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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.

Newsletter No.30

Term 4

28 October 2021

Dear Parents and Guardians,

CECV have updated the Covid-19 Operations guidelines as from Monday 1st November. Whilst restrictions are being scaled back, the College is still required to follow precautionary health and safety guidelines with distancing, space and where possible keep any assemblies and liturgies for students and staff only. Visitors are still required to follow the Covid safe practices. Families will continue to be updated if further changes are released.

Welcome Chloe (AFL Sportsready Traineeship)

It is my pleasure to announce that former Assumption College student *Chloe Locke* will undertake an AFL Sportsready traineeship at St Mary's in a full-time capacity for 2022. Chloe is well known in local and representative sporting circles and completed Year 12 at Assumption this year. Chloe is keen to take a year away from study before entering university to study teaching. Chloe is a member of the Avenel Tennis Club; Murray Bushrangers Youth Girls team; Captain of the Seymour Lions Youth Netball team; Goulburn Valley Netball representative and was a member of the Assumption College Swimming; Netball; Athletics; Tennis and 1st 18 AFL teams. We look forward to the support and interaction Chloe will have with our students and staff. Chloe will be a wonderful role model for our female students and certainly for those who want to strive for excellence both in and out of the classroom.

Thankyou Year 10

Staff were delighted to share morning tea with Year 10 this morning. Our senior students provided the morning tea to celebrate and acknowledge World Teacher (Staff) Day. Thank you to Mrs Oakley for organising teacher cups and Mrs Gough's daughter Erin for cooking enticing SMC biscuits. Every Year 10 are special and may our senior students enjoy their last weeks with pride in all that they do. The staff are certainly proud of Year 10 and the inspiring legacy they leave their younger peers will live long in students' hearts.

Thankyou P&F

Three cheers for our P&F for running the Bunnings BBQ last Saturday. Our thanks also to Bunnings for allowing St Mary's to have the day. Bunnings certainly know how to do it well with a BBQ set up that is first rate. Over \$1200 was raised.

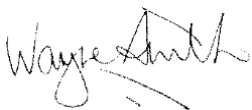
Thank you, Ava and Poppy

Yesterday I had the pleasure of being with Ava Loweke and Poppy Broomhall when they were interviewed by the Telegraph. Ava is dedicated to her ballet. She has and does make sacrifices to be the best she can be. Ava has been selected as the Snow Queen in the State Ballet production of the Nutcracker. Ava travels for ballet lessons and spends many hours a week practising, yet ensures her subject work is completed and up to date. We have many students who are like Ava and are organized, committed and disciplined so they too can enjoy the fruits of their labour. Poppy spoke about the importance of relating and said that Mrs Moore is a wonderful leader of Wellbeing because "she relates to us." Poppy believes more students and adults would benefit from a weekly mindfulness activity and that St Mary's is doing a good job with student mental wellbeing. Poppy was honoured to be selected from hundreds of students from the Nicholls electorate to have her message read in the Upper House of National Parliament. Poppy is looking towards a career that helps people and I dare say that psychology may be her future vocation. It was a pleasure to listen to two young St Mary's ladies making the most of every opportunity.

Melbourne Cup Week

The canteen will be closed next week. Monday 1st November is a normal school day with the College closed on Tuesday 2nd and Wednesday 3rd November. We anticipate less students on Monday with perhaps a mass exodus up the Hume for families who take that Melbourne Cup 'longer weekend.' If you are on the roads, please go gently.

May our actions and words be shining lights for others.



Wayne Smith

Principal, St Mary's College Seymour

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Director of Learning and Teaching



Student Leadership at St Mary's College

The current unit of work in Year 9 Faith Education Classes is based on Leadership. One of the aims of this work is to prepare students to apply for a student leadership position in 2022.

All students have been completing activities to enrich their understanding of different leadership styles and of their own personal qualities.

Topic 1 Leaders in our Society

Who are some of these people? Who Do I Admire and Why? What qualities are considered worthy of admiration?

Topic 2 Leadership Styles and Qualities

The four styles of leadership. What are my leadership qualities?

Topic 3 Me – As a Leader

Students reflect on how they could be a leader by using their strengths and developing actions to meet their challenges.

Students have been working through the ***Student Leadership St Mary's College Handbook***. This outlines the Role Descriptions, application process and timelines for 2021.

Students are invited to apply for leadership positions and submit their letters of application by email to Mr. Smith by Friday 5th November.

Parents of Year 9 students are encouraged to discuss this with their child and support them in their application. Parents have also been sent a copy of the Handbook and a letter to inform them of this process.

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Social Networking

A social network is an online community, often with a common interest.



What is social networking?

Social networking sites allow users to share comments and post images and videos in a contained environment with the account holder in control. The term has now broadened to capture many popular apps and platforms that are not strictly social media but it extends to any app or platform that allows online communication.

The most common site used in Australia is Facebook, followed by Instagram, WhatsApp and Snapchat. For young people, the most popular app is Instagram, followed by Snapchat. Other apps that are particularly popular are YouTube, TikTok and House Party. Many online games also have a social media like function. Each site comes with safety concerns, so please check out the advice on the eSafety website www.esafety.gov.au

Be aware that any app, site, game or platform that allows communication between users can be used to bully or harass and can be used by online predators



What are the risks of social networking?

Using a social networking site can be a lot of fun and is a great way to keep in touch, but it can carry risks, especially for children and young people. All social networking sites have age restrictions (usually 13 years) and it is important for parents to read and understand the site's **Terms and Conditions of Use**. You don't pick and choose which rules you follow in the real world, so please assist your children to follow the online rules as well. Children should not be permitted to access age restricted accounts. Talk about the rules and why they are important rather than working out a way to circumvent them.

Social networking sites require a large amount of time invested in them, not only to set up, but also to continually manage to ensure that the security/privacy settings are at their highest level. This is particularly important when the account holder is a young person.

Many social networking sites work on a 'real name' culture, which means that being truthful in the setting up of an account makes the account safer. You are far better being truthful and using the security settings to protect your privacy, rather than setting up a fake account, or lying about certain information such as age. Facebook for example has a range of important safety settings as the 'default' when the account holder is 13 - 17 years.

Social Media

Many parents are misguided and tell their children to set up the account with an older age for 'safety'. This is NOT a guarantee of safety, sets a poor example and puts the child outside the secure part of the site. You are far better to set up an account with your child together, with clear rules and guidelines, rather than have them set one up at a friend's house behind your back.

Social networking is certainly not all bad, although the media can focus on negative aspects. Embrace social technology with your child and ensure that you have an account on all sites your child does.

What are some ways to assist children and young people in social networking?

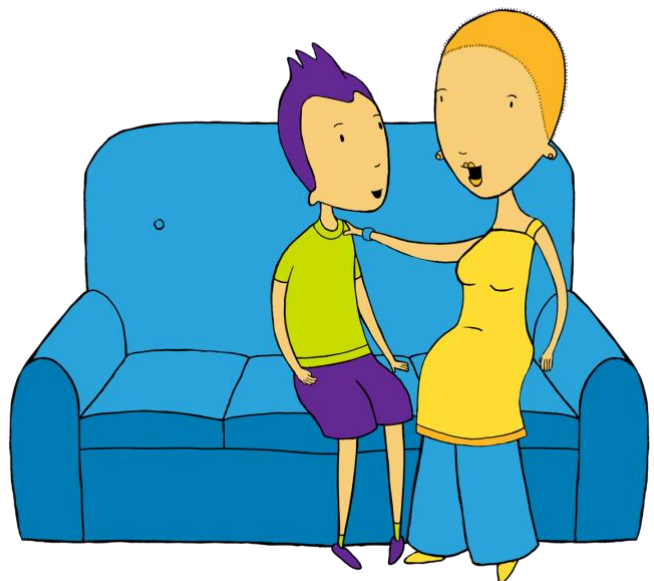
Here is how you can assist your child to be safe on social networking sites:

- Ensure that they comply with the age restrictions (DO NOT let them on Facebook under 13 years of age)
- Ensure that they understand how the privacy and security settings work and always have the account set to 'private'. Note that even with this setting, random people may still be able to contact your child.
- Ensure that they can change their passwords and they know how to report and block.
- Ensure that they know who to tell if they have an online issue.
- Set up an account yourself and be your child's friend (this is not going to ensure safety but is part of what is expected of you as a parent.)
- Know your child's password. This is not invading their privacy, it is parenting.
- Have house rules about what your child can post and when they can add new 'friends' (must ask you first). Ensure they know and understand the rules.

Where can I find out more about specific social media sites?

Many social networking sites create their own help guides. These guides provide tips and advice specifically for parents. You can download these guides from the site's Help or Support section, for example:

- **Parent's Guide to Instagram**
<https://help.instagram.com/299484113584685>
- **Help Your Teens Play it Safe - Facebook**
(<https://www.facebook.com/safety/parents/>)
- **Control Your Experience - Twitter**
(<https://support.twitter.com/articles/470968-families>)
- The **eSafety Commissioner** has a section with updated information about the latest apps and platforms.
(<https://www.esafety.gov.au/key-issues/esafety-guide>)



Director of Faith and Mission



Sacraments are special moments in the lives of our students and we are determined to make it happen!

The 2021 *Sacrament of Confirmation* will be celebrated on **Friday 19th November**.

There will be two Confirmation Services (not a full Mass) held at 6:00pm for all Year 6 students followed by 7:00pm for Year 7 and 8 students. Confirmation will be celebrated by Father Eugene Ashkar, as Bishop Terry is unavailable due to the number of rescheduled Confirmations that have been rescheduled in Melbourne.

Our students have a wonderful pastoral connection to Fr Ashkar, so it is fitting that in a year of disruption the students will be confirmed by our Parish Priest and pastoral leader.

Current COVID restrictions, allow 100 people in the church at any one time. Adults are required to be double vaccinated.

Each candidate is allowed their sponsor and two other family members.

Please contact us if you have a query:

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Business Manager



Please be reminded that the **due date for the final payment of all fees and levies is 31 October 2021**. Once again, thank you to all those families who have been making regular payments throughout the year or have already paid their fees in full.

The College bank account details are:

Account name: St Mary's College General Account

BSB: 083 347

Account No. 839 989 790

Please remember to use your statement account number and surname as the payment reference when paying via EFT.

As previously advised, it is a good time for those families who have direct debit or direct deposit arrangements in place to review their payment instalment amounts in order to meet their commitment in 2021 and into 2022.

Mrs Felicity Melville

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Accounts



Unnamed fee payment

The College recently received an unnamed Direct DEPOSIT for a substantial amount.

The payment was received in the College bank account this week. If you made a direct deposit to the St Mary's College bank account this week, please contact the College as soon as possible so that we can allocate the payment correctly.

Mrs Stacia Read

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Learning Diversity Leader



OPENING THE DOORS FOUNDATION

Keeping Koorie Kids in an Education of their Choice



Applications now open for 2022 (online – use link below)

<https://app.openingthedoors.org.au/>

The Opening the Doors Foundation is an Aboriginal-led community organisation supporting educational opportunities for Aboriginal children. The Foundation enables Aboriginal students to participate fully and equally in education, and supports their families to make their own choices about their children's future. The Foundation believes that consistent support and self-determination are key to raising the dreams and aspirations of the next generation.

It is the intention of the Opening the Doors Foundation that the Indigenous youth of Victoria will be proud of what it does in offering them an educational opportunity that will make a real and tangible difference in their lives.

Educational opportunities are realised by meeting the costs of uniforms, school books, IT equipment, stationery and more. By providing support and being led by the wishes of families and on the ground Aboriginal support networks, students are able to attend the school of their choice, with correct uniform and equipment. This is vital to the self-esteem of our young ones.

The achievement of a successful and culturally appropriate academic experience allows the potential to radically alter the systemic and generational disadvantage currently being experienced by Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people.

The application for 2022 grants can be done in consultation with the College at the Term 4 PSG meeting or you may choose to apply online at any time before the closing date [8th April 2022]. Paper applications are no longer accepted. In 2022, Opening The Doors Foundation has a new number to answer any queries you have about the application. If you would like assistance with this application call 1300 236356 and press #1

If this is your child's first application with Opening The Doors Foundation you will need to submit a **Confirmation of Aboriginality Certificate** with their application. Please contact me if you would like a template that can be completed for this purpose. If you would like to complete the application process at the Term 4 PSG, please bring your Confirmation of Aboriginality Certificate with you.

If you aren't able to obtain a Confirmation of Aboriginality Certificate, you may contact the Opening the Doors Foundation office on 0401 487 414. Alternatively, you can contact me for a template that can be used to obtain Recognition of Aboriginality.

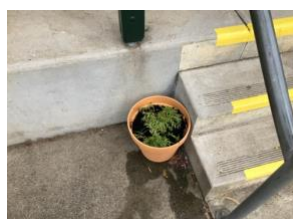
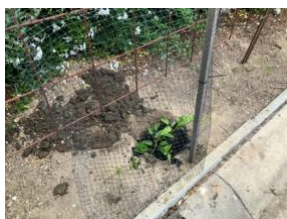
Mrs Claire Kelly

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Environmental Science



Year 7 Environmental Studies students have begun work on beautifying the quadrangle area and establishing a forage garden in the quadrangle area. Following on from a Home Learning task where students were sent packets of seeds to plant, the Enviro kids have potted out flower seedlings and planted food varieties such as strawberries, grapes and kiwi berries. We plan to expand on this project over the coming weeks.



5/6B Poetry



Senior Primary students have been learning about Poetry this term. They have learnt how to write Cinquain, List, Haiku, Remember When, Acrostic, Simile, Personification, 5 Senses, Shape and Rhyming poems. They have also been learning about the different types of Figurative Language to enhance their poetry. Here are some examples of poems written by the students in 5/6B. Enjoy.

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| <p>Winter</p> <p>Snow and thunder</p> <p>It is so cold I will need a heater</p> <p>I will have some junk food</p> <p>by Bianca</p> | <p><u>Autumn</u></p> <p>Leaves rest on the ground</p> <p>Red, Yellow, Orange and Browns</p> <p>Leaves fall off the trees</p> <p>by Amelia</p> | <p>Winter</p> <p>Cold wind blows snow falls</p> <p>Furry animals are outside</p> <p>No leaves on the trees</p> <p>by Wyatt</p> |
| <p>Spring</p> <p>Winter is gone now</p> <p>Flowers spring up in the grass</p> <p>Sunny clouds Take flight</p> <p>Written by Olivia</p> | <p><u>Summer</u></p> <p>Sea breeze blows ahead</p> <p>The book flows and the sun shines</p> <p>Perfect summer day</p> <p>By Baxter</p> | <p><u>Summer</u></p> <p><i>Pretty hot glowing</i></p> <p><i>Fire slowly thickens the air</i></p> <p><i>The sky shines brightly</i></p> <p><i>Written by Darcy</i></p> |
| <p><i>Summer</i></p> <p><i>Going to the pool</i></p> <p><i>Cooling off with icy poles</i></p> <p><i>Hanging out with friends</i></p> <p>By Max</p> | <p><i>Spring</i></p> <p>The start of new lives Flowers bloom in the fields of green The smell of spring</p> <p>by Tylah</p> | <p>Spring</p> <p>Birds hatching from eggs.</p> <p>Flowers blooming with brightness.</p> <p>Happy vibes only.</p> <p>Written by Hamish</p> |

Mrs Kerrie Aldous
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Parent Engagement



It's hard to believe we are already halfway through Term 4. We would normally have been welcoming our grandparents and special people to school this week for morning tea and a concert but instead we look forward to doing that next year when we can.

This week is Children's Week across the state and we have celebrated it by highlighting the achievements of some of our students each day on the College Facebook page. We know that our students are all talented in different ways and it has been great to see the different ways and areas in which they achieve.

Welcome

We wish to welcome two new families to St Mary's who have joined us recently.

Welcome to Carly and Guy Eldridge and their daughter Brielle Hibberd (Year 7) and to Jenni and Darryl Lynch and their daughter Natalie (Year 7). We hope they have settled into life at St Mary's, especially now we are back onsite.

We also congratulate Ben Duke and Jess Harris on the arrival of their beautiful new baby girl, Maddilyn Joy, little sister for Seth (Year 4) and Tyla (Year 6) Marescaux. Congratulations!

Parents and Friends

Last Saturday, the P&F organised and ran the BBQ at Bunnings.

It was a very successful day and raised \$1203.26

There are many people to thank :

- *Bunnings for providing the equipment and the fundraising opportunity

- *Woolworths for donating all the bread

- *P&F for the organisation

- *Our families and the community for supporting the BBQ

- *And all the helpers - Megan, Reggie, Brooke, Katy, Elysia, Kate, Kellie, Wayne, Cath, Gen, Lillian, Susan, Saxon, Shannon, Karen and Nicole

Another great St Mary's team effort!



AGM

The P&F will be holding the AGM on Wednesday 10th November at 7pm at the College.

The Parents and friends not only coordinate and run fundraising events for the school but are also very proactive in organising social activities and welcoming families into the school community. They have supported our parent community to make significant contributions to the College over the years and have enhanced the learning opportunities for all students.

We welcome all families to come along to the AGM and find out more about the P&F.

The P&F have also been busy organising the Krispy Kreme fundraiser to finish off fundraising events for the year. It's been so difficult to have any fundraising this year and we wanted to thank the P&F and all of our families for their support. We hope you enjoy the opportunity to add some tasty donuts to your pantry! Information below.

Due to the popular response to the *Krispy Kreme* fundraiser last year the St Mary's College Parents and Friends Association has managed to secure another offering for our families and friends.

Please find a *Krispy Kreme* order form attached to this newsletter.

Please ensure that all *Krispy Kreme* orders and payments are returned to the College Office on or before 15 November 2021. The College now has the option of EFTPOS facilities for P&F payments. **DO NOT use the College's general fee account when making P&F fundraising payments.**

Collection will occur on Saturday, 4 December 2021 at a time and venue yet to be determined. We will keep you updated as restrictions ease and options become available. If you are unable to collect on this date, please contact Regina Schaefer on 0420 415 368 to make alternative arrangements.

Funds raised by the Parents and Friends Association will contribute to the regeneration of the College Oval - *Bring Mercy Back*.

Thank you for your continued support.

St Mary's College Parents and Friends Association



ST. MARY'S COLLEGE
Parents and Friends Association
Fundraiser



Doughnuts



Collection
On
04/12/21



Krispy Krème
Original Glazed Doughnuts
\$21.00 per dozen
*\$29.00 per dozen (*assorted)*



~ FAMILY & FRIENDS ORDER FORM ~

Family Name: _____ Ph: _____

Student Name: _____ Class: _____

Dozen Required: { _____ } @ \$21.00 Per Dozen

Assorted Dozen: { _____ } @ \$29.00 Per Dozen

Total Amount Enclosed/Paid*: \$ _____

**P&F EFTPOS Facility now available at the College Office*

| Customer Name & Address | Quantity & Type Purchased | Amount Collected |
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***Don't delay get
your orders
in today!!!***

Orders along with payment are due in by
Monday, 15th November 2021.

*Short
Timeline*

**Pre selected assorted Dozen contains the following doughnuts:
6 x Original Glazed, 2 x Choc Iced, 2 x Strawberry Iced, 2 x Choc Iced with Sprinkles.*

If you unable to collect your order on 04/12/2021,
please phone **Regina** on **0420 415 368** to make alternative arrangements.

Notices

Term 3

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| Week 5 | Tue 2 Nov | Melbourne Cup Day Public Holiday |
| | Wed 3 Nov | Staff Professional Development Day |
| Week 6 | Wed 10 Nov | Year 7 Immunisations |
| Week 7 | Mon 15 - Fri 19 Nov | Year 10 Exam Week |
| | Fri 19 Nov | Confirmation -Year 6 – 6:00pm -Year 7&8 7:00pm |

Term Dates 2021

Term 3: 12/07 – 17/09

Term 4: 04/10 – 10/12

Bell Times 2021

Supervision of students begins at 8:30am

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| 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 |




LIONS CLUB OF SEYMOUR GOULBURN

LAP THE MAP

14th November 2021
Between 10am-2pm



At Lions park along the river walking track

DONATE A GOLD COIN & WALK
ALONGSIDE YOUR FRIENDS &
FAMILY SUPPORTING DIABETES
AWARENESS.

All enquires to Regina- 0417 329 981

All funds raised will go towards diabetes awareness, prevention, and research.

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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