

St Mary's has a developing Master Plan and our parent community were informed during 2018 and this year of the \$1.4 million grant from the State Government to build a 5-7 Learning Centre with the longer term intention of decommissioning the portable classrooms. After speaking with staff and the College Board it was important to meet and clarify the Master Plan and also consider the current needs for staff, students and the minimal use of the Mercy Centre. Added to the needs is the increased enrolments for 2020.

A Master Plan What is It? A Master Plan requires an educational brief; considers existing facilities and importantly deliberates on present and future enrolments. A Master Plan also considers the environmental (e.g. floodplain) and sustainability (energy) considerations. Furthermore, the Master Plan must be driven by the St Mary's College community's vision for the pedagogy of learning and teaching and therefore provide a strategic direction for what the College will require in future building infrastructure and educational demands. The latest statistics indicate Mitchell Shire is ranked 1st out of 47 Victorian Shires for growth. It is important for the College to continue planning for the population that is coming Seymour's way. Catholic Education Melbourne also require archdiocesan schools to present a Master Plan for any future building works that are either self-funded and or grant supported. Hence ensuring St Mary's has a progressive and 'doable' Master Plan is to the Colleges advantage.

Meeting – The Present and the Future To ensure a Master Plan and the State Government Grant both keep pace with the changing needs of St. Mary's, a meeting was held on Friday 26th July with College and Catholic Education Melbourne representatives to discuss the current context and future vision for St Mary's master planning. Attending the meeting were Fergus Manager Catholic Education Melbourne (Infrastructure and Capital Funding); Fr Ashkar (Parish Priest); Felicity Melville (College Business Manager); Anne Spencer (F-4 Coordinator & College Board-Staff representative); Andrew Graham (Board Chairperson); Martin Keating (College Timetabler); David Halford (Sustainable Building Design) and Wayne Smith (Principal). The meeting discussed the following agenda items in relation to the present and future needs for St Mary's:

1. The current utilization of building spaces & immediate primary classroom needs for 2020

With the increase of student numbers for 2020 there is need to find more learning spaces.

2. The Mercy Centre

The Mercy Centre is an iconic building that holds rich memories for Catholic education in Seymour and for the parish. When schools apply for building grants Catholic Education Melbourne and government departments take into account the use of existing available spaces within buildings, hence using the Mercy Centre is very important. Within the Mercy Centre the Chapel will be returned as a sacred space. Mercy One (was the old

Principal's Office) is undergoing refurbishment for the 2020 psychologist and other rooms and spaces will be strategically designated for use in the Master Plan.

3. Master Planning

The Master Plan will provide a roadmap for the future so the educational and building/facility requirements are strategically coordinated and developed. This is important for St. Mary's. Our College, parish and the Seymour community desire and want a P-12 pathway for St. Mary's. The Master Plan will support this view if it is strategic in the use of all applicable learning spaces – including the Mercy Centre. Master plans are flexible in nature and need to be because schools are ever changing places. A practical Master Plan has the ability to be reviewed yet still keep its learning and teaching integrity as central to its strategic intent.

4. State Government Building Grant.

The original concept was to build a 5-7 Flexible Learning Centre costing \$3.8 million. On the projects costings, the College community will need find a further \$1.8 million to complete the project in its entirety. Such a commitment would require the project to be staged over several years and negate the possibility of other strategic works.

5. Meeting Outcomes

Much was discussed on the day and there was a unanimous view on the outcomes for St Mary's beyond 2019. Catholic Education Melbourne are of the same view that a St Mary's Master Plan is developed to:

- Engage the Mercy Centre to be actively used both levels of the building.
- Include the vision for future secondary curriculum courses.
- Removal of the current primary toilets build new toilets in another location.
- Demolish the portables unless it is economically viable to refit/redesign for other specialised learning opportunities that fit within the Master Plan.
- Include Offices and meeting rooms.
- Divert the \$1.4 million grant to a Primary project four primary classrooms with primary toilets to be commissioned for use in the latter part of 2020. The project will be more economically viable, and allow for future expansion.



Mission 2020 is the committee to oversee the \$1.4 million State Government grant. The **M2020** committee is: Felicity Melville (Business Manager); Zine Dovara (Deputy Principal Wellbeing); Anne Spencer (P-4 Level Coordinator); Genevieve Gordon (P-10 Numeracy Coordinator); Fr Eugene Ashkar (Parish Priest); Andrew Graham (Board Chairperson) and Wayne Smith (Principal). Catholic Education Melbourne have been invited to

join the committee. The committee will meet regularly and keep the College community updated of the **M2020** progress. The timeline is tight so the committee has much to do by 2020.

St Mary's 2019 College Review Jan Hayes has concluded her Review visit at St. Mary's. Jan met with staff; students and parents during the two days. A report will be presented to St Mary's representatives on Friday 30th August. Thank you to the parents who gave up their time to meet with Jan to offer their thoughts and dreams for St Mary's!





St Mary's College Catholic Care Psychologist

Once the system of referrals is complete, students and parents will be informed of the pathway to meet with Peter

(psychologist). This pathway will provide an opportunity to lay the foundation for the *College Referral to Psychologist Policy 2020*. Peter will visit classrooms next week as a formal introduction to the students. Primary students will require parental consent to meet with Peter. Secondary students will be a different pathway - explained in the information to be emailed to parents next week.



P-4 News







Building Stamina To improve requires much practice, but it's hard to get motivated to practice without success.

It's human nature to avoid the hard things in life. There's little pleasure in "sticking with it" when the

payoff seems paltry. And when it comes to building literacy skills, the relationship between putting in the practice it takes to build skills and the success that feeds the *desire* to practice presents a paradox—even a Catch 22. To get better, students need a lot of practice and exposure to reading and writing. Putting in that practice demands sustained effort or stamina. A key motivator for continuing to practice (thus building stamina) is experiencing some success—but success is hard to come by without putting in the practice. Students who don't experience much success in literacy often become locked in a negative feedback loop. Getting them to practice and build their strengths becomes increasingly difficult.

How do we help students build stamina? By creating opportunities for success early and often and constructing a changed mindset so they see themselves as capable learners. There's a huge difference between making something *easier* and making it *easier to learn*. The latter doesn't preclude experiences with rigor or even failure. Rather, it gives students strategies they can use to learn and grow from challenges and establishes conditions that let them feel safe in taking risks. It promotes a **growth mindset**. Making it easier to learn shifts the focus from completing a task to developing a self-extending system for learning—*while* completing that task. A strategy that has assisted with building stamina is scaffolding. It has had a tremendous influence on pedagogy. However, a scaffold is intended to be a temporary structure leading to more independence.

It is beneficial to encourage stamina and a **growth mindset**. It's crucial, however, to be even more purposeful when we see students caught in a negative feedback loop that inhibits their stamina and ensnares them in a fixed mindset.

(An extract of 'Building stamina in struggling Readers & Writers' by Paula Bourque)



Baguskan Incursion Next week on Wednesday 28 August, St Mary's is having a Baguskan Incursion. Students will be involved in making masks, learning dance and music, playing games and riding in a Becak. It is always a wonderful day of interesting and new things to see and do. Please join us at 2.15pm in the Multi purpose Hall for a wonderful concert to finish the day.

Buddies Just a few photos from our Buddy afternoon last week. Preps joined Yr 10, JP joined Yr 7 whilst the MP's joined the Yr 8 students.







TAG Awards Congratulations to: Jesse Glen, Billy D'Orria, Taylah MacDonald, Harvey Smith, Jake Rohde, Alba Bruce, Lachlan Ash and Thomas Enrico.

Other Awards – Library and Maths





Congratulations to: Cohen Ruka-Carter, Violet Watson, Finn Melville and Logan Shearer.



Congratulations to: Macey Shields, Lachlan McNaughton, Sebastian Croft-Papi, Ellie Taylor and Indiana Purdon.

MP Poetry Middle Primary have been looking at and creating various types of poetry. They have used idioms, metaphors, onomatopoeia and similes to assist with their writing. They have created alliteration poems,

limericks, concrete poems, rhyming poems and more. It is a wonderful unit of work to be completing with the students. Enjoy these creative pieces...

Limericks -

'There once was a very cute fox Who loved to sit in a box He counts his sheep To go to sleep That funny and cute little fox' 'There once were two friends from school Who always thought they were cool The played cricket And got out in a wicket Those two silly friends from school' Jayden Trodd

Kyra Pearce

It also has benefits in students' writing as shown in this recount using onomatopoeia.

'We drove to Epping Vroom vroom!

Aargh!

Then we went shopping. *Yippee!* I got a game and two books.

Then we went and watched the Lion King. **ROAR!!**

After that we drove home and watched a bit of TV

and went to bed Yaaawn!

Sunday we cleaned the house

I still had a good Sunday'

Patrick Duff

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!

Yr. 5-7 News

from the Level Co-ordinator ...





Senior Primary Basketball On Wednesday 14 August, all Senior Primary students went the Seymour stadium to compete in the

Basketball Round Robin. Students had the opportunity to play a number of games against schools from around the district.

More Basketball round robin photos can be found here: https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/17P3sYrq-D-UOYLtOl0b7HQ9GAOdQokSN

Natural Disasters Senior Primary students have been working on researching and presenting their Natural Disasters project. Students selected a specific natural disaster and completed a number of research tasks. They then created some kind of three dimensional representation of their disaster. These included tsunami dioramas and working volcano models! Some



of these will be on display at the 5-10 level assembly on Friday 23 August.

Class Captains Thanks to all Senior Primary Class Captains and Vice Captains for their

assistance and input into establishing and communicating rules for the recess and lunchtime games of tiggy. Hopefully these games will run more smoothly from now on!



Chittick Park Survey Senior Primary students were recently asked to participate in a survey to find out what sport and leisure developments they would like to see at Chittick Park. The survey was conducted by Sarah from LENS on behalf of the Mitchell Shire. Money has been allocated to develop the site and the student input was greatly appreciated.

Award Winners This week's Award Winners will be presented at Friday's 5-10 Level Assembly. They will appear in next week's Marian.

Important Dates

Wednesday 28 August - Baguskan incursion and concert for all P-7 students Friday 30 August - Father's Day Breakfast

Mr Andrew Allen

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Yr. 8-10 News

from the Level Co-ordinator ...

Mrs. Tampion is recovering well from her knee surgery and we wish her all the best in the coming weeks. We look forward to seeing Mrs. Tampion back again in term 4.

The Yr 8-10s have been busy in the last few weeks, with plenty of learning experiences, extracurricular activities and representing our College at various events.

Vietnam Veteran's Walk Last Sunday night, some of our Yr 10 Leaders represented St Mary's at the annual Vietnam Veterans Walk. This year, the walk remembered the *Battle of Bin Bah* which happened over 50 years ago. It was cold and wet on Sunday night but our leaders managed the conditions very well and were respectful and considerate at all times.







Thank you to Polly Duff, Dominic Plessey (College Captains) Bronte Tipping (College Vice Captain) Daniel Allen (Sports Captain) Alanah O'Connell (Wellbeing Leader) and Brandy Thompson (Community Leaders)



Daffodil Day Our Year 10 Leaders organized a bright, happy and very yellow!! Daffodil Day to support the work of Cancer Council and to show support to all those who are or have been affected by cancer in our community.

This year, we especially hold Mrs. Kerry Hogan and her family in our thoughts and prayers.

Thank you for your support and all money raised will be handed to the Cancer Council next week.

Indonesian Study Tour On Wednesday evening, the students who are participating in the Indonesian study tour next month, gathered in the library for the final information session for this exciting trip.

Mrs. Angela Molinaro, Mrs. Jacqueline Cullum and Mr. Wayne Smith are the staff accompanying the students as they head to Indonesian on Saturday 14 September.

The ten Yr 9 & 10 students will be visiting our sister school in Singkawang as well as stopping off in Jakarta and Bali. This is an amazing experience for the students and the highlight will be visiting our sister school SMP20 Singkawang.

A special thanks to Keegan Grant (2017) and Denby Gardner, (2018) both past College Captains, who came to speak to the students about the trip. It was great to see them back at St Mary's.

Visit from David Rak, Editor of Seymour Telegraph Yesterday, Yr 8 classes were visited by Mr. David Rak, editor of the Seymour Telegraph. As part of their unit in Faith Education, the students are looking at how a newspaper is constructed and how it is an effective way of distributing news

David spoke to the students about how he manages the Seymour Telegraph and how he decides what news and articles go onto the front page.

We appreciated his time and expertise and know that the information will be very beneficial to the students.

Keep up the great work Yr 8-10, as we head into the second half of the term

Mrs Evans



Father's Day Breakfast Just reminder to complete the CareMonkey form for catering purpose for the Father's day Breakfast next Friday mooring. We look forward to seeing all our Dad, grandpas and special friends next Friday 30 August from 7.30am.

The Father's day stall in the Parish hall will be open from 9am for Yrs P-7 and students from Yrs 8-10 can buy gifts from 8am.

Thank you to the P&F for running the stall and to all the parents who have helped in any way.

Year 10 Karingal buddies



Dates to remember:

Tuesday 27 August Thursday 29 August Friday 30 August Yr 10 Excursion Bell Shakespear Secondary Round Robin Father's Day Breakfast

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Yr 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.







Football & Netball Grandfinals

Many of our students participated in the football and netball grand finals here in Seymour on the weekend.

St Mary's Under 14's Football Team won the grand final over Euroa with Fraser Rutherford best on ground.

St Mary's Under 16's Netball Team were runners up to Broadford.

Lily Kelly (MPH) was our only netball rep for Broadford and won her Grand Final. Well done to all!





Lots more

pics on Website https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/17P3sYrq-D-UOYLtOl0b7HQ9GAOdQokSN

Road Closures

If you are travelling in and around Seymour next week keep an eye out for these closures as advised by Art Attack Seymour on their Facebook page.

To complete Stage 1 of our project, the cleaning & undercoating of the viaduct, we need to activate sweeping closures of the lanes and footpaths that run underneath the viaduct. This is to ensure the safety of our crew & the community. Please obey all signage.

Traffic Management Schedule: (Delays will be less than 5 minutes)

Monday 26 August: West footpath & two centre lanes closed, 40 km/h on approach, from 7.30am

Tuesday 27 August: East footpath & east lane closed, 40km/h on approach, from 7.30am

Wednesday 28 August: West footpath & two centre lanes closed, 40km/h on approach, from 7.30am

Thursday 29 August: East footpath closed, from 7.30am



DATES TO REMEMBER

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Term 3			
Wk 7A	Mon 26	P-6 Incursion _ Music Viva	
	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)	
Wk 8B	Tue 3 Sep	SR Athletics _ Shepparton	
	Wed 4	Yr 8 Night of Notables (6.30pm-7.30pm)	
	Fri 6	College Feast Day	
Wk 9A	Wed 11	Primary District Athletics	
	Sat 14	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	Pupil Free Day	
	Tue 8	First Day of Term 3	
	Wed 9	JP Incursion_Forces in Action	
		MP Camp_Jungai (Wed to Fri)	
	Thu 10	Hume Athletics Albury	
		Primary Division Athletics	
Wk 2B Fri 18 Primary Regional Athletics		Primary Regional Athletics	
		Whole College Assembly (2.20pm-3.10pm)	
		Opening Night SMC Art Show (7.00pm-8.00pm)	
	Sat 19	SMC Art Show (10.00am-4.00pm)	
	Sun 20	SMC Art Show (10.00am-4.00pm)	
Wk 3A	Tue 22	Prep Parent Information Evening (5.30pm-6.30pm)	
		Yr 7 Parent Information Evening (7.00pm-8.00pm)	
	Wed 23	Yr 7 Immunisation (9.00am-10.00am)	
	Fri 25	Grandparents Day (9.00am-11.00am)	
Wk 4B	Mon 28	Yr 5/6 Camp_Canberra (Mon 28 – Fri 01/11)	
		Yr 9 Camp_Tasmania (Tue 29-Thu 31)	
Wk 5A	Mon 4 Mid Term Break		
	Tue 5	Public Holiday_Melbourne Cup	

Term Dates 2019 Term 3: 15/7 – 20/9 Term 4: 7/10 – 29/11 (Yr 10s) 6/12 (Yrs 7-9) 17/12 (Prep-6)	Student Free Days 2019 Mon 7 OctoberCANTEEN ROSTER 26-30 August (10.45am-2.30pm)Mon 26Jaime FarrellTue 27Elise SmartUt 120G. d. d. d. D		
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