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A welcoming Catholic community that respects our heritage and looks to a sustainable future. We inspire learning excellence, resilience and service to others.

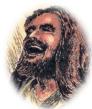
From the Principal

Dear Parents,



Our Wonderful P&F

St Mary's is blessed to have a P&F dedicated to building community and providing opportunities to connect. Our St Mary's P&F have a great team ably led by our dedicated P&F President Karen Glenn. Our



P&F are fundraising to Bring Mercy 'the Oval' back! *To bring the oval back to its former glory.* This fundraiser goal is a long term project and will provide obvious benefits to the College and the local community. The oval will require some earthworks; a new watering system and repositioning. Rome was not built in a day but our P&F are determined to bring our oval back!

On Saturday 16th November 7pm parents are welcome to A Night if Skill and Chance. An evening full of opportunities to win wonderful prizes and some very special Silent Auctions. You have to be in it to win and remember all funds raised go directly towards Bring Mercy 'the Oval' back. All families will receive a book of raffle tickets. Please do your best to sell.

We (all of us) want to Bring Mercy 'the Oval' back!

Mission 2020 Primary Building Project After meetings last week with three architect companies a preferred company was unanimously selected. An announcement of the successful architect will be in next week's Marian. More information will be given to the College community once the timeline for the project is complete. Primary staff have met and provided many ideas for the building. Exciting times ahead for our College community.



There will be a flow on affect from the M2020 Primary Building Project leading to a new Master Plan development that will have as a central goal, a F-12 vision for St Mary's College.



College Website Mrs Strahan and Mrs Oakley are reviewing website providers to support our College Website enhancement. The highly skilled and vital work that Mrs Oakley has been providing for the College website development will aided by the latest technology tools. Long term families and the wider community can look forward to a website they will tick many boxes!

St Mary's 2019 College Review The Review seems so long ago! Chris Bence from CEM will visit on 14th November to work with the College to analyse the review data and parent surveys. After this initial meeting there will be a timeline set for publishing results and developing a 2020-23 Strategic. A strategic plan maps important educational and College focuses and provides a sensible timeline to ensure the contents and outcomes of the strategic plan are achievable.





Fencing the College Boundary During 2019 there have been ongoing discussions with Middendorp Electric Co Pty Ltd and other departments in regards to sharing the cost of fencing the College South East boundary. Middy's own the block of land directly outside the College Multipurpose Centre. The boundary fence line along Whiteheads Creek is also a concern and since the College was not successful for a Broken River Catchment Authority Grant for fencing, we are now in discussions with Mitchell Shire regarding the proposed levee bank and fencing the creek

line. Before the end of Term Four, the College will be well placed to inform parents of the outcomes.

Staffing 2020 The College has in various outlets advertised for primary teaching positions due to the increase in student enrolments. Applications close today with shortlisting and interviews to be held over the next few weeks.

Excursions Year 9 (Tasmania) and Senior primary (Canberra) have returned safe and sound form their experiences up north and down south. These excursion opportunities provide our students with many benefits, the least of which is to experience other parts of Australia. St Mary's staff willingly give their time to providing overnight stays for the students. They give up their family time but do so that our students experience life away from home and the College. Thank you to our staff and to the parents (who gave up their work days) to accompany the staff and students for the Canberra and Phillip Island and primary excursions.



"Johnny, who is that fellow in the picture above my desk." Some years ago I interviewed a boy who was keen to come to Sacred Heart Cootamundra. Johnny sat there with his single mum keen for a chat but somewhat mesmerized by all the paraphernalia I had on my walls. Mum was nervous and I could sense that she was worried that her dear son (not a Catholic) would say the wrong things and therefore not be accepted. There were the usual greetings and pleasantries and then we got stuck into the nitty gritty of conversation. Johnny was doing well. Mum was relaxing until I asked, "Johnny, who is that fellow in the picture above my desk."

Johnny was contemplating and tapping his fingers on the side of his head, deep in thought. Mum was a different story, she was looking very nervous and was trying to get Johnny's attention to read her lips. After a minute Johnny, yelled out, *"I know mum, I've got it."* Mum sighed and smiled and sat back in her chair feeling relaxed and peaceful. Johnny said, *"Yes, its Leonardo de Vinci."*

Mum lost it and Johnny had a look of innocence, as much to say, 'I don't know why I was laughing and why mum was not happy with her son.' Order was restored and I mentioned to Johnny, "not quite Johnny but Leonardo was certainly one impressive man. I turned to mum and said, even Jesus made a mistake or two, Johnny is welcome to join the Sacred Heart School community. There are priceless moments in life!

Best wishes and may you back a winner on Cup Day!



Families are reminded that the due date for the payment of all fees and levies was Thursday 31st October. Thank you to all those families who have been making regular payments or have already paid their fees in full.



All families, particularly those families who are leaving the College at the end of the school year, are requested to contact me at the College as soon as possible if they need to discuss alternative payment arrangements.

It is also a good time for those families who have direct debit or direct deposit arrangements in place to review their payment instalment amounts in order to meet their commitment in 2019 and into 2020. Information regarding the fees and levies for next year will be posted or emailed to all families in January 2020 but if you require any assistance before then regarding fee payment calculations please feel free to ask.

If you wish to discuss any matter relating to Fees and Levies, please do not hesitate to contact myself or Stacia Read at the College.

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from the F-4 Level Co-ordinator ...

Melbourne Cup Long Weekend Whether you are a participant or just an observer of the

Melbourne Cup, you cannot ignore the hype that surrounds this race. Its magnitude is electrifying and most people have a formula or theory on picking the winner. Mine is either a female jockey or a grey horse....neither have been particularly successful formulas! That was until 2015 when Michelle Payne, surprisingly to some, won the Melbourne Cup. Michelle's story is an interesting one. Michelle is the youngest of 10 children. Her father raised her and her siblings

after the sudden passing of their mother. Michelle always dreamed of being a jockey and aspired to one day, win the Melbourne Cup. This dream happened in 2015 when she became the first female jockey to within 155 years.

Michelle Payne is an example of overcoming adversity in both her personal and professional life. She has enjoyed the highest of highs and the lowest of lows both prior and post her win. What I find most incredible about Michelle Payne is that she has 'owned' these highs and lows. She has not attributed blame to anyone else in her environment or her life. This is a trait not shared amongst everyone. It is not necessarily an innate trait. It is something many need to work towards. We all achieve. We all make mistakes. This is what makes us human.

Owning the highs and lows in our lives can make us individuals of great character.



Foundation Transition Foundation students for 2020 had their fourth mini transition vesterday afternoon and as per the previous transitions, it was well attended. The focus this week was Numeracy. Reading about 12 little dinosaurs set the scene for some movin' and groovin' by our youngest

students. Thank you Julia, Shae and Ally for planning such wonderful afternoons.

Next transition is Wednesday 20th November from 9:00am until 10.30am. See you then!



Meet our very own 'Steve Irwin'

Recently, as I was walking out of the staffroom door, I glanced down to my left and saw scales! It turned out it was a large blue tongue lizard that apparently lives under the concrete near the woodwork room. Not wanting to scare (aka pick up) the lizard I knew the student for the job....enter Hudson Fairbridge. I knew Hudson had his own lizards and was competent in rescuing this guy. I was not disappointed. Hudson happily picked him up, had a quiet chat to him and gently put him back in his home. Thanks Hudson!





Woolworths Discovery Garden MPJ have planted some seeds from the Woolworth's Discovery Garden. On the box it told us the sprouting time, re-potting time and harvesting time. It is nearly time to repot the seedlings. I planted tomatoes and carrots. I had to follow the steps that were on the box - it was a procedural text.

Marcus Kingston On the first day of term four we planted herbs, vegies and flowers. I planted viola and their sprouting time is 21-28 days. They will need to be re-potted in 6-8 weeks and will flower in 14-16 weeks. We also planted beetroot, carrots, radish, bok-choi, pansy, lettuce, chives, dill, and basil. We followed the steps and it was an amazing experience.

Tylah Shearer MPS only planted theirs today so repotting time will be closer to the end of the year. We had so many left over that each student was able to take 1-2 seedlings home.

















Australia Post Pen-pals MP's have been matched up with Pen-pals from other schools through the Australian Post Program. We have written our first letters and are eagerly waiting for our replies. **Stay tuned.**



Awards Congratulations to our most recent award winners:

Charlotte McLoughlin, Max Woods, William Enrico, Paige Trodd, Cheyenne Newsome, Tobey Eaton, Olivia Cleave, Livani Palmer, Zahira Wilson, Ruby Rutherford, Montanna Gross and Savannah Llorente.

Well done everyone.



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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Yr. 5-7 News

from the Level Co-ordinator ...

Senior Primary Canberra Camp Grade 5/6 students and staff have had a jam packed week of fun and learning in Canberra. A full report will be published in the next few weeks. Watch this space!









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Yr. 8-10 News

from the Level Co-ordinator ...

Tasmania Mania Travelling Tasmania was a #unforgettable experience!! We enjoyed ourselves during many activities at many different places. We were pretty #grinning throughout the whole trip... but there were times that we enjoyed ourselves more. For example, we were #ecstatic when we went



to Mount Wellington, Port Arthur and MONA. Salamanca was our first stop. It was almost nostalgic because it reminded us so much of Victoria but still there were many differences. We met a certain Caroline that coincidentally was related to Harrison Wilson. She and her friends made some of us ponder about how lucky we were not to be at #school he he lol. For dinner that night we separated into two groups, one group went to a food truck that sold tacos and nachos and another went to an Asian restaurant where they ate dumplings and other #delicious dishes. The food was great at both locations though the Asian restaurant was of very nice quality.



After dinner, once we had returned to the hostel we travelled to Mt Wellington. It was #FREEZING, there was wind that hit you from every direction and if you jumped you would have been carried with the wind, lol.

On the second day we started off with breakfast at a small restaurant by the water. The food quality was great and we all had the choice of a meal that we wanted!!! After breakfast we drove in the bus for two hours to Port Arthur. At Port Arthur we visited a historical site where we saw #jails. The tour guide explained what happened and we walked through the ruins of the jail and later we walked into some of the offices and houses there on display. A particular building that we visited was #haunted. A group of boys "claimed" that they had a ghost encounter but they were just #playing.

On the drive back home we stopped at Devils Kitchen which was a bunch of different #beautiful natural cliffs and rock things. The blowhole we were supposed to see wasn't even blowing which was a bit #disappointing. We all bought either an ice cream or hot chips which was nice though, however my ice cream fell on the floor which really ruined my experience. Again for dinner we separated into two groups, except we switched locations for dinner. After dinner, most of us went on a midnight run, down the road to buy some "dessert" from McDonalds. The last day was by far the best in my opinion. We packed all our things in the morning and made sure to leave on time.

Then we drove a while down to MONA, the Museum Of Natural Art. Despite the name, no, the Mona Lisa was NOT there.... You could say we were all pretty #disappointed!! Anyway, MONA was amazing. We saw many things that made quite a few people #squeamish, but overall the experience was memorable. There was particular artworks that caught our eyes, for example the digestive model, it was a combination of different stomach shaped glass containers that imitated the process of digestion and it was #ratchet because it smells #terrible. Finally we made our last stop at McDonalds to buy a quick lunch and eat everything we bought in five minutes. A few kids bought extensive meals and then had to speed eat everything in the time we were given. They got #full. Returning home that day was my highlight because I missed my #quirky family!!! By Renee Indich Navon, Arabella Carlin and Claire Noonan

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from the ... Parish



Greetings to all the Parents and Families,

St Mary's College is a vital institute within the Seymour and greater Mitchell Shire community. In my time as Parish Priest, I have seen the great community spirit expressed by the parents, grandparents and



guardians of the children who attend this college. The parish church and college are intimately connected in mission not only to the Catholics in Seymour, but also to the Seymour community at large.

Like all institutes of outreach in today's society, both the College and the church have faced, and will continue to face, many administrative challenges as regulations and laws undergo dramatic changes. The last twelve months has seen a significant increase in administrative changes and we are striving to bring ourselves up to date and compliant moving forward.

The College has worked hard to incorporate into its structure more expert assistance from staff, parents and consultants to meet the demands these changes, both for the community and the greater education of your children.

With the aging parish congregation the parish does not have the resources to meet our legislative requirements. In short, I am seeking assistance as I am far from able to meet current, yet alone future, demands. Let me give you a few examples.

1. Our parish accountant has requested we take on a qualified bookkeeper once a week to ensure that our records are compliant with the new Federal tax legislation. In larger parishes there are many more staff, people and resources to call on for their expertise to assist the parish in its physical, spiritual and legal activities. Having a qualified bookkeeper working with us, with knowledge of legislative requirements would be of great benefit to the parish.

Parish priests were appointed anywhere between fifteen and twenty years after ordination, following years of having been in many parishes and thereby acquainted with the immense scope of what a parish priest has to deal with. Between 2000 and 2010 one third of all our parish priests reached retirement age bringing the time of serving as an assistant priest to less than five years. I served for only three years and nine months before being given two parishes. Thankfully, my parish secretary had been there for many years and was able to attend to matters and liaise with other skilled parishioners thereby providing me with solutions to issues I did not see.

- 2. Our parish Finance Committee needs a new accountant member following the resignation of the only accountant I know, apart from our parish accountant. Although we have retained our parish accountant, who oversees our legal financial requirement, prepares our financial records for annual auditing and reporting to the diocese, we need another active or retired accountant for guidance in our committee meetings which meet bi-monthly. According to Canon Law (the Church's rules) we must have one in order to hold the meetings. Without one we cannot; plan accurately, expend certain amounts, nor approve major works. Their guidance is essential for the parish to plan and budget prudently.
- 3. Recently, both civil and church authorities mandate for us to have both a committee and at least one approved Child Safety Officer who together will formulate: a Child Safety Policy, relevant documentation to enact, record and monitor compliance. Parishes will be audited specific to child safety. All of this is far beyond my capacity to achieve alone, and more than I can ask of the ageing teams of volunteers who have already far too many demands on their health and stamina. Whilst this may sound daunting, there are templates available that can be adapted to meet the requirements of this parish.

My dear friends, your parish needs your help. We have an ever ageing church population who can only help so much until their frailty forces them to withdraw. The three items I have listed are the most urgent as we have no one to fill them. Please consider how you may help the Parish in these or in other small ways to comply with all these, regulations while maintaining the beauty and safety of our parish and all within it.

May God bless you in your considerations.

Father Eugene Ashkar seymour@cam.org.au



From the Art Department

Alice's Wonderland Art Exhibition Over the weekend of the 18th and 19th of October, we held our biannual Art Show. The exhibition was opened by Tanya Di Berardino from ZART ART who was very impressed by the caliber of art the students had produced, as were all of the people who attended. As well as parents and students, we had many people attend from our local community and beyond.

The opening night saw a choir performance led by Tanya Sleeman where the students performed three songs in costume and make up from the stage musical of 'Alice in Wonderland'. They were very impressive! There was also a fashion parade of students in fancy dress who dressed up as characters from 'Alice in Wonderland'. They all looked fantastic and there was a lot of effort put into the costumes. The winners of the fancy dress were Yenuli Dissanayake from JPP and Logan Shearer from JPR, congratulations to you both as well as the other students who dressed up! The opening night had another fashion parade consisting of Year 10 students Bronte Tipping, Brandy Thompson, Akira Sims and Casey Grant who were dressed in their own creations made from recycled materials. The girls did a great job! Home Economics students had made and decorated biscuits and cupcakes that looked fantastic and Rose Farrugia had made some red love heart cakes that were delicious, these were all handed out to guests. Oliver Fairweather and Jacob Fengler played songs on the keyboard which also kept guests entertained. There was a door prize donated by **Fowles Wines** and the raffle prize was donated by **PJ Cupcakes**. Thank you to those businesses.

The standard of the artwork created this year was particularly high and all of the students had contributed a tremendous effort to their pieces. Displayed work consisted of paintings and drawings, collage, photos, fashion, sculptures, quilts, plastic games and wooden creations.

A special thank you is sent to Liz Mazurek, our artist in residence, who contributed so much of her time and expertise to this exhibition. A thank you also to Janice Kerris who donates her time each week to help out in the Art Room. Thanks also to Polly Duff who designed the promotional poster that looked terrific.

The following students received 'Highly Commended' awards for their work – Jacob Hard JPW, Charlottle Lynch JPF, Ava Jarvis MPJ, Piper Doyle MPS, Grace Nolan SPC, Ivan Kovacic SPC, Mackenzie Lemon 7A, Jorja Roberts 7A, Caryss Farrell 7M, Saxon Ashworth 8W, Claudia Carrick 8W, Fletcher Archibald 8W, Georgia Thompson 8W, Charlotte Cox 8M, Stohm Gabrielle 9D, Bella Carlin 9A, Claire Noonan 9A and Chloe Copeland Yr 10. Congratulations to these students.

The following students received 'First Prize' for their work – Quillan Palmer JPF, Harry Edwards JPF, Isaac Gibson MPJ, Charlotte Cox and Lucy Duff 8M, Jack Lawrence and Jarred Cram 9A, Tenisha Raymond 9D, Akira Sims Yr 10, Oryiana Hanna Yr 10, Chloe Copeland and Maggie McSperrin Year 10. Congratulations to all of you!

The 'Peoples' Choice' Award went to Elouise Stringer 7A and the 'Principle's Award' went to Claire Noonan. A fantastic achievement by those two girls.

The colouring competition winners were – Ellie Taylor JPP, Jasper Kaarsberg JPW, Heidi Banks JPR, Udayveer Bhatti JPF, Lilli Kelly MPH, Matilda Barry MPJ, Jayden Trodd MPS, Triyah Parker SPO and Ivan Kovacic SPC. Well done to these students.



A big thank you to all who helped set up and take down the exhibition, particularly Nick and Mrs. Moore, it was a huge team effort!!

There was also 10 students' work entered in the 'Art Beyond the Divide' art exhibition that was held as part of the 'Tastes of the Goulburn' festival across the same weekend. These students were - Stohm Gabrielle (who was awarded the 'Emerging Young Artist' award that has a prize of \$250), Mackenzie Pearce, Emily Smith, Travis Glasson, Harper Tootell, Chloe Holton, Hayley Atlas, Trinity Cole and Montanna Gross. This work was viewed by hundreds of people from all over the state and was available to buy. The following students sold their artwork: Travis Glasson, Emily Smith, Harper Tootell and Chloe Holton. Fantastic for them! We have also chosen some students' work to be displayed at the ZART ART shop in Box Hill in November with the theme of 'Vases of Flowers'. *These students are* – Connor Jenkins, Georgia Thomson, Ebony Staples, Justin Belandres, Ava Pearce, Harper Kaarsberg, Aiden Winnell, Jacob Hard, Joris Faheem, Hudson Fairbridge, Francesca Pappi, Lachlan Ash, Charlotte Lynch, Harry Edwards, Fletcher Archibald, Jack Lawrence, Sudit Strestha, Amelia Kovacic, Lilli Kelly and Isla Banks.

Each year there is an art exhibition run by Catholic Education held in Melbourne in April. Work is displayed from schools all over Victoria. The students who we have selected to have work displayed here are Montanna Gross JPP, Quillan Palmer JPF, Lucy Duff Yr 8, Akira Sims and the Steampunk Mural Yr 8 Art Group. Congratulations to those students! Art at St Mary's is alive and well and we have a very talented bunch of students!

Loretta Duncan and Kerrie Aldous

Community



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



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

Saturday 9 November 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.

Come enjoy a movie from the last few years on a big screen. Due to our license, the movie title can be found on our Facebook page, Seymour Uniting Church.

> For more info contact: Peter: 0419 863 804 or Michael: 0458 742 362 Facebook: Seymour Uniting Church.

Seymour Uniting Church serving our community.



rego: www.dyslexia.com.au/register email: support@dyslexia.com.au

Thurs 7 NOV 1pm - 2:30pm @Seymour Club



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 1st November 2019 - 7pm-8pm

Somme Barracks 110 Sobraon Street Shepparton.

Parents welcome to attend with their child.



Saturday 23rd November 2019

SEYMOUR COMMUNITY GARDEN GRAND OPENING!

Join us for the official opening of the Seymour Community Garden. Help support this local project by coming along and bring your family and friends! We have something for everyone at this free event.

ALL WELCOME! COME OVER AND MEET THE GARDEN!

9.30 AM TO 4 PM 8-10 VICTORIA STREET SEYMOUR

Special demonstrations on Chicken Care (2.00pm), Bonsai (11.00am), Glass and Ceramics (1.00pm), Worm farming and composting (9.30am) as well as Fruit Fly management (3.00pm).

A day not just for gardeners! We have live music, a silent auction, Jumping Castle, Kids face painting, a plant sale, Thrift Shop bargains, door prizes and more!

Come over for breakfast or lunch and enjoy a range of hot food, Tea and scones, Cakes, Pop Corn, Fairy Floss, Coffee and cold drinks.





Dates to Remember

Term 4		
Wk 5A	Mon 4 Nov	Mid Term Break
	Tue 5	Public Holiday Melbourne Cup Day
Wk 6B	Tue 13	Transition SMC Students (8.45am-11.15am)
	Sat 16	Night of Skill & Chance (7.00pm)
Wk 7A	Mon 18	Preps – Prayer in PJs (5.30pm-6.30pm)
	Tues 19	Yr1/2 Faith Night (5.30pm-6.30pm)
	Wed 20	Transition Kinder and SMC Students (9.00am-10.30am)
Wk 8B	Mon 25	Yr 9 & 10 Exams Week
	Wed 27	Transition Kinder and SMC Students (9.00am-1.00am)
	Thu 28	Yr 10 Farewell Assembly (10.00am-11.00am) and Last Day
	Fri 29	Yr 10 Graduation Mass & Dinner (6.00pm-10.30pm)
Wk 9A	Wed 4 Dec	P-9 Christmas Concert (1.30pm-3.00pm)
	Thu 5	Yr 5-9 End of Year Liturgy and Awards (1.30pm-3.00pm)
	Fri 6	Last Day Yrs 7, 8 & 9
Wk 10B	Mon 9	Reports released to parents (3.00pm-3.15pm)
	Tue 10	Orientation Day 2020 (8.45am-3.15pm)
	Fri 13	P-6 Last Day
Wk 11A	Thu 19	Staff Last Day

