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Term 1 Week 5 of 9

St. Mary's College Vision Statement

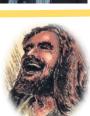
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A welcoming Catholic community that respects our heritage and looks to a sustainable future. We inspire learning excellence, resilience and service to others.

From the Principal

Dear Parents and Guardians



"The **College Behaviour Management Policy** is a redemptive policy that facilitates responsible selfdiscipline among students. The policy is grounded in the Restorative Practice view of welfare management – restoring right relationships. Rights and responsibilities encourage students to,

"progressively grow in their capacity to exercise moral judgement, democratic values and a concern for the common good." (CEM Pastoral Care of students in Catholic Schools, p6).

Students are made in the image of Christ. Christ was caring; compassionate and forgiving. Christ also showed tough love when tough love was needed. Tough love has its place in this policy. Students need boundaries and feel secure when they have clarity of their rights and responsibilities" (St Mary's College Behaviour Management Policy).

I learnt a very abrupt lesson when I was younger. The time (a few years ago) when in Year 5 at St Patrick's Primary School Albury, I swore at my mother because I was angry for not getting what I wanted. The response from my parents was one of tough love..... missing my one and only football Grand Final. Taking responsibility for my behaviour was a lesson well learnt at a young age. 21st century society is very good at being the experts for all things on human development. So often we are told by experts that children must always feel like they win - this drives self-confidence and builds self-esteem. Life though does not lay a perfect carpet and failure does not pick and choose. Life does not hide children from failure or mistakes but parents and our College work together to educate so that growth blooms when choice making does not go well. Learning from failure can be the best lesson of all. Certainly, did me no harm!

If the children at St Mary's are to achieve beyond their wildest dreams, we know that we (staff and parents) must continue to model and be unified. Modelling is received primarily from home and supported and reinforced by staff. Our Foundation students as young as they are will receive role modelling from their super heroes in 2020 – their Year 10 buddies.

Every school has a policy on behaviour. Our *St Mary's Behaviour Management Policy* has been shown and discussed with students from Year 3-10. The policy desires to educate and restore right relationships. It is a policy requiring teachers and parents to be on the same page so that our students learn important life lessons. That term tough love primarily is Christian values and living the mission of St Mary's.

Pope Francis is a wonderful Pope. In turbulent times he is so balanced and in touch with life. Pope Francis said, "Schools do not replace parents, but complement them. Catholic schools play a vital role in assisting parents in their duty to raise

their children. Catholic schools should be encouraged in their mission to help pupils grow into mature adults who can view the world with the love of Jesus."

St Mary's is blessed with a very dedicated staff who are pastoral and understand the pastoral needs of students across F-10. This dedication and belief in a student growth mindset is complemented by Father Ashkar when he speaks at weekly College Masses. At the College Ash Wednesday Mass, we heard that to repent is to be sorry for actions. Sorry is a very powerful word, possibly the most important and difficult word of all. The *College Behaviour Management Policy* promotes the growth of understanding the deeper meaning of 'sorry'. If our policy does not promote growth then it is a failed policy. *At the end of the day working together will enable young minds to achieve those wildest dreams.*

M2020

M (mission) 2020

This week teaching staff have given feedback on the *Primary Learning Centre*. Soon, Expressions of Interest will be advertised followed by the month of May for Tenders. The College Board has reviewed the 4th draft of the plans. After the next meeting (19th March)

the plans will be displayed in the College Administration Foyer and on the College website. It is also intended long term to add signage to the corner of Crawford and High Streets. Fr Eugene has displayed for the parishioners the preferred Parish Car Park plan between the Church and the presbytery. Parishioners will decide on the types of plants/trees to beautify the new car park area. Secure fencing will be erected between the Church and the PLC, parish hall and bordering back to the fence line across from the Multi-Purpose Hall. Gates will be erected across the Emergency exit to continue providing a Child Safe boundary.

Mrs Evans - A Cup of Tea at Baggott Street! Wonderful News

Last year Mrs Evans was nominated to attend the Mercy Ethos program at the home of the Mercy Sisters Baggott Street, Dublin Ireland. We have been informed officially that the nomination was successful and Mrs Evans will attend the course in September. The program is designed for members of Mercy Ministries to experience the Mercy story: past, present and future. The program explores the particular characteristics of the founding women of Mercy and



participants will be invited to consider their own leadership style as they live Mercy mission today. The program is led by staff at Mercy International Centre with the support of invited speakers and includes an extended tour of the House of Mercy, a visit to Coolock House, a walking tour of Catherine's Dublin, input on the historical situation in Ireland in the 1800s and reflections on Mercy leadership. Catherine McAuley was known for her hospitality in ensuring travellers received a cup of tea on arrival. A wonderful opportunity for Mrs Evans and so well deserved. It will be a very special September cup of tea on arrival in Ireland!



Have you seen the College website lately? Our website is changing. There is more to happen but little steps lead to gigantic leaps. Mrs Oakley and Mrs Strahan are working away at building the College website so parents have a one stop shop of information and online connectivity for enrolments and more.

The Garden of Assisi

St Mary's has a Franciscan influence through Padua House. St Anthony of Padua was a Franciscan priest educated by St Francis of Assisi the Founder of the Franciscan Order. St Mary's has Mercy and Padua Houses. St Francis was a leading figure in the Early Church and held dearly his love for animals and the ecology of the world. Mr Allen has been working overtime resurrecting the College garden and agriculture plot. The Garden of Assisi is a fitting name for a garden we hope into the future will be a haven of College community activity with parent/grandparents and student involvement.





Burn Bright Year 10

Burn Bright is a social enterprise, not-for-profit organisation, that was established in 2014. Burn Bright encourages, challenges and develops student's leadership bringing about positive behavioural change, a shift in mindset and personal wellbeing, allowing students to make informed choices and decisions. Year 10 had a day with Burn Bright on Thursday. It was a great day and the students were open and honest about the responsibility they have this year to lead their younger peers. The theme of the day was *'Leadership is the ability to influence the way in which others think and behave.'* Year 10 were asked to respond to two questions:

1. What are the benefits of being the senior class

What responsibility comes with being the senior class

The responses were impressive and showed very clearly that the class of 2020 are a team and not individuals. There are no heroes in this group! Their responses:

- 1. We're trusted; We have more responsibility; More opportunities; greater representation.
- 2. Need to be good role models; Impression we make on the students; The legacy will leave; What do we stand for this year

How Good is This photo!

St Mary's College is the Victorian Head of the School Girls Regatta U17 Doubles Rowing Champions. The championships were held at The Head of the School Girls Regatta, Geelong. Fantastic news to hear of our Year 10 students Imogen Cafasso and Sadhbh O'Sullivan who are the title holders. Both young ladies thoroughly deserve all the rowing success that come their way! Both are gracious and go about their sporting life in a no fuss manner and have a very good understanding of teamwork. Both are to be admired and are wonderful ambassadors for St Mary's. Congratulations to their coach Sue Andrews and parents. Next stop is the National Championships held up at Penrith in March.



P.S. A busy time we have had. McAuley dominated the Swimming Carnival. Will they win the double? St Mary's students are involved in higher levels of swimming and athletics representation. We have students trialling for basketball honours and as Autumn arrives cricket gear is closer to hibernation, whilst the Red Sherrin will see more action. Year 10 Camp was an important time for the students and Year 8 are off next week to the Grampians, which is an energetic time around Halls Gap. St Mary's staff go beyond for their students to give them opportunities to experience to grow and use their gifts. Likewise, the P&F are dedicated to the cause of supporting the College and working to organise the upcoming Colour Festival and Fete.

Best wishes

Wayne Smith Principal

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from the Business Manager

Families should have received a Fee Information Pack in the mail at the end of last year. If you did not receive the pack or have any questions relating to fees and levies, payment options or Conveyance, please do not hesitate to contact myself or Stacia Read at the College office.

Fee Due Dates Please be aware of the due dates for fees and levies. These due dates will also be outlined on the fee statements which were distributed this week.

- The balance of applicable VET charges and laptop instalments for Yrs 8, 9 and 10 are due by **1 March.**
- Curriculum Levies and Secondary Levies are all due for payment by 1 June.
- The next laptop instalment will be due for Yrs 7, 8 and 9 students on 1 September.
- All remaining levies and charges are due in full by 31 October unless alternative arrangements have been arranged by contacting me personally at the College.

Our preferred method of payment is by Direct Debit (application forms available at the College) or EFT (bank details and reference number are provided on your fee statement).

We encourage the electronic delivery of fee statements. This saves paper, mailing charges and ensures the statement gets to the right person on time. If we have a fee payer's email address on record, we will send statements electronically. If you have changed your email address recently, please send your new details to <u>accounts@smseymour.catholic.edu.au</u>. Please note that fee statements have been sent out this week so if you did not receive your statement please contact me at the College.

CareMonkey Thank you to all those families who have submitted profiles for their child/ren. I do encourage any families who have not yet provided their child/ren's profile/s to do so as soon as possible so that we have up to date emergency and medical information for your child at all times. Please ensure relevant Action Plans are submitted where Anaphylaxis and/or Asthma are identified.

Mrs Felicity Melville accounts@smseymour.catholic.edu.au





from the Level Co-ordinator

Good habits for independence...

As children start school, it is very easy to allow them to be reliant on you for various things such as carrying their school bag, but in reality this is actually dis-empowering them. Making conscious

decisions towards building independence is imperative to creating young adults that can manage their belongings and organize their day. Carrying a school bag is a regular part of school life and it causes no harm to your child to encourage them to carry it. Nor is it harmful to have your child pack and unpack their schoolbag. What often happens if they do not do it themselves, is that they don't know what is or should be, in their bag. They may not know what reader they have or what they have for lunch. Lunch orders can be an issue. I have had older students who have not known where or what their lunch is because they have not placed their order in the basket. Allowing students to be in control of these few small changes to their day, will have an impact on their independence – now and into their future.





Awards



Congratulations to our most recent award winners: Class Leaders: 34A Ben Brown and Matilda Barry; 34B Julian Reynolds-Barns and Ella Jarvis; 34C Jasper Radobuljac, Billy D'Orria and Ava Jarvis.







TAG Awards: Kate Quillinan, Hannah Handford, Harrison Parker, Ava Gordon, Tyler Ferguson, Rafferty Clydesdale, Jax Holden, Laquisha Solomon, Chelsea White.



RACV Incursion

On 24th February the Foundation students had Anne Hughes from RACV

come in and provide an interactive presentation on safety. It was mainly focussed on road safety. The students enjoyed participating in activities about how to cross the road and how tall you need to be to sit without the use of a car seat or booster.







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!

Gardening News



Composting of Organic Waste.

Thanks to the generosity of the Mitchell Shire Council, St Mary's College has been provided with

four recycle-sized wheelie bins. These bins will be converted by our secondary students to function as compost bins. They will be capable of providing both liquid fertiliser and solid compost. The bins will be located strategically around the school and students will be educated as to their proper use. Community Leaders will provide assistance, supervising bin use until students are fully up-to-speed with the system. Currently, much of our organic waste ends up in general rubbish and eventually land fill. Some makes its way to the compost heap near the school garden but this location is 'out of sight, out of mind' as far as most of the school community are concerned.

The compost bins will allow us to manage our organic waste in a sustainable and productive manner and will help to reduce the amount of waste we send to land fill.

The School Vegie Garden

The school vegie garden area has been extensively cleared and levelled and is now a safe place for students to be. We needed to remove a large amount of invasive weed species and make the surface level. We also weeded the raised beds and prepared them for Autumn planting. We have big plans for the school garden and hope to make it a valuable and well used school and community resource. More information to follow!



Yr. 8-10 News

from the Level Co-ordinator

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Year 10 students having lunch with their Foundation buddies













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Catholic Education Week

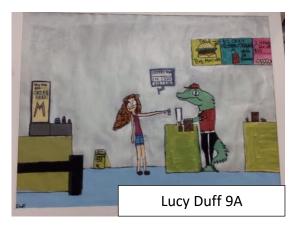
Four pieces of art work have been chosen to be exhibited at the Creative Arts Exhibition 2020 in Melbourne as part of Catholic Education Week. The Exhibition includes art works from students within Victoria and is taking place at the Catholic Leadership Centre 576 Victoria Parade East Melbourne.

St Mary's College students include Akira Sims Yr 10 2019, Lucy Duff, Montana Gross and a Steampunk Mural completed by the Yr 8 art students from last year.

Viewing days are from Monday 16- Friday 20 March 9:00 am - 3:30 pm. Saturday 21 March is open 12:00pm – 4:00pm







All members of St Mary's community are welcome to attend and see the art works of our talented students.



Counsellor's Corner

from the Counsellor.....

Resiliency is the ability to mentally and/or emotional cope with a crisis situation and return to a calm state quickly. This can look like many different things for kids. It could be getting back up after falling over and



continuing a game at lunch; not setting a new pb in a running race or sitting down and trying to read that home reader again.... There are many ways kids can show resilience but it is a skill they need to learn and letting them fail at a task and feel the emotions that come with that is an important element.

Being resilient in part of having a Growth Mindset. Which we will explore a little more in next fortnight's newsletter. Happy weekend and enjoy your fortnight

Mel







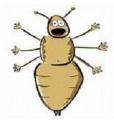
School Sores

Please be advised the school has been notified of a reported case of Impetigo disease (School Sores) in Yrs 5/6.

Children with Impetigo disease (School Sores) should not attend school until treatment has commenced. Sores on exposed surfaces must be covered with a watertight dressing.

Below is a link to the Royal Children's Hospital Website if you require further information regarding Impetigo disease (School Sores).

https://www.rch.org.au/kidsinfo/fact_sheets/Impetigo_school_sores/



Head Lice

Cases of head lice infestation are being reported in Junior Primary. With the weekend upon us 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.



From the Community Team



Foundation Families Welcome BBQ

The St Mary's College Community Team are inviting Foundation students and their families to a BBQ dinner and catch up on Wednesday 11 March, 6pm-7:30pm.

This will be a great opportunity to meet other families, representatives from the College Board and the Parents and Friends, Father Eugene and various staff that will be working with your children.

Sausages along with salad and bread will be provided. An invitation with an RSVP has been posted via CareMonkey. Please respond by Wednesday 4 March for catering purposes. We look forward to seeing you there!

CRAZY SOCKS!!!!!



Crazy sock day Tuesday 10 March

Let's brighten up the school day with colourful socks and raise some money for a great cause. Students can wear any kind of socks they like for a gold coin donation to Caritas.

Looking forward to seeing all the crazy socks!!





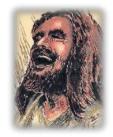
2021 Enrolments Now open

Open Day

Thursday 19 March 2020 Tours: 9:00am & 2:00pm Parent Information Evening Wednesday 25 March 2020 Library Resource Centre at 7:00pm



Visitors at the Open Day will meet the Principal, enjoy a tour of the College and witness students and staff at work.



Please contact the College Office to register your interest. Phone: 5792 2611 or email: enrolments@smseymour.catholic.edu.au

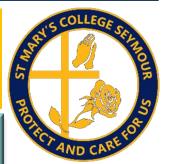
Open Day Tour Booking form https://forms.gle/jGRjgJiwcVvNrVVY9 Information Evening Booking form https://forms.gle/ABTZxv4urZgFZDfq5

Parents and Friends Fundraiser

St Mary's College Seymour 2020 COLOUR FESTIVAL & FETE



SUNDAY 22nd MARCH 11:00am - 3:00pm





The Great St Mary's Wood Chop needs YOU!

At our upcoming Colour Festival & Fete, we are holding our

wood chop shop, where you can purchase a trailer load of the finest local hand cut firewood. There will also be a raffle for a trailer load of wood with tickets at \$2.00 each, or 3 tickets for \$5.00. 100% money raised going directly back to the school.

BUT... I need your help!

We are setting aside 2 weekend days for wood collection, I need some parents, with a few hours, plenty of muscle, chainsaws and any spare trailers to pull this thing off! Please for safety reasons no primary school children to attend.

If you can help out with: Chain saws &/or wood collection Lending of a trailer Helping to deliver the wood at convenient times

PLEASE contact Cherie on 0407 220 374

We are looking forward to a fantastic day at the Colour Festival & Fete, we hope you are too!

The Famous Spinning Wheel is Back!!

On Monday 24th February, each class will receive a basket for the Spinning Wheel Prizes! We are asking each class to donate the designated items mentioned below. These items will be gathers together prior to the Festival & Fete and made into Hampers as Prizes. Your support makes all the difference on the day!

FA	Baby Products	3/4C	Biscuits & Breakfast Items
FB	Children's Toys		Dad's Products
1/2A	Stationery Products	5/6B	Garden Products
1/2B	Toiletries	5/6C	Chips & Lollies
1/2C	Pet Products	5/6D	Paper/Party Products
1/2D	Bathroom Products	7A	Kitchen Products
3/4A	Car Care Products	7B	Canned Foods
3/4B	Mother's Pamper Products	7C	Laundry Products

- Home Hardware Items 8A
- Arts & Crafts 8B
- **Cleaning Products** 9Δ
- 9B **Canned Foods**
- 104 Pasta Products
- Jams & Spreads 10B

Lots of Fun for the Whole Family !



Follow our Event on Facebook for more details: St Mary's College 2020 Colour Festival & Fete



Come One - Come ALL! **Entry Via McIntyre St, Seymour**

Bring 'Mercy' Oval Back!



~ FAMILY & FRIENDS ORDER FORM ~

Family Name: Ph:

Student Name: Class:

Dozen Required: {.....} @ \$20.00 Per Dozen

Assorted Dozen: {......} @ \$25.00 Per Dozen

Total Amount Enclosed: \$.....

Customer Name & Address	Quantity & Type Purchased	Amount Collected
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Don't delay... get your orders in today!!!

Orders along with payment are due in by Monday 2nd March 2020.

Short Timeline

**Pre-selected assorted Dozen contains the following doughnuts:* 6 x Original Glazed, 2 x Choc Iced, 2 x Strawberry Iced, 2 x Choc Iced with Sprinkles.

If you unable to collect your order on Colour Festival Day Sunday 22 March 2020, please phone **Regina** on **0420 415 368** to make alternative arrangements.

Important Information - School Photos 2020



School Photographs will be taken at

St Mary's College / Seymour 12 March, 2020

There is no need to return any forms or payment to school before photo day

Unique Image Codes will be issued to all students on or after photo day

When you receive the individualised flyr for your child for low the instructions to register your details online and receive SMS and email notifictions when images can be viewed in the webshop (approx. 10 days after photography is completed).

Registration is required each year to link your child's images for the current year with your contact details.

Sibling Portrait Photos

If you would like a sibling photograph taken, request one BEFORE photo day

3 easy steps ...

1. Grab your phone and go to arphotos.typeform.com/to/MPE0p9



2. Enter the name and class of the eldest child to be in the photo



3. Enter the names of all other siblings to be included in the photo



IMPORTANT - Sibling Photo requests close at midday on the day before photo day

CAN'T GO ONLINE? - CONTACT YOUR SCHOOL FOR AN ORDER FORM If you are not able to register online but would still like to order school photos, please contact your school and request an order form. CASH orders can only be accepted up until photo day.



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Dates to Remember

Term 1		
Wk 6B	Mon 2 Mar	Krispy Kreme Orders Due to be returned
	Tue 3 Mar	Yr 7 Immunisations in MPH 9:00-10:30am
	Wed 4 – Fri 6 Mar	Yr 8 Camp
Wk 7	Mon 9	Labour Day Holiday
	Mon 9 – Fri 13 Mar	Catholic Education Week
	Tue 10	Crazy Sock Day
	Wed 11 Mar	Yr 10 Genetics Excursion Latrobe University
	Wed 11 Mar	Foundation Families BBQ 6pm – 7:30pm
	Thu 12 Mar	School Photo Day information above
	Fri 13 Mar	Secondary Southern Ranges Round Robin
Wk 8	Mon 16 – Fri 20 Mar	Indonesian Visitors at the College
	Tue 17 Mar	St Patrick's Day Mass
	Thu 19 Mar	Yr 9 B4W program Day 2
	Thu 19	College Open Day
	Fri 20 Mar	Whole College Assembly 2:30pm MPH
	Sun 22 Mar	Colour Festival and Fete
Wk 9	Wed 25 Mar	Parent Information Evening for 2021 7pm
	Fri 27 Mar	Easter Liturgy in MPH
	Fri 27 Mar	Last Day Term 1

Term Dates 2020

Term 1: 28/1 – 27/3 Term 2: 14/4 – 26/6 Term 3: 13/7 – 18/9 Term 4: 5/10 – 16/12

Pupil Free Days 2020

Term 2: Friday 5 June Term 3: Monday 17 August

Bell Times 2020				
Supervision of students begins at 8:30am				
Homeroom	8:45 – 8:55			
Period 1 Period 2	8:55 – 9:55 9:55 – 10:55			
Recess	10:55 – 11:20			
Period 3 Period 4	11:25 – 12:25 12:25 – 1:25			
Lunch	1:25 – 2:10			
Period 5	2:15 – 3:15			

CANTEEN ROSTER 2 - 13 Mar

Week B

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Mon 2	Neisha Reid
Tue 3	Neisha Reid
Wed 4	Sue Wilson
Thu 5	Jaime Farrell
Fri 6	N. Rathnayak &
	Jo Fairweather
Week A	
Mon 9	Labour Day Holiday
Tue 10	Elise Smart
Wed 11	Melissa Page
Thu 12	Neisha Reid
Fri 13	Neisha Reid &
	Cassie Capobus-Thorpe

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ST. MARY'S PARISH SEYMOUR ~ ST. JOSEPH'S TALLAROOK Parish Priest: Father Eugene Ashkar TELEPHONE: (03) 5792 1064 / 0455 123 509 MASS TIMES: St. Mary's: SAT 6.00pm, SUN 10.00am; St. Joseph's: SUN 8.30am

Community



St Mary's Junior Football and Netball Club

Putting the call out for anyone born 2005 or 2006 to play netball in our 15 & under side for the mighty Saints!

For more info and training times please contact coach Ruby Martin 0490 904 925 or netball coordinator Louisa Munro 0423 314 393

U/10, U/12, U/14 Football

We are having a 'meet and greet' on Thursday 5 March at 5pm at Chittick Park with our coaches, assistant coaches and team managers. The session will include a short training run. We are looking forward to catching up with all of last year's players and any new players interested in playing for the mighty Saints. Players are encouraged to bring a friend! We are keen to meet everyone and those wishing to help out.

U/10 Rhys Melville - Coach, John Enrico - Team Manager U/12 Michael Brown - Coach, Eric Loweke - Team Manager U/14 Clayton Munro - Coach, Chris Martin and Mark Manchester - Assistant Coaches

Please follow St Mary's Junior Football Netball Club Seymour on Facebook at <u>https://www.facebook.com/saint.marys.jfnc.seymour/</u>





Could you be a permanent care parent?

There are a number of children supported by the Department of Health & Human Services who require a *family for life* as they are unable to live with their birth families. We are seeking committed and motivated people who would be interested in learning more about providing a permanent family for a child.

Assistance payments are made to the Permanent Care family to assist with the day to day expenses of caring for a child/young person. Assistance payments are considered to be a reimbursement for expenses and not an earned income.

We are also keen to speak with families who are particularly interested in caring for children aged between 5 and 10 years.

Information sessions are being held on:

Wednesday 4th March 2020 at 6:00pm Department of Health & Human Services 43-47 Rowan Street, **Wangaratta**

Thursday 5th March 2020 at 6:00pm Department of Health & Human Services 163-167 Welsford Street, **Shepparton**

Bookings are not essential. For further information please contact: Permanent Care Program ☎: 5832 1552



