St Mary’s College Visual Arts Exhibition Friday 18th October Opening Night – 7-9pm & Saturday 19th October 10-2pm

Officially Opened by Tania DiBerardino, Zart Art Consultant.

Tonight is the opening of the amazing St Mary’s visual Arts Exhibition!! This is a biennial event that celebrates the Visual Arts here at St Mary’s.

Students and staff have been working hard for two years to bring this show to life and there are many people to thank: Loretta Duncan, Andrea Richards, Kerrie Aldous, Liz Mazurak, Tanya Sleeman, Cobie Morris, Karen Gilchrist, Allison Moore, Andrew Allen, Stacia and Peter Read, Corey Jones and Nick Fairbairn.

Firstly, the students. The art room has been a hive of activity over the past weeks. With the fantastic theme of Alice’s Wonderland, there are exciting things to see everywhere you look!!

We won’t give too much away now so that it can be a surprise when you come to visit the Art Show. We welcome families to visit the Art Show on Friday night from 7pm or on Saturday from 10-2pm. Art Show awards will be presented on Tuesday 22nd October at 8.45am during a whole College gathering in the Art Area.

There will be a full report in next week’s Marian.

Prayer We give thanks for the talents, skills and abilities of our wonderful students and staff.

We remember what Pope Francis said,

“*The Arts give expression to the beauty of our faith and proclaim the Gospel message of the grandeur of God’s creation. When we admire a work of art or marvel at nature, we discover how everything speaks to us of God and his love. Artists of our time, though their creativity and talents, may help us discover the beauty of creation.*”

2020 Foundation and Yr 7 Information Evenings We look forward to welcoming our 2020 Prep and Yr 7 families next Tuesday 22nd October. The Prep information session begins at 5.30 pm in the Library and Yr 7 at 7pm. Both information evenings will go for about an hour.

On this night we will hear from the teachers and level co-coordinators with more specific information about the curriculum, learning experiences, expectations and what a Foundation and Yr 7 year ahead will look like. 2020 is coming very quickly!!
**Grandparents Day** We look forward to welcoming our grandparents next Friday 25th October at 9am in the MPH. This is a great opportunity to thank and acknowledge the wonderful contribution of our grandparents. Primary students have all brought home an invitation today.

The morning will finish approximately 10.30am.

**Parents and Friends Fundraising Night** A Night if Skill and Chance Saturday 16th November.

Each year the P and Friend run one major event. In 2019 it was the College carnival and in 2020 it will be “St Mary’s Night of Fun, Skill and Chance “

The focus of this fundraising effort is to bring “Mercy Back”- restore our oval to it’s former glory so that our students have a wonderful space to enjoy.

This is a great social night for our parents. Invite your friends and family members to join you and have a fun night out. Details are on our website or you can contact the college for further information.

We look forward to seeing you on 16th November

Also there is a fabulous raffle being conducted at the same time. With many fabulous prizes to win, this is a raffle not to be missed!! Tickets are $2 each. One book per family will be sent home early next week and the raffle will be drawn on the Night of Skill and Chance

Thank you as always for your generous support of our college. A full list of businesses who have donated some amazing prizes will be published next week.

**Camps** In the next couple of weeks, two very exciting camps are taking place.

The Yr 9s are heading to Tasmania for the first time and the Senior Primary students to Canberra for a week. These are both wonderful opportunities for our students and many thanks to parents for their support and to our staff.

The last term for the year is always busy and this year is no exception! Please keep an eye on the Facebook page, website and the Marian for information and important dates.

Have a great week ahead

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**P-4 News**

*from the Level Co-ordinator ...*

**Always remember...A behaviour unchallenged is a behaviour accepted.** Recently I was dismayed to become aware of an incident that occurred between several students. Unfortunately, peers did not challenge the poor choices made by a few and so the behaviour continued. The issue here is not only that there remains an element of the population that enjoy upsetting others but also, as a society, we don’t stand up and challenge the behaviour. It’s not about confrontation or belittling the belittler, but it is about making people aware that what they are saying or doing is not appropriate. We need to collectively do this as a part of our daily lives in order to change current mindsets. *Kindness is free. Empathy is free. Compassion and inclusion are free.* Building people up should be through positive interactions and experiences, not tearing them down through the same interactions and experiences.

**Middle Primary Camp...what a rippa!** Middle Primary Camp to Camp Jungai was SO MUCH FUN! I had looked at the expected temperature for our 3 days and it was 8, 9 and 10 degrees respectively but I was pleasantly surprised to find that the days were full of sunshine and the night with only a hint of a chill. Overall, campers were excellent but some had a steep learning curve for the last 2 days when they stayed awake far too late on the first night! Some highlights were the possum pull, canoeing, Auntie with her stories and her boomerang painting and throwing skills. A massive thank you to Adam McMennemin, Paul O’Dwyer, Jamie Michael, David Homewood, Cameron Clydesdale, Sarah D’Orria and Kirstie Kadow. You were all magnificent and I will recommend you to any downball competitions going on! Thank you also to Michelle Jones for her enthusiasm and Catherine Evans and Catherine Hurst for the visits.

Over the page are some photos for you to enjoy.
All students painted a boomerang using traditional symbols. Each boomerang has a story…

‘Once there was a koala sitting around in a tree. Thunder and lightning was going on and birds were flying around. Smoke was rising and frogs were jumping around. The moon started to rise.’

Jayden

‘Men with shields hunted frogs and fish.’

Xavier

‘Up in the sky was a bird. Under the bird was a frog under the stars. The stars shone on a waterhole. Then there was the blazing sun.’

Zahira

Class Leaders Term 4: MPJ  MPS
Emily Smith & Issac Hanna  Baxter Loweke & Cheyenne Newsome
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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**Prep Transition 3 – RE Focus**

**Yr. 5-7 News**

*from the Level Co-ordinator ...*

**Transition.** All Senior Primary and Yr 7 students will be participating in Transition activities this term. The most important of these will be Orientation Day on Tuesday 10th of December. Yr 4 students will join with our Yr 5 students to become Senior Primaries while our Yr 6 students will be given a taste of things to come as Yr 7 students. Yr 6 students will complete activities from the START program. START stands for Student Transition And Resilience Training and is a program designed specifically to help students move successfully from Yr 6 to Yr 7.

Senior Primary Camp. Senior Primary Camp is fast approaching. CareMonkey details have been posted and include the itinerary and a packing list. Students will be very busy on each day and will gain tremendous insights into our Australian government, our war history and other important cultural learning. The camp is a crucial component of our Inquiry study and attendance is compulsory. Parents are reminded that students are asked not to bring phones. This will ensure that they are not lost or broken but importantly it means that we will be able to ensure compliance with the Child Safe regulations. Students who would like to call home will be given the opportunity to do so using one of the school phones that will taken on camp. If you have any concerns about your child’s wellbeing, including any specific issues that the teachers need to be made aware of, please contact the homeroom teacher as soon as possible.

**Assembly Award Winners** This week’s assembly award winners were Olivia D’Orria (absent), Molly Steele, Daniel Fifield, William Ritchens-Manning, and Gabrielle Freeman. These students were given Environmental Awards for voluntarily collecting rubbish around the school, sorting it into rubbish and recyclables and even putting the plastic bottle tops aside for the Envision Hands project. This is the kind of initiative that makes us extremely proud of our students as it shows how they can live out our vision statement which says ‘We are a welcoming Catholic community that respects our heritage and looks to a sustainable future.’

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This term is always an exciting one for our Yr 10 students, with exams on the horizon from the week of 25th November and Graduation on Friday 29th November the count down has begun!

SMART GOALS Now is the time to be motivated about your learning and continue applying those SMART goals that you set for yourselves earlier this year into practice!

The week finishes with the Graduation Mass and Dinner on Friday 29th November.

Term Four Focus: ‘Improve My Time Management Skills’ My best advice to all of you at this stage of the year is don’t become complacent about your learning and aim at improving your TIME MANAGEMENT SKILLS both in class and at home.

Karingal Farewells Our Yr 10 students conclude their weekly visits to Karingal next Thursday with a shared morning tea and presentations of small gifts and keepsakes they have made for their buddies. This has been a most rewarding experience for all involved and I would like to congratulate the students on the empathy and respect they have all shown towards their older buddies.

B4W Tasmanian Camp There is much excitement building amongst the Yr 9 students with their Tasmanian Camp occurring from Tuesday 29th October to Thursday 31st October in Hobart and surrounding places. The students will spend three days in and around Hobart experiencing many varied and cultural activities. Yr 9 students are also busy preparing for their exams the week beginning November 25th.

I encourage all students to make the most of Homework Club this term which is held every day at lunchtimes in the library. Maths tutoring is also available every Thursday after school from 3.30 – 4.30 pm in the library as well. A great opportunity to get on top of your workload and finish off the school year in a positive and rewarding way.

Please feel free to contact your child’s homeroom teacher or level coordinator if you have any concerns or queries regarding your child’s wellbeing/education.

Study Tour to Indonesia Wah, itu luar biasa!- Wow, it was extraordinary!

“The trip was amazing. I did enjoy every second of it and the experience of exchanging cultures was extraordinary.” Polly Duff, Yr 10.

In the last week of Term 3, 10 students and 3 staff set off on their adventure to Jakarta, Singkawang and Bali. The students were: Kade Altas, Skaiife Brock, Jack Chetcuti, Polly Duff, Renee Indich Navon, Jack Lawrence, Tristan Murphy, Dominic Plessey, Cadence Verhoef and Matthew Whitfort. A big thank you to Mr Smith and Mrs Cullum who accompanied the students. I would also like to thank the parents who supported their child in this exciting event.

Getting to Singkawang proved a challenge due to the forest fires burning in Kalimantan. Despite this we arrived in Singkawang in time for a wonderful ‘welcome ceremony’ performed by the local students. There was a marching band, a procession with flag-waving, dancing, speeches by a range of local dignitaries, Indonesian food and then even more dancing. Our students, who were dressed in traditional clothes, representing different ethnic groups in Indonesia, joined in the dancing and were quickly drawn into groups of local students for photos. We were overwhelmed by the calls of ‘foto-foto’. It confirmed to us that Indonesians are some of the biggest users of Instagram and Facebook in the world! We felt like celebrities!

In the three days in Singkawang we visited the local sights such as the ‘Tri Dharma Vihara’, a Chinese temple, a local mosque, a traditional ethnic-Chinese village, the traditional ‘Melayu’ House, shopping mall and the beach. The highlight was visiting the schools, playing traditional games, basketball and even kicking a footy with them. We also had the opportunity to be interviewed for a local radio program which was live-streamed and reported on a local television network. Our celebrity status was almost justified!

After only three days there were teary farewells with the students and staff feeling an unexpected bond of friendship. It is hoped that we will continue to communicate with our partner school friends through shared school activities and, on a more personal level, through social media.

We then spent 3 days in Ubud, Bali where the sky was clear of smoke and the pace was slowed down. We went swimming in the pool, walking in the rice paddies and cycling along village lanes through forests and fields.
We congratulate the students who participated in all activities with great enthusiasm, even when they were hot and tired! Many are still communicating with their new friends and some even talking about returning to Indonesia! While the experience had its challenges, the rewards of personal growth and intercultural understanding made it all worthwhile.

TERIMA KASIH SEMUA - THANKS EVERYONE.

https://www.smseymour.catholic.edu.au/whats-on/galleries/

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**Primary Division Athletics – Epping**

Thursday 10th October saw a group of us travel to Meadowglen Athletics Track in Epping for students to compete in the Primary Division Athletics. St Mary’s College had a team of 18 students from Senior Primary as the Middle Primary students were at Camp Jungai. All students gave it their best and did a great job. Congratulations to the following students who are heading to Albury this Friday to compete at Hume Region level: Sophie Muno, Adison Thornberry, Gabrielle Freeman, Daniel McLean, Samuel Brown, Jabe Brown, Blake Trodd, Oliver Kingston and Daniel Fifield. We wish you the best of luck.

We were also lucky enough for Hamish Melville and Kyra Pearce to be given an invitation to compete in a couple of events.

A very big thankyou is extended to all those parents, grandparents and friends who have offered to take these students to the next level. It is really appreciated.

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**Secondary Regional Athletics – Albury**

A small number of students headed to Albury on Thursday 10th October to compete at Hume Region level. It was a different day up there in comparison to Epping with sunshine a plenty. Congratulations to all the students who competed and represented St Mary’s College.

Sophie Conroy – 1500m (6th)
Tahlia Russell – High Jump (4th)
Cayleb Trodd – High Jump (1st) Long Jump (4th)
Claire Noonan – Walk (1st) Javelin (1st) Discus (2nd) Shot Put (6th)
We wish both Claire and Cayleb all the best as they compete at State level this Friday in Melbourne. What a great achievement!

State Indoor Rowing Secondary Competition - Melbourne

On Friday 11th October Ava Cafasso, Imogen Cafasso and Sadhbh O’Sullivan travelled to Melbourne to compete at the State Indoor Rowing Secondary Competition. These girls have been rowing for only a short period of time but are doing amazing things. Ava was competing up an age level in Yr 8 and Imogen and Sadhbh were competing as Yr 9s. They were also invited to row in an open age composite relay where they finished 5th overall. Congratulations on such an amazing achievement girls.

Their results were as follows:
- Yr 9 - 500 metre sprint: Sadhbh 1st, Imogen 3rd
- Yr 9 - 2Km: Sadhbh- 3rd, Imogen - 5th
- Yr 8 - 500 metre sprint: Ava 2nd,
- Yr 8 - 1km: Ava - 4th
Come and try your luck at St Mary’s night of Skill and Chance, and help raise funds to ‘Bring Mercy (the oval) back’.

Something to challenge everyone - can you win the coin toss or pick the fastest ant? With auctions, raffles, a spinning wheel and much more, you don’t want to miss this fun filled night.

$20/person entry includes a bag of chips to play tables and games. Pre-book to secure your table for 10 and bring along family and friends. BYO nibbles and drinks.

Look forward to seeing you there!!
# DATES TO REMEMBER

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## CANTEEN ROSTER

**21-25 October (10.45am-2.30pm)**

- **Mon 21**: Neisha Reid
- **Tue 22**: Catherine Plessey
- **Wed 23**: Melissa Kaarsberg
- **Thu 24**: Catherine Plessey
- **Fri 25**: Kate Martin, Barb Plum
419SQN AAFC Information Night

We are holding another information night for any males and females between 12 – 15 who might be interested in the AAFC, aviation or are just looking for an excellent extra curricula activity.

Recruit Information Night
Friday 31st October 2019 - 7pm-8pm
Somme Barracks 110 Sobraon Street
Shepparton.
Parents welcome to attend with their child.
Each year, the Lexus Melbourne Cup Tour provides rural, regional and metropolitan communities across Australia and New Zealand with a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to experience the Lexus Melbourne Cup firsthand.

The annual Tour celebrates the heroes and stories intrinsically linked to the Melbourne Cup and its contribution to Australia’s historical and cultural heritage before returning to Flemington Racecourse for the ‘race that stops a nation™’ on the first Tuesday in November.

The Tallarook Hotel, in conjunction with the greater Tallarook Community are delighted to be chosen as a destination of the 2019 Lexus Melbourne Cup Tour.

The coveted Trophy will arrive in Tallarook at approximately 1pm on Wednesday 23rd October and you are all invited to come along and enjoy the festivities, take the opportunity to get photographs with the Cup and the talent provided by the VRC. We will also have two other Melbourne Cup Trophies on display on the day.

We would love to have the Students along for the day to enjoy the experience!