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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.



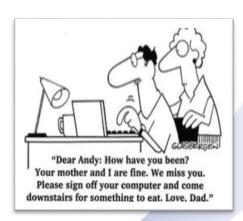
From the Principal



"The heart of Jesus is the ultimate symbol of God's Mercy; it is a real symbol." Pope Francis

Today is the Feast of the Sacred Heart. Often it is at the heart of the matter that really counts and Christ showed through the way He lived His life that people mattered. On Thursday our College celebrated Mass with Fr Eugene and parishioners to give thanks for the food donations by College families for the St Vinnies Winter Appeal. Today was Rug Up Day.....no heaters on at St Mary's. Our College is the only F-10 College amongst 334 Catholic Schools in the Archdiocese of Melbourne. We are unique and proudly rural. It is the students, the staff, the families that really matter.

Join us for Dinner Andy! Many of us parents may have had reasonably uncomplicated teenage years. You either played sport or you did not. Perhaps you lived on a farm......every day was an adventure. If you were not into sport or lived on a farm, you may have been working or hanging out with friends listening to the vinyl (my age group) such as *Ego Is not a Dirty Word*, the early 70's album by *Skyhooks*. Then came along the first Video band (*Buggles*) who sang, *Video Killed the Radio Star*, a song that spelled the end of the *Saturday Night Top 40*. Back then communication was as simple as playing that vinyl record. There was one phone per household and teenage gossip did not unfold until the next day in the schoolyard. How times have changed! Let us fast forward to 2019, and we know that communication is so accessible, that fact or fiction can be transmitted through cyberspace in seconds. Images appropriate or



not can be sent impulsively and often without thought given to who reads or who views the message, or for that matter the consequences that can arise from such impulsivity and mobile phones can consume. When used sensibly IT is a beneficial way of communicating and finding information. Used irresponsibly, people's reputations can be damaged and friendships hurt. Parents are busy people and keeping track with the life of a teenager can be difficult but one thing will never change from generation to generation in that teenagers need boundaries. The Victorian government has announced as from 2020 it is banning mobile phones in State schools. Not an issue for many schools who like (St Mary's) have already sensible approaches to mobile usage. What is paramount though is that Andy does come downstairs to live in the real word.



2020 Enrolment Interviews were held this week. It was a joy to meet with new parents, especially those with children beginning their school education for the first time. There were two days of Enrolment Interviews held and the general consensus was the same - a joy to discuss the hopes and dreams of parents for their children. To listen in conversation to why they have chosen St Mary's was inspiring to hear. Many commented on the 'happy and grounded' students when touring the College

facilities. There was also a common thread...'spirituality, values and developing good moral judgement.' Deciding on where you want your child to be educated is serious business. A holistic Catholic education is also serious about nurturing an understanding of self; academic achievement and nurturing a personal relationship with Christ.



The P&F met Wednesday evening to discuss organisation for the Games Night in October. The future of the bi annual carnival is also under discussion, as is considering other possible fundraising initiatives. The P&F have as their core business, two purposes:

- 1. Building College relationships amongst parents and
- 2. Fundraising for College resources to benefit the education of the students.

Hats off to a dedicated and committed P&F committee!

Long Service Leave We wish Mr Carter, Mrs and Mrs Aldous a safe and relaxing time during their leave for four weeks of Term Three. Parents will be informed of staff changes once completed.

Miss Buchanan received a staff farewell led by Mrs Tampion at morning tea, today. Sarah is an excellent teacher and the students certainly valued her knowledge and skills. We wish Sarah all the best for the next chapter in the journey and life but know the call of the classroom will see her continue to educate young hearts and minds.

A wonderful assembly was today to conclude Term Two. Grace O'Sullivan had the F-4 students showing off the dance routines they learnt during the term. Some impressive moves and just glorious to watch!

Semester One has been a long and understandably emotional journey for our staff. Our staff day in and day out walk those hard yards to ensure St Mary's College is Catholic by name and Catholic by nature. The students receive such wonderful pastoral care from the staff, which in turn is excellent role modelling for student peer relationships.

Best wishes for the break. Go safely if you are travelling on the roads and may our students always believe in *Carpe Diem (seizing the day)*.

Wayne Smith Principal

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PS A comment I heard from a leader in literacy, "Do our children ever observe us read or do our children observe us focused on our phones."

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P- 4 News

from the Level Co-ordinator ...



Focus on what we can control I received a text message from a parent recently. She was concerned with her child being the focus of conflict at school but was also very clear that her child had contributed to some of that conflict. There was nothing amazing about that part of the text. However, what was refreshing was her perspective. Whilst she didn't want

her child to be hurt at school, she trusted myself and other teachers to manage daily issues as a whole. She was only interested in focusing on what she could do to educate her child. How she could assist them with making better choices, avoiding conflict, understanding differences between children, being aware of triggers for other children as well her own. She was taking control of her child.

If everyone is able to focus on their child, and teach them about the positives and the pitfalls of what life, and the people in it, can bring, the chances of our children being able to manage situations positively and with great problem solving skills, can only be a plus for their growth and independence.



TAG Awards Congratulations to our most recent TAG Award recipients: Alishika Kris, Tayte Hoefchen, Udayveer Bhatti, William Hayman, Ivy Millard, Hudson Fairbridge and Cohen Ruka-Carter.

And something extra...Amelia Duna and William Enrico shared their projects with Year 8. They were so well done and Year 8 were suitably impressed!

Until next term, 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 ...

Semester One Wrap It doesn't seem so long ago that we were heading off to school in blistering



heat, praying for rain and dreaming of a cool dip in the pool. This semester has passed very quickly. As a community and as a level, the yrs 5, 6 and 7 students and teachers have much to be proud of and with a term break upon us it is important to reflect on our achievements and acknowledge all of the great work that has been done. There have been many highlights: swimming and athletics carnivals, excursions and camps, the color run, inquiry units, arts and design subjects, buddy activities, social justice actions including our support for Saint Vinnies, preparation for Confirmation and retreat days. We have also navigated changes to NAPLAN and we've participated in

Catholic Education Week and Open Day. And not to forget all of the fantastic every day learning that happens. As we reflect on all of these opportunities we have had to grow as learners and as people of faith and action, we call to mind our College Tag.

Act Justly - Show Respect - Do Our Best

These three simple statements say so much about who we are and what we are all aiming for and are at the core of our interactions with one another.

An important part of the reflection process at the end of the semester is to read your child's report and to discuss with them their strengths and challenges. This will help them to establish firm learning goals for the second half of the year.



Assembly Awards The following students were recipients of 5/6/7 Assembly Awards this week: John Farrell, Tarkyn Dundon, Holly Jones, Alex Schafer Jorja Roberts, Mackenzie Lemon, Chloe Ash, Alex Potts, Shetayah Gruneklee, Christian Papi, Tyler Eaton.

Mitchell Shire School Holiday Programs Mitchell Shire is running a number of school holiday programs that are well worth considering. These include:

Digital Art Program: Seymour

WHEN: Monday 1 July at 2:30pm - 3:15pm

WHERE: Seymour Library, 125 Anzac Avenue, Seymour VIC

TOPIC: Libraries, School Holiday Programs

AUDIENCE: Children

COST: Free

A digital art program for children over 8 years of age. IPads will be supplied.

Kemizo Skating and Laser Tag

WHEN: Thursday 4 July at 12:00am - 11:59pm

TOPIC: School Holiday Programs, Youth

AUDIENCE: Youth **BOOKINGS:** Required

Join the Mitchell Youth Services team for a school holiday excursion to Skating and Laser Tag. Cost is \$20, includes skate hire, laser tag, lunch and transport. Please note: Mitchell Youth Services need the signed permission form and proof of payment.

More details, including bus times, are on the permission form.

Permission forms and payment are due back by 2 July, and need to be returned to a Customer and Library Service Centre.

Email youth@mitchellshire.vic.gov.au or phone 5734 6200 for more information.

For more information about these and other holiday programs, contact the Mitchell Shire:

https://www.mitchellshire.vic.gov.au/our-region/events?topic=school-holiday-programs

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Yr. 8-10 News

from the Level Co-ordinator ...

School Matters!



Attendance/Punctuality Congratulations to our Attendance Award winners over the last fortnight!

Year level highest attendees were Yr 10s and individual class highest attendees were Oryiana Hanna and Daniel Allen 10R, Polly Duff 10A, Kade Altas 9A, Tristan Murphy 9G, Adam Hanna 8M and Danielle Corocher 8W!

We recognize ATTENDANCE on a regular basis as it is so important to attend school on a regular basis and well done to all students as attendance has improved overall.





I would like to welcome our new student Arienne Holdsworth- Rose 9A to our college! You have settled in well Arienne.

Award Winners Our Tuesday morning level assemblies have been a success this term and thanks to all of you for being punctual to these so period one classes can begin on time. Congratulations to Fletcher Archibald 8W and Matilda Maccoll 8W for receiving awards for their excellent work in Indonesian classes.





VCE Results Also congratulations to Chloe Copeland 10R and Maggie McSpeerin 10R who achieved 99% on their semester one VCE maths

exam recently! Fantastic effort girls and well deserved results for your outstanding commitment to your studies.

Congratulations to Mrs Gordon also who teaches VCE General Maths.

B4W After a jam packed term of many wonderful learning experiences in B4W our year nine students participated in a Melbourne Discovery activity on Wednesday 26th June. This involved the students navigating their way around the CBD by foot and public transport in

groups, finding various landmarks and being checked off by a teacher before going on to the next landmark. It has been a wonderful term full of great learning experiences for our students in this program and thanks to all teachers involved in organizing and accompanying the students in this B4W program.

Career Development Term Three is always a huge term for our Yr 10 students with regards to thinking about their future pathways and transition into Senior Secondary studies at their next school. Led by Tanya Oakley and myself our staff support these students in the process of selecting the most suitable program and subjects for their final years of schooling. As part of this process our students will attend Information sessions run by relevant staff from future prospective schools on various dates in term three.

Karingal Hostel Visits Our Yr 10 students start their 'Community and Being of Service' visits to Karingal Hostel next term as part of their Social Justice unit in Faith Education.

It is such a positive experience for both of these generations to be a part of and the elderly residents look forward to their visits each week.

In the lead up to Yr 10 subject selection for 2020 our students are being encouraged to focus on the following messages by their Careers teacher Mrs Tanya Oakley.

High 5 Career Development Messages		
Change is Constant	Recognise that the world around you is constantly changing. Be open to change and remain alert to new opportunities.	
Follow your Heart	Pursue your passion to find fulfilment. Discover ways to combine your interests with career opportunities.	
Focus on the Journey	Don't focus on one destination only. Recognise that your career journey will be throughout your lifetime. Appreciate and value each experience along the way.0	
Access your Allies	Rely on the support of your family, friends, mentors, colleagues and peers. Career success can be a team effort.	
Learning is ongoing	Strive for continuous personal improvement. Stay motivated by learning new skills and developing new talents.	

Thanks to all parents and guardians for your continued support with your child's education and wellbeing and I wish all students a happy and safe holiday break!



RUG UP DAY - FRIDAY 28th JUNE A huge thank you to all of our families for the amazing support for the Vinnies Winter appeal. We delivered over 20 flowing baskets of food to Seymour Vinnies on Tuesday. Many thanks to all for your generous support. A special thanks to our Young Vinnies team: *Polly Duff, Chloe*



Copeland, Alanah O'Connell, Grace Cunningham, Hayley Reeves, Lily Thorpe, Claire Noonan and Trinity Cole for their amazing work to organise and galvanise this appeal.

Mr Paul Fleming from Vinnies Seymour asked me to pass on the thanks of the Senior Conference here in Seymour for the generosity shown by the St Mary's community.

Vinnies is looking for warm clothing down at the shop in Wallis St, especially men's clothing. They would be very grateful for any contributions.

Rug Up Day it promised to be a very mild start to the day...forecast of 10 degrees and top of a sunny 17 and I think we got it!!

Today we "RUGGED UP" for those who manage without heating or warm food during these cold winter months – report next term!!!





Farewell for Mrs Hogan Thank you to everyone for the support, love and care shown for Kerry's farewell last week. Special thanks to the Parents and Friends for their support on Friday.

Our Yr 10 students were an important part of Kerry's farewell service and we thank them for their contribution.

Our prayers and support are with the Hogan family always as will Kerry be in our hearts and memory

May the road rise to meet you
May the wind be ever at you back
May the sunshine warm upon your face
and the rain fall soft upon your fields
and until we meet again
may God hold you
ever in the palm of his hand







Year Tens Work Experience



Hello, my name is Brandy and I went to Assumption College Kilmore to work in the Art Department. While I was there I watched a variety of different classes such as metalwork, visual arts, visual communications, game design, woodwork and textiles. During these classes I was like a teachers aide, most of my tasks were walking around and seeing what the students were doing, but I was able to do some hands-on things such as making a ring, start making a design for a lino print and help make labels and fill glue bottles. The reason I chose to do this is because art is something I enjoy doing so it was an experience I could enjoy. If I had the chance I would do it again, though it might not be as good because being in the same classes for long periods of time started to get a little boring, especially if they were just

finishing assignments and there was nothing you could do or help with.

By Brandy Thompson

On work experience I worked with a builder near Yea and worked on a house on a farm. I did things like punch the floor, take off skirting and put in a door jam. I really enjoyed my time out there with my boss. I feel as if we should do this every term. I laid floor boards with ultraseal and cleaned tiles. I chose to do this because I am already doing a School Based Apprenticeship in building and I wanted to see what a week in my chosen career path would be like.

By Johnny Hamilton.



On work experience I worked with the builder from O'Sullivan Buildings. We worked in a few different locations. Some of them were in Avenel, Seymour and Yea. We worked on an extension for a house and this took us three days to do. We put in a sub-floor and then put up the frames of the walls which only took about an hour, then the next day we put on the trusses for the roof and then the tin on the roof. We also did a renovation on a house near Avenel where we put in a kitchen which took about a day because the kitchen didn't fit properly and we had to modify them. By the end of the week I started to enjoy it a lot as I was more trusted and was allowed to do more. So overall the week was really good.

By Daniel Allen

For work experience I went up to Shepparton Magistrates Court. It provided me with insight as to what I wanted to do once I graduated. I was able to sit in court and witness the proceedings and meet with some extraordinary people; Judges, police prosecutors, custody officers and lawyers. The diversity in career options that the legal system provides allows me to take into consideration many more aspects than what I even thought possible. Over the course of the week I observed the hearings and came front to front with people I found incapable of some acts. The hardest part was coming to terms with their sentence...that and the paper work. I found the whole experience enjoyable and the team was inclusive. I would highly recommend the Shepparton Magistrates Court for anyone interest in law as it encourages people to discover the variation in the workplace.



By Polly Duff



Work experience for me was an amazing eye opener to see what my future could hold. I went to Viive Beauty and Skin in Kilmore. The staff were super warm and welcoming to me. They taught me different types of beauty things like making hot towels, preparing pedi bowls and doing administration like taking bookings. They really spoiled me by giving me a facial and an eyebrow wax. They let me observe lots of interesting things like laser hair removal, waxing and facials. I liked learning about how a beauty salon runs. I really enjoyed my job and I believe things I was taught can help me in my future.

By Casey Grant

I did work experience with Seymour Toyota for a week. Every morning I woke up around 7am still and caught the school bus but I got off across the road from Maccas. Starting time was 8:30am, so I got in and I worked with Harold. He was apparently the best technician there so that was pretty cool. The first car we had worked on had been there for about a week and everyone had tried and they couldn't find the cause of the problem which was the 4WD wouldn't engage. But yeah we fixed it and that was pretty cool and we did plenty of car services which was fun but got boring after a while. So breaks were I got two the first one was just 15 minutes then the second one was 40 minutes. Overall I really enjoyed the work experience week and definitely hope the year 9's enjoy it as well.



By Jack Chetcuti



I cannot say how thankful I am to Puckapunyal Primary for allowing me to do my work experience there as a past student. The classes I assisted in teaching were Prep-2. Work started at 0900 to 1530. I found some challenges and breezy tasks. The biggest challenge was forgetting I was a student, so remembering I am allowed to get hot drinks often collided with 'I am a student, I'm not allowed'. Another challenge was keeping the kids away from me and engaged in the class. They would often sit next to me and try and have conversations. Honestly, it was great! I got to see all of the teachers that I grew up with and even got to help in their classrooms. This is a massive step towards deciding to become a teacher. I would rate this work experience a 9/10, just because I was stuck in an ex student mind set. If anyone wishes to do

teaching for work experience in Year 10, I highly suggest this school. All the teachers are friendly, inviting and the kids are excellent!

By Dominic Plessey

For my work experience I went to 'Good Start Early Learning' in Seymour. The centre looks after children aged 6 weeks to 5 years. My time was mainly spent in the Kindergarten room (age 4-5), there were about 20 kids in total that do the Kinder program, over the week however the amount of children chances due to their personal availabilities and if they go to other Kinder programs (Avenel Kinder, Victoria Street). Throughout the week the kids went on excursions and many other activities, such as Bush Kinder and a Woolworths Tour. On my first day I was very nervous, but the ladies at Good Start were extremely welcoming and kind, they all showed me around and gave me a lot of information. They also answered any questions I had deeply, and with lots of information. I was instantly busy as soon as I walked in the door, they were welcoming and very supportive. By the end of the week I learned that it



takes a lot of patience, time and effort to run a Kinder class. It also made me consider a career in that particular industry.

By Maddison Steans



For work experience I went to Avenel primary school and worked with the year 1&2's. It was a very fulfilling, busy and hectic week. The class I worked with have had a very big impact on my life they were a beautifully mannered and respectful class, I would love to go back.

The principal Mr. Neil O'Sullivan opened up some great experiences for me offering for me to do my Vet course their next year and I'm very thankful for the week he gave me and Avenel Primary. At the end of the week the kids gave me a bag filled with cards saying Thank You and I found this a really generous gesture. I loved every second of it and I'm very thankful to Tanya Oakley for my experience at Avenel Primary.

By Isabella Hutchins

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		Last day of Term 2
Wk 10B	Fri 28	Whole College Assembly (12.30pm)
	111 20	Early Finish (2.30pm)
Term 3		
Wk 1A	Mon 15 July	First day Term 3
Wk 2B	Mon 22	Yr 7-10 Incursion "Regioneering" Victoria University
		Bishop Curtin Visit – Confirmation
		Parent Teacher Discussions (3.30pm-6.30pm)
	Tue 23	Yr 8-10 Excursion _ MTC (8.00am-2.30pm)
		Parent Teacher Discussions (3.30pm-6.30pm)
	Thu 22	Reconcilliation for Eucharist candidates (10.00am-11.00am)
	Fri 26	Middle Primary — Sacramental Sharing Day
		Whole College Assembly (2.25pm-3.15pm)
	Sun 28	First Eucharist Mass (10.00am-11.00am)
Wk 3A		Faith and Sacramental Week
	Wed 31	Yr 9 Reflection Day (9.00-1.30pm)
		First Reconcilliation (10.00am-11.30am)
		First Liturgy (7.00pm-8.00pm)
	Thu 1 August	Yr 10 PE Excursion _ Melbourne
	Fri 2	Confirmation Sharing Day (9.00am-2.00pm)
		Pastoral Care (2.15pm-3.15pm)
		Confirmation Mass (7.00pm-8.30pm)
Wk 5A	Mon 12	Pupil Free Day
	Thu 15	Feast of the Assumption Mass (9.00am-10.00am)
	Sun 18	Vietnam Veterans Lantern Walk (5.30pm-6.30pm)
Wk 7A	Tue 27	Yr 10 Excursion_Arts Centre (7.30am-3.00pm)
	Thu 29	SR Round Robin
	Fri 30	Father's Day Breakfast (7.30am-8.30am)

Office Closure

Please note the office will be closed during the school holidays

Term Dates 2019

Term 3:15/7 - 20/9

Term 4:8/10-20/12

Student Free Days 2019

Mon 12th August Mon 7th October

St Mary's Website – Galleries

To date we have attempted to publish as many photographs as possible of events in the Marian. To enable the College to share more photos of events with families we will trial uploading photos of events on our Galleries page of the College Website and you will be able to access them via the following link: https://www.smseymour.catholic.edu.au/whats-on/galleries/.

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CANTEEN ROSTER 15-19 July

(10.45am-2.30pm)

Mon 15 Jenna Fairbridge

Tue 16 Catherine Plessey

Wed 17 Melissa Kaarsberg

Thu 18 Jodie Parchomenko

Fri 19 Jo Fairweather Catherine Plessey

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

Secondary College Broadford

Droudly presents the 2019 production of



Show: Thursday 1st, Friday 2nd and Saturday 3rd of August Time: Doors open at 7pm, show starts at 7:30 pm

Location: B.S.C Hall

Tickets: available at B.S.C front office

Phone: 5784 1200

Price: Adult \$10, Child \$5

PARENT SEMINAR

92% of young people are playing video games, yet we don't fully understand the impact they

Learn about the impact video games have on your cl

cyber-safety tips that will keep kids safe

from harm whilst playing video games;

Gaming disorder, now a recognised

mental health disorder.

Our parent seminar focuses on relevant advice

for parents and answering the questions every

In this engaging seminar we focus on practical strategies that can be used to keep video games fun, safe and healthy.

We'll discuss:

 why video games are so captivating (dopamine, brain development, rewards

my child? When should I allow my children to parent has: "How long should I let my child play? How do I know which games are good for

play video games?"

Parents will be able to distinguish between behavior and walk away with new strategies to keep gaming safe and balanced for their problematic gaming and normal, adolescent

- whether playing violent video games leads to increased aggression in real life;
- how video games fit in today's youth culture (compared to when we were
- opportunities and benefits associated with gaming;

Where possible we also provide parents in need with information on how and where to

seek local support.









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



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

Saturday 13 July 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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