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St. Mary's College Vision Statement

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

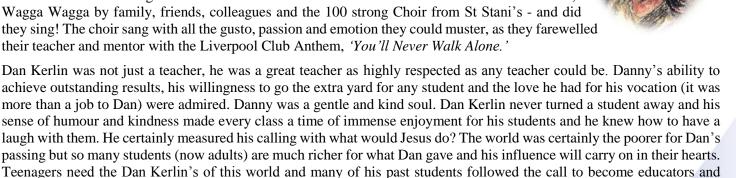
We inspire learning excellence, resilience and service to others.



From the Principal

"Do your best, be kind and consider others."

Along life's teaching journey I have met people who have had an impact on many in Catholic education. I never forget these wonderful souls. We remember these people, some ordinary lives and some extraordinary, yet their values, personalities and sheer goodness were as natural as the air we breathe. Some years ago I was privileged to farewell such an extraordinary person, a teacher and friend, Dan Kerlin. Dan, back then was the English Coordinator at Saint Stanislaus College, Bathurst and after a long battle with cancer Dan was farewelled from St. Michael's Cathedral, Wagga Wagga by family, friends, colleagues and the 100 strong Choir from St Stani's - and did they sing! The choir sang with all the gusto, passion and emotion they could muster, as they farewelled their teacher and mentor with the Liverpool Club Anthem, 'You'll Never Walk Alone.'





Mary a Loyal Mother May in the (Catholic Church) is traditionally the Month of Mary. Mary was a remarkable women and mother. She like any mother and parent had complete love for her son and an unconditional commitment to her faith. Mary's life is a wonderful example for teenagers and we adults. A women of little fuss and bother but always loyal to the cause. There are many pressures on young people today and they need good counsel from home and from school so they do not receive confusing messages, of which there are many coming from society, the media and those who want to make a quick dollar. At St. Mary's our students receive clear messages on expectations of how the respect and dignity of all is not a hope but a given. Thank you for working in unison with St. Mary's so our students holistic education makes for a better world. It takes a village to raise a child.

walk in his footsteps. Life is always so busy but it never hurts to reflect on the spirit of those who have touched our lives.

Danny Kerlin would often say, "do your best and consider others." The spirit of others so often lives through us.



NAPLAN Week The National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) began in 2008 and are a series of tests focused on basic skills that are administered annually to all Australian students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9. NAPLAN assesses students' reading, writing, language (spelling, grammar and punctuation) and numeracy. The data obtained from the NAPLAN tests are collated and provide teachers and parents information again a standardised test for all Australian students in that year group. There have been various media reports this week in regard to the

connectivity for the schools who sat NAPLAN on line. St. Mary's this week was well prepared for NAPLAN. Our NAPLAN team led by Mrs Buhler (Deputy Principal Curriculum) have done an outstanding job in ensuring that all was in place for the week of tests. NAPLAN has its place in the educational framework of teaching and learning. NAPLAN is one of many forms of assessment and provide comparison information as well as showing specific areas of strength and

of need, both of which are both valuable for planning and teaching.



The 2020 Australian Catholic Church Plenary Council This important council (the 5th in Australian Catholic Church history) will discern and discuss the question, 'what God is asking of us in Australia at this present time.' There have been 17,457 submissions to date with 222,000 participants in Plenary workshops across all states and territories of Australia. 29% men and 49% women have participated in the workshops. The largest group input was from Catholic Social Services Victoria. The Plenary Council to be held in Adelaide comes at a pivotal time in our Church history as our

Australian Catholic Church interprets the signs of the times.

Fr Richard Leonard SJ Fr Richard a Jesuit Priest directs the Australian Catholic Office for Film & Broadcasting. He spoke at our Principals meeting last week and spoke on the changing nature of society. He also gave examples from his book, 'Where the hell is God?' Included is a link to an interview with Fr. Richard Leonard from the 2011 Los Angeles Religious Education Congress. https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PH6dKc-mQBE and it puts much into perspective when searching for answers. Most of which are found in our everyday lives.

Guidelines for National Physical Activity: Recommendation for Children and Young people (5-17 years). This latest report from the Commonwealth Department of Health really does confirm what we already know about young people and their physical and wellbeing daily needs: no more than 2 hours on screen-based electronic media; an uninterrupted 9 to 11 hours of sleep per night for those aged 5–13 years and 8 to 10 hours per night for those aged 14–17 years are all well-known traits needed for healthy living. A consistent bed and wake up time are also important to compliment healthy living. Teenagers and children need sleep.

Best wishes



PS When walking around the Junior Primary playground at lunchtime on Thursday, students were kicking the football from one end to the other, no doubt pretending to be their MCG heroes. During their 'kick to kick' the ball ended up with a female student not involved in the game. A budding footballer wanted the footy and he was in a hurry. The young lady said, "you have to say please." After some debate the boy realised that he was not getting the ball unless he said, "please." The apple does fall far from the tree!

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Business Manager

Fees and Levies As we head towards the middle of the year, families are reminded that the due date for the payment of all Curriculum Levies (Primary and Secondary) is the **1st June** — which is just two weeks away. This would be a good time to assess if you are on track to meet this deadline. Please do not hesitate to ring me at the College if you need to discuss this.



If you have not been receiving your statement or require another copy please contact the College.

For New & Prospective Families

A Parent Information Meeting for new and prospective families 2020 is being held at our College on **Tuesday 4th June** at **7.00pm in the Library**. If you, or someone you know, would like to know more about our school programs or curriculum, please come along.

Camp, Sport, Excursion Fund (CSEF)

Final Application Reminder: Any families who have not yet claimed or require further information please contact Stacia Read at the office.

Eligibility:

- 1. Be a parent or legal guardian of a student attending a registered Government or non-government Victorian primary or secondary school must, on the first day of Term one (29 January 2019) OR on the first day of Term two (23 April 2019), be an eligible beneficiary within the meaning of the State Concessions Act 2004, that is, be a holder of Veterans Affairs Gold Card or be an eligible Centrelink Health Care Card (HCC) or Pensioner Concession Card (PCC) holder, OR Be a temporary foster parent, and; Submit an application to the school by the due date.
 - * A special consideration eligibility category also exists. For more information, see: www.education.vic.gov.au/csef

Parents who receive a Carer Allowance on behalf of a child, or any other benefit or allowance not income tested by Centrelink, are not eligible for the CSEF unless they also comply with one of (a) or (b) above.

2. Be of school age and attend school in Victoria

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P- 4 News

from the Level Co-ordinator ...



Practice makes PERFECT...or does it? As I was walking towards the junior playground last week, I overheard someone playing downball say 'practice makes perfect'. It reminded me of some professional development I participated in a few years ago by Dan Petro. He had said these exact words and then recommended we toss them in the bin! Whilst surprised at the time, he went on to explain why he had made such a suggestion. 'It should never be practice makes

perfect but rather 'practice makes permanent'. Let me explain it you – if you learn to ride a bike, it is a skill you can go back to 20 years later – PERMANENT. However, no matter how good you are at riding a bike, it will not prevent you from ever falling off, therefore, not PERFECT. Another example is handballing. Again, once learned, it is a skill you will never un-learn – PERMANENT. However, our most elite footballers, whilst all having the skill to handball, can have a handball go awry during a match – NOT PERFECT. In some regards, perfection can be an unattainable expectation. Whereas, if you teach a child a skill such as reading, writing, counting, timetables, cooking, and encourage them to persevere and depth their skill and understanding, although it may become rusty, ultimately, it will be a permanent skill. Let's support our children with permanence rather than perfection.



JP Zoo excursion Following our excursion to the Melbourne Zoo, JPW have been researching animals. Each student has chosen their own animal to research and create a poster displaying all of the information and pictures they have been collecting.

The excursion to the zoo was aligned with the Inquiry unit about Sustainability. Students participated in the Wild Explorers presentation as a link for plants and animals. The weather was fantastic and the parent helpers were wonderful. Thank you to everyone for your assistance on the day.

Some photos from the day:



















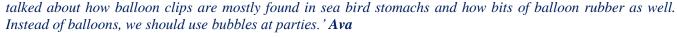
MP Healesville Sanctuary excursion Middle Primary were also very fortunate to have great weather on their day at Healesville Sanctuary. The kids were so excited for the day out and they were excellent. This aligned with our Inquiry unit 'Rhythm of Life' about sustainability and life cycles. We participated in a tour called 'Mega-keepers' about the extinction of dinosaurs and what we can learn from that. Many endangered and extinct animals were discussed and we were told about ways we can a make a difference. Thank you to our parent helpers who were fabulous on the day.

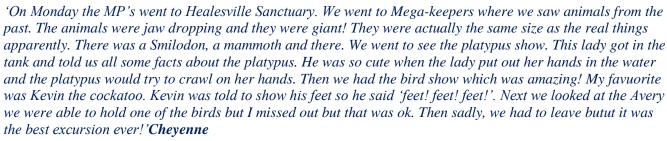


Some recounts of the day from MP students:

'On Monday we went to Healesville Sanctuary. First our group went on the Mega-keepers tour. Looking at the

Megabeasts was so cool! There were mammoths, Smilodons and Terror birds. We learnt some really cool facts like how smilodons use their colour to blend in and elephant tusks were sold as mammoth tusks to trick people. Smilodons are also called "Sabre toothed cats" and the one we saw was named Cleo. We made predictions about their death and to learn about sustainability. After we saw the Megabeasts, we went to the platypus show. The platypus's name was "Yami". It was really cute and the show











Domestic Mouse becomes a mum! As part of our unit 'Rhythm of Life', MPJ has been watching and waiting very patiently for Jaz to become a mum. This finally happened whilst students were at school so many watched the whole drama unfold! Jaz became a mum to 6 baby mice and MP students are as proud as punch. She has settled well into her new lifestyle but does find solitude in her running wheel when things get a bit hectic for her! The purpose of having mice is to demonstrate a real life example of a life cycle.











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

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Yr. 5-7 News

from the Level Co-ordinator ...



Year 7 Camp to Marysville Just a few reminders about the Yr 7 Camp to Marysville on the 27th, 28th and 29th of May.

We will be leaving by bus on Monday 27th May for three days of outdoor activities. Please refer to CareMonkey for permission forms. Also on CareMonkey is a PDF file listing the packing requirements for the camp. Please make sure you and your child have read this list. The camp hosts at Marysville will also use CareMonkey to communicate their own specific requirements for camp so please keep an eye out.



Mothers Day assembly Well done to all students who contributed to the Mothers Day afternoon tea. The decorations were handled by Senior Primary while Yr 7s helped out hugely with the hall set-up. Special thanks to all of the choir members for their rendition of 'Happy Talk', to Laura Hogan for her brilliant performance of the song 'My New Philosophy' and to Eric Parker for his rendition of the Nirvana classic, 'Smells Like Teen Spirit'.



State Ballet Congratulations to Yr 7 student Ava Loweke who performed in the State Ballet production of Don Quixote last weekend. She danced in the roles of a towns child and one of the gypsies. The production was staged at the Darebin Arts Centre. A fantastic effort!

NAPLAN. A reminder that NAPLAN testing for Yrs 5 and 7 concludes today. Students who missed any of the testing days this week will be offered catch-up times next week. Our shift to completing NAPLAN on-line this year has been smooth and drama-free. This is down to all of the hard work and organization provided by the Curriculum Team, lead by Christine Buhler and Kymberleigh Rowland and the fantastic support of the IT team, led by David Carter.





This week's Assembly Award winners

ChloeThomson, Kady Francis Smith, Eric Parker, Laura Hogan, Leeshai Indich-Navon, Izaac Joseph-Hauser, Sierra Raymond, Ava Loweke, Alex Potts, William Ritchens-Manning, Charlotte Allison, Tyler Eaton.

Dates and reminders.

Monday 20th to Friday 24th of May - NAPLAN continues Tuesday 21st May - District Cross Country for students who qualified 5/6/7 Music Assessment (Guitar Playing) Monday 27th, Tuesday 28th and Wednesday 29th May - Yr 7 Camp Friday 7th June - Pupil Free Day

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Yr. 8-10 News

from the Level Co-ordinator ...





As we begin week four of this term all of our year levels are well and truly immersed in many and varied learning activities across their curriculum. Here are some thoughts on our level focus: 'I am an Upstander!'







What is an Upstander? A person who takes a stand against an act of injustice or intolerance is not a "positive bystander," they are an UPstander.

It takes courage **to be an upstander**. **Upstanders** are students who do something that prevents or reduces the bullying they see, or comes to the aid of another child who is **being** bullied by showing them kindness. Moving from **being** a bystander to **becoming an upstander** may not happen overnight.

When an **upstander** sees or hears about someone being bullied, they speak up. Being an **upstander** is being a hero: we are standing up for what is right and doing our best to help support and protect someone who is being hurt. In many ways, this is another word for being **'socially responsible'**.

Congratulations to all those students who have displayed 'Upstander' behaviour in your daily lives here at school and out in the wider community.

Being an upstander has an outstanding effect. Many famous people got their names in history for being amazing upstanders.

Martin Luther King spoke on behalf of racism victims. Edith Cowan became the voice of womens rights. Eddy Mabo was the main icon for aboriginal equality. Because they stood for what they believed in is why we live in our world today.

Level Awards Congratulations to the following students who all received awards at our morning level assembly Tuesday May 14th:



Cooper Bell, Oliver Fairweather, Jacob Fengler, Brooke Leary and Claire Noonan for their talented musical performances at our Mothers Day Celebration last Friday.



Polly Duff, Casey Grant and Maggie McSpeerin for their excellent progress and work ethic in VCE maths classes.

B4W Shared Breakfast 'Wheeltalk' As part of their B4W program this week our students started off their day with a Shared Breakfast and then participated in Wheelchair Basketball run by the Disability Sport and Recreation Group from Melbourne. This activity is a hands on experience for the students in learning what it's like to have a disability and still play sport. The presenters are Victorians with a disability who are actively involved in sport and recreation. The students play up to an hour of Wheelchair Basketball which gives them a physical understanding of what it is like to live with a disability.

College Open Day What a great celebration Open Day, Tuesday 7th May was showcasing all our activities and achievements across our level. Walking down the main corridor was a wonderful experience with fun, creative and informative displays popping out everywhere. A very genuine and heartfelt thanks to all those teachers and students who worked together as a team and showcased what we are all about here at St Mary's. Not forgetting our Yr 10 Tour Leaders who did themselves proud with the many groups they led around.

Mentor Program Our Mentor Program for our year ten students is now well under way and many conversations and shared lunches are taking place.

This is where a student is allocated a staff member as their Mentor for the rest of the year. It is an informal program in which students and staff meet on a regular date just to touch base and for the student to have someone else apart from their Homeroom teacher or Level Coordinator as a support person during this, their last year at St Mary's. All parties involved in this program are very positive about its benefits and we see this as a very important part of their transition into year ten and their whole education and wellbeing.

'Net Set Go' Volunteers I would like to acknowledge a group of students who volunteer every Friday afternoon to help run the Net Set Go Netball program at King's Park with Mrs Gordon and Mr Krammer. They help run the skills sessions for about 35 young and aspiring netballers who range in age from 5 – 9 years old, and they are true examples of **'being of service'** in our local community. Well done to *Jasmine Jimenez Laidlaw*, *Hayley Reeves*, *Maddison Steans*, *Brandy Thompson and Lily Thorpe*. Great ambassadors for our college!



Winter Uniform is looking good and thank you to all parents who had to buy new items for their child. Just a reminder that all girls are expected to wear LONG NAVY SOCKS with their skirts and boys are all to wear long sleeved blue shirts as part of their winter uniform. This information is in our Student Planners under the Uniform Policy.

Our Learning Support Group is up and running every day at lunchtimes in the College library so please encourage your child to make use of this valuable time if they need to. Maths tutoring is also offered each Thursday in the library from 3.30pm until 4.30pm by Mrs Gordon, Mr Keating and Mr McLean.

Parent/Teacher Interviews Thanks to all those parents/guardians who attended Parent/Teacher Interviews last week. Communication lines are well and truly established now and if you were unable to attend please contact the relevant teacher to set up an alternative time.

Year 8 Indonesian Excursion As a part of the Ayo Makan!- Let's Eat! Unit in Indonesian the Yr 8 students visited the Queen Victoria market and had an authentic Indonesian meal at Pondok Rempah restaurant in Elizabeth Street. The students all tried interesting food and drinks and were very enthusiastic about the experience. Below is a comment about the excursion by Rose in 8M in English and an email to a friend describing it in Indonesian.

Terima kasih to Ms Williams, Mr McLean, Mrs Cullum, Kellie Gianarelli and a big thank you to Catherine Plessey who escorted the students on this trip.

It was noted that all of the students said Terima kasih when leaving the restaurant and Thank you to the bus driver on our return. Well done Yr 8!

Yesterday we went to the Queen Victoria market and Pondok Rempah Restaurant. At Queen Victoria market we looked for different fruits and vegetables and wrote down the price. We also got to try 2 of the fruits, longan and mangosteen. I liked both but preferred the mangosteen. Then we went to the restaurant, I ate Sate Ayam (chicken satay) and really enjoyed it. It was very different to satay I had had before and very spicy. I also tried some of Claudia's soda gembira (happy soda) it was nice and tasted like cotton candy but it was a bit too sweet for me. Overall I thought it was a really fun day and I loved walking around the market with my friends.

Kepada Claudia yang baik,

Hai nama saya Rose.

Pada hari kamis yang lalu kami pergi ke pasar di Melbourne.

Kami melihat banyak buah-buahan, saya melihat buah-buahan seperti wortel, kelapa, anggur.

Saya suka makan manggis, saya mencicipi longan. Saya suka resanya.

Sesudah itu kami pergi ke restoran Pondok Rempah, saya makan sate ayam.

Rasanya itu enak tetapi sedikit pedas, saya suka makanan itu.

Teman saya memasang mi goreng. Rasanya itu enak. Saya minum air minum. Rasanya bagus. Teman saya minum soda gembira.

Kami ada pengalaman menarik.

Salam dari,

Rose.









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Parents and Friends

For those that don't know, I am the president of the P&F. I work with a great group of parents who work tirelessly throughout the year to raise funds for our school which then benefit all of our children in some way. My committee members are Barb Canty, Louisa Munro, Megan Cox, Katy Smith, Kellie Graham, Amanda Quigg, Bronwyn R Martin, Carmen Fifield, Cherie Matthews, Christie Gross, Clare O'Connell, Dallas Stokes, Evie Parker, Jana Ash & Roxanne Tipping.



Each member's involvement varies and the time, support and assistance is different depending on their own situations. I thank you all for your commitment to our school.

Special mention must go to both Megan and Katy who have been a continual support over the last 12 months and put in endless hours alongside me.

Also, on a personal note, thank you to Janelle Puppa who allows me to work and support the P&F at the same time, a position I am grateful to have.

Fr Ashkar, Wayne Smith, Karen Glen

If you would like to know more about joining the P&F or assisting with our events, please do not hesitate to speak to myself or one of our members. New faces are always welcome



On behalf of the Parents and Friends Association we are pleased to be able to hand over this year's cheque of \$25,000 to the school. This money will purchase new Chrome books (laptops) for the junior Primary Classrooms with remaining funds purchasing more fitness equipment for the entire school to utilise.

From today we are already working on next year's target with our next goal to restore the Oval to a safe and inviting facility for all students. As you can see, plenty of love and money is required with quotes already being sourced.

On behalf of the P&F, we would like to wish our Teachers, Mother's, Grandmothers, and Special Friends a lovely Mother's Day

Mother's Day Thank you to all parents that supported our Mother's Day Stall, once again this was a great success and the joy on the children's faces is priceless as they relished in the opportunity to attend the stall and make their own purchases for their Mum's. Thank you to the following people for your assistance on the day: Louisa Munro, Amanda Quigg, Jana Ash, Sarah Ridd, Megan Cox, Barb Canty, Cherie Matthews, Kelly-anne Trodd, Katy Smith, Catherine Hepburn, Cassie Cleave, Bronwyn R Martin, Simone Homewood, Carrie Hayes, Dallas Stokes, Kathryn Rohde, Evie Parker, Nicole Towt and Sharon Trodd.

Special thank you to our student helpers: Nicholas Quigg & Jack Glen

The stall would not have the success it does without our very generous donations. Thank you to: Carmen Fifield, Jana Ash, Simone Homewood, Carrie Hayes, Ella Hayes, Jayde Tootell, Cassie Capobus-Thorpe, Justine Delzotto, Barb Canty, Katy Smith, Catherine Hepburn, Geraldine Potts, Nicole Towt, Bec Engel, Vanessa Leonard-Roberts, Ally Yardley, Kellie Bender, Naurelle Palmer, Dallas Stokes, Christie Gross & Jessica Winnell.



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

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Term Dates 2019

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

CANTEEN ROSTER

20-24 May

(10.45am-2.30pm)

Mon 20 Jaime Farrell

Tue 21 Catherine Plessey

Wed 22 Catherine Plessey

Thu 23 Cherie Mathews

Fri 24 Barb Plum Karen Richards

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