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ST. MARY'S COLLEGE SEYMOUR

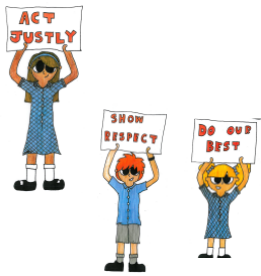
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St. Mary's College Vision Statement

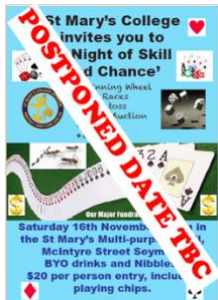


*A welcoming Catholic community that respects our heritage and looks to a sustainable future.
 We inspire learning excellence, resilience and service to others.*



From the Principal

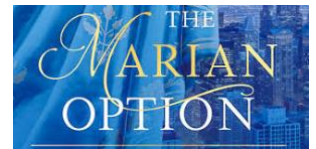
Dear Parents,



Night of Skill and Chance — Unfortunately this event has had to be POSTPONED till 2020

Please see today's email for an explanation about why we needed to postpone this event. Many thanks to all who have contributed in any way before we needed to postpone this event.

The Marian is our College weekly newsletter for families providing loads of information about College activities and alike. At times information can be repetitious and can quickly turn into old news, especially as we live in a world where news is instant. During 2019 there



has been an observation of the many hours and the human resource time that goes into the weekly Marian, which is important, though there is need to consider more practical approaches to the timing of the Marian. Having discussed the Marian at Leadership meetings and consulted with members of the Office team, with various staff and parents, a *fortnightly Marian is considered far more practical for the times we live in*. All were in favour and believed it would not detract from the information communication for and communication to families. All had the same view in that the Marian could be published fortnightly especially when the College website becomes more interactive and informative. If you have a view on a fortnightly Marian please email office@smseymour.catholic.edu.au

Mission 2020 Primary Building Project Over two weeks there will be three meetings with the architects to begin planning for the primary building. After the third meeting more detailed information will be published to the parent community.

and Deputy Leader of the Legislative Council. The College is also in negotiations with Middy's to share the cost of a fence along the McIntyre Street boundary.

2020 Student Leadership Next week, Year 9 students standing for 2020 College leadership positions will speak at Friday's College Assembly. The students will stand in front of their peers to speak about what leadership means for them and the significance of leading St Mary's College. Leadership is about empowerment and service and not about popularity. The best advice I can offer any potential leader young or old is that *your only as good as your last week!* I look forward to hearing the speeches of the Year 9 students before the assembly and to speak to



them about their hopes and dreams for 2020. St Mary's is about producing students not only who achieve their career path goals but also students graduating from St Mary's who are societies future leaders. Blessings on all Year 9 students who dare to dream of leading their College! Have you heard of Tim Winton? Tim is one of if not Australia's most accomplished authors of fiction stories. He has written some wonderful books.....*Cloudstreet* is a classic. Winton was recently interviewed on the ABC's *One Plus One* program. He spoke of not chasing fame but rather enjoying his small community on the Western Australian North Coast and the importance of family. Winton words paralleled that famous quote, "the simple things in life are often the best" or what writer Paul Coelho says "It's the simple things in life that are the most extraordinary." Every day at St Mary's there are moments in time when those things provide extraordinary moments.

Best wishes



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Principal

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Education in Faith & School Community

from the Deputy Principal ...



Last week, we celebrated two special feast days. The Christian feasts of All Saints and the *Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed* (or *All Souls Day*) that follow it, are significant feasts in the life of the Church. They are a reminder that the Church is a community – a communion – of all the faithful, both in this world and beyond. We are connected in Christ to all those who have gone before us, as we are connected to the faithful here on earth. These feasts invite us to pray for all those who have gone before us and all those who have led lives of holiness, and they begin a month of prayer for those who have died before us. Indeed, to pray for the dead, and the living, is a spiritual work of mercy. Let us take



the time to embrace this work of mercy during November and let's not lose sight of these important feasts in the midst of competing events.

"I will give you rest" Matthew 11:27-30

All things have been handed over to me by my Father; and no one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and anyone to whom the Son chooses to reveal him.

'Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.

We especially hold in our thoughts and prayers all those who are feeling the pain of the loss of loved ones these past weeks- from our local communities, other schools and the wider, global community. May their families feel the comfort of God's loving presence.

Remembrance Day - On Monday 11th November we commemorate Remembrance Day and 101 years since the end of WW1. Our College Captains Polly Duff and Dominic Plessey, will represent the College at the Seymour Remembrance Day Service on Monday at the hospital. Polly and Dom will be speaking at the ceremony. Mr Wayne Smith will accompany the students. Thank you to Lorraine from River Gum florist for the beautiful wreath. There will be a reflection at the College at 11am on Monday. Please join us in the Garden area if you are able to attend.

Faith and prayer nights Each year, we hold reflection days and sacramental nights for different year levels. To begin the season of Advent, the Junior Primary classes have been invited to a prayer night.

Preps in Pyjamas All Prep students and their parents are invited on Monday 18th November from 5.30-6.30-pm to a night of prayer and story.

Night of Faith and Art Year 1/ 2 students are invited on Tuesday November 19th from 5.30-6.3-pm for a night of prayer and art. Invitations have been sent home and like our sacramental evenings, we ask that only the Prep children attend the Preps in Pyamas Night and the Year 1 and 2 students attend the Night of Faith and Art. This way, the nights are very special for each child. Both nights will be held in the library. We look forward to seeing you on those nights.

Upcoming events Year 9 Leadership speeches, Year 10 Graduation, Seymour Community Carols, Awards presentations, Christmas Concert, Prep Nativity play, major raffle and so much more!!

Next week a calendar of dates and times for all these events over the last 5 weeks will be shared with parents so that you can place it on the fridge and not miss a thing!!

Please check your youngest child's bag next TUESDAY for this calendar.

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Student Wellbeing

from the Deputy Principal ...

TAG Buddies Once again we had our TAG BUDDIES today and there were lots of smiles and great friendships being witnessed amongst all our groups. The goal is to develop relationships between the younger and older children, friendly and supportive school community. There are benefits for the older acknowledging their leadership, responsibility and pride in their ability to be helpful. To strengthen our Prep-10 culture and nurture relationships in a fun, purposeful manner throughout the College, through staff and student engagement. These are our Buddy Groups and we always welcome parents and grandparents to come along and join in on our fun activities.

- Year 10s & Prep
- Year 9s & 5/6 s
- Year 8s & 3/4s
- Year 7s & 1/2s



enhancing our
buddy in



Student Management We have been reflecting upon our policies this year as part of our College Review and we are proud to say we have been working on our *Student Behaviour Management Policy* and have empowered our students to contribute to this. Within our Pastoral Care sessions this term, staff have strategically discussed and brainstormed with their class what they believe needs to be included within this policy. The students have identified the behaviours displayed that are not appropriate or acceptable at St Mary's College and have been able to give some possible actions and procedures to follow. We will continue to strengthen our School Wide Positive Behaviour (SWPB) by looking at our rewards system alongside our behaviour management and how we can continue to build positive relationships between students and staff. The student voice (ideas) were heard and taken to staff and leadership as an integral part of discussions. Our aim is to ensure we continue to promote a culture where every child feels safe and welcomed into our nurturing, spirit filled faith community. We will continue to work on this Policy and inform parents, students and whole staff of the implementation process in 2020.

Exams & Assessments - I have already mentioned this earlier this term, but I feel it is crucial for our Year 9's and 10s overall **Mental and Emotional Wellbeing** to prepare themselves fully for their upcoming exams for 2019. Here are some student tips and tools that students can use to learn study skills, prepare for exams and maximize their full potential.



1. **Manage Time Wisely:** It's important to give yourself plenty of time to work on your studies and for you to plan ahead with good time management skills. Setting up a schedule for study, breaking up your studies into smaller chunks, and other time management skills are essential.

2. **Get Organized:** Have a system of organization for note-taking, keeping track of assignments, and other important papers. Being organized can bring you the peace of mind that comes from knowing where everything is.
3. **Create a Good Study Environment:** Creating a soothing environment can reduce stress *and* help you learn.
4. **Practice Visualizations:** You can reduce student stress and improve test performance by imagining yourself achieving your goals. Take a few minutes each day and visualize, in detail, what you'd like to happen, then MAKE IT HAPPEN!
5. **Develop Optimism:** It's been proven that optimists—those who more easily shrug off failures and multiply successes—are healthier, less stressed, and more successful.
6. **Get Enough Sleep:** If you want your performance to be optimum you need to be well-rested. Research shows that those who are sleep-deprived have more trouble learning and remembering, and perform more poorly in many areas. Work your schedule so you get enough sleep.
7. **Most Importantly:** *Always ask for help* and share your thoughts on how you are travelling.



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Learning & Teaching



from the Deputy Principal ...

Learning Journey Looking Ahead! It is a wonderful time of the school year! As I look around the College and visit classrooms there is an atmosphere of enthusiasm. Students from year 6 and up are completing learning tasks and doing their best. They know that teachers have to assess their achievement and growth for purposes of report writing. I see shining stars everywhere, students who are accepting the responsibility of learning and working happily in their classroom environments. Younger students know that the year is coming to a close but don't necessarily have the patience to wait for the time to pass! There are some excursions and activities for the end of the year, parents please make sure you follow the calendar and Care Monkey for the notifications and permission forms.

Home Learning tasks must be attended to on a daily basis. If students in years 5 and upwards are absent from school, they should be emailing their teachers for work expectations. If students are too sick to complete work at home the teacher needs to be notified, to allow for adjustments to the tasks ahead of time.

Ongoing assessments and feedback in PAM A common statement is, '*submitted awaiting marking*'. In this case the student has submitted the work and the teacher is entering the results. Once all the marking and comments are done the results should be released for you to see. If you are noticing the statement '*results with held by school*' please email the teacher concerned! There is a very small check box that needs to be ticked when a teacher has completed the marking, and can be easily missed. We need to know so that you can see the results.

Student reports will be available in PAM (Parent Access Module) at the end of the school day on Monday 9th of December. If you wish to follow up something from the report please email the teacher as soon as possible and by Friday 13th December.

The start of the school year 2020 has 2 start dates!

Foundation (F) and Year 7 students will begin on Wednesday 29th January 2020.

All students F-10 will be at school on Thursday 30th and Friday 31st January 2020.

This is common practice in many schools now as it gives the new cohorts the opportunity to settle in to the school and begin in a calm environment.

Following the school Review held in August this year. The Current model of the B4W program at Year 9 is being updated. Parents of students in Year 9 2020 will receive a letter before the end of the year with an outline of the new structure. With the implementation of the Encounter Curriculum at Year 9 and 10, staffing and timetabling mean that this needs to take place.

Canberra Camp It was my privilege to be able to attend the year 5/6 Canberra Camp last week. The teachers were wonderful, a whole week away and on duty 24/7 and with 80 students. Thanks also to the Year 9 teachers for the Tassie trip! We look forward to the Level Coordinators reports in next week's Marian.

Around the College today – Some of the learning taking place around the College today!
Engaged, happy learners!



Transition activities begin next week, thanks to all staff for planning these additional activities for the students. Enjoy November, as it will be gone all too soon!

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eLearning news

from the eLearning Coordinator ...

Junior Primary Chromebooks



It's fantastic to see our Junior Primary students making great use of their new Chromebooks to expand digital literacy and numeracy skills. Thanks again to the **College P&F Association** for their generous donation allowing us to improve technologies in JP classrooms. Pictured are Matthew Thorsen, Claire Hemming and Mary Faheem using some of our brand new devices to build their reading skills as part of their Daily 5 Literacy Program.



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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:

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Seymour Uniting Church serving our community.



St Mary's College
invites you to
'Night of Skill and Chance'

Spinning Wheel
Races
Toss
Auction

POSTPONED DATE TBC

Our Major Fundraiser

Saturday 16th November
in
the St Mary's Multi-purpose Hall,
McIntyre Street Seymour
BYO drinks and Nibbles
\$20 per person entry, includes
playing chips.

Yea Open Gardens – This Saturday & Sunday 9-10th November

2019 Yea Rotary Open Gardens

Town Gardens

1	Wilson Garden	Gordon & Robin Wilson	11 East Street Yea
2	Boyce Garden	Monika & Ron Boyce	5 Mulqueeny Lane Yea
3	Stornaway	Wendy & Ian Stewart	53 Racecourse Rd. Yea
4	Beaufort Manor	Lisa & Stewart Cornwall	111 High Street Yea
5	Plant Sales	Yea Garden Club	5 Welch Street Yea

Country Gardens

1	Glengowrie	Ian & Patricia Sichlau	17 Sichlau's Road, Yea
2	Carpenter Garden	Sue Carpenter	4726 Whittlesea-Yea Rd, Yea
3	Carey Cottage	Simone Goude	56 Carey Rd., Killingworth
4	Salamanca Place	Janet & Richard Forde	321 Cheviot Rd., Molesworth
5	Candlebark	Steve Townsend & Vicki Bawden	179 Langs Rd., Limestone
6	Myrtle Creek	Meryl & Trevor Connell	40 Meadow Road, Yea

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.

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THE SALVATION ARMY
An initiative of the Salvation Army



Dates to Remember

Term 4		
Wk 6B	Tue 13	Transition SMC Students (9.00am-10.55am)
	Postponed till 2020 Date TBC	Night of Skill & Chance POSTPONED
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-11.30am)
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

Term Dates 2019

Term 4: 7/10 – 28/11 (Yr 10s)
06/12 (Yrs 7-9)
13/12 (Prep-6)

CANTEEN ROSTER

11 - 15 Nov
(10.45am-2.30pm)

Mon 11 Jaime Farrell
Tue 12 Leesa Bree
Wed 13 Kelly Rogers
Thu 14 Catherine Plessey
Fri 15 Catherine Plessey
N.Rathnayake

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