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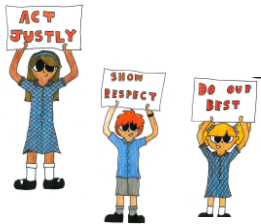
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Term 3 Week 9 of 10

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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

Dear Parents,

In the early hours of this Saturday morning Team St Mary's - Tristan Murphy, Cadence Verhoef, Renee Indich-Navon, Jack Chetcuti, Jack Lawrence, Matthew Whitfort, Polly Duff, Dominic Plessey, Kade Altas, Skaife Brock Ms Molinaro, Mrs Cullum and I fly out for the *St Mary's College Biannual Indonesian Study Tour*. The ten day visit will include visiting two Borneo schools in the city of Singkawang and experience the rich historical and cultural diversity of rural and city life.



Our students are blessed to have such an experience and to be led by a very professional tour leader - Ms Molinaro. Thank you to the parents for making sacrifices to enable their sons or daughters to experience this wonderful opportunity. Our students will meet happy people young and old. People who have very little compared to what we have - yet perhaps far more in other ways. The students on Team St Mary's are wonderful young men and women and proud ambassadors of our College.



St Mary's 2019 College Review and CEMISIS The review report has been completed. There is a process next term to unpack the report providing a summary for the College community to develop a 2020-23 strategic plan. We hope that all parents will complete the School Improvement Survey (CEMSIS). The feedback from the parent and student surveys will support the drafting of the strategic plan.



Catholic Care Peter Folidis (psychologist) is at St Mary's every Wednesday. Peter is employed through Catholicare Melbourne. The College is drafting a flow chart for student – teacher – parent consultation. Parents will be informed during Term Four of the College plan for 2020 acute Wellbeing support.

Enrolments 2020 At present there is an increase of 52 enrolments for 2020. Currently there are 283 primary and 170 secondary enrolments with 21 classes overall. Seymour is a town ideally situated for further growth. Close to the freeway; on the major rail network and with a beautiful river surrounding the town, progress is assured. Having lived in various NSW towns of similar size, Seymour is a regional centre that will never lose its country feel and growth is inevitable. On another note how impressive is the talent of the artist on the Anzac Street Railway underpass!





M(mission) 2020 State Government Building Grant The committee next week will visit schools recommended by Catholic Education Melbourne to discuss their buildings; floor plans and any *in hindsight.* There is a short turn around time for this important project and thank you to the committee for their willingness to give up their time and commitment to ensure we achieve the best outcomes for the College community.

Parent Code of Conduct It is a requirement of Catholic Education Melbourne Schools to have in place a Parent Code of Conduct. Such a policy embeds the understanding of respectful relationships and ways to enquire if a concern arises so that the best outcomes are achievable in the best interests for a student. St Mary's is drafting a Parent Code of Conduct policy for the common good of all within our College community. Once the College Board have viewed the draft policy it will be emailed home to parents and accessible on the College website. A culture of respectful relationships within a Catholic faith tradition is a good tradition. The policy will be sent to all parents after the October Board meeting.



'Encounter 2020' Year 8 & 9 parents have received information on *Curriculum Encounter 2020*. In 2020 we are excited to present the Year 9 and 10 senior secondary students of St Mary's College with further subject elective opportunities so they engage in a wider curriculum encounter; expedience learning opportunities aligned with Year 11 and 12 courses and to prepare our students for the learning rigour awaiting them when they move into Year 11. The new courses will enable students to explore pathways at this time in their education with some flexibility provided to explore their passions, interests and individual educational needs. In alignment with the Victorian Curriculum, students in Years 9 and 10 will continue to undertake compulsory studies; have the opportunity to engage in the subject areas of Languages (Cert 2); VET/SBAT (Year 10 only) and VCE Further Mathematics (Year 10 only). Thank you to Mrs Rowland for her curriculum leadership and for her vision to embrace new opportunities for the secondary students and staff.

Traffic Engineer Report St Mary's has received a final report from a Traffic Engineer Company on parking surrounding the College. Parents will receive a letter next week from Mrs Evans (Acting Principal) to inform all families of the outcome of the report. The report is thorough and along with the survey results available at the Office.



Best wishes

Wayne Smith
Principal

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PS Much has been said and written about the life of Danny Frawley. Our hearts and prayers go out to his family, friends and colleagues and to any family who lose a loved one in tragic circumstances. My dear nanna would always say when hearing of tragedy, "there but for the grace of God go we all."

Mr Wayne Smith
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Education in Faith & School Community



from the Deputy Principal ...

Prayer for Drought Relief Our prayers today are for those who are suffering from the devastating effects of the drought and now the added heartache and destruction of the Queensland bushfires. The prayers of St Mary's community are with the people of Queensland and New South Wales.

*We pray for the land
we hear the promise you have spoken in Isaiah
of the refreshment of the creation;
of water in the desert,
of renewal for the land,
of hope, of life.
We name our simple need – rain for our thirsty land.
Tanks and dams are nearly empty,
like the hopes for this season- and now we are confronted by bushfires as well.*



We turn to you in faith and hope.

*We pray for the communities in need
We pray for all those whose lives
are under the shadow of drought and now bushfires*

Please God, look after all those who most need your help

Amen

Indonesian Trip Bon Voyage and safe travels to our Indonesian travellers!!

In the early hours of Saturday morning, Mrs Molinaro, Mrs Cullum and Mr Smith, Tristan Murphy, Cadence Verhoef, Renee Indich-Navon, Jack Chetcuti, Jack Lawrence, Matthew Whitfort, Polly Duff, Dom Plessey, Kade Altas and Skaife Brock will leave on their Indonesian adventure. We wish them safe travels and a wonderful time at our sister school in Singkawang, Kalimantan. They arrive back on Monday 23rd September.

Have a fabulous time !!!!



Feast Day Last week we celebrated our College Feast Day. It was a great way to reflect on all that is wonderful about our College and to have some fun doing it!

We gathered together at Mass last Thursday, well lead again by our College Captains - Polly Duff, Dom Plessey, Matthew Whitfort and Bronte Tipping. SRC leaders and Yr. 9 helped to organize the sausage sizzle lunch which was enjoyed by all.

After lunch it was time for the annual Yr. 10 v staff volleyball match. After a tight and well fought match, the Yr. 10's held on to be declared 2019 champions.

The staff are already practicing for next year!!!



We completed our Feast Day celebrations with a concert- so many talented students!!

Oliver Fairweather and Jacob Fenlger (Yr. 9) both shone as they played the piano. Oliver played Scientist by Coldplay and Jacob performed The Entertainer.

We then had Phoebe Fairweather and Lizzie Parker join together to perform Vance Joy's Riptide. Phoebe played the ukulele while Lizzie sang. It was a fabulous cover of the famous Australian song.

Lauran Hogan sang beautifully during her rendition of Young and Beautiful as did Brooke Leary. Brooke played the guitar and sang Over the Rainbow - another excellent performance.

Well done to all our performers- so much talent at St Mary's. Thanks to Andrew Allen for organizing and facilitating the concert.

Jacob Fengler, Brooke Leary, Oliver Fairweather, Phoebe Fairweather, Lizzie Parker and Laura Hogan



Staff Professional Development Last Tuesday Pauline Cuccuti, from Catholic Education Melbourne, worked with primary staff in Religious Education planning. The staff used this opportunity to further develop strategies in best practice Religious education planning and teaching.

Mark Shafton will be working with secondary RE staff next term and Pauline will also be returning to continue her work with primary staff.

Footy Colours Day Next Friday, September 20th, is our annual Footy Colours Day. Students can wear their Footy colours – any code!!! or sports uniform. We celebrate the last day of term with a footy team parade in the MPH and a 'kick off' to find the Super Boot in each level - staff included!!! Please come and be part of the parade and 'Super Boot' next Friday. The activities will commence at 12.00pm in the MPH.



Students may purchase a hot dog for lunch. Hot dogs are \$4 and proceeds will go towards purchasing sports equipment for lunchtime play. Please return hot dog orders by next Tuesday 17th September.

We hope to see you there next Friday!!



Daffodil Day Yesterday, the Wellbeing and Community leaders presented Mrs. Carol Smith, from Seymour Cancer Support Group, with a cheque for \$360. This was the money we raised from Daffodil day in August by wearing a splash of yellow. Thank you so much to our families, students and staff for their support.



Robert Potts, Brandy Thompson (Community Leaders) Mrs Carol Smith, Alanah O'Connell, Cooper Bell (Wellbeing Leaders)
Absent: Isabella Hutchins and Jarni Malik

Please keep the following dates free and in your diary!

St Mary's Art Show Alice's Wonderland: Friday 18th and Saturday 19th October

Grandparents Day: Friday 25th October

Thank you for all the support and participation in Faith and community events this term.

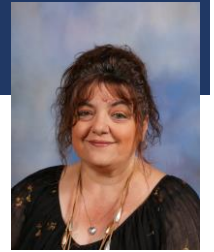
Please watch for upcoming events on our Facebook page and in the Marian.

Mrs Catherine Evans

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Student Wellbeing



from the Deputy Principal ...

Wellbeing Week It is important to have good wellbeing sustained so you can live a longer, happier and healthier life. Just as exercise and good diet can reduce our risk of illness, investing in our wellness can reduce our risk of developing a mental illness. Mental Health is one of the toughest challenges we face in today's world. 1 in 2 people will experience some form of mental illness in their lifetime.

The Wellbeing of our students, staff and families is always of great importance at St. Mary's College. Hopefully Wellbeing Week has been a time that your child has spent some quality time with family and friends. We encourage BEING WELL on a daily basis both at school and at home.

We conclude Wellbeing Week today with a wonderful, fun dress up day across the College. From winter P.J day to crazy hair day, we had lots of students enjoying their day and 'BEING WELL'. Throughout the week, the students engaged in many opportunities to further enhance their own wellbeing by participating in some hands on activities which were physically, spiritually and mentally stimulating.

I would like to thank the staff and school leaders for making this week a great success. We know that looking after our own wellbeing is not just a once off focus, but to be constantly aware of our social and emotional health.



Photo Gallery: <https://www.smseymour.catholic.edu.au/whats-on/galleries/>

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Learning & Teaching



from the Deputy Principal ...

It is lovely to be back after some LSL and a visit to The Rockies in Canada. A huge thanks must go to the curriculum leaders; Mrs Fiona Robinson, Mr Leigh Krammer and Mrs Kymberleigh Rowland for keeping the curriculum meetings and other items up to date. They have also worked to complete a number of administrative tasks and to lead staff meetings.

CEMSIS During these two weeks staff, parents and students are participating in the revised school improvement surveys distributed through the Catholic Education Office. These have been revised and updated for 2019, and we look forward to using the data for future school planning. Thanks to those parents who have already logged in and completed the survey. There's still time to complete yours if you haven't already done so, we really need and appreciate your feedback.

Encounter 2020 We are introducing a new structure for curriculum delivery at St Mary's College for our year 9 and 10 students. All students for years 9 and 10 in 2020 met with the teaching staff and Mrs Kymberleigh Rowland, they have been presented with a package of information and a selection page to bring home and discuss with their parents. This revised focus gives students a broader range of areas to select from and gives more opportunity to develop skills and knowledge in preparation for year 11.

NAPLAN Individual student reports from 2019 NAPLAN were distributed to students in years 3, 5, 7 and 9 to take home yesterday. Please make sure you check with your child if you haven't seen the report yet. Please keep them in a safe place as they are only issued once.

An electronic copy of the Student Report Information sheet is available via the VCAA's website <https://www.vcaa.vic.edu.au>.

Assessments – End of term 3 Teachers will be assessing student work and units as the term comes to a close. Please make sure you support your child in handing in assessment tasks by the due date so that results for all classes can be released in a timely manner. Please communicate with your child's teacher if you have any concerns or questions about learning progress.

Mrs Christine Buhler

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**An Invitation to St Mary's College
Visual Arts Exhibition**
Featuring
**ALICE'S
WONDERLAND**



Door Prize!
Dinner for two at:
fowles wine
STRAITHROGIE GAWES

**Official Opening by Adam Knight
Fine Art Consultant**

**Opens Friday 18th Oct. 7-9 pm
Saturday 19th Oct. 10-2 pm
Held in St. Mary's Multi-Purpose Hall.**



In association with
'Tastes of the Goulburn'



Free Admission All are welcome!

DATES TO REMEMBER

Term 3		
Wk 10B	Thu 19 Fri 20	Michael Grose Parent Night (6.30pm-8.00pm) Last day of Term (Early Finish 2.30pm) Footy Colours Day
Term 4		
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_Epping
Wk 2B	Fri 18 Sat 20	Primary Regional Athletics_Albury Whole College Assembly (2.20pm-3.10pm) Opening Night SMC Art Show (7.00pm-8.00pm) SMC Art Show (10.00am-4.00pm)
Wk 3A	Tue 22 Wed 23 Fri 25	Prep Parent Information Evening (5.30pm-6.30pm) Yr 7 Parent Information Evening (7.00pm-8.00pm) Yr 7 Immunisation (9.00am-10.00am) 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 Nov Tue 5	Mid Term Break Public Holiday_Melbourne Cup
Wk 6B	Tue 13	Transition SMC Students (8.45am-11.15am)
Wk 7A	Wed 20	Transition Kinder and SMC Students (8.45am-11.15am)
Wk 8B	Mon 25 Wed 27 Fri 29	Yr 9 & 10 Exams Week Transition Kinder and SMC Students (8.45am-11.15am) Yr 10 Graduation Mass & Dinner (6.00pm-10.30pm)
Wk 9A	Fri 6 Dec	Last Day Yrs 7, 8 & 9
Wk 10B	Tue 10	Orientation Day (2020)
Wk 11A	Tue 17 Fri 20	P-6 Last Day End of Term

Office Closure Please be advised the Office will be closed during the school holidays. Any queries can be emailed to office@smseymour.catholic.edu.au and will be actioned on our return.

Term Dates 2019

Term 3: 15/7 – 20/9

Term 4: 7/10 – 29/11 (Yr 10s)
06/12 (Yrs 7-9)
17/12 (Prep-6)

Student Free Days 2019

Mon 7 October

CANTEEN ROSTER

16-20 September
(10.45am-2.30pm)

Mon 16	Jenna Fairbridge
Tue 17	Catherine Plessey
Wed 18	Catherine Plessey
Thu 19	Catherine Plessey
Fri 20	Jane Archibald Jo Fairweather

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



SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAM.

Koori Art Workshop

*All Welcome! With Taungurung Artist and Designer
Maddi Moser.*

When: 9am to 4.30pm, Tuesday 1 October 2019

Where: Broadford Youth Room/Skate Park

Morning tea, lunch, afternoon tea and all equipment included.

As part of the broader Public Safety Infrastructure Project underway at the Broadford Community Precinct, Mitchell Shire Council is engaging young people aged 10-18 to participate in an art workshop that will support the development of the Taungurung Art Mural between the skate park and Mt Piper Kindergarten.

The workshop will include learning about Taungurung Country, traditional art design and stencil creations as well as contribute to the broader mural art piece.

To register your attendance, please email youth@mitchellshire.vic.gov.au for a registration form.

Contact us:

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e: mitchell@mitchellshire.vic.gov.au

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MITCHELL YOUTH SERVICES

*Holiday Activities –
September 2019*



Ages: 10 - 18

**Permission form is required.
Spaces are limited. Book at any
Council Customer and Library
Service Centre.**



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Scienceworks School Holiday Excursion

Wednesday 25 September!

• SOLAR SYSTEM ODYSSEY • BOLT FROM THE BLUE

Looking for something to do this School Holidays?
Join the Mitchell Youth Services Team on an
excursion to Scienceworks in Spotswood.

Cost: \$15 includes activities and transport. Please
BYO lunch or money to purchase lunch.

Pick up:

Seymour – Kings Park Bus Stop, Tallarook Street

Broadford – Youth Room, 152 High Street

Kilmore – The Kilmore International School,
32 White Steet

Wallan – Youth Room, 42 Bentinck Street

Arrive at Scienceworks, 2 Booker Street

Drop off:

Seymour – Scienceworks, 2 Booker Street

Wallan – Youth Room, 42 Bentinck Steet

Kilmore – The Kilmore International School,
32 White Steet

Broadford – Youth Room, 152 High Street

Seymour – Kings Park Bus Stop

