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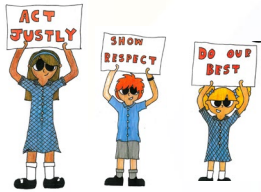
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St. Mary's College Vision Statement

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

We inspire learning excellence, resilience and service to others.

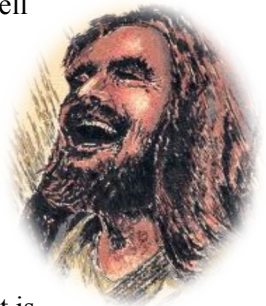


From the Principal

"If we have Jesus in our hearts, we will see his face in every person we meet." Bishop Pat Power



Retired Bishop Pat Power (Canberra and Goulburn Archdiocese) is well known for his actions. Pat is an extraordinary person who lives a life devoted to the service of others. On one occasion after a country parish Confirmation he returned to Canberra to stand with the cleaners at Parliament House who were protesting for improved working conditions. Bishop Pat always seemed to parallel the words, *what would Jesus do?* During one of his sermon's Bishop Pat said, *"If we have Jesus in our hearts, we will see his face in every person we meet."*....easier said than done for some! Although, Bishop Pat's sermon is precisely what we aim for at St Mary's. It is the heart of the matter that is important. Jesus, I am sure also believed in tough love.



The students at St Mary's understand service to others. *Year 8 students had their Reflection Day today.* The theme, *'Servant Leadership- Act with Justice and Compassion'* focused on the importance of servant leadership to others through showing justice and being compassionate. Focusing on giving rather than taking builds characters and a deeper understanding of Christian action. Our students (beyond their College years) will move into a world where society places great expectations on success, yet more and more people are realising that real success comes from helping those far less fortunate than themselves. The world needs more Pat Powers!



The Mercy Convent Sr Sylvia Williams RSM and current Chairperson of Mercy Education will visit St Mary's to offer her advice on restoring the Mercy Convent Chapel. The Convent chapel is an important place in the heart of our College and parish history and it is intended to resurrect the chapel as a sacred place for small group reflection and liturgically. We look forward to Sr Sylvia visiting her old stamping ground!

Marysville On Tuesday afternoon and evening I went up to Marysville to visit *Year 7 on Camp.* It was cold (8°C); it was raining and snow was coming and going. The students were having a wonderful time and experienced various outdoor activities led by the Camp team. There was one part of the camp though that stood out for me even in the short time I was present.....our teachers! Mr Allen; Mrs Aldous; Ms Molinaro and Mrs Farrugia battled the elements ensuring all students were involved. When staff go on camp or overnight excursions it is a reminder of the dedication that comes with the teaching vocation. Three Cheers for our St Mary's staff (teaching and non-teaching) because so often they go above and beyond to make St Mary's a special place to be. Why? *It's about the students and for the students!*

Thankyou Janice and Colin Janice and Colin Kerris, owner of C&J Kerris Menswear, recently announced their well-deserved retirement. Our St Mary's College community not only wish Janice and Colin well in their retirement from the world of small business but as importantly we thank them for over 25 years of excellent service, support and assistance. During this time, Janice and Colin have supplied St Mary's families with their uniform needs, generously supported our raffles and fundraisers and been always willing to help out at Information Nights and events. We wish to extend our sincere thanks to Janice and Colin and wish them good health and time for rest. All St Mary's uniforms can now be purchased from Mick Russo at Outback Australia Workwear & Protective Clothing.

Monash University Welcome Kristel Kristel Huntington a final year student from *Monash University Faculty: School of Primary and Allied Health Care School of Primary and Allied Health Care* will join our St Mary's community from Monday 3rd June (Week 7) for a 15 week full time placement. Kristel is studying a Bachelor of Arts (Psychology/Sociology) & Bachelor of Social Work. **Kristel's first week will be observation around the College and introductions to students.**

The aim of this placement is to be beneficial for Kristel, for her to gain practical experience and to value add to the wellbeing of our students.

Learning Support Officer Position After interviews this week *Mrs Zoe Davies* will join St Mary's staff (as from next week) in the role of Learning Support Officer - part time. From 2011-2016 Zoe was a teacher in Queensland and the Northern Territory. Zoe has a Masters of Teaching Degree P-12 & a Bachelor of Science Degree (Science Photography) and has taught in Queensland and the Northern Territory. We look forward to Zoe joining our Learning Diversity team.

Volunteers and Visitors Policy In support of Child Safe Standards please note the three important requirements relating to all visitors to the College. (This protocol does not include the regular morning pick-ups and afternoon drop-offs).

- All visitors must sign in at Reception;
- Visitors already listed on the 'Authorised Visitors Register' may proceed to complete their task within the College;
- Any visitor who is not on the 'Authorised Visitors Register' must be accompanied by a staff member at all times whilst on College grounds.

Note: In order to be an authorised person a "Current Working with Children Check" must be sited and a 'Volunteers Details Form' completed and on kept file.

Playground Safety Safety in and around the **junior** and **middle primary playgrounds** is essential. For the safety of all children there are certain rules that I ask all students, parents and carers to observe:-

1. Due to the design of the equipment, only the JP students are to play on the equipment near the corner of High St and Crawford St. The MP primary play equipment is the one closer to the centre of the P-4 playground.
2. Students may only play on the play equipment when the bell has rung and the teacher has commenced yard duty. Students are reminded, "Listen for the bell and look for the teacher."
3. Students must use the play equipment appropriately. This means not climbing on top of the equipment.
4. Pre-school age children and toddlers must not play on any equipment at any time.
5. The play equipment is not to be used after the school bell rings at 3.15pm.



PS Back to Bishop Pat Power. Some years ago he marched down George Street, Sydney in his South Sydney Rugby League Jumper in the front row of a rally to save the club from being removed from the NRL. He is a passionate South Sydney member and his prayers were answered as the mighty Rabbits are now serious business sitting proudly on top of the NRL ladder.

from the 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**. 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.

Student passes All students that arrive late to school are required to sign in or be signed in at the office and take a late pass to their class teacher. Likewise, if it is necessary for students to leave school during the day, notification should be sent in writing. It is expected that requests are only made for important matters, such as a doctor's appointment.

Information evening CareMonkey The College is holding an information session for both new families & students, and current families with new students. A CareMonkey invitation was distributed to current families. Please note attendance is optional; however, an rsvp would be appreciated for seating purposes only.



Survey A survey regarding "Drop off - Pick up" zone at St Mary's College was emailed to each family via SurveyMonkey. The closing date for the Survey has been extended to Friday, 7th June. If you are unable to access the survey please collect a hard copy from the office.

Change of Uniform Provider After many years in operation C & J Menswear have sold and transferred their business to Outback P/L. The date for this change over will take place on 31st May. The transfer includes the sale of the uniforms for St Mary's College and Seymour College, as well as the menswear. The Assumption uniforms will be sold through Academy Uniforms. The business will operate from the Outback P/L premises at 74 Anzac Avenue Seymour from Monday, 3rd June. A new price list has been uploaded to the College Website.



School Photos have just arrived and will be sent home with students next week.

Mrs Felicity Melville

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P- 4 News

from the Level Co-ordinator ...



Does being late to school have an impact?

The short answer is yes.

We all run late sometimes. For your child, arriving late to school occasionally, won't cause major disruption. Inevitably, children will feel sick or tired some mornings, or other situations will prevent them from being on time. But chronic lateness eventually takes its toll on a child's overall educational experience.

When students are repeatedly late, routines that are organised, scheduled and predictable are disrupted. Children who are often late have trouble settling in and mastering routines. Lateness can throw off their whole morning or even their day, especially if the commute to school was stressful.

When a child continuously shows up late to class, other students are distracted. Attention is drawn away from the teacher or assignment and toward the child who has just arrived.

In many classrooms, particularly at the primary level, morning routines are critical to daily lessons. Warm-up activities may introduce topics that will be learned later in the day, or opportunities are provided to review previously learned skills. Prayer is a consistent and integral part of the morning routine. Interruption at this time makes the reflection aspect more challenging with late arrivals.

Part of your child's education is learning to be responsible. The school experience teaches children how to meet expectations. They learn to follow schedules, obey rules, complete assignments and keep track of their materials. Attendance is one of the ways children show they can meet their obligations. In many cases, a child's attendance

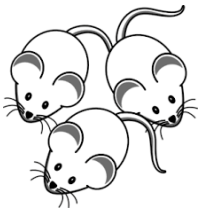


depends on his parents' ability to help him be on time. Parents can teach their children organizational techniques that will help them get out of the house faster, such as packing their bags and laying out their clothes the night before school.

Fortunately, parents can help prevent lateness from becoming frequent enough to negatively impact their child's school life.

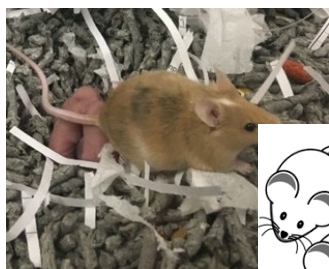
"Effects Of Tardiness On Your Child's Education". 2016. *Our Everyday Life*.

JPF & JPR Habitat Dioramas We have been learning about the conditions required for animals to survive. To demonstrate our understanding, we selected an animal, built their habitat and labeled the important features. It was fantastic to observe the student's creativity throughout the learning experience.



Jaz & Rocket Jaz and Rocket, our classroom pet mice are proud parents. Jaz went into labour on Friday 10th May. She had had two babies but when we returned from the Mother's Day Afternoon Tea, there were seven! When they were born they were very small, wriggly and pink. By the third day we could tell what colour they were going to be. They opened their eyes on day thirteen. The runt was the last one to open his eyes. They are starting to leave the nest and explore their cage. Jaz is still feeding them milk. We have loved playing with them and watching them grow.





TAG Award Recipients Congratulations to our most recent TAG Award recipients – Triston Glasson, Riley Musgrove, Jasper Radobuljac, Thomas DiMartino, Adam Martin, Hunter Kelly, Amelia Kovacic and Harper Kaarsberg. Well done and keep up the great effort!

Until next fortnight, continue to **ACT JUSTLY, SHOW RESPECT** and **DO YOUR BEST**. If you have any concerns or questions, please don't hesitate to see your classroom teacher or myself – you know I love visitors!



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Yr. 5-7 News

from the Level Co-ordinator ...



Year 7 Camp Year 7s went away for three days this week to Camp Maysville. The first activity was a bush walk from Stevensons Falls back down to Marysville. At the falls we saw the huge extent of the bushfires that almost destroyed Marysville ten years ago. We also saw the amazing regrowth and regeneration that has occurred since. A highlight at this point was the steady snowfall which gave us all a taste of alpine conditions. Our camp hosts provided us with waterproof gear which we really appreciated. On the walk back to camp we stopped at the bushfire museum. Here, the devastation and destructive power of bushfires was graphically displayed.



Once we arrived at camp we met our hosts and settled into our rooms. After dinner we had a reflection followed by a movie and then bed.

There were two activities on the morning of day two. Gardening and cooking, followed by cycling. For the gardening activity we explored the vegie patch, collecting ingredients for pizzas. We then made our dough and added the freshly harvested toppings.

For the cycling activity, we completed a quick bicycle familiarization task before heading off into the bush to tackle quite a challenging mountain track. The long slog uphill as worth the down hill run back to camp. Dodging puddles was optional!



After lunch we went canoeing. We participated in a number of games aimed at improving our canoeing skills. One important lesson we learned was not to over-balance! Not everybody picked up this important skill unfortunately, and some ended up in the water.

After canoeing we completed a series of initiatives, building teamwork and problem solving skills. After diner we had a trivia night and then it was time for bed.



On the final day we took on the climbing wall. This structure was about 80 meters high. We formed small groups and each person had a job. While one climbed the wall another

belayed, another provided ballast for the belayer and another coiled the rope. The climb was a real challenge but the harness and ropes kept us safe. There was lots of encouragement too, from those on the ground. In the final camp activity we were divided into teams and rotated through a number of games where points were awarded.

The Marysville camp was a terrific experience. The St Mary's students were well mannered and well behaved. Even in the toughest conditions, the students remained enthusiastic and committed and really lived out our College tag of acting justly, showing respect and doing our best.



Award Winners

Congratulations to our Yr 5, 6 & 7 Award winners.



Bowan (Tony) Zhang



Olivis D'Orria and Jabe Brown



Ruby Eaton, Grace Nolan, Madison O'Connell

Mr Andrew Allen

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Yr. 8-10 News

from the Level Co-ordinator ...



10 Ways To Be An Upstander!

Every single day we each have the opportunity to make our schools (and our world!) a better place. Putting an end to bullying is everyone's responsibility. When we work together and stand strong against bullying, we are creating communities that are stronger, safer, and more supportive - places where every person is valued for who they are. Here's how YOU can help:

1. Learn more about mean, cruel, and bullying behaviour. This will help you if you are bullied, and will help you to stand up to bullies if a friend or classmate is being bullied.
2. Help others who are being bullied.
3. Stop untrue or harmful messages from spreading online or in person.
4. Get friends involved. Let people know that you are an Upstander and encourage them to be one too.
5. Make friends outside of your circle.
6. Be aware of the Bullying and Upstander policies at your school
7. Welcome new students.
8. Refuse to be a "bystander" and be a role model to others instead!
9. Respect others' differences and help others to respect differences.
10. Develop an Upstander/Prevention program or project with a teacher or principal's support that will help reduce bullying and promote socially responsible behaviour in school. This process is already under way with students and teachers across our cohort!

B4W Yr 9 - Old Melbourne Gaol and Culpable Driving Court Case Reenactment

Our year nine students visited the Old Melbourne Gaol this week as part of their B4W program and all participated in a Court Room Drama activity. The theme of the court case was 'Culpable Driving' and the students role played the actual court case from the **Kim Tran** story.

Kim Tran was an A grade student who had great friends and had just got some new wheels. It just took one moment to bring his world crashing down.

The new updated Culpable Driving Court Room Drama looks at the case of this young man, Kim Tran who was charged with culpable driving in the County Court. The case is based on a real case but names, dates and details have been changed to maintain the confidentiality of the original participants. It was a one hour mock trial in the Old Magistrates Court.

Congratulations to all students on your amazing participation in this activity...and hopefully the strong and clear message from this experience will stay with you all!



Careers Expo Year 10 - Mark Lebusque Workshop Last Friday May 23rd as part of their Careers program our year tens attended the Careers Expo at Assumption College. They also attended a workshop delivered by Mark Lebusque. Mark is a Harvard trained consultant who works to unlock human potential. He is a highly successful mentor, author, business and life coach. His workshop with our students was called:

FIRST IMPRESSIONS COUNT – Why do we judge people immediately?

Mark talked to the students about how to:

- Be themselves
- To be clear on their why? Why this career? Why me? Why now?
- How to be prepared before an interview -Do your research
- Accept we all make first judgements – First impressions take seconds and can

last forever.



Our students were thoroughly engaged in the workshop and enjoyed the expo and came away with showbags full of information for future courses and pathways.

It was also great to catch up with some of our former students who are now in year 11 and 12 at ACK! Thanks to Tanya Oakley for organising the day!

Work Experience Year 10 Our year ten students are all out and about next week doing their Work Experience both locally and some in Melbourne. Mrs Tanya Oakley have worked tirelessly with the students setting up their work placements for them in various work places.

Good luck to all of you ...you have all been well prepared for this experience and make the most of this opportunity!

Reflection Day Year 8

This Friday our year 8 students will all be participating in a Reflection Day here at school in the library. These days are always a wonderful opportunity for our students to relax and reflect on themselves and their lives through many fun activities.

Thanks to all teachers who are involved in this day!

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 all in our Student Planners under the Uniform Policy.

Maths Tutoring is offered each Thursday in the Library after school from 3.30pm until 4.30pm by Mrs Gordon, Mr Keating and Mr McLean. Please encourage your child to make use of this valuable time if they need to.

Student Profiles Year 10

Bronte and I do VCE Indonesian, every Wednesday we have one period of creative arts and we have art with Mrs Duncan. In period 2 and 3 we have 2 study periods, which is a great time to catch up on work and study for all the tests ahead; we have great one on one time to conference with our teachers. In period 4 and 5 we do Indonesian which is a Certificate 2 in Applied Languages which helps us develop and widen our worldviews. Our Indonesian course also helps us once we move on from St Mary's with our ATAR score. Indonesian gives us the opportunity to learn a different language and be immersed in another culture.



By Bronte Tipping and Oryiana Hanna 10R

This year, Jasmine and I have done a straight year ten course. On Wednesdays it consists of two study periods which gives us the freedom to catch up on or be ahead of work. It also includes one on one conferences with our teachers for each subject. We have three creative arts subjects which consists of two drama periods and one art lesson. The both of us really enjoy participating in each drama activity including roleplays. I partake in textiles which challenges my abilities to sew and learning how to screenprint. Jasmine is in art which helps her test her creative side. Wednesdays overall are pretty relaxed for the both of us but still enjoyable in each subject.



By Isabella Hutchins 10M and Jasmine Jimenez Laidlaw 10R



On Wednesdays I work at St Patrick's Primary School in Kilmore as LSO (Learning Support Officer) I am able to do this as a School Based Apprenticeship while doing my Certificate 3 in Education Support. I choose to do this as I am wanting to go on after school and become a teacher. I absolutely love doing this and am so thankful for the opportunity. I love having a sense of responsibility and see the schooling system from a teacher's perspective rather than a students.

By Alannah O'Connell 10M

RAMS- Resilience Across the Mitchell Shire The 2019 RAMS program has had 4 full day sessions so far with 5 students from years 9/10 participating. They are focusing on building self-esteem, critical reflection and social-emotional intelligences. They have been to King Lake where they were put out of their comfort zones participating in high ropes, travelled into the city where they learnt about the disadvantaged at 'The big issue' and have had sessions at the Wallan Youth Room about Martial Arts, Dogs Connect and Reach Out. Secondary schools from the whole of the Mitchell Shire are participating which has given our students an opportunity to make a wide variety of friends.



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Colour Run Last week, we had a picture of all our Colour Run top fundraising. Olivia Young was absent on the day we took the photo so we include her photo today. Well done Olivia!!!

Reminder Scholastic Book Club: Orders should be returned by Friday 14th June



Community

Seymour Performers workshop – Silent Movie Night

Join us for a trip back in time to the era of the silent movie. We'll be enjoying a selection of films accompanied by the amazing musical talents of Peter Hagen, Paul Lejins and Paul Szczur.

Our Speakeasy Bar will be open throughout the night and a light support will be served.

Tickers are only \$20pp and available online at:

https://spworkshop.org.au/box-office/?mc_cid=b57f23acc4&mc_eid=fe7bf8d191 or call 0490 459 853.

DATES TO REMEMBER

Term 2

These dates are subject to change.

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

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
Term 3		
Wk 1A	Mon 15	First day Term 3

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

3-7 June
(10.45am-2.30pm)

Mon 3	Neisha Reid
Tue 4	Leesa Bree
Wed 5	Melissa Kaarsberg
Thu 6	C Plessey
Fri 7	Student free day

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