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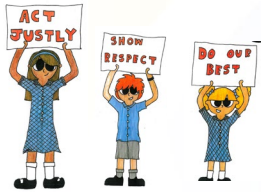
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St. Mary's College Vision Statement

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

We inspire learning excellence, resilience and service to others.



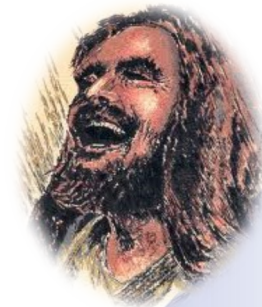
From the Principal

Dear Parents and Families,



It can be easy to blame someone else for life's woes or for that matter convenient to look outside rather within when things do not go the way we want them too. Pastoral Care at St Mary's is about many things and one of these is teaching responsibility – teaching and guiding young minds to understand that with rights come responsibilities. This is true for any age. Parents are rightly instinctive when it comes to protecting their children. St. Mary's staff are also very protective of their students and we, like any parent are proud

of individual and collective student achievements in and out of the College. Thank you for the support you give to staff even when your first reaction is to come to the defence of your child(ren). There will be times when backing the College will be the most valuable lesson a young mind can learn. Mistakes will be made and lessons learnt, but more importantly students do not have all the answers and in the future they will take the wisdom from home and from the College into their adulthood lives. Mistakes are an opportunity to look within and to grow, and when conflicts arise these times can be seen as negative situations or as positive opportunities to step forward. We want our students to, 'Praise loudly, blame softly,' Catherine II (of Russia).



The St. Mary's P&F are an enthusiastic band of parents who have a passion for our College and support fundraising that benefits all students. The P& F Executive Karen Glen (President); Loulsa Munro (Treasurer); Barb Cauty (Secretary) and Christie Evans (Assistant Treasurer) and other P&F members work closely together to ensure there is a collective mindset for building community. The Colour Run was a huge success raising in excess of \$14000.....all for the students! During the Colour Run many parents who attended commented on the College oval, which enjoyed further discussion at P&F meetings. It was a collective P&F decision to put the

oval forward as a long term fundraising initiative. 'Bring Mercy (the oval) Back' is the catch phrase for our community to strategical plan to fundraise to upgrade the oval and take it back to its former glory. The Games night later year this will kick start to Bring Mercy Back.

P&F News

Thankyou College Leaders How proud we were this week of our Year 10 College leaders who took families on a tour of the College during Open day. These young people are a wonderful advertisement for St. Mary's and our world is and will be in good hands when they are society's leaders and decision makers.

Parent Teacher Progress Meetings Thank you for supporting these evenings. It is important for students to be with mum and or dad to receive feedback from their teachers. Little steps become bigger steps and both lead to dreaming of what is possible for future career pathways.

Pick Up - Drop Off Thank you for understanding as to why the Parish Car Park is closed due to safety, insurance and required street entrance works. Pick Up Drop Off — Is it needed? Many schools have far less parking spaces around the exterior and do not have a designated zone. The Shire have offered the same opinion when comparing St. Mary's to other schools and Colleges in the Shire. These schools in the Shire have far less parking spaces on the school boundary. If a Pick Up - Drop Off zone was introduced it would be using the High Street entrance and there would be Traffic Management Consultant and other associated costs to be considered. Parents next week will receive a Pick Up - Drop Off e-survey to complete. The information returned via the e-survey will be reviewed at the College Board meeting, Wednesday 12th June.



Best wishes and blessings on Mother's Day to all mums, near and far.

PS St. Mary's College Mother's Day Afternoon Tea! Is there a College anywhere in this great land that would have so many mums, grandmothers/nannas attend?

There is a special spirit at St. Mary's...the spirit of Mercy.



CLAIM THE DATE

Parish Pastoral Forum
Wednesday May 22
7:00pm Parish Hall



An Irish blessing

There is but one and only one,
Whose love will fail you never.
One who lives from sun to sun,
With constant fond endeavour.

There is but one and only one
On earth there is no other.
In heaven a noble work was
done
When God gave us a Mother

Best wishes

Mr Wayne Smith

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Education in Faith & School Community

from the Deputy Principal ...

In the Church calendar, the month of May, has been dedicated by the Church as a time of devotion to Mary, who is honoured as the first disciple, Mother of God and Mother of the Church. Mary is recognised as the one who listened and responded to the call of God. Yesterday we had a beautiful prayer and afternoon tea, celebrating our mothers and grandmothers and special women in our lives. Photos and more details next week.



A huge thank you to the amazing parent community at St Mary's. Led by the P&F, we had a wonderful Mother's Day stall this morning with an incredible array of gifts. There were so many donations from families and an army of people who arrived to help set up, sell gifts and then pack it all up again!!! It's such a great day and fabulous to see the children go home so happy with their gifts for Mum.

Prayer for all women *God, we give you thanks and praise for all mothers,*

We pray for mothers, who give life and tend to our every need; may they be blessed with patience and tenderness to care for their families and themselves with great joy.



We pray for our own mothers who have nurtured and cared for us; may they continue to guide us in strong and gentle ways.

We remember mothers who are separated from their children because of war, poverty or conflict; may they feel the loving embrace of our God who wipes every tear away.

We pray for women who are not mothers but still love and shape us with motherly care and compassion.

We remember mothers, grandmothers, and great-grandmothers who are no longer with us but who live forever in our memory and nourish us with their love.

May these special women who give so much to others, so unselfishly and generously, know that You are with them always.

Amen

OPEN DAY On Tuesday we held our annual Open Day for 2020 enrolments. It was great to see so many families and students come along to see our “Windows into Learning” and view our wonderful school in action.

School tours were led by our Yr. 10 College Leaders and they did a fabulous job explaining all about St Mary’s, taking families on a tour of the College and confidently answering questions from students and parents.



Congratulations to: Polly Duff and Dom Plessey (College Captains), Bronte Tipping and Mathew Whitfort (Vice Captains), Alanah O’Connell, Isabella Hutchins and Robert Potts (Wellbeing leaders), and Cooper Bell, Brandy Thompson and Jarni Malik (Community leaders).

SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM Every year, as part of our Faith Education at St Mary’s, the sacramental program is offered to students in Yrs 3, 4 and 6.

In Yr. 3, children receive the sacrament of Reconciliation

In Yr. 4, children receive the sacrament of Eucharist

In Yr. 6 children receive the sacrament of Confirmation.



All students in MP and SP are involved in the classes and preparation for these sacraments, even if they are not actually receiving the Sacrament.

The faith information nights for the Sacraments are as follows

Tuesday 11th June 6pm Reconciliation

Tuesday 11th June 7pm Eucharist

Tuesday 18th June 7pm Confirmation

Attendance for students and parents is required at these evenings if your child is receiving the sacrament later in the year.

Students in Yr. 3 - 10, who are baptised Catholics but haven’t received the sacraments of Reconciliation, Eucharist or Confirmation are very welcome to contact me if you would like further information about the program.

A reminder about the dates for 2019 Sacramental Program:

Wednesday 31st July 10am Reconciliation

Sunday 28th July 10am Eucharist

Friday 2nd August 7pm Confirmation

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.

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Student Wellbeing



from the Deputy Principal ...

My Child's Wellbeing ... Who do I ask? We are fortunate to have such a dedicated staff at St Mary's College. We are all collectively responsible to ensure every child is 'being well'. We adopt a 'shared' approach on the student's learning and overall wellbeing in partnership with parents and families. As Deputy Principal of Wellbeing I am always happy to chat with any student or parent about any wellbeing matters, but we do have a line of leadership we follow and invite you to follow also. We have an experienced and supportive team, which consists of our three Level Coordinators and our Student Services Coordinator (Catherine Hurst). Each member spends an enormous amount of time ensuring every child's wellbeing needs are being met as much as possible. While at school, no one knows your child like the homeroom teacher, so I ask that your first stop is the homeroom teacher. Teachers then communicate with their level coordinator about your child and as a Wellbeing team we support one another in supporting your child. If you have any questions or concerns regarding the learning and/or wellbeing of your child, please contact the Homeroom teacher.

1. Year level coordinator
2. Deputy Principal - Wellbeing
3. Principal

The Level Coordinators are:

- Prep to 4 – Anne Spencer
- 5-7 – Andrew Allen
- 8-10 - Mary Tampion

Level Morning Assemblies A reminder that all levels now have morning assemblies.

- P-4 Weekly Monday 8.45am Art Garden Area
- 5-7 Fortnight Week B Friday 8.45am Art garden area
- 8-10 Fortnight Week B Tuesday 8.45am Art garden area

You will be notified via email / text if your child will be receiving an award and hopefully you will be able to attend to witness this wonderful achievement.

Not only will it be about Positive Behavior Awards, but an opportunity for the level to come together to pray, share information, but also grow as a collective team and celebrate wonderful achievements both in and out of school.

We look forward to seeing as many parents, grandparents as possible supporting these assemblies.

College Photos You would have received an email from Arthur Reed which looks like so:

Dear parent/guardian;

The images of your child are now ready to view, order and share Click on the link below and create a NEW user account to view & purchase your child's images:

As we have a new ordering system for 2019, you will need to create a new account.

<https://order.arphotos.com.au/?k=tuu93d>

OR

Please go to <https://order.arphotos.com.au> and add code tuu93d

Our new system allows you to select among your pictures and use your creativity to customise your products.

If you would like more of a look around the software, or need some assistance in creating your package, watch our tutorial video here <https://youtu.be/bNqN-A5Fafg>.

ADDING MORE CODES:

If you have received multiple codes, you can easily add each one to your account so that your images and orders are stored together in the same place. To add a code to your account, click on the 'ADD MORE CODES' link.

SHARING YOUR IMAGES:

If you would like to share your code with friends or family, simply forward this email to them, so that they are able to create their own account and place an order.

If you require any assistance, please contact our customer service team or read through our frequently asked questions here.

Regards
Arthur Reed Photos

Mobile Phones/Ipad/Ipod A reminder that all technological devices, such as Mobile Phones/Ipads/Ipods are required to remain in the students bag/lockers. **This applies from the time your child enters the College grounds in the morning till the time they leave the College Grounds.** If a student brings these to school, it is their responsibility to ensure that they remain in a secure location. If your child has their phone out, it will be confiscated by the teacher and secured in the Deputy Principal office area till the end of the day at 3.15pm. Repeated offenders will have their device confiscated overnight and it will need to be collected by a parent. We understand that on rare occasions a student may need to use their phones to contact home and if this is the case a student may do so only in the presence of a teacher. We ask all parents that if they need to make contact with their child they do so through the office. I also ask that you have a conversation with your child regarding this. Thank you for your ongoing support in this matter.

Winter Uniform We are now into wearing our full Winter uniform which was mentioned in my last Marion. The tie needs to be worn properly and shirt tucked into their pants/skirt. Please ensure your child is also wearing black, leather shoes and not canvas sports shoes. For safety reasons, we require them to be leather.

We take pride in our uniform at the College and it is an expectation that ALL students wear the correct uniform. The following process is in place for students out of uniform:

- A note from home/email must accompany a student out of uniform and given to homeroom teacher.
- Any issue with uniform needs to be remedied as soon as possible.
- A student who is out of uniform without a note will be:
- Given one warning by teacher to address the issue and will be recorded on Simon Tracking.
- A further day out of uniform will see an email sent home/call asking that the issue be addressed and recorded again on Simon.
- A further day out of uniform - parents will be contacted to discuss the uniform issue with Level Coordinator.

If any parent is experiencing confusion around our uniform, please speak to the appropriate teacher or Coordinator. The Year 5-10 students our uniform requirements are detailed in the College Planner. P-4 uniform also needs the correct items of Winter uniform with pride, especially leather shoes. A reminder that there is a Second Hand Uniform Shop located at the College. Please contact the office for further information.

Once again, we look forward to always working in partnership with you to ensure your child's wellbeing, motivation and overall attitude is positive and caring.

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Learning & Teaching

from the Deputy Principal ...



Learning Conversations and PAM There was a great buzz around the secondary corridor and primary classrooms on Monday and Tuesday evenings! The teachers, students and parents who attended the learning meetings were an enthusiastic group! Thank you for engaging in conversations about your child's learning in so many positive ways. Parents who have discussions with their child about what they are learning and how they feel towards their work is an important part of developing resilience and learning stamina. We are better able to provide for your child's learning now that we are building understandings together.

A reminder to use your PAM account for accessing Learning Tasks and due dates. This can be a quick way to keep in touch and have a conversation starter with your child.

NAPLAN Students in years 3, 5, 7 and 9 will once again participate in The National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy in week 4 and 5 of this term. This year we are participating in NAPLAN online. All students have become familiar with the program and can see the benefits of the assessment now that it is adaptive and adjusts the questions according to their answers. This feature makes the assessment more realistic for all students. It also provides more flexibility for catch up opportunities over the two weeks if students are absent for any reason. The results of assessments provide information for students, parents, teachers and principals, which can be used to improve student achievement.

Yesterday or today your child is bringing home the information flyer from the VCAA. Later in the year you will receive your child's personal NAPLAN report. If you would like more information please visit the VCAA website at www.vcaa.vic.edu.au or the NAP website at www.nap.edu.au or contact your child's Mathematics or English teacher.

Incursions / Excursions – making real world connections to learning. This term has been busy with a number of events and activities both on and off site. These are carefully chosen and planned for in order to maximize student learning. Many staff members spend many additional hours of work in making all these things happen! The level coordinators reports will contain summaries as these events take place.

Learning Diversity Literacy and numeracy programs are now well underway if your child is participating in any program or activity you will have been informed in writing. St Mary's College has established a wide variety of personalised programs to support all students learning. There is a significant investment of time and staff given to deliver these programs.

Building Successful Learners is a recognised process at our College to assist students in achieving their best. This includes class work, home learning, monitoring by parents and teachers and includes the use of the SIMON work desk (years 7-10) and the College Planner (years 5-10). P-4 information and more on each levels expectations can be found on the College website, under the Learning and Teaching tab!

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RoadSmart

On Monday 6th May our Yr 10 students participated in a Road Smart workshop delivered by representatives from Vic Roads. The Road Smart program is an innovative program funded by the government offered to all schools to imbed important road safety principles and further enhance our commitment to shaping the minds of our new young drivers. All students were totally engaged and feedback was most positive from this presentation.



DATES TO REMEMBER

Term 2

These dates are subject to change.

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

Wk 5A	May Tue 21 Fri 24	Primary District Cross Country Yr 10 Excursion _ Careers at Assumption College (10.30-2.15)
Wk 6B	Mon 27 –Wed 29 Thu 30 Fri 31	Yr 7 Camp _ Marysville (day 1 of 3) Yr 10 Immunisation SR Round Robin Primary Division Cross Country Yr 8 Reflection Day (moved from 24/5)
Wk 7A	Jun Mon 3 – Fri 7 Tue 4 Thu 6 Fri 7	Yr 10 Work Experience Parent Information Evening _ 2020 Prospective Enrolments (7.00pm-8.00pm) SR Cross Country Student Free Day
Wk 8B	Mon 10 Tue 11	Queen's Birthday _ Public Holiday Faith Night Reconciliation (6.00pm-7.00pm) Faith Night Eucharist (7.00pm-8.00pm)
Wk 9A	Tue 18 Wed 19 Thu 20 & Fri 21	Yr 10 Exams Faith Night Confirmation (7.00pm-8.00pm) Hume Cross Country Primary Regional Cross Country _ Winton Yr 10 Exams
Wk 10B	Fri 28	Last day of Term 2

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

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CANTEEN ROSTER

13-17 May
(10.45am-2.30pm)

Mon 13 Amanda Quigg
Tue 14 Catherine Plessey
Wed 15 Catherine Plessey
Thu 16 Jodie Parchomenko
Fri 17 Therese Stopp
Ros Rutherford

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

Parish Priest: Father Eugene Ashkar

TELEPHONE: (03) 5792 1064 / 0455 123 509

MASS TIMES: St. Mary's: SAT 6.00pm, SUN 10.00am; St. Joseph's: SUN 8.30am



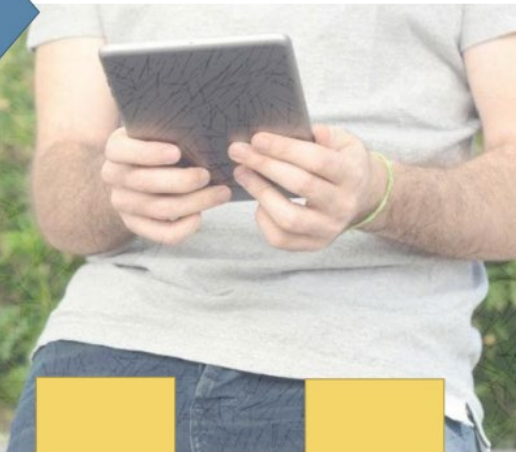
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Free entry – donations to help cover costs of license etc. appreciated.



BYO bean bag/cushions to enjoy the movie in comfort.

Saturday 11 May 2019

Doors open 6:30pm for 7pm movie start.

Venue: Seymour Uniting Church, 11-13 Crawford St.



Snacks including pop corn and drinks available for purchase.

As the weather gets cooler and nights darker come enjoy a movie from the last few years on a big screen. Unfortunately our license does not allow us to tell you the movie title but it can be found on our Facebook page, Seymour Uniting Church.

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