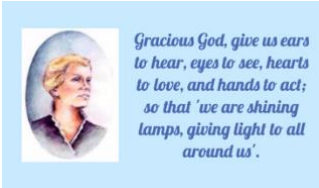




Covid-19 Update No.16

*Awareness.
Social distancing.
Face masks 12 years and over.
Enter College grounds only if essential.
The safest place is at home.*

Friday 21st August 2020



Gracious God, give us ears to hear, eyes to see, hearts to love, and hands to act; so that 'we are shining lamps, giving light to all around us'.

Dear Parents and Guardians,

Many of us cannot see members of our family or parents whether they be close by or far away. My dad will turn 92 in September and he has a simple view of life. Cool Kev (we call him) does not complicate issues or the dramas of relationships. He does not care for scandal and is just as happy tending to his

tomato plants. My dad is a man that when he speaks this son listens. So perhaps another pearl of wisdom from my Albury dad. When I called my parents this week and mentioned to dad how tough it is for everyone down here, he responded, "you could be living in Lebanon." Always someone worse off in my dad's mind. Of course, he is in tune with the tragedies of what is happening in Aged Care and he is lucky to be healthy enough to still live at home. But he is a reminder that the human spirit is strong enough to overcome.

Revised Take Home Packs for 1/2 students - Week 6 of Remote Learning

Year 1/2 teachers have prepared Take Home Packs to use during the last four weeks of term, commencing 24th of August. The packs consist of: Workbook and grey lead pencil; Editing checklist (stapled onto the front cover); Spelling grid for SMART spelling; Dictionary; Mindful colouring pages; Kinder squares (to be used for fractions); During Homeroom on the 24th of August, class teachers will explain the contents of the Take Home Packs.



A P&F Message

Due to government recommendation to stay home, St Mary's College P&F are unable to conduct a Father Day Stall this year.

We would like to take this opportunity to remind our families of some of the wonderful businesses in our community who are offering contact free delivery or safe pick up options for Father's Day Meals, Hampers & Gifts: **The Brewers Table; The Trawool Estate; By Erin, with Love; Little Stones Café; Made with love boxes; Blacker & Borg designs; O'Keefe's IGA Seymour; Simply for You; Australia Post; Bezy Eldo; The Royal Hotel – Seymour; Seymour Club and Epic Quest Café.** Remember to support local where possible and continue to stay safe. We would like to wish all our Father's, Grandfather's and Special Males in our lives a very Happy Father's Day. *P&F Committee.*



Mission 2020

There were two parts of a very big puzzle that needed to be completed before the Mission 2020 (Primary Learning Centre) can move to tender. Both important and both providing compliance and ensuring proper process has taken place. Approval by the Minister for Planning and approval from the Archbishop of the Archdiocese of Melbourne the Most Rev Peter A Comensoli. These approvals are now completed and St Mary's in partnership with the Catholic Education Melbourne; Fr Eugene on behalf of the Parish and ROAM Architects can move on to the final stages of preparation and compliance checks before going to tender.

Term Interim Reports

Parents will receive a CareMonkey update today on remote learning. Students will receive a Term Three Interim Report and parents will be invited to book a time for a 'Google Meet Parent Teacher Progress Meeting' held in Week Ten. All details will be in CareMonkey.

Excursions/Incursions

As College excursions and incursions require travel across shire and state borders all excursions and incursions for the remainder of the College year will either be cancelled or rebooked for 2021. We do not want to Term Four to be a term of 'ifs and buts' for students, staff and parents (pending government and CECV decision making), so that Term Four has consistency and certainty for staff, students, parents and for the College calendar. This is not a decision taken lightly and has been made in the best interests of the common good for St Mary's. A detailed letter will be emailed home to all parents.



A Ray of Sunshine

Our best wishes go to Sarah Buchanan and her partner Paul on the Thursday morning arrival of Grace Simpson born at St John of God Hospital Bendigo. In the words of mum and dad, "we are just so happy, she is perfect." Sarah was a secondary Humanities teacher at St Mary's in 2018-2019. Flowers have been sent to Sarah and Paul (and Grace) to congratulate them. So wonderful to share a good news story.

Let us keep each other in our prayers. Catherine McAuley (1841) said, "Prayer will do more than all the money in the Bank of Ireland. Let us pray well and never grow weary." Money is very handy but Prayer has an almighty power.

Stay well and best wishes

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Wayne Smith". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Wayne Smith

Principal

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Youth Councillor

Congratulations to Seth Barnbrook 7C who recently interviewed and was successful as a Youth Councillor.

Seth had an induction weekend at the beginning of August, and on Monday evening he was officially sworn in at the Mitchell Shire Council Meeting via Zoom representing the North Ward.

Well done Seth!



Please check out some of our remote learners on the next page!

Over the last 2 weeks primary students have been dressing up as a teacher for drama. We have had some wonderful renditions of our fabulous.



Noah Shearer 1/2A
as Mrs Robinson



Mackenzie Pfeiffer 1/2C
as Mrs Stephens



Macey Shields 1/2D
as Miss Fuhrmeister



Remote Learning

Logan

Amelia

Anisa

Shaun

Mrs Kovacic

Jacob H

Mackenzie