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2021 College Theme

***"Let our words and actions
be shining lights for others"***



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

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Term 3

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Dear Parents and Guardians,

It has been many years since my wife (Chris) left Year 12 in Wagga. She was no more or no less popular than other students and certainly the resilient type coming from a sheep farm at Holbrook in New South Wales. A few years ago, my wife received a Facebook invite from a lady in Perth WA. Chris accepted the invite because it was a former classmate from her secondary school days. A week later the lady sent Chris a message:

"Hi Chris, thanks for accepting my friendship notification. I have been wanting to make contact with you for many years. I have carried this for a long time and want to ask you for forgiveness for the times I bullied you at school."

Chris discussed families and where the years had gone and finished with, *"I have forgiven you, its time you forgave yourself."* Most people who bully do reflect on their past and carry that baggage.

Bullying is the deliberate and repeated actions to harm someone. It can be targeted in different ways, sometimes obvious, sometimes through subtle means. That famous saying, *'the standard we walk past is the standard we accept'* is not open to negotiation.

We adults are the greatest examples that young people can have through the way we interact with others. At different times I can have parents in my office offering lots of excuses for their son or daughter's behaviour. On most occasions parents are overwhelmingly supportive of the College and what we and they (parents) stand for.

Our College Wellbeing team do outstanding work in educating and putting welfare measures in place when required. I have for years worked off some very basic principles in Catholic education:

1. Every student has the right to learn.
2. Every student has the right to feel safe.
3. If a student and or parents are not willing to support the College values, they are welcome to go elsewhere.

I have never wavered from my core belief that every student past, present and future deserves to have a personal relationship with Christ.....*when the heart and mind are in sync.*

Student in their teenage years need us all to be on the same page. They require consequences, not fluffy responses when their intentions are deliberate. Pastoral Care; education; affirmation; tough love; restoring of relationships; support and forgiveness all play an important role in building character, nurturing positive and caring relationships and providing positive role models for the students of St Mary's.



'If you want to feel good do good things.'

John-Roger

May our actions and words be shining lights for others.

Wayne Smith

Principal, St Mary's College Seymour

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Literacy



Book Week Dress Up Update

Due to the current COVID restrictions regarding school gatherings, some changes have been made to our scheduled plans for the dress up day.

All F-10 students are invited to dress up as their favourite book character on Friday August 20th as has been communicated in last week's Marian.



Unfortunately, we are unable to hold our parade as planned. The students will have the opportunity to parade in year level groups and lots of photos and footage will be taken to share with the school community on our Facebook page etc.

Certificates will also be awarded to the best dressed in each class.

We are looking forward to having a great day!



What: Come to school dressed as your favourite book character!!

When: Friday August 20, 2021

Where: MPH

Time: 2:30pm

Students are asked to come to school dressed up as their favourite book character to celebrate the launch of Book Week 2021.

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Parent Engagement



A Busy Week

It has been a fabulous week with many different activities and events happening in the school. Our Pyjama Day to support St Vincent de Paul, the recognising of Indonesia's Day of Independence and the links to our language program and sister school in Singkawang, and celebrating all things Literacy with the Book Week dress up on Friday.

We would have loved to have had our families onsite for all of these activities and learning opportunities but due to current restrictions, we were unable to do so.

We hope that the photos and stories we have shared have helped to make that connection.



P&F

Our fabulous P&F have been working hard for Father's Day but unfortunately, we will not be able to hold our annual Father's Day stall or Father's Day Breakfast this year.

We are working with the P&F and staff so that our students can celebrate their dads and special people but in a different way in these times of COVID restrictions.

Thank you again to our P&F – it's very challenging in these times to run events and fundraising as we normally would.

Mrs Catherine Evans

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Accounts



Reminder September Laptop Instalment

A reminder that the next laptop instalment is due by **1st September**. Families are requested to make this payment of \$230 for Year 7, 8 & 9 students by the due date, in line with the Laptop Agreement.

Please include the description LTOP and your Account Number/Name if paying by Direct Deposit.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Stacia Read at the College. (Select Option 3 for direct line to accounts)

Mrs Stacia Read

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Defence School Mentor



Vietnam Veteran's Day

Wednesday the 18th of August was Vietnam Veteran's Day. Every year since the Seymour Vietnam Veterans memorial was built, St Mary's College has been represented by our leaders at the annual Vietnam Veterans Walk. Unfortunately, due to COVID restrictions St Mary's College student leaders were unable to attend this year.

However, a wreath was laid on our behalf by a member of the RSL and as a whole College we paused to reflect on the bravery, teamwork, endurance and sacrifices made by the many Australians who served during the Vietnam War.



DMFS Member and Family Helpline

Support, local community information and advice is available for ADF families through the Member and Family Helpline. It operates 24-7 and is staffed by qualified human services professionals including social workers and psychologists. This is the best way to access DMFS programs and services offered to help Defence families manage the military way of life.

Phone 1800 624 608 or Email memberandfamilyhelpline@defence.gov.au

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Indonesian

Selamat Hari Merdeka - Happy Independence Day

This week students have been learning about Hari Merdeka (Indonesian Independence Day) which was celebrated on Tuesday. It is the biggest day celebrated in Indonesia.

Students wore merah dan putih (red and white) the colours of the Indonesian flag. During classes this week students have been learning about the history of Indonesia and how they became an independent country on the 17th of August, 1945.

They have done lots of activities learning how the Indonesian people celebrate their special day. Year 8 classes made nasi goreng (fried rice) and said it was enak sekali, delicious. Primary students have learnt some of the traditional games that are played such as the marble and spoon race, sack races, tug of war and krupuk on a string eating competition.

They have had some fun being able to play some of these games.

Terima kasih,

Bu Cullum



Mrs Jacqueline Cullum

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Dates to Remember

Term 3

Week 7	Fri 27 Aug	Confirmation 6pm- Year 6
		Confirmation 7:15pm Year 7 and 8

Term Dates 2021

Term 3: 12/07 – 17/09

Term 4: 04/10 – 10/12



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