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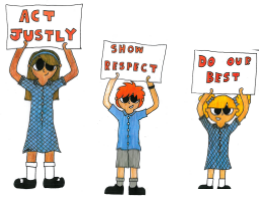
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St Mary's College Vision Statement

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

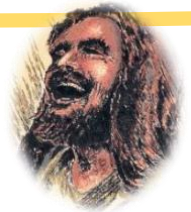


St Mary's College Seymour is a **Child Safe School**. We promote the safety, wellbeing and inclusion of all children.

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,

The Final Walk for Year Ten

At 2:55pm on Friday 27th November 2021 College Captains Oliver Bree and Jordyn Beattie carried the College Banner and led the class of 2020 through a very long guard of honour as the Year 10 students received resounding applause from the College students and staff. The Final Walk is about a rite of passage, a tradition for our younger students to experience and for them to look forward to the day they receive the same. The Class of 2020 would have been a wonderful group to take through to Year 12. Year 10 have left the building and they are so well equipped to move beyond St Mary's. Year 10s behaviour during their last week was seamless. They conducted themselves with grace and poise displaying a mature approach to all that they did and or were asked to do. Year 10 gave so much to the College and yet they received more. Thank you to the parents of Year 10, you entrusted your sons and daughters into the holistic education of a Catholic education and Year 10 will take the values of St Mary's with them in heart and mind. Thank you to College Captains, Claire Noonan and Tristan Murphy for their sincere and grateful speeches on their time at St Mary's and thankfulness for the wonderful support and education from staff and how the group showed resilience and character during the challenges of remote learning. St Mary's is proud to have played our part in the lives of these fine young men and women.



Ms Dovara

Ms Dovara has been successful in applying for a permanent teaching position at Assumption College Kilmore as from 2021. Ms Dovara began teaching at St Mary's in 1991-1995. In the years following Zine taught at St Patrick's Primary Kilmore; St Carlo Primary Borromeo Greenvale and Holy Cross Primary New Gisborne before returning to St Mary's in 2013. From 2013 Zine has held the leadership roles of Wellbeing Coordinator of P-10 and then 5-7 Level Coordinator and for the past two years as the Deputy Principal Wellbeing. The staff look forward to celebrating Zine's contribution to the history of St Mary's and to wish her well in the next chapter of her educational career pathway at Assumption College.

Planning

The College Positions of Leadership (POL) Team meets this week for 2021 planning. Where possible teams will share an office in the same area to develop stronger links across primary and secondary.

College Executive	Faith & Mission
Principal: Wayne Smith Deputy Principal: Operations Genevieve Gordon Director: Faith & Mission Rochelle Gough Director: Learning & Teaching Christine Buhler Director: Wellbeing Allison Moore Business Manager: Felicity Melville Meeting Minutes: Office Manager Gail Strahan	Director: Faith & Mission Rochelle Gough Religious Education Teaching Staff Sacramental Team Parent Engagement Coordinator: Catherine Evans Parish Priest: Fr Eugene Ashkar
Curriculum Director: Learning & Teaching Christine Buhler Numeracy Leader: Darcy McLean Data Analysis/SIMON: Andrea Richards Literacy Leader Primary: Kerrie Pearce Literacy Leader: Secondary: Lorna Hooper Learning Diversity Learning Diversity Leader: Claire Kelly Learning Support Officers	Wellbeing Director: Wellbeing Allison Moore Primary Pastoral Coordinator: Anne Spencer Secondary Pastoral Coordinator: Angela Molinaro Counsellor: Mel Nuttall
Administration Business Manager: Felicity Melville Office Manager: Gail Strahan Office; Canteen & Maintenance staff Maintenance Manager Nicholas Fairbairn	College Operations Deputy Principal: Operations Genevieve Gordon Communications/Pathways Officer: Tanya Oakley Daily Organiser: Leigh Krammer Sports Coordinator: Mary Tampion

Last Days for Students

Year 7-9 students end the year on Friday 11th December. All Primary students complete the College year on Wednesday 16th December.

Best Wishes.



Wayne Smith
Principal

*DipEd (ACU) DipREd (ACU) BEd (ACU) Grad Cert EdAdmin (Edith Cowan)
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**Farewell
Year
10**



Foundation-Year 10 Buddies



from the Deputy Principal ...

Last week we said farewell to our Year 10 Class of 2020. Many of our Year 10s began their learning journey with us in Prep; while others have joined us for the secondary pathway, regardless we are saying goodbye to a wonderful group of young people who have completed their final year at St Mary's College under extraordinary circumstances. We would like to wish the graduating class all the best in their future learning and personal journeys.

For our F-9 student body, it is very important that students engage with, and take responsibility for their work right to the end of the year. Parents of secondary students are asked to have a conversation with their child regarding having the appropriate stationery to complete this learning year. Some students are arriving to class without the necessary items for learning, this includes a pen to write with.

Staff are now completing assessments and beginning to write end of semester reports. Secondary staff are finalising assessment tasks across all curriculum areas and Primary staff are completing the end of year assessments in English and Maths. As the Victorian Curriculum reports are progress based, work that is completed between now and the end of the year can contribute to the end of semester reports.



Mrs Christine Buhler

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Religion & Community



Sunday 29th November was the first Sunday of Advent

In Latin, an advent is an arrival; in the Church year it is a time of waiting. In the early Church it was both.

It drew on the image of the arrival of the Emperor to a city, which was preceded by a time of anxious expectation spent in drawing up reports and balancing budgets. The Emperor might be expected to bring gifts, but he also exacted harsh punishment for corrupt administration, gross neglect and other crimes. The advent of the Emperor referred both to the expectation of his coming and his actual arrival.

The image of the Emperor's arrival fits well the weeks before Christmas. We celebrate the coming of the Son of God to join

our world at Christmas, and so prepare for his coming. We also look ahead to the coming of the Son of God at the end of time to judge the world, and reflect seriously on our lives.

Attitude of Preparation

These two aspects of Advent are expressed in the liturgy. As each candle of the Advent wreath is lighted we come closer to Christmas. The colour of Advent is purple. This colour was reserved to the Emperor in Roman times, and so it reminds us that it is the Son of God who is coming among us at Advent. The covering of the statues and crosses in purple and the removal of flowers from the church, so leaving a bare church, create the serious attitude appropriate to preparing for the coming of God among us. At Christmas the church will explode with light and colour and Jesus will take his place in the crib.

This year the theme of waiting in hope is particularly fitting. Having spent 12 months confronted with bushfires and coronavirus we are hanging out for a Christmas when we can be with family and friends and free from care. The joy and hope of the coming of Christ at Christmas at the end of a long journey to Bethlehem awaken in us, even as they are at odds with the restricted daily reality of our lives. We look forward to the coming of Christ at all levels of our lives.

Comfort of God's Promise



Many of the Advent Mass readings are taken from the Book of Isaiah, composed both before and during the exile of the people of Judaea. It was a time of anxiety and despair. Isaiah's images describe both the harsh reality of his times and the comfort of God's promise to the people. They move from the dryness of the desert to promise a green land of fertile valleys and flowing streams and of trees bearing plentiful fruit.

They represent the sadness of exile, of being driven out of one's own home, culture and language and temple, and the exuberant joy with which they will return to a new Jerusalem where God will rule over a faithful and prosperous people. Isaiah describes a grieving, divided and despairing nation, and its transformation into a people at home with God and with one another.

This Advent again takes us into the mystery of God's coming to us in Jesus and of our own lives and world. It allows us to turn our anxiety and impatience at the effects of the virus into a steady waiting on God. It also invites us to attend to the people in our world who are treated harshly, and especially the refugees who, like the people of Israel at Isaiah's time, have been made destitute this year, and who wait on God's help and our kindness.

Mrs Rochelle Gough

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Indonesian

Congratulations:



Congratulations to our Year 10 VET Certificate II Applied Language (Indonesian) students:

Kade Altas, Renee Indich-Navon, Jack Lawrence, Tristan Murphy and Claire Noonan who have achieved competency in all 4 of the units required. Not only are they able to use basic social and workplace language, they have gained a deeper insight into the fascinating culture of Indonesia. Over the 2 years we have performed role-plays, watched Indonesian films, used online tools such as Education Perfect, Edmodo and Quizlet to build vocabulary as well as communicate with our Partner School in Singkawang. We also had the opportunity to visit Singkawang last year which I am sure will be a highlight not only of their Indonesian studies but of their time at St Mary's College.

I wish each of these wonderful students every success as they embark on a new journey.

Lighthouse Partnership Program Grant

I was very pleased to receive an email from the Asia Education Foundation saying that we were successful in our bid for a grant to refresh our Bridge Partnership with SMPN20 Singkawang over the next 2 years.

The Lighthouse Partnership Program grant recognises our strong partnership and was awarded to only 5 schools in Australia.

The money will be used to improve provide notebooks for the students in Singkawang and to improve the internet access so that we can communicate more easily. We also want to develop our school gardens and share information across the 2 schools via videos, photos and bilingual signs and posters. It is hoped that this is a whole school project and we would like to thank Mr Allen for his input already!

'Exploring STEAM in BRIDGE: Creative Actions through Citizen Science'

This month we have also been accepted for a different program being run by AEF Bridge Partnership. Ibu Angela has participated in online workshops discussing issues such as plastic waste pollution and the impact on the oceans and rivers. This of course is an issue not just for Indonesia but also Australia and globally. We have been given access to resources from the **CSIRO** as well as the '**Pulau Plastik**' series which documents this issue in Indonesia and shows some strategies they are using to reduce plastic waste. I would like to thank Ms Richards for her ideas and input as the STEM and Environmental Science teacher at St Mary's.



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.

Lunches and Take Away Food

A reminder to parents and families that any items must be dropped off at the College office, such as lunches and takeaway food. Students will be called to the office to collect them. Please do not arrange for items to be delivered/dropped off to students in the school yard.

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 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**

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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



Christmas 4 Kids!



Come and enjoy games, story, music and craft as we explore Christmas.

Who: Primary School aged children,
including those starting in 2021.

Time: 4:00 - 5:30pm

Cost: Free

When & Where:

Wed 9 Dec

@ Salvation Army, Victoria St Seymour.

Tues 15 Dec

@ Avenel PS, Undercover Basketball area.

Book your spot via trybooking or contacting us:

Seymour – <https://www.trybooking.com/BNDEJ>

Avenel - <https://www.trybooking.com/BNDEO>

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The Victorian Government is introducing a container deposit scheme (CDS) to increase beverage container recycling and reduce litter in Victoria.

A container deposit scheme works by applying a small deposit to beverages sold to consumers which covers the cost of recycling. When the empty beverage containers – such as those in plastic, glass bottles and aluminium cans, are returned to a refund collection point, a cash refund can be collected for each container returned.

This consultation seeks your views on the proposed design for Victoria's container deposit scheme and how it should operate. Key design choices such as how the deposit is received, types of eligible containers and types of refund collection infrastructure will all influence your experience with the CDS and how much you'll want to use it. This is your opportunity to have your say, so that our scheme best suits Victoria's needs.

More information can be found at: <https://engage.vic.gov.au/container-deposit-scheme> or watch this YouTube clip: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Vxtjll3J3d4&feature=emb_logo

A vertical poster for 'Coming Together Christmas In the Valley'. The background is red with a yellow border. At the top, it says 'SATURDAY 12TH DECEMBER 2020' in white. Below this is a large, glowing white Christmas ornament with the text 'Coming Together CHRISTMAS In the Valley' written on it in yellow and white. The main title 'CHRISTMAS' is in large, bold, yellow letters. Below the title, it says 'FEATURING INCREDIBLE ARTISTS FROM ACROSS VICTORIA AND MITCHELL SHIRE, WE BRING YOU A MAGICAL NIGHT LIKE NEVER BEFORE!' in white. Further down, it says 'FILLED WITH VIRTUAL LIVE MUSIC AND ENTERTAINMENT, ENJOY A MITCHELL FIRST LIVE STREAM TO ALL YOUR FAVOURITE VENUES WITH PLENTY OF CHRISTMAS SPIRIT' in white. At the bottom, it says 'HEAD TO WWW.BENNYGREGS.COM/COMING-TOGETHER-CHRISTMAS FOR MORE INFORMATION OR EMAIL EVENTS@BENNYGREGS' in white. Below this are social media icons for Facebook and Instagram with the handles '/comingtogetherchristmas' and '@comingtogetherchristmas'. At the very bottom, it says 'PROUDLY BROUGHT TO YOU BY' followed by logos for BG YOU, MITCHELL YOUTH SERVICES, CREATIVE VICTORIA, MITCHELL SHIRE COUNCIL, and Bendigo Bank.

We could all use a bit of extra Christmas cheer this year, that's why Mitchell Shire Council has partnered with Benny Gregs and other local businesses to bring you a "Coming Together Christmas".

This live streaming event will run from 6.30 – 8.30pm on the 12/12/2020. The event will consist of 20 artists from across Mitchell Shire and Victoria providing entertainment and live music for the community to enjoy.

Coming Together Christmas will be live streamed on Facebook as well as in select venues around the shire. Keep an eye out as Santa may even make an appearance at these venues as well!

For more information, please visit the website: <https://www.bennygregs.com/coming-together-christmas>