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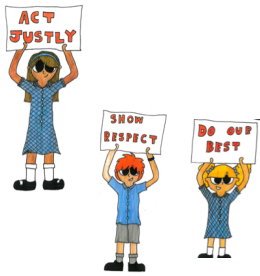
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St. Mary's College Vision Statement



*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

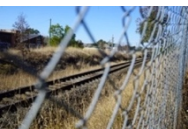
"Be the best person you can be."

(Professor Bob Graham Founder Victor Chang Cardiac Research Institute)

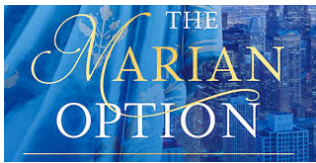
Congratulations to the Year 9 students who are standing for leadership positions and for delivering their speeches to the College community at Friday's Assembly. There is much for the students Year 3-8 and staff to think about out when voting, especially with such a quality field of nominees. 'Be the best you can be' could be a fitting motto for the Student Leadership Team of 2020.



Fencing the College Boundary The Honorable Melissa Horne, Minister for Ports and Freights and Public Transport and the Honorable Jaclyn Symes Member for Northern Victoria, Minister for Agriculture, Regional Development and Resources and Deputy Leader of the Legislative Council, visited St Mary's on Monday 18 November to announce funding support to install a fence along the railway line boundary of the College. St Mary's is very thankful of the State Government and grateful for the behind the scenes work of Jaclyn Symes Office in supporting our cause to fence our south east boundary. Fencing the College boundary will provide a safer environment for the students and enable maintenance on the College boundary to be more accessible. The College is also in negotiations with Middy's to share the cost of a fence along the McIntyre Street boundary. The land surrounding the College has been surveyed to ensure correct boundary borders. Once completed the only section of College boundary to be fenced is the Whiteheads Creek boundary. Fencing this boundary may require a decision to be made on the future of a Seymour levee bank.



Staff Appointments After panel interviews last week, we welcome in 2020 Ed Harding; Zoe Davies and Aleena Arnold to St Mary's into primary classes. Ed hails from a farming family near Finley; Zoe is on staff at St Mary's and taught in Queensland and the Northern Territory. Aleena lives at Puckapunyal after experiencing schools in Northern Territory and South Australia. We welcome all three to St Mary's in 2020 and look forward to their contribution to the learning outcomes of the students and to the College community.



The Marian Option It is the College's intention to move to a fortnightly Marian in 2020. The Marian is our College weekly newsletter for families providing much information about College activities and alike. 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 and communication to families.



Mission 2020 Primary Building Project St Mary's welcomes ROAM architects to partner with St Mary's in the M2020 building of the Primary Flexible Learning Centre. ROAM Architects is an architecture and design studio established by Amanda Robinson and Rod Allan based in Yarraville. We have been impressed with ROAM'S professionalism, vision and understanding the practical needs for an educational project. ROAM focus on three main – the brief; the background and the budget. There have been three meetings with the ROAM to begin planning for the primary building. After the third meeting more detailed information will be published to the parent community. ROAM Architects is an architecture and design studio established by Amanda Robinson and Rod Allan.



Congratulations to Chloe Thompson and Sophie Munro - both Senior Primary students who received Seymour Junior Rotary Projects Awards. Both young ladies presented their projects at the Seymour Rotary meeting. Chloe and Sophie were the only two Year 6 students in the region to take up the significant challenge of development projects. They will also present their projects to the students to showcase what can be achieved when you go outside your comfort zone.

This week we welcomed Kevin Meese from Catholic Mission and Carol Smith from St Vincent de Paul to speak to Year 8 and Middle primary (part of the Year 8 Social Justice program). Christmas is a time of giving as much as it is a time for receiving. The challenge for our College community to donate to the Vinnies Christmas Appeal so that we support Christmas hampers for families (young and old) in need.



Education in Faith & School Community

from the Deputy Principal ...



As we write the Marian this week, we are seeing devastating bushfires and drought continuing to grip large parts of our beautiful country. The students and staff at St Mary's have been constantly praying for relief where it is so desperately needed and also asking how can we help on a practical level.

Today we had a sausage sizzle to raise funds for the bushfire appeal. The money we raise today, as well as all the money we raised last week from the Yr. 8 social justice activities, will go to the bushfire appeal. The students wish to send the money to the communities of NSW and Queensland through St Vincent de Paul who will then distribute the money where it is most needed.

At this time of year, the students have also been asking how we can support those in our local community who are facing a difficulty time at Christmas.

Baskets have been distributed to every homeroom and we are hoping to collect food to make up Christmas hampers for families and individuals in our local Seymour community.

We so often call on the generosity of our families and we are so grateful for the amazing support we receive from the families at St Mary's and the wider community.

We hope to hand over 20 full baskets to St Vincent de Paul here in Seymour by Friday 5 December.

Thank you so much for your support. It is greatly appreciated.

Congratulations We send all our best wishes to Mr. and Mrs. Smith and their family as their daughter Beth is married in Melbourne today. We wish Beth and Scott every happiness.

Year 8 Projects Over the past 4 weeks, Year 8 students have been involved in a Social Justice project. Mrs. Tampion highlighted many of them in her report last week and today we have our final activities.

Mr. Kevin Meese, from Catholic Mission, visited our school today and spoke to Year 8 and MP students about the important work of Catholic Mission. A full report next week.

The Year 8s have taken up this challenge with enthusiasm and maturity. Thank you to all of the Year 8 students and to all the staff and children who have supported them.

Year 10 2019 It is hard to believe but next Friday night we will officially farewell our Year 10 class of 2019. The students will gather with family and friends to celebrate Mass together followed by dinner and awards. We will be able to share photos and reflections of this wonderful occasion with you into the coming weeks.

Please hold these students in your thoughts and prayers over the coming week as they complete exams and their last week at St Mary's College. We are going to miss them!!

Footloose We have several students from St Mary's performing in the SPW production of Footloose this weekend. It was a fabulous show last weekend and we know this weekend will be the same.

Congratulations to Laura Hogan, John Farrell, Alanah O'Connell, Cooper Bell, Bronte Tipping and Maddie O'Connell – stars in the making!!

Tickets are available from <https://spworkshop.org.au/box-office/>

End of year events There are 4 special events for our students and families over the next few weeks.

Please mark them in your calendar

Thursday 28 November Year 10 Farewell Assembly and announcement of 2020 College Captains **10.15 am**

Friday 29 November Year 10 Graduation Mass and Dinner **6.30pm**

Thursday 5 December End of year liturgy and awards afternoon **1.30pm**

Wednesday 11 December Primary Christmas Concert and prep Nativity play **1.30pm**

There is also transition, final exams, many more learning opportunities, collecting for Vinnies Christmas appeal, welcoming new staff and students and lots more!!!

Thank you as always for your constant support and help in so many ways for our community and faith experiences.

Mrs Catherine Evans

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Student Wellbeing



from the Deputy Principal ...



As we lead into the season of Advent, our time of preparation for the coming of Jesus, we take a moment to stop and reflect on our own personal wellbeing and growth throughout 2019. A time to think about how we as individuals have shown personal growth within ourselves, as well as in our relationships. To think about how we have extended the hand of friendship to our loved ones and those other important people in our lives. Have we been accepting of others?

Have we been inclusive? Are we empathetic? Have we shown forgiveness?

Forgiveness is about letting things go ...

Mahatma Gandhi said, "The weak can never forgive. [Forgiveness](#) is the attribute of the strong." This rings true. It's not always easy to move beyond hurtful feelings when someone has wronged you. But, research shows practicing forgiveness has many benefits.

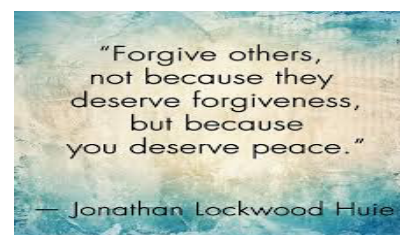
The strength of forgiveness:

- contributes to emotional stability and likability
- promotes better physical and psychological health
- fosters productive interpersonal relationships

Are You Forgiving? Could you use some practice with this strength?

Here are some tips to help you practice using forgiveness and reap the benefits associated with this strength.

Practice letting go of minor problems in your life. Ask yourself, on a scale of 1-10, how bad is it and can I let it go?



Extend the hand of friendship to those who do your wrong, as they may be dealing with so much more within their own lives.

Show you understand and can empathise with others by being inclusive.

Start each day with a positive vibe and mantra. E.g. "Today is the best day to make a difference".

Give a smile and a friendly gesture to all we meet in a day.

Practice giving instead of taking.

With the weather warming up considerably in next few weeks left of school, I would like to remind both the students and parents of a couple of protocols.



Snake Policy What to do when there is a snake sighting...

In the event of a snake sighting on or near the College grounds, ALL STUDENTS need to follow these protocols:

Move away from the snake immediately and find the nearest teacher. If you cannot see a teacher go to the office and tell them.

Do not approach, scare or throw things at the snake or get in the path of the snake.

Tell other students who are nearby to move away from the area.

SunSmart Policy It is crucial that ALL students F-10 wear their broad brimmed hats that protect them as well as being fully hydrated with water throughout the day. Please ensure your child also has applied sunscreen in the morning before coming to school and have some in their bag to reapply. Students are kept INDOORS on extremely hot days, and we follow similar procedures to wet weather days.

Road Safety - Drop off and Pick up times A reminder that the parish carpark is not to be used for school drop off or pick up.

School Crossings –It is highly recommended that all students use the crossings on Crawford and High streets, unless they are accompanied by an adult.

High Street Parking - When parking on High street in the angle parking and reversing out, please be mindful of oncoming traffic and cars coming in to park and abide by applicable road rules.

Mobile Phones We have had a few incidents where students have misused our trust in them to do the right thing and leave their phones locked away in their lockers. They have been using them during break times and in particular the toilets and material is appearing out in social media world. Please discuss this with your secondary age child and that this is not permitted and their phone will be confiscated each morning whilst at school and returned at the end of the day. Please continue to encourage your child to make the right choices and supporting the College in the protocols and expectations.

Uniform As we near the end of the school year, there may be some items that need replacing, which we understand, however, we still require students to come in full school uniform till end of the year. Thank you for your ongoing support with this.

As we come to the end of week 7, I encourage you to keep your child on task and attending EVERY DAY as we know each day counts. It is an exciting time of the year when we have transition and Orientation Day coming up and planning for 2020.

Ms Zine Dovara

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Learning & Teaching

from the Deputy Principal ...

The Home Straight! These last weeks, seem to drag on forever if you are six years old, and disappear in a flash if you are sixteen years old!



Students in our primary years have much work still to come to cover the Curriculum expectations for the year. Our Year 9 and 10 students will be sitting exams next week. The timing of this is to ensure that marking can be completed by the reporting deadlines.

Students in years 7-9 two weeks left to manage yourselves and your learning, and to enjoy your end of year celebration activity.

Transition for students in years F-7 (2020) is provided as these students experience the biggest changes to their schooling. We have already held 2 sessions with another to come and then the Orientation Day in December.

This week I have been following on from the School Review to finalise all the Learning and Teaching Policies to ensure they are up to date and reflect all our current practices and frameworks. We are accountable to the VRQA for the delivery of the Victorian Curriculum and to include the Horizons of Hope (CEM) Educational Framework. The following policies have been updated. They will be presented to the School board, staff will complete an audit so that we are compliant with the requirements and updates.

1. Learning and Teaching Policy
2. Curriculum and Teaching Practice Review Procedures
3. Improving Student Outcomes Policy and Procedures
4. Assessment and Reporting Policy
5. Professional Learning Policy

Please continue to monitor your child's learning and assessment requirements in PAM. And as planned the Semester report is still on schedule to be released on Monday 9th December. If you need to follow anything up from the report or any area of task feedback, please contact the relevant teacher as soon as possible and before the end of the year.

Some start of year information will be included in my report in 2 weeks' time.

The Illusion of Success poster is a reminder of the work that has taken place during the whole year and becomes evident now at the end of the year!



Mrs Christine Buhler

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Yrs 5 & 6 Canberra Camp

Acknowledgement of the PACER contribution to the Senior Primary Canberra Camp

Students from our school have recently undertaken an education tour of the national capital. Students were given the opportunity to participate in a variety of educational programs with a focus on Australia's history, culture, heritage and democracy.

The Australian Government recognises the importance of all young Australians being able to visit the national capital as part of their Civics and Citizenship education. To assist families in meeting the cost of the excursion the Australian Government is contributing funding of \$30.00 per student under the Parliament and Civics Education Rebate program towards those costs. The rebate is paid directly to the school upon completion of the excursion.

Andrew Allen 5-7 Level Coordinator

P&F Major Raffle 2019

We had the draw for St Mary's Major Raffle on Saturday 16th November at Brewer's Table.

Thank you to Carmen and Rob for inviting us to draw the raffle at their café. A huge thanks to Lynne Morgan for her support and coordinating the street sales. It's such a big effort and we would also like to thank all of the following people for their help selling tickets; Sandra & Dennis Comi, Jeanie Potts, Pam Jarvis, Tony Lee, Jenny Oakley, Rob Welsh, Kathryn Rohde, Gerry Bates, Sue Wilson, Jenny Ritchens, Aileen Wall, Narelle Checutti, Tanya Oakley and our super scruncher Hannah Challis. Thank you to staff for their support with buying tickets. Thank you so much to Jennine and Tanya who came and helped on Saturday with the set up and drawing the raffle. Thank you to Kellie Graham for making the first prize look amazing and her help in so many ways. Karen Glen coordinated it all with the support of the P&F- another huge effort for our school.

Winners listed below:

- 1st Nicole Weave (Seymour)
- 2nd Darcy McLean !!!
- 3rd Louisa Munro
- 4th Ruth Hall
- 5th Deb Saunders
- 6th Traci Stumer
- 7th Elysia Ambrose
- 8th Dom Plessey
- 9th Jamie Thornberry
- 10th Dom Plessey
- 11th Greg Jones (last draw prize donated by Catherine Plessey)



Reminders

Head Lice Cases of head lice infestation are being reported in the Primary campus. Parents are requested to check their child's hair, particularly if they are complaining of 'an itchy head' and if necessary carry out the appropriate treatment. Your local Chemist will have the required lotion to deal with the infestation. To assist us further in the attempt to control the infestation, please inform the College Office of any re-occurrence.

Lost Property There are quite a few items in our lost property basket without names on them, including jumpers, jackets, drink bottles and containers. Items will be disposed of or sent to the uniform shop if not collected by the end of next week.

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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LIONS CLUB of SEYMOUR GOULBURN INC A0028491N

49th Annual Carols by Candlelight

Assisted by: MSCB & SPW



Goulburn Park
Sound Shell
Guild Street
Seymour



Sunday, December 1st

Commencing at 6pm — Sausage sizzle & drinks
7pm — Santa & 7.30pm — Concert

Free admission

Souvenir Program & Safe Flame Candle \$3
& Safe Flame Bracelets \$1 — Donations

NO ALCOHOL PERMITTED

If inclement weather, Carols will be held at the
St Mary's Multi-purpose Hall in McIntyre Street

ALL PROCEEDS FROM CANDLES GO TO: NEXUS PRIMARY HEALTH

Anglican Parish of Central Goulburn and Seymour and District Community Debutante Ball

5TH June 2020

The 2020 Debutante Ball will be held at LaMirage
Hume Highway Sommerton

There will be an information evening to be held at the Anglican Hall
in Anzac Avenue at 7pm on the 24th of November 2019 for the 2020
Debutante Ball. Interested Debs, partners and parents are welcome
to come.

If you are unable to attend and are interested in doing your deb
contact Russell Chapman either by phone on 0417036780 or by email
(rushlea5@gmail.com)



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10TH NOVEMBER - 4TH DECEMBER 2019

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49 HOWE STREET, SEYMOUR
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Dates to Remember

Term 4

Wk 8B	Mon 25	Yr 9 & 10 Exams Week
	Wed 27	Transition Kinder and SMC Students (9.00am-11.30am)
	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	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)
	Wed 11	P-9 Christmas Concert (1.30pm-3.00pm)
	Fri 13	P-6 Last Day
Wk 11A	Thu 19	Staff Last Day

CANTEEN ROSTER

25 - 29 Nov
(10.45am-2.30pm)

Mon 25	Neisha Reid
Tue 26	Catherine Plessey
Wed 27	Melissa Kaarsberg
Thu 28	Catherine Plessey
Fri 29	Therese Stopp

Term 1 2020

Wk 1A	Tue 21	Office opens
	Tue 28	Staff PD
	Wed 29	Foundation and Yr 7s commence
	Thu 30	Whole of College
	Wednesday during February	No Foundation Students

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ST. MARY'S PARISH SEYMOUR ~ ST. JOSEPH'S TALLAROOK
Parish Priest: Father Eugene Ashkar

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