



# The Marian

## St Mary's College Seymour

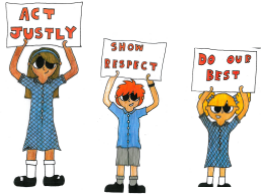
[www.smseymour.catholic.edu.au](http://www.smseymour.catholic.edu.au)  
[facebook.com/stmarysseymour](https://facebook.com/stmarysseymour)  
<https://pam.smseymour.catholic.edu.au>



No.17

Term 4 Week 6 of 11

13/11/20



### 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.*

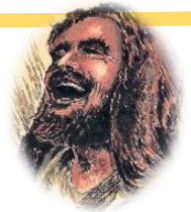


St Mary's College Seymour is a **Child Safe School**. We promote the safety, wellbeing and inclusion of all children.

### 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,

### Year Ten Graduation

Parents have received information on the changes to the Graduation format for 2020. The latest CECV update was released on 10<sup>th</sup> November and information for the Graduation has been emailed to parents. Although there are Covid-19 restrictions staff are determined for the Year 10 students to receive a fitting graduation. This year, Year 10 will begin the College tradition (rites of passage) with a *Guard of Honour: 'The Final Walk'* from the Hall to the High Street entrance, which is a symbolic gesture of walking back through the gates they first entered all those years ago. Year 10 will be led through the Guard of Honour by the College Banner carried by the 2021 Captains.

### Year Six Conclusion to Primary Education

Primary staff have met to discuss ways of celebrating Year 6 reaching a milestone. It is important to acknowledge this milestone for our Year 6 students. COVID may change our approach but not dampen our enthusiasm.

### Miss Fuhrmeister

Elizabeth is moving to North East Victoria and has accepted a teaching position at Cathedral College Wangaratta as from 2021. Elizabeth began at St Mary's in 2016 and in the short time I have known Elizabeth her very impressive teaching skills, love for the students and welcoming smile in a caring classroom atmosphere are all obvious to colleagues and parents. We all value Elizabeth's skills, gentleness, balance, calmness and control when dealing with the daily life of the children in her class. Elizabeth comes from a family of educators and her parents are no doubt very proud of their daughter's vocation and with the early years of her teaching career beginning at St Mary's. We congratulate Elizabeth and know she will take the values of Mercy with her into her future life.

## Student Leadership Team 2021 - Congratulations

Mrs Tampion and I have met with the 2021 Student Leadership Team. Students and staff voted and congratulations to the following Year 9 students on their election. When meeting with the students it was obvious that they will be a team who will receive wise guidance from staff. Mrs Tampion spoke with a wonderful sense of wisdom of what will be required by them in 2021.

Captains: **Oliver Bree** and **Jordyn Beattie**

Vice Captains: **Dominic Ciantar** and **Lucy Duff**

Community Leaders: **Brooke Leary**; **Saxon Ashworth**; **Jade Mitchell** and **Ebony Staples**

Sports Captains: (Padua House) **Montana Dunne** and **Mia Nuttall**

Sports Captains: (McAuley House) **Ruby Cook** and **Dominic Ciantar**

The students will be invested at the College Opening Mass in 2021. They stood for leadership and have been elected. Their peers voted for them because they believe they can lead and their peers want them to lead.

## Secondary House Mentors

Secondary Homerooms in 2021 will move to a more progressive pastoral model with a focus on staff being mentors to a smaller group and Year 10 students mentoring the younger students within their House Group. Mrs Moore will provide information for students and parents on the McAuley and Padua House Groups that will include a greater emphasis on relationships; peer mentoring and providing parents with a 'staff – family' connected parent model for communications.

## Uniform

The College Board have approved for 2021:

- Girls tailored shorts for the Summer Uniform as an optional item.
- Girls tailored pants for the Winter Uniform as an optional item.
- Removed the tracksuit pants as an option for the winter pants in F-4.
- College Hat for the Summer Uniform.

In 2021 the College Board will survey families in relation to some other aspects of the Uniform Requirements. The College Uniform Requirements is the responsibility of the Board. When purchasing new items please refer to the Uniform Requirements List which will be updated on the College website.

## Sr Silvia Williams



Before Covid-19 came along the College had been in email contact with Sr Sylvia Williams RSM.

Sr Sylvia was intending to visit to advise the College on the Mercy Chapel. Sr Sylvia will be calling through sometime on the morning of Friday 20th November to offer advice on the restoration of the chapel so that it can be a reflective place for the College community. Sr Sylvia had a long and extensive vocation as a Principal of Mercy schools including two appointments at Seymour and worked at the Mercy International Centre in Dublin, Ireland. Sr Sylvia is currently the Chair of Mercy Education Limited.

## P&F AGM

How good was the P&F meeting on Wednesday evening! A large roll up of parents all keen to be involved. A wonderful evening that began with a vote of thanks to Karen Glen who has led the St Mary's College P&F for the past five years with such distinction. Likewise, to Barb Canty, who for seven years has been the P&F Secretary.

Congratulations to the new P&F Executive and committee. We wish them well and look forward to their leadership and welcoming new families into the life of St Mary's.

President: **Megan Cox**, Vice President: **Elysia Ambrose**, Secretary: **Regina Schaefer**, Treasurer: **Brooke Curic**  
College Liaison Officer: **Kellie Graham**, Parent Welcome Officer: **Mardi Jarvis**.

Best Wishes.

Wayne Smith  
Principal

*DipEd (ACU) DipRED (ACU) BEd (ACU) Grad Cert EdAdmin (Edith Cowan)*  
*GradDipRED (ACU) MEd Admin (Charles Sturt) MTheoStudies (BBITAITE)*





## Religion & Community



This term, the Year 7s celebrated finishing their Faith Education unit on Prayer by creating their own set of Rosary Beads. After learning about this important Catholic tradition, which is a devotion to Mary, they had to collect the correct number of beads and spacers with much bartering for their favourite colour. It was a terrific opportunity to not only be crafty, show patience and perseverance, but it also helped them to remember some vital facts.....there are 5 (not 4 or 6!!) decades in a rosary and each decade has 10 beads (not 11 or 9!!!). There were only a few disasters, but students worked well together, helping each other when necessary. Now we are just waiting for Father Ashkar to come and bless them



## Teddy Bears



This week the Foundation students made beds and had a teddy bear sleepover. The teddy bears were very cheeky and got up to all sorts of mischief during the night. We followed this up with a "Teddy Bear Day" where we made teddy biscuits, teddy hats and had a teddy bear picnic.





## Counsellor's Corner



*from the Counsellor.....*



The way we talk to ourselves plays a large role in the way our thoughts are processed. Your internal narrative sets the scene for how you manage particular situations and is also observed by our children and teens. When we use negative self-talk, we can easily get stuck in that way of thinking and it can be hard to get back on track.

Here is a picture of some easy ways you can adjust the way you speak to yourself or maybe some suggestions if you have a child or teen who uses negative self-talk.

Simple changes which can help to retrain your brain!

**Mrs Melinda Nuttall**

[melinda.nuttall@smseymour.catholic.edu.au](mailto:melinda.nuttall@smseymour.catholic.edu.au)

### Student Teacher Placement

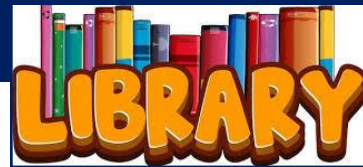
Over the past 4 weeks we have had the pleasure of hosting Katelyn McLean from La Trobe University. Katie is currently completing a Masters of Education in Humanities and completed her first rounds as a pre-service teacher with us at St Mary's.

During her time here, Katie observed a number of classes and teachers and primarily taught our Year 10 Geography Class. We would like to wish Katie all the best in her studies and future teaching career.





## *From the Library*



Hi everyone,

Scholastic Book Club Issue 8 is out now, please return your orders by 30th November 2020. Thank you again for your support.

It's getting to that time of the year when Library books need to be returned especially if you are moving or heading off to another school.

There are still a lot of overdue Library books so please have a good look around at home and school for any books and return them.

Remember to check the new books on top of the picture book shelves in the Library. Lots of new fiction, non-fiction and picture story Books.

**Mrs Linda Heveren**

[linda.heveren@smseymour.catholic.edu.au](mailto:linda.heveren@smseymour.catholic.edu.au)



## *Performing Arts*



This year's Christmas concert is looking a little different. Due to COVID-19 restrictions all performances will be filmed and published online.



Our Primary students have been working hard all term and it is starting to come together. The change from a music focus to performing arts means this year our performance will take the form of mini plays and 2 performances for each class.

Students were given permission forms to return that request your input on whether or not they are allowed to be shown on video. Please return to your class teacher next week if you haven't already done so.

Parents will have also received a costume example this week. Any concerns or queries please let me know.

**Miss Naomi Hanlon**

[naomi.hanlon@smseymour.catholic.edu.au](mailto:naomi.hanlon@smseymour.catholic.edu.au)





## Literacy

### 5/6A and 3/4A sharing their writing.



Over the past few weeks 5/6 classes have been invited to work with the 1/2 classes to share writing tasks.

The Junior students have been learning all about the structure of a narrative while the 5/6 students have been investigating how to write persuasive texts and biographies

We really enjoyed listening to the 1/2 narratives- and then being able to share our writing as well.  
Thank you to all the 1/2 classes and their teachers for organising this activity.

### Debating

Following on from our persuasive writing investigations, we invited Mrs Lorna Hooper (Secondary Literacy teacher) to 5/6B to consolidate what we had been learning about persuasive writing and to give us an experience of debating an issue.

We really learned a lot from Mrs Hooper, and then Felix Muscovic accepted the challenge to debate Mrs Hooper on the topic 'Monarchy or Democracy?'

With very minimal preparation time (about 2 minutes!!) they engaged in short but wonderful debate.

Congratulations to Felix who did such an amazing job for the side of the Monarchy- we would like another debate very soon!



We also had the opportunity to work with the Yr. 9 Faith Education class. They had been working on an Inquiry task about Catholic Social Teaching.

It was great to hear what they had been investigating and how we could make links in our own class. All students worked really well together

Thanks to Mrs. Gough for initiating this RE activity.



## Year 7 English

This term Year 7 English classes have been studying Picture Stories. They have looked at picture stories for young children, teenagers and adults and had the opportunity to share one of their favourites with 1/2D. They had to be able to read the story fluently, have questions and prompts and had to think of some way to include the student in the reading. It was a fabulous session, with Year 7s using some great 'teaching strategies'.



## World War II Display

Year 10 History have put an awesome World War II display together on the wall in the secondary corridor







## *Learning is fun*

### **Indonesian**

Foundation have made Buaya (crocodile puppets) as they are learning the traditional Indonesian folktale Buaya dan Kancil (Crocodile and mousedeer).

Year 1/2 are doing fruits and learnt how to say "Do you like.... fruit?" Kamu suka buah....?

Foundation have made Kancil (mouse deer) puppets for the Kancil dan Buaya story (Mousedeer and crocodile)



### **Maths**

For Maths 1/2 have been exploring place value. They have been working into the hundreds and thousands. For Inquiry, we learnt about the witchetty grubs and had some fun.





## Naidoc Week



Foundation to Year 2 Aboriginal dot painting on rocks. They were then combined to make a rainbow serpent.  
Now on display in the front office.

## Remebrance Day





## From the Office



### Drink Bottles

A reminder that students need to have their own drink bottle at school every day. Due to COVID-19 guidelines, the drinking fountains and bubble taps are not in use.

### School Sores

Please be advised the school has been notified of a reported case of Impetigo disease (School Sores).

## Impetigo

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/](https://www.rch.org.au/kidsinfo/fact_sheets/Impetigo_school_sores/)

### 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 4: 5/10 – 16/12

### Term 4

Week 7

Week 8      **Fri 27 Nov**      **Year 10 Graduation Luncheon and Farewell**

Week 9

Week 10      **Fri 11 Dec**      **Last Day for Year 7-9 Students**

Week 11      **Wed 16 Dec**      **Last Day for Foundation-Year 6 Students**

**Fri 18 Dec**      **Last Day for Staff**

### St Mary's College

90 High Street, Seymour  
Telephone: (03) 5792 2611  
PO Box 269, Seymour 3661  
Office Hours: 8:15am-4:30pm

### St Mary's Parish Seymour ~ St Joseph's Tallarook

#### Parish Priest: Father Eugene Ashkar

Telephone: (03) 9412 8406 / 0455 123 509

**Mass Times:** St Mary's - SAT 6:00pm, SUN 10:00am;  
St Joseph's - SUN 8:30am