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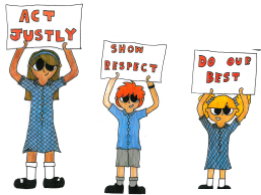
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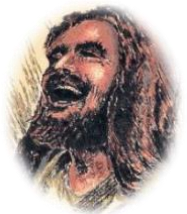
St. Mary's College Vision Statement

*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

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,

Do you know the history of the two timber garden benches that are positioned proudly and in place on the Mercy Centre Verandah?

You may not even have noticed the two benches. Canteen Lynne gave both a few coats of oil this week to ensure they are kept in good order. I asked Lynne about their origins and was recommended to speak to Mrs Brock. Thank you Jennine for kindly providing some history to why these two garden benches watch over many a passer-by:



Their story.....

"As you walk past the Mercy Centre you may have noticed two timber garden benches that have been looking very sad and sun bleached for some time. Not anymore! Lynne has given them both a new lease of life with a coat of stain. They look fabulous and it got me to thinking.....they are a special part of our College history, as they are memorials to two very special people.

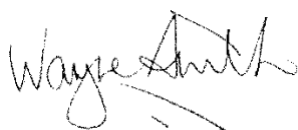
Christine Murphy (nee O'Keefe) was a Library Assistant at St Mary's for many years. She grew up across the road, attended St Mary's and Sacred Heart (as did her children) and was the sister to Kate, our crossing supervisor. One brother Peter is the proprietor of IGA, another, Knuckles (Frances) drives our school buses and the family has loads of extended family

members in the district. Sam, Ben and Mia Brown are her great nephews and niece. Christine was a huge motivator in getting St Mary's Junior Netball Club up and running, many years ago. To this day we have an annual award in her honour. Sadly Chris lost her battle with cancer in September 2004.

Mark Williams was a past student who lost his battle with leukemia just after his 14th birthday in 2004. He was the son of Linda and Malcolm, and brother to Erin. Both Mark and Erin attended St Mary's from Foundation. Mark was granted a trip to Africa from the 'Make A Wish' Foundation but unfortunately was too unwell to have that last adventure with his family. He was a mad Bomber supporter and loved motorbikes, fishing and camping. After Mark was diagnosed, Erin decided to dedicate her life to finding a cure for childhood illnesses. She graduated as a nurse and is currently working at The Epworth Hospital. She continues to be highly driven and is studying further in the Medical Science field. We have such a rich history and I just wanted to share this chapter." (Mrs Brock)

There is always a story to be told! At St Mary's we have 'wonderful keepers of the story' with Mrs Brock and other long serving staff so in touch with the College's history. May we never lose the richness of the story. We all stand on the shoulders of those who have gone before us.

Best wishes
Stay well and stay safe.



Wayne Smith
Principal

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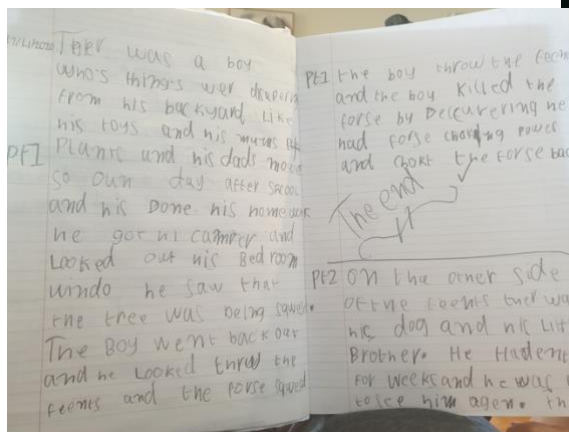
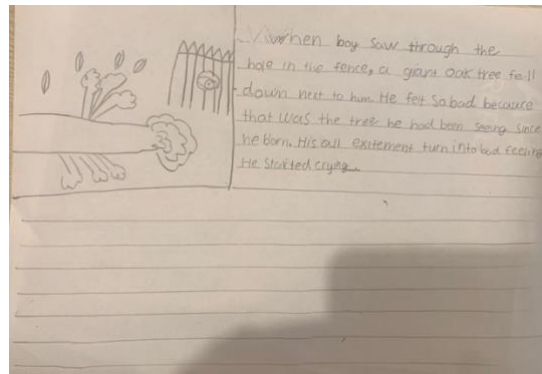
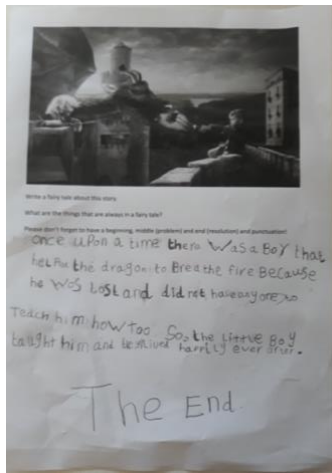
from the Level Co-ordinator

Welcome to a very strange term. It isn't very school-like yet but as of Monday for Foundation - Grade 4, it will be very digitally oriented with our students all using Google Classroom. The preparation for Week 3 and beyond has been an enormous project for teachers, parents and students alike. We all deserve a pat on the back.

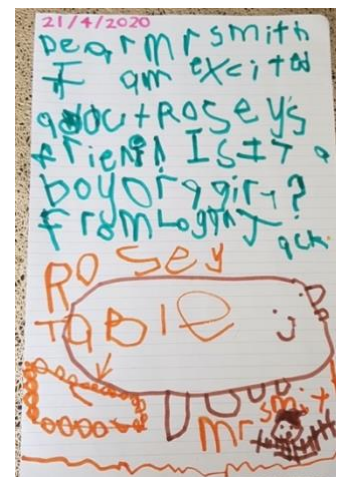
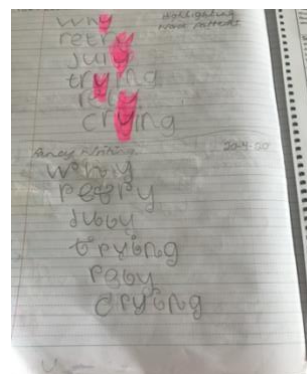
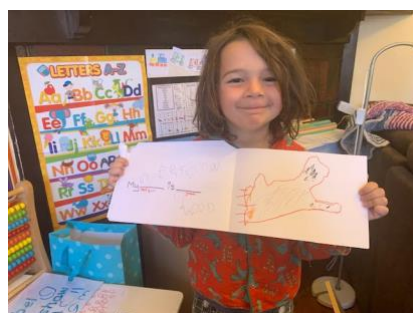
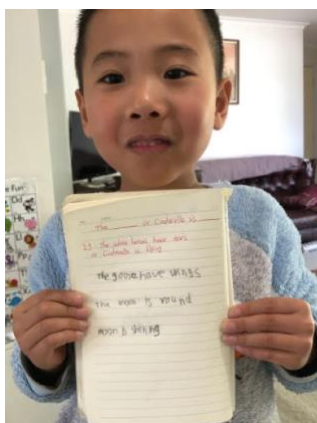
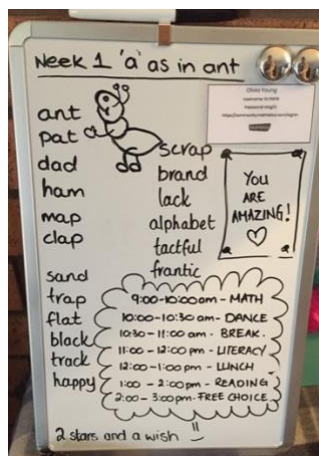
Foundation had a practise Google Meet yesterday with their students which was hugely successful. Students were thrilled to see their teacher and their teacher thrilled to see them!

We also had a practise on Google Meet on Friday. It will take a few times to get used to it and for the excitement to subside slightly but it is part of our day for the term. It's a great way to connect.





With an unprecedented term upon us, we look forward to being able to assist when things aren't working well or if other support is needed. We will do our best to establish consistent routines for you and your children. Let's enjoy this journey together.



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Year 8-10 News

As part of Year 9 History and Year 10 Civics and the Law, students are reflecting on what ANZAC Day means to them and our community. They have discussed the significance of the Ode and Last Post, while making a creative contribution to ANZAC Day. Students have been encouraged (where possible) to walk to the end of their driveway and tune into ABC radio on Saturday morning just before 6am to join the national ANZAC Dawn Service.



Science and Technology

Environmental Science: 7B's Vision for 2040

After watching the 2040 documentary, Year 7B students have been busy working on social action plans that they hope will improve the school community. Their 2040 visions are focused on reducing landfill waste at the school, reducing energy consumption and reducing carbon emissions from transport.

So far, the students have led the Clean Up Australia Day activities, being supported by all the Year 3 & 4 students. They recently analysed the collected waste from that day, finding mostly single use plastics. Some students have begun making compost bins with design help from Mr. Allen and donated bins from Mitchell Shire Council. These bins will be placed around the school yard to reduce the amount of organic waste going into the schools' landfill waste.

All of the projects are aimed to reduce our school communities' impact on the environment with the added bonus of saving the school money.



Composting

Due to COVID-19 the compost bins have not been placed around the school. This will occur once school returns to normal. The 7B class are now working on homebased composting and other waste reduction ideas. Stay tuned to see some of the student's homemade bioreactors.



Composting is a great way to use a resource that would otherwise go to landfill. With many councils now offering FOGO (Food Organic Green Organic) services, the Year 7B Environmental Science students investigating a 2040 Vision for food in our school community have teamed up with the year 9 & 10 Ag class to repurpose some old recycle bins. The bins donated by Cleanaway will be turned into school compost bins and placed strategically around the school yard. 7B engaged their Media Studies class to organise a poster competition and Tora Ryan's poster was selected by Ms Richards and Mr Allen to be made into a sticker for each of the bins to remind students what can be placed in these bins.

Create, Skate Relate - Due to COVID-19, Youth Week has been postponed with the Victorian Government hoping to reset the date later in the year. Once school returns to normal routines Create, Skate and Relate will restart.

Create, Skate and Relate is an extra-curricular initiative funded by the Victorian Government, Victorian Youth Week. With around 50 students showing interest the workshops that run twice weekly have students allocated to attend. In Term the first workshop commenced with 20 plus students coming together to work and form the skate boards using Roarokit Australia veneers and supporting vacuum bags. Roarokit is based in Yarrawonga and has been selling board kits for many years. The plan is to make a number of board types for students to decorate showing ways in which they are comfortable making friendships and building relationships. Look forward to some creative works to be rolling out of the technology room at lunchtimes on Tuesday and Thursdays.

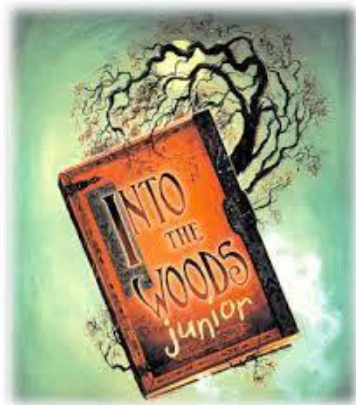


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Performing Arts



Into The Woods

The 2020 St Mary's College production of 'Into The Woods' will be going ahead as planned at this stage. With show dates now set until mid-October, we have decided to continue with rehearsals pending our return to on campus teaching.

With remote learning throwing the production cast a curveball, we have decided to move to remote rehearsals for Term 2.

All lead cast members will be invited to join a Google Meet session when needed each week. There will be three rehearsals a week on Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 3:30-4:30. Rehearsal schedule will be set out on Monday of each week and students are required to let me know if they cannot make it.

Rest assured, families will be notified of any changes to these plans, however I have my fingers crossed that we are back on track for opening night in October.

If you have any concerns or queries about the production, please email me.

Miss Naomi Hanlon

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Counsellor's Corner

from the Counsellor.....



Counselling will still be offered during Term 2. Whilst the platform used has changed, sessions can still be booked for phone consultations, video conferencing and email consultations. Mental Health during self-isolation is just as important as physical health and there are lots of ways we can support each other's mental health. Here are some ideas of ways to support your family

- * Check in on family and friends ... maybe organise an online group chat and message feed
- * Be sure to engage in some physical activity each day. Maybe organise to walk the dog with a friend or family member (please ensure to abide by social distancing rules)
- * Set some family rules/boundaries which suit the current isolation measures
- * Connectedness is just as important for our children and adolescents as it is for us. Maybe arrange a chat for children between friends, write a letter and send a picture. This helps children still feel connected to peers.

I have many resources which can support the wellbeing of students whilst at home. Should anyone wish to discuss accessing some of these activities, please feel free to contact me at melinda.nuttall@smseymour.catholic.edu.au

Mrs Melinda Nuttall

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ANZAC Day

Anzac Day is a very special day of reflection, not only within Australia and New Zealand but within other parts around the world. This year a Driveway Service will replace our regular services. Taking time to reflect and talk about the history of the ANZAC and showing our respects can be done in many ways. This year we thought a competition for our primary and secondary students would support the current isolation measures in place.

Primary Student ANZAC Day Competition

Colouring-in or Drawing Competition information have been emailed out to families. Students can choose to colour in one of the ANZAC colouring-in forms, choose a different ANZAC related colouring-in or draw a picture of something to do with ANZAC day. Submissions are due May 4th to Mel at melinda.nuttall@smseymour.catholic.edu.au

Secondary Student Competition

What Does ANZAC Day mean to you? This competition is a creative licence for students to submit anything that resembles what ANZAC day means to them. This can be an art project, a poem, a short verse, a screenshot of an ANZAC Day shine in a Minecraft server... whatever sparks the interest of the student.

Entries are due on May 4th to melinda.nuttall@smseymour.catholic.edu.au. Please include a brief description of your entry if in an art or online form.

For any questions, please contact me via email. I can't wait to see some more awesome, clever and creative entries!

Abel Bradshaw's Entry



Lewis 7B LEGO creation

After the First World War Poppies were a common sight on the battlefields that were strewn with signs of war. Damaged buildings, barbed wire, shell holes and fragments of bombs were slowly replaced with signs of nature, mainly Poppies. I wanted to incorporate this into my build with the Poppies placed on the grey ground. I also wanted to put the green grass around the grey to symbolize the life coming back into the land. I believe that the grave speaks for itself, an unmarked grave of many with no one to mourn for the person inside it. Like the unknown soldier that is at the War Memorial in Canberra.



ANZAC DAY
SATURDAY 25 APRIL 2020

Driveway at Dawn Parade

To all Australians,
let's stand as one from
6am Saturday 25 April 2020
at the end of your
driveways, balconies, porches
and front yards
for a **minute's silence** to
honour our veterans and active
service people

#drivewayatdawnparade



Mrs Melinda Nuttall

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From the Office

School photos are now ready to view and order online.

School Photos 2020 – St Mary's College Seymour

Annual school photos have been taken.

To be able to view the images of your child and order photos, you will need to register online.

1. Go to <https://order.arphotos.com.au>
2. Enter the 2020 image code for your child (*from their personalised flyer, which was sent home on photo day*)
3. Fill in your email and mobile details

That's it! You'll be notified by email/SMS when 2020 images are ready to view and purchase.

In the webshop you can view photos and customize your photo package; Choose ANY layout, ANY image plus purchase digital image downloads.

Even if you registered last year, you still need to register again this year to link your child's images for the current year with your details.

Once registered, please wait for notification that 2020 images are online to view before making your purchase.

To be notified when images are ready to view – Register Online Now.

In the case of separated families, the Unique code can be used more than once and no prior personal or order details will be visible to the other party.

If any families have any issues with the registration or ordering process, please contact the customer service team directly for assistance, 03 5243 4390

Please contact Tanya Oakley in the College office if you need any assistance or to retrieve your child's unique code tanya.oakley@smseymour.catholic.edu.au or phone 5792 2611

Bell Times 2020

Supervision of students begins at 8:30am

Homeroom	8:45 – 8:55
Period 1	8:55 – 9:55
Period 2	9:55 – 10:55
Recess	10:55 – 11:20
Period 3	11:25 – 12:25
Period 4	12:25 – 1:25
Lunch	1:25 – 2:10
Period 5	2:15 – 3:15

Term Dates 2020

Term 2: 14/4 – 26/6

Term 3: 13/7 – 18/9

Term 4: 5/10 – 16/12

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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

Please be aware both Churches are closed due to Covid-19. Daily and Weekly Masses are available online.