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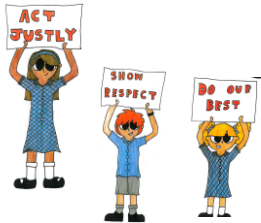


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Term 3 Week 5 of 10

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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.*



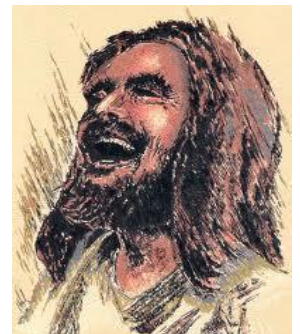
From the Principal

**Pupil Free Day
Monday 12 August**

Dear Parents,

"The capacity to care is what gives life its most deepest significance."

Pau (Pablo) Casals A few years ago my wife and I headed to 'Crow's territory' (South Australia). On the way we stopped over at Victor Harbour and came across a toy shop with a difference. The toys were made of wood and the shop was managed by a group of volunteers who give up their time to provide local adults (with special needs) the opportunity to be actively involved in their community.



It was a cold Friday evening in Adelaide and we were amongst the thousands walking via the North Terrace Railway Station to the Adelaide Oval. We passed a young lady who was in her early twenties patiently feeding a man in a wheel chair. The man had a severe disability and needed someone to be his voice and his connection to the world. As we passed them I wondered, was the young lady his daughter, his niece or a carer who enabled him to enjoy the simple joys of life. Having one's independence is integral to living and yet so often we can take these simple joys for granted.

Having a nephew with cerebral palsy reminds me of the sacrifice and love he (Benjamin) receives from his parents. The parents, carers and siblings of children with special needs are in a word, special. The young lady at the North Terrace Railway Station and the managers of the Victor Harbour Encounter Toy Shop are much the same.

St Mary's 2019 College Review "The core purpose of the school review process is to serve the needs of schools, to affirm the achievements of the past four years, explore areas of growth and to plan for future improvement as a Catholic School striving for excellence in student outcomes across all spheres of the SIF." (CEM August 2018)

Jan Hayes (Consultancy) has completed Stage One (5 August) of the College review - the Victorian Registration Qualification Authority compliance audit and verification of the Minimum Standards. Policies were audited for compliance with State and Federal government requirements.



Stage 2 & 3 of the Review Timetable

Date	Area	Community Members
19/8/19	Fr Ashkar and various staff, students and parents are invited to meet with Jan to discuss the past, present and their dreams for the future of St Mary's	Leadership Team Staff in Positions of Leadership Staff
20/8/19		Staff; Students; Fr Eugene Parents; P&F & College Board representatives
30/8/19	Feedback & Planning Session	Chris Bence Catholic Education Melbourne; Fr Eugene; P&F & College Board representatives; Leadership Team



2020 Enrolments There will be an increase in enrolments for 2020. Interviews are still being held and the College community will be updated on planning for 2020 as the year progresses. A reminder if you know a family who would not normally catch up on St Mary's College News and who are considering enrolment please advise them to contact the College Office asap.

College Board Meeting Wednesday 14 August

There will be an update of the Board meeting in next week's Marian inclusive of Parking; 2020 enrolments; the College Master Plan; and other matters that are important for our College community in preparation for 2020. I thank the Board members for their commitment to St Mary's as we continue work for the common good of our College community.



Staff Faith Formation Day (Student Free) Monday 12 August A reminder that our Staff Spirituality Professional Development Day is this coming Monday 12 August. *The day will be centred on our Mercy heritage story- present, past and future.* Mark Shafton and Pauline Cicutto Catholic Education Melbourne Religious Education Learning Consultants will lead the day. Nurturing the Mercy charism for our staff continues to strengthen the identity of our Catholic College. The Sisters of Mercy had the wonderful and insightful vision to begin a Catholic school in Seymour. As a College community we stand on the shoulders of their vision.

Rosey the Wombat had a wonderful time reading the picture book that Macey Shields created after a weekend with Rosey. Rosey has an early mark today and is off to have the weekend with a special young man, Liam Nelson. Enjoy having Rosey at your home, Liam!

Those AFL tragics will be at Manuka Oval Canberra tonight in a chilly (1 Celsius). There will be snow on the alps and an outside chance of snow on the oval; rain, cold and wind alerts on the high and low country and as well for sheep farmers. If only the rain could fall up north! Stay warm this weekend.



A PS about Good Mates

Thanks Tom and thanks Harry for visiting my office today. Tom wanted to tell me how he solved his big dilemma. Tom received a *Well Done Certificate* for problem solving.

Tom: "At snack and lunch time I find it too hard to kick the football so I get upset."
 Mr Smith: "How did you solve your problem, Tom?"
 Tom: "I am now the umpire."
 Mr Smith: "Well done Tom and good luck with that important job."
 Mr Smith: "Tom, why is Harry with you?"
 Tom: "Harry is a good friend, he is always kind to me."
 Mr Smith: "And why are you here Harry?"
 Harry: "I'm a good friend of Tom's and he no longer gets upset because he is the umpire!"
 Tom: "Yes Mr Smith, Harry is always kind."

Stickers all round!

Mr Wayne Smith

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Fr Eugene Ashkar



Dear Parents and Staff,

Last week was one of great joy and blessings in this parish and school as many of your children were blessed with their own encounter with Christ. I consider that the three sacraments received by these children are some of the most wonderful moments in their lives, where blessings and joy (and a little nervousness) have been combined into a singularly memorable event.

Our First Reconciliation, students approached their moment of encounter with the forgiving mercy of God very well prepared and with consciences informed and honesty in abundance. I am grateful to the staff for the wonderful work they have done in preparing these children, and especially grateful to the parents who allowed and encouraged their children in their formation and reception of this sacrament. The joy of these children around the school afterwards was so noticeable that some members of the staff commented to me of the children's recounting how wonderful an experience it was and how good they now felt.

On Tuesday of this week I visited these children in their classrooms with the First Communion recipients and they were still buzzing, full of more questions and eager to learn more about their faith and the sacraments. For me, this was a wonderful experience seeing them so alive and hungry for their faith. Both the Reconciliation and Eucharist children had more questions than there was time for, revealing how excited they were about all that had happened to them and their longing for more encounters with Christ.

I said at the Confirmation Mass that this was an exceptional group of Candidates, who though a little nervous to be in a ceremony with the Bishop, conducted themselves with the highest of credit. Everything they did, they did exceptionally well, despite the confusion that existed at the beginning when the Bishop rocketed off into his part before some of our students had completed their roles of introduction. I think Mrs Gough and Mrs Evans were more confounded than your children who took it all in their stride.

Once again, I want to sincerely thank you parents for bringing your children to these sacraments and your children for committing so much time and effort into making this such a holy series of holy events. I particularly want to thank the school for their commitment, including the children of the choirs, the teachers for their efforts and most of all for Mrs Gough and Mrs Evans who laboured frantically to make it all possible within a single week. The planning, practices, typing and printing, collating and setting up was a Herculean effort that made these events the successes they were.

May God bless you all as I and this parish keeps you in its prayers. Fr Eugene Ashkar



P- 4 News



from the Level Co-ordinator ...



Wonder Families received their child's Mid Year Report showing their child's academic growth, followed by Parent-Teacher Interviews. The Report covered the dots whilst I found the interviews an opportunity to talk about other skills we aim to embed into student's learning. Skills like growing resilience, building perseverance, showing respect, managing conflict and believing in oneself.

We have recently finished reading a book in class called 'Wonder' by R.J. Palacio that focuses on inclusion. It is about a boy who looks physically different to those around him. He is 10 years old and going to school for the first time. His goal in life is to be 'ordinary'. He is acutely aware of the mannerisms of people who meet him, how they say hello with a glance and then swiftly look away. In class, we have discussed times when students have felt 'different', what made them feel that way and how they managed it. I have been overwhelmed with their engagement in this book. They have learnt about the impact a tone in a voice can have and how body language can be misinterpreted.

Difference can be confronting. But it doesn't have to be. With the knowledge of our own body language as well as an understanding of the expectations of the other person, we can readily be a positive part of greater inclusion.

The reading of 'Wonder' has been supported this term with each student working through his or her 'Big Life Journal'. This journal aims to show students with promoting a Growth Mindset through exploring how to make a difference in the world, *Dreaming big, Following your heart, You are not what you have, Believe in yourself, Take action, Be persistent, Effort is key, Love learning, Be mindful, Be grateful, Failure is learning, Be positive and Your big life.*

Let's look forward to seeing positive changes.

Victoria St Kindergarten Visit This week JPP and JPW were thrilled to host a visit from Red and Blue groups of Victoria Street Kindergarten. Kids and parents were all excited to visit the different areas of the school and to spend time in the classrooms becoming familiar with what might be theirs next year. Thanks to Marina and helpers from the Kinder for making the trek. We loved having you here.



100 Days of School What a celebration 100 Days of School was!! So many Grandmas and Grandpas walking around the place. It was wonderful. Thank you parents for a fine effort in dressing up your children. They had a fantastic day doing so many activities to do with 100.



TAG Awards *Congratulations to:* Yanuli Dissanayake, Anisa Smart, Grace McLean, Harrison Parker and Willow Bradshaw

Other Awards – Library and Maths

Congratulations to: Hunter Trodd, Indi Purdon, Isabel Gordon, Olivia Cleave, Eliza Musgrove, Sahibdil Sidhu, Heidi Banks, Taylah MacDonald and Dustin Bender



Congratulations to: Anisa Smart, Mia Brown, Laila Mazurek and Isaac Gibson.



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!

Check out our website for more pictures of this week's events

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Yr. 5-7 News



from the Level Co-ordinator ...

Leadership Congratulations to all new classroom leaders in Senior Primary. Leadership and classroom teachers are currently working together to more clearly define and expand the leadership roles at 5/6 and Yr 7 level. Class Captains and Vice Captains will be given a detailed role description and will be provided with mentoring to enable them to be more effective leaders.



New leaders for semester two in Senior Primary:

SPO: Captain: Sophie Munro and Vice Captain: Lainey Doyle

SRC: Representative: Elizabeth Parker

SPC: Captain: Cooper Shearer and Vice Captain: Zac Brown

SRC: Captain: Remy Hare and Vice Captain: Chloe Thompson

SPK: Captain: Tahlia Mulraney and

Vice Captain: Madison O'Connell

SRC: Charlee Di Martino and Holly Bender

Assembly Award Winners

Charlize Berry, Emily Homewood, James Parker, Holly Bender, Patrick Matthews, Alexis Wilson and Daniel McLean

Feast Day Performers

We are looking for performers for College Feast Day. Singers, musicians, dancers. A short meeting will take place soon for all this interested in participating.

Up-coming events and dates

Pupil-free day. Monday 12 August

Senior Primary Basket Ball Round Robin 14 August

Feast of the Assumption Whole School Mass 15 August

Friday afternoon Level assembly 16 August



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Yr. 8-10 News



from the Level Co-ordinator ...

Self Organisation – Make A Plan! In sporting parlance, the “Premiership Quarter – Third Quarter” is associated with persistence, determination and laying the groundwork for success. Our students are certainly rising to the occasion as we enter Week 4 of Term Three.

As part of our focus ‘**Respect Punctuality**’ this term all classes are reflecting on the topic:

‘**SELF ORGANISATION – MAKE A PLAN!**’ and it’s implications for them as students with busy lives who still have to be punctual with submitting their work requirements.

Areas being covered are:



Your Mindset – Transforming your beliefs

What’s going well ?

Can you step up this weekend?

Meeting Deadlines – Create a plan and stick to it!

Prepared for the next steps – Manage your time!

The process of our parent/teacher/student interviews earlier this term has laid the foundations for this term ahead with us all supporting each other with your child's education and wellbeing and helping them achieve these goals.

This term all teachers are also encouraging students to **reflect** on their **POSITIVE BEHAVIOUR** and **LEARNING** by going through the '4 step process'. This involves students asking themselves the following questions....

1. Is my behaviour disrupting my learning?
2. Is my behaviour disrupting the learning of others?
3. Is my behaviour showing respect?
4. Is my behaviour considering the wellbeing of all?

Subject Selections Yr 10s This week our Yr 10s are meeting with Mrs Genevieve Gordon, Mrs Tanya Oakley and Mrs Allison Moore to discuss and choose their VCE subjects for 2020. This can be a daunting task for some and our students are very lucky to have these three expert staff to guide and assist them with their selections. Our mentors and their student mentees are catching up regularly as well to help with this process.

Karingal Social Justice Visits Our Yr 10 students are continuing their Community Service visits to Karingal Hostel as part of their Social Justice unit in Faith Education. The residents are thrilled to meet with their young visitors and lots of discussions and boardgames take place. Some of the residents took the opportunity to play pool and card games as well. It is such a positive experience for both of these generations to be a part of. We would like to send our best wishes to Jock, one of the residents who had a bad fall recently and wish him a speedy recovery. Jock is renowned as the billiards champion in Karingal.

B4W 1920s Day Our Yr 9 students staged a "1920's Day" on Wednesday August 7

All students dressed up (after shopping at all the local Op Shops) and enjoyed a fun day learning the Charleston Dance and dressing up. Later in the day the Annual Fashion Parade took place which involved fun photos in front of the Winter Wonderland backdrop.

Good luck to St Mary's under 14 and under 16 Junior footballers who are playing in their Preliminary finals this Sunday in Alexandra against Tabilk under 14s and Alexandra under 16s.

Good luck boys! Go Saints!!!!

Congratulations to all those students who have been attending Learning Support sessions in the library during lunchtimes. These sessions are available everyday We and have been very well attended of late..... think the freezing cold weather might have something to do with the large attendance but lots of work is being done as well!!!!

Don't forget Maths Tutoring sessions which are held on Thursdays after school from 3.30 - 4.30pm each week in the College Library.

BERRY STREET Berry Street Fundraising

We're for Childhood
SINCE 1877

Who are Berry Street?

Berry Street started out in Melbourne in 1877 as the Berry Street Babies' Home, caring for abandoned babies and mothers with no place to call home or no support. Today they are one of Australia's larger child and family services organizations. They continue to help those who have been abused to rebuild their lives, protect those at risk and find the best ways of preventing abuse from happening again.

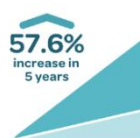
The demand for Berry Street services is increasing and, sadly, more and more children are being impacted by violence in the home. We need to provide safe homes to an increasing number of children who have experienced severe trauma and abuse. For each week of the term starting Tuesday, the Year 10's will be holding lunches with the year level to help raise money for Berry Street. For example this week we had \$3 hotdogs. The money that comes from these lunches is going towards giving gifts to children who have been displaced and are now under the care of Berry Street. Some of these gifts include pyjamas and a blanket, a teddy bear, a winter coat, a nightlight and baby essentials. As Yr 10s we are hoping that by having these lunches we will raise money for children in need. *By Alanah and Brandy*



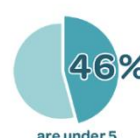
More than 10,000 children cannot live safely with their parents.



This equates to 7.5 children in every 1,000.



Since 2012, this number has increased by 57.6%.



46% of all Australian children going into Care are under 5 years old.

Fijian Volunteers On Sunday the 21st Myself, Johnny, Arienne and 8 other people in our Paying It Forward group set out to Fiji. We each had to bring half of our bags full of donations to the village. We arrived in Fiji Monday morning and got on a boat to Nalauwaki Village on the island Waya. We stayed with host families while we were at the village and Johnny and I stayed with the Chiefs family. The Village was extremely welcoming and friendly to us and we felt at home straight away. As part of the project we cleaned and painted the village community centre and donated things such as clothes and medical supplies. Our trip was very successful and it was great to experience how peaceful and welcoming the Fijian people and their culture was.
by Cooper Bell



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COMMUNITY

SUMMER HOLIDAY CAMPS

What are you doing this Summer?

SU Victoria is running camps for children in Years 4 - 12 during the summer school holidays.

Awesome outdoor adventures: sailing, water tubing, canoeing/kayaking, swimming, archery and climbing/abseiling. Make new friends and enjoy small group Bible activities.

Camp Coolamatong is part of Scripture Union Victoria and has been running holiday camps for 40 years. Our volunteers are trained, Working with Children Check compliant and ChildSafe.

Camp Information and Registrations

www.suvic.org.au/holiday-camps

Sibling discounts available

Cranswick Road, Banksia Peninsula

Ph: 5156 6511 or 9482 5700

Email: camps@suvic.org.au



Are you between 14 & 17?

Like having fun with your mates?
Like being able to choose what you want to do?
Got some spare time?

Try Venturers!
(Mon, 26 Aug)

Venturers is a Scouting group designed especially for girls and guys aged between 14 and 17. It's all about YOU! **YOU decide the program with the others. YOU all make it happen!**

The possibilities are huge - go camping, skiing, go-karting, canoeing, scuba diving, horse riding and more. You can learn about new stuff, get outside or get away on trips, play games and laser tag, let the leaders get you places you might not get alone - whatever you think could be interesting and fun, we can do. Plus, you will meet heaps of new people! We meet with people from all over.

Seymour Venturers meet on Monday nights from 6:30pm-9:00pm during the school terms at the Seymour Scout Hall on Howe St.

On **Monday, 26 August**, we will be having a **free pizza, games and info night** for anyone interested. So grab some of your mates and come visit us!

For more information contact **Geoff Cooper**, Venturer Leader, by phone 0403 654446 or looper2469@gmail.com.

DATES TO REMEMBER

*These dates are subject to change.
Any changes will be noted in red. Watch this space!*

Term 3		
Wk 5A	Mon 12 Thu 15 Fri 16 Sun 18	Pupil Free Day Feast of the Assumption Mass (9.00am-10.00am) Level Assemblies (2.30pm-3.15pm) Vietnam Veterans Lantern Walk (5.30pm-6.30pm)
Wk 6B	Thu 22	Yr 10 PE Excursion
Wk 7A	Mon 26 Tue 27 Thu 29 Fri 30	P-6 Incursion _ Music Viva Yr 10 Excursion _ Arts Centre (7.30am-3.00pm) SR Round Robin Father's Day Breakfast (7.30am-8.30am)
Wk 8B	Tue 3 Sep Wed 4 Fri 6	SR Athletics _ Shepparton Yr 8 Night of Notables (6.30pm-7.30pm) College Feast Day
Wk 9A	Wed 11 Sat 14	Primary District Athletics Indonesian Trip (Sat 14 – Mon 23) Whole College Assembly (2.15pm-3.15pm)
Wk 10B	Fri 20	Last day of Term
Wk 1A	Mon 7 Oct Tue 8 Wed 9 Thu 10	Pupil Free Day First Day of Term 3 MP Camp_Jungai (Wed to Fri) Hume Athletics Albury Primary Division Athletics

CANTEEN ROSTER

12-16 August
(10.45am-2.30pm)

Mon 12	Student Free
Tue 13	Catherine Plessey
Wed 14	Melissa Kaarsberg
Thu 15	Catherine Plessey
Fri 16	Therese Stopp Barb Plum

Term Dates 2019

Term 3: 15/7 – 20/9

Term 4: 7/10 – 20/12

Student Free Days 2019

Mon 12th August

Mon 7th October

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