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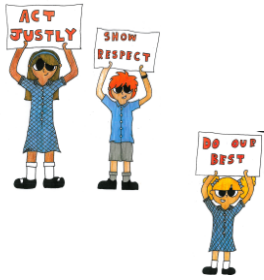
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St. Mary's College Vision Statement

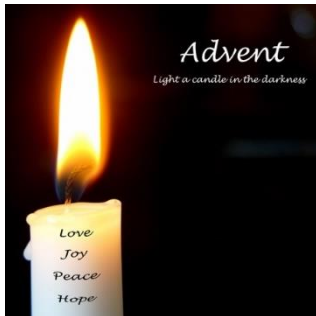


*A welcoming Catholic community that respects our heritage and looks to a sustainable future.
We inspire learning excellence, resilience and service to others.*



Education in Faith & School Community

from the Deputy Principal ...



This Sunday, we celebrate the beginning of the season of Advent.

The word 'Advent' is from the Latin 'Adventus,' which means 'coming.' Advent is the beginning of a new liturgical year and encompasses the span of time from the fourth Sunday before Christmas, until the Nativity of Our Lord is celebrated. The liturgical colour for this season is purple.

Like Lent, Advent is a preparatory season. It has significance because it is a season of looking forward and waiting for something greater; both for the celebration of the event of Christ's birth, and for the time when Christ will come again.

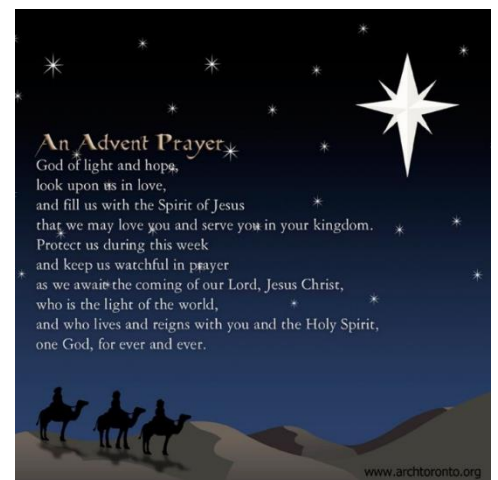
We invite all families to gather with us for our Advent prayer on **Tuesday 3rd December** at 8.45am outside the Art Room. We look forward to welcoming you to our Advent prayer.

Here is a special reflection from Cardinal Joseph Ratzinger, who later became Pope Benedict XVI in 2005.

Memory Awakens Hope...Joseph Cardinal

Ratzinger, Seek That Which Is Above,

"Advent is concerned with that very connection between memory and hope which is so necessary to man. Advent's intention is to awaken the most profound and basic emotional memory within us, namely, the memory of the God who became a child. This is a healing memory; it brings hope. The purpose of the Church's year is continually to rehearse her great history of memories, to awaken the heart's memory so that it can discern the star of hope....It is the beautiful task of Advent to awaken in all of us memories of goodness and thus to open doors of hope."



St Vincent de Paul Christmas Giving Tree Once again this year, we are asking for contributions to the St Vincent de Paul Christmas Giving tree. There is a basket in each classroom and students are invited to bring one item of food to place in the basket in their homeroom.

We will be handing the baskets over to Vinnies on Friday 6th December.

This year St Vincent de Paul society are specifically asking for food and grocery items to help people this Christmas in our own local community.

Thank you very much for your generosity.

End of year Liturgy The End of Year Liturgy and Awards for the whole College will be held on Thursday 5th December in the MPH. Please join us at **1.30pm** to celebrate and thank God for a wonderful 2019 at St Mary's College. Awards will also be presented to students in Yrs 6-9 in the following areas – Academic, Citizenship and Creative Arts as well as some individual awards from our generous local service groups.

Students in Prep - 4 receive awards at assemblies throughout the year. We look forward to seeing you next Thursday.

Final Primary Prayer and Christmas Play The following week, on Wednesday 11th December, we will be having our final Christmas gathering celebration for our primary students.

This will include a Nativity play from JPP and JPW and Christmas carols from the other classes. Please come and join us at **1.30pm** in the MPH.

Seymour Carols by Candlelight Seymour Lions Club annual Carols by Candlelight will be held at Goulburn Park Seymour on Sunday 1st December, commencing at 6:30pm.

If the weather is not suitable for carols in the park, we will move to our MPH here at St Mary's. St Mary's College Choir will be singing so please come along and join in a wonderful evening. Choir members must be in full summer uniform.

As we move into this beautiful season of Advent, we look forward to celebrating as a College community the wonderful year we have had together. We hope you can join us at the various liturgies and prayer celebrations in the next few weeks.

Congratulations!!! To the new Leadership team for 2020.

Leadership positions were announced yesterday with official ceremonies and presentation of badges to take place next year at the Opening Mass.

College Captains - Claire Noonan and Tristan Murphy

College Vice Captains - Ashlyn Graham and Fraser Rutherford

Wellbeing and Communiy Leaders - Jade Collett, Oliver Fairweather and Jayne Rohde

Padua Sports Captains - Courtney Jones and Jack Glen

McAuley Sports Captains - Jardine Nai and Renee Indich-Navon

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P- 4 News

from the Level Co-ordinator

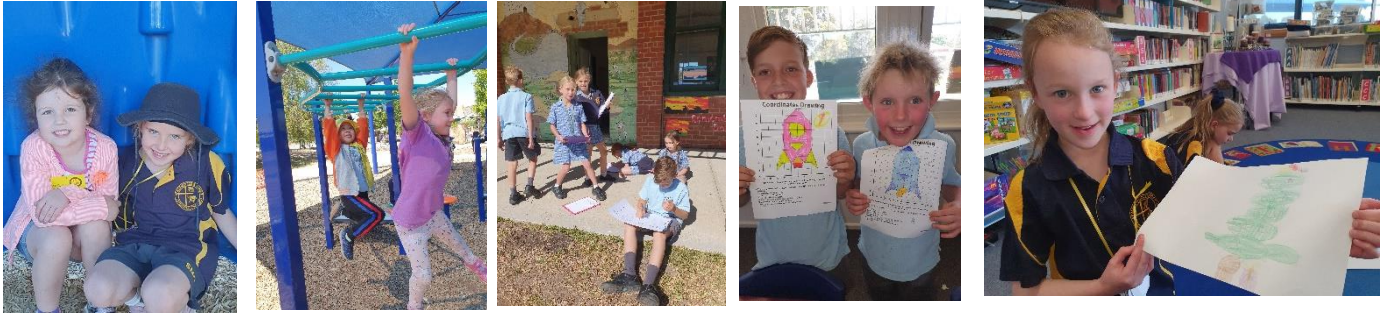


Orientation Day We finished our Transition mornings this week and now move towards Orientation Day. The mornings have been extremely well received by students and many parents. Several parents have spoken to me about the relief their child felt after being in a new classroom and realizing there was no mystery. Parents, who had been managing their child's anxiety, also felt the relief. As a teacher, these are great conversations to have. I certainly understand anxiety building from the 'unknown'. As someone with many changes occurring next year both professionally and personally, I work through this by looking at the big picture and slowly but surely breaking it down into only genuine concerns. I can then focus on them individually and come up with a plan to manage or resolve them. By the time this year ends, I will be ready to immerse myself in my new 'norm'. I look forward to hearing students are also ready to immerse themselves in their new class or cohort in 2020. As always, if you have any questions or concerns, please see your classroom teacher or myself.





Final Transition We wrapped up our final transition on Wednesday with our 2020 Foundation students and several families from other levels. So much organization and planning goes into transition days and Orientation Day and it's all for the kids. They benefit as much as we do.



MP Aboriginal Shelters As promised, more Aboriginal shelters by Middle Primary.

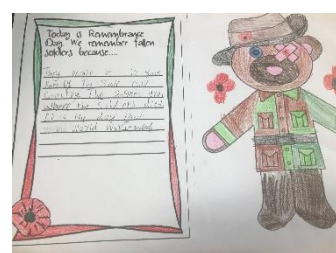
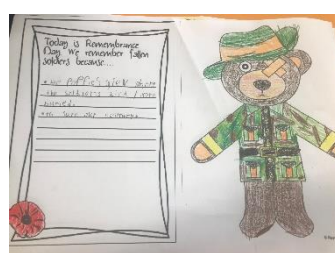
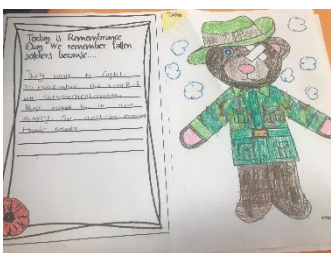


From Junior Primary:

Water Safety This term JPs are having swimming lessons at the indoor pool. At the beginning of each week the swim teachers have been introducing safety tips when around bodies of water. We encourage all parents/guardians to talk with their children, especially leading into summer.



Remembrance Day Last week JPW participated in Rural Aid's Christmas letter drive for drought-affected farmers. We spoke about how difficult it is for those hardworking families who rely on Mother Nature for their livelihood. The students wrote a draft letter and then we went through the editing process before publishing our good copies to post off. They were very compassionate and thoroughly enjoyed the letter writing process.



Awards Congratulations to our most recent award winners:

Dustin Bender, Jonathan Duna, Summer Hoefchen, Mia Brown and Ruby Ritchens-Manning. 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

Transition Yr 6 students have continued working on transition from primary to secondary school this week. Once again we gathered in the library and worked on collaborative problem solving tasks and added to our folio of work from the START program. The Student Transition And Resilience Training program aims to equip students with skills required to move successfully from grade 6 to Yr 7. A major focus of the program is self-learning and how knowledge about how we behave, react and learn helps us to deal with the issues around transition. I have been very impressed with the attitude and responsiveness of our students as they have worked through the entire transition program. Our next major transition activity will be Orientation Day on the 10th December. 2020 Yr 7 students will spend the day getting to know each other, their teachers and some of the day-to-day practicalities of Yr 7. Student START folios will be used by the Yr 7 teachers to get to know their students. The folios will then be added to in 2020 as students continue working through the program.

Year 7 Prayer unit - The Rosary The Rosary is a series of prayers. When Christian people pray the Rosary they meditate on (think about) the life of Jesus. It is mainly Catholics who use the Rosary to reflect on the important parts of the life of Jesus.

Many people misunderstand the Rosary because they think it is only about Mary, the Mother of Jesus. Whilst saying the Rosary the most frequently used prayer is the "Hail Mary" and this is probably the reason people become confused. Christians think of Jesus as their greatest friend. When they pray the Rosary they are thinking about the life of Jesus but trying to see it in the way in which his mother would have thought about it. (Think about having a good friend and talking to his mother about the things he does, why he does them and how he does them). In this way Christians try to understand Jesus more. The Rosary divides the life of Jesus into three sections called mysteries: the Joyful Mysteries, the Sorrowful Mysteries and the Glorious Mysteries. Each mystery is broken down into five decades (sets of prayer of ten *Hail Marys*).



To pray the rosary Christians use a Rosary. A Rosary is a string of beads with a crucifix. A short string of five beads is attached to the crucifix which leads to a large circular strip of beads made of five sets of one large bead and ten smaller beads, called decades. These are used to help keep count.

You begin praying on the crucifix with a Sign of the Cross and an Apostles' Creed. Say an Our Father on the large bead and one Hail Mary for each of the next three smaller beads.

All Yr 7s enjoyed making their own set of Rosary Beads as part of our Inquiry Unit of Prayer in Religious Education this year with Mrs Gough and Ms Dovara. We are looking forward to having them blessed by Fr Ashkar next week before we take them home to either keep for ourselves or give to our loved ones.



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Yr. 8-10 News



from the Level Co-ordinator

'Goodbye and Good Luck Year Tens, Final Year Ten Assembly, 2020 College Leaders, Exams Year Tens, Exams Year Nines, Mentor Morning Tea

To our Yr 10 students of 2019 we all wish you Goodbye and Good Luck in the next stage of your education and exciting young lives. It has been a privilege and an honour to work with you fine young people and we will all miss each and every one of you dearly. The 'melting pot' of different personalities is what made this Yr 10 class unique, diverse and wonderful young people to teach and work with. These students have been inspiring. Our future is in good hands!

Our Yr 10 students sat their final examinations this week from Tuesday 26th November until Thursday 28th November which was their last formal day at the college.

The day culminated with a Farewell Assembly for these students from the whole college community. Led by Mr Wayne Smith and Mrs Catherine Evans our Foundation students all presented a certificate to a Yr 10 student bidding them farewell from us all. Our Yr 10s also presented our current Yr 9 students with LEADERS BADGES to wish them luck next year as the new leaders of the College. After the assembly our outgoing Yr 10s formed a guard of honour outside the hall and all students walked through and were 'high fived' followed by our Yr 10s walking through last to the whole college applauding them. I love this rite of passage and always find it very emotional and love the way everyone is excited and sad at the same time. The Yr 10 Graduation Mass and dinner will be celebrated tonight Friday from 6:30 pm and we are all looking forward to this wonderful occasion.



Goodbye Yr 10 class of 2019!!! All yr 10 students celebrated a shared morning tea with their mentors last week. This is always a happy occasion with lots of hot food and discussion. Special thanks to all those staff members who volunteered and took on the role of being a Mentor. It is a great way to support our Yr 10s in their final year of education here at St Mary's.



Our new Yr 10 2020 College Leaders were announced on Thursday 28th November at our final assembly.

CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL OF YOU AND THANKS FOR ACCEPTING THESE LEADERSHIP ROLES!

Our College will be in great hands next year being led by such a fine group of young people! Congratulations from all of us!

Congratulations to all our Yr 9 students for a great year participating in your B4W program.

Thanks to Andrew Allen, David Carter and Karen Gilchrist and Pauline Black who work tirelessly with the students organising the wonderful experiences our students have had in the B4W program.

Our Yr 9 students also sat their exams this week.

Our Yr 8 students are all working hard finishing off their studies as well.

Next Friday 6th December our Yr 8s will be having a fun last day here at school participating in The Amazing Race and having pizzas for lunch. Our Yr 9 students are travelling to Tallarook on the train and then spending a fun day at the local pool before returning home on the train later that day. These traditional Picnic days are held to celebrate a great year had by all.

I finish off with this quote and thank all the students in Yrs 8, 9 and 10 for being such a fantastic and inspiring group of young people to work with.

"Be who you are and say what you feel, because those who mind don't matter and those who matter don't mind." - Dr. Seuss

I also thank all of our parents, guardians and staff who have supported me in carrying out my role of level coordinator in partnership with you, to benefit the wellbeing and learning of all of your children.

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Dates to Remember

Term 4

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

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

CANTEEN ROSTER

25 - 29 Nov
(10.45am-2.30pm)

Mon 2	Jenna Fairbridge
Tue 3	Catherine Plessey
Wed 4	Kelly Rogers
Thu 5	Catherine Plessey
Fri 6	Jane Archibald

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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

Community



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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)

SEYMOUR BLASTERS

Home games for season 2019-2020.

Come and enjoy our local Basketball talent

Tip Off - Blasters Ladies 6pm and Blasters Mens 8pm

Round 8 - 30th November 2019 Seymour Blasters v Wangaratta Warriors

Round 9 - 7th December 2019 Seymour Blasters v Wallan Panthers

Round 10 - 14th December 2019 Seymour Blasters v Murrumbidgee Saints

Round 11 - 11th January 2020 Seymour Blasters v Shepparton Gators

Round 13 - 25th January 2020 Seymour Blasters v Wodonga Wolves

Finals to advised

Seymour Sports and Aquatic Centre Pollard Street, Seymour

Adults \$5 Under 16 Free

