnessing to the sometimes hard task of being human, and for radiating the joy of being a glorious child of God. God is surely saying to you now only this: *Cead mile failte, macushla – a hundred thousand welcomes, darling.*”

Sr Mary Wickham rsm

Term Two (First Weeks) We begin the new term running with many activities in the first few weeks. There are *excursions; College Cross Country; Mother’s Day* and *VicRoads Year 10 Road Smart* - a road safety education and training program designed to build on the existing road knowledge, skills and behaviours of Year 10. The program aims to help lay down the foundations for safe driving among young drivers. Funded by the Victorian Government, Road Smart is an initiative that supports and enhances Victoria’s Graduated Licensing System, featuring:

- An interactive classroom session;
- eLearning for students and their supervising drivers;
- An in-car session;
- A teacher resource toolkit linked to the Victorian Curriculum.

May Term Two be kind and blessed for all families. Now the footy season is in full swing it would seem that Collingwood is looking good; Richmond are doing enough to keep ahead of the pack; Geelong are Geelong; the Bombers are up and about and the Demons will get going, as will the Roos. Those loyal Sainters are smiling (for the moment). My Blues? Well, they are still two years away and my Hawks? Well, they have walked under too many ladders in recent times...injuries.



Education in Faith & School Community



from the Deputy Principal ...

This week we begin the glorious season of Easter. The season is so important that it lasts, not for a few days, but for 50 days. The liturgical cloths are changed from the sombre purple of Lent to the white of Easter, symbolising light, joy, triumph and glory. Once again we can cry out with joy, ‘Alleluia!’

Catholic Easter Prayer

Lord, the resurrection of Your Son
has given us new life and renewed hope.
Help us to live as new people
in pursuit of the Christian ideal.
Grant us wisdom to know what we must do,
the will to want to do it,
the courage to undertake it,
the perseverance to continue to do it,
and the strength to complete it.



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Student Wellbeing



from the Deputy Principal ...

As staff and students return back from a well earned break I would like to extend a warm welcome back to all families. It was such a positive start to the year and I thank all staff for their dedication and commitment to all students.

As we approach the cooler months of the year, we would like to remind you that you have these first 2 weeks to ensure your child has all the correct 'winter uniform' ready.

Winter Uniform for Girls

- P-10 Tartan Skirt or navy slacks for 5-10 girls Or Navy Tracksuit P-4 only
- Light Blue School Shirt (Midford)
- College Tie (5-10)
- College Windcheater
- Navy Tights or Long Navy Socks
- Black LEATHER School Shoes. (no runners)
- Navy Jacket (ordered through the College)
- Navy/Yellow/White Hair Ribbon
- Optional Navy Blue School Coat

Winter Uniform for Boys

- College Grey Trousers P-10
- Navy Tracksuit P-4 only
- College Tie (5-10)
- College Windcheater
- Grey Socks
- Black LEATHER shoes (no runners)
- Optional Navy Blue School Coat

PE uniform only to be worn on allocated Sports days for the level. Please ensure your child has all the required items of uniform to follow our College Expectation of wearing the uniform with pride. If for any reason, your child is not in the correct uniform, please write a note or email the homeroom teacher. You will be contacted if your child is out of uniform after 3 times without reason. Studies have shown that when students are wearing a clean, tidy uniform it can make a huge impact on their overall mental wellbeing and feel good. Thank you for your ongoing support with this.

Positive Behaviour School At St Mary's our approach to student wellbeing and our approach to student management is informed by the Positive Behaviour Program. We have now been involved in this program for many years and the benefits are visible right around the College. Our College TAG and Student Expectations stem directly from PBS and provide the pillars on which our student wellbeing and management stand. Essentially the program equips staff with the tools to approach behavior issues in a manner that provides a positive outcome for the student. Just like we teach the curriculum, so too will we teach expected behavior.

An essential part of PBS is for the whole school to develop a rewards program. The rewards program is designed to instantly acknowledge those students who are exhibiting the expected behaviors. The students will be acknowledged at our level assemblies by the staff for following the expected behavior straight from our student expectations, as well as academic achievements throughout the term.

Level Assemblies We will have all 3 levels participating in morning level assemblies this term. Our P-4 have their weekly Monday morning assembly in the gardens at 8.45 am. Our Year 5-7's will have theirs in Week A on a Friday morning and our Year 8-10's will also have theirs in Week A on a Tuesday morning at 8.45am in the garden.

These assemblies are a wonderful opportunity for you as parents to come along and hear the current events happening within that level, any relevant information as well as possibly see your child acknowledged for all the wonderful his/her achievements. If your child is receiving an award, you will be notified via email prior to the day, so you can attend, but it will remain a surprise for your child. A collective photo of the award winners and names will be in our College Marian for that week.

Excursions We have a number of excursions within the next couple of weeks, across all levels of the College, so I encourage you to please check your CareMonkey and are aware of the relevant details for your child.

With all our Anzac day celebrations, we will have full coverage of events in next week's Marian form our Level Coordinators.

Once again, thank you for your ongoing support and we look forward to another productive, engaging term with you and your child. Please do not hesitate to come and see us, especially in week 3 when we have Parent/ teacher Conference times. This is the perfect opportunity for you to come and discuss not only the learning needs of your child, but equally the wellbeing needs.

Together, we work in partnership to engage, empower and motivate all our students.

Ms Zine Dovara

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Learning & Teaching



from the Deputy Principal ...

Welcome Back A very warm welcome back to everyone! Learning and Teaching this term focuses on student engagement. The settling in and getting started phase of term 1 has passed. Term 2 is all about students making the most of all learning activities planned for them.

On the calendar in the next 2 weeks there are excursions and incursions for most year levels across the College. Parents please stay up to day with Care Monkey permissions and note times for the activities. The year 7 Camp is also coming later this term!

Learning Conversations May 2019 Parent teacher meetings will be held on Monday 6th and Tuesday 7th May between 3.30 and 6.30pm each day. This is a very important part of the communication about your child's learning and capabilities at this stage of this year. We can plan for the next stage of learning when we work closely together.

The research shows that students who are fully engaged and achieving at their best happens when there is a supportive home and school relationship. I encourage all families to meet with at least one of your child's teachers.

Please use PAM to make booking times with your child's teacher(s). Note: If you have Login issues/concerns with your PAM account please email: ictsupport@smseymour.catholic.edu.au

Homeroom teachers will also email you early next week to advise if teachers have expressed the need for a discussion about their child's learning progress and or wellbeing. Students in years 5-10 are expected to attend the meeting to take responsibility for their goals for the term.

Meetings will take place in Primary homerooms with a "waiting room" adjacent. Secondary teachers will be in the classrooms in the Secondary Corridor. Waiting area provided in the corridor.

If for any reason you cannot make these times please email your child's homeroom teacher to make a booking for a follow up by phone.

NAPLAN Online All students in years 3, 5 7 and 9 have now trialed the NAPLAN online system, and are familiar with the format. Feedback from students is that they prefer the set up and online tools that they can use. Being able to focus on one question at a time on the screen has also been received favorably. So we are confident and ready to participate in the full NAPLAN program in the middle of May.

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College Cross Country (Yr.3-10)



Thursday 2nd May Lighthorse Park, Seymour

The program for the day is as follows:

- 11.30am **8, 9 and 10 year olds** leave St Mary's by bus and travel to Lighthorse Park to run their events;
- 12.00noon **11 and 12 year old** primary students leave St Mary's by bus and travel to Lighthorse Park to run their events;
- 12.30 pm **12, 13 and 14 year olds** leave St Mary's by bus and travel to Lighthorse Park to run their events;
- 1.00pm **15 and 16 year olds** leave St Mary's by bus and travel to Lighthorse Park to run their events;

Each group of students will travel back on the bus after their event is finished and head back to school with their classroom teacher. Students are encouraged to bring their own drink bottle and any ventolin if required.



Any assistance from parents willing to be on a checkpoint would be greatly appreciated

Please phone me at the College on 57922611.

Mrs Karen Gilchrist: Sports Co-ordinator



Open Day

Plans for 2020 have begun and one of the key events will be Open Day on Tuesday 7th May. On this day, St Mary's College opens its doors to the many interested and prospective families seeking to find out more about our fabulous school and the people in it.

Titled 'Windows into Learning', this is a day when teachers and students showcase all our wonderful programs. There will be 2 tours on the day at 9.00am and 2.00pm.



Open Day...

'Windows Into Learning'

Tuesday 7th May



Tours: 9.00am & 2.00pm

Please contact the College Office to register your interest: 57922611.



**2020 Enrolments are now open
Applications for Round 1 Interviews close
21st June 2019**

Act Justly, Show Respect, Do Our Best

Parents & Friends

Mothers' Day Afternoon Tea

You're Invited

Mothers Day Afternoon Tea
Friday 10th May – Multipurpose Hall (1.45pm for a 2pm start)



On **Friday 10th May** we will hold our annual **Mother's Day Afternoon Tea**. This is a fantastic afternoon and we are looking forward to welcoming our new mums and grandmothers, as well as all those who have attended in other years. *Invitations have been sent via CareMonkey. Families not on Caremonkey will receive an invitation via their child.*



Also on this day is the **Mother's Day Stall** run by the Parents and Friends. The children all have the opportunity to purchase a gift from the stall. Thank you so much to our wonderful P&F who provide this great service year after year. The children can **purchase a gift** ranging from **\$1 to \$8**.

The Parents and Friends would love to hear from anyone who can assist with setting up and selling gifts on the day (toddlers welcome!!) Please contact **Karen Glen** (0409 790 932) or the College.

RSVP: Mon. 6th May (for catering purposes)

Donations of home baked slices/biscuits etc. would be appreciated.

Reminders

Head Lice Cases of head lice infestation are being reported in the Primary campus. With the holidays 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



'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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Register Now!

Seymour Auskick Centre
Kings Park (back oval), Tallarook Street, Seymour
Fridays 4.30pm to 5.30pm - 26th April to 28 June
Rhys Melville - 0437 458 816

Visit play.afl/auskick

DATES TO REMEMBER

Term 2

These dates are subject to change.

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

April

Week 1A **Thu 25** **Anzac Day (Public Holiday)**
 Fri 26 Whole School Assembly (2.30pm)
 Sun 28 Deb Ball Practice (6.00-8.00pm)

Week 2B Tue 30 Yr 9&10 Excursion. Careers _ Go Tafe Shepparton
 Yr 7 Excursion _ Yea Wetlands

May

Thu 2 College Cross Country(11.30-2.00)
 Fri 3 JP Excursion _ Melbourne Zoo
 Sun 5 Deb Ball Practice (6.00-8.00pm)

Week 3A Mon 6 Yr 10 Roadsmart Incursion
 MP Excursion _ Healesville Sanctuary
 Parent Teacher Meetings (3.30pm-6.30pm)
 Tue 7 College Open Day (Tours 9am & 2pm)
 Yr 8-10 Assembly (8.45-9.00)

Thu 9 **Parent Teacher Meetings (3.30pm-6.30pm)**
 Yr 8 Excursion _ Victoria Market & Museum
 Fri 10 Mother's Day afternoon tea (2.00pm-3.00pm)
 Sun 12 Deb Ball Practice (6.00pm-8.00pm)

Week 4B Sun 19 Deb Ball Practice (6.00pm-8.00pm)

Week 5A Fri 24 Yr 8 Reflection Day
 Yr 10 Excursion _ Careers at Assumption College
 Sun 26 Deb Ball Practice (6.00-8.00pm)

Week 6B Mon 27 –Wed 29 Yr 7 Camp _ Marysville (day 1 of 3)
 Yr 10 Immunisation
 Thu 30 SR Round Robin

Fri 31 Primary Division Cross Country
 Sun 6 Deb Ball Practice (6.00pm-8.00pm)

June

Week 7A Mon 3 – Fri 7 Yr 10 Work Experience
 Tue 4 Deb Pall Practice (6.30pm-8.30pm)
 Parent Information Evening _ 2020 Prospective Enrolments
 (7.00pm-8.00pm)
 Thu 6 SR Cross Country
 Fri 7 Student Free Day

Student Free Days 2019

Fri 7th June
 Mon 12th August
 Mon 7th October

Term Dates 2019

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

CANTEEN ROSTER

29 April – 3 May
 (10.45am-2.30pm)

Mon 29 Jaime Farrell
 Tue 30 Catherine Plessey
 Wed 1 Sue Wilsow
 Thu 2 Jayde Tootell
 Fri 3 Karen Pearce

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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