St Mary’s Parish Primary School

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NEWSLETTER
Volume 16 – Issue 1 Monday 4th February, 2013

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Admin Officer Erica Nastopulos
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Teachers
Year PG Gabrielle Berends Year PK Lisa Knowler
Year 1B Daniela Borgese Year 1F Ben Fahey
Year 2C Matt Callery Year 20 Claire O’Dowd
Year 3J Therese John Year 3R Simon Raines
Year 4 Chris Todd Year 5R Loretta Robertson
Year 5T Freda Tahtouh Year 6 Ruth Crispin
Literacy Paula Incretolli Library Anna Borella
Italian Carmela Vozzo Phys Ed (Junior) Jenny Avon
Phys Ed (Senior) Chris Kidman Support Eleanor Colaneri (Years 1F & 20)
Support Cathy Busch Support Rosemary Jeunet (Year 5T)
Integration Robbie Bartlett Support Catherine LeHunt (Year 3J)

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Wednesday 6th February Camp Rumbug – Years 5 & 6
Thursday 7th February Camp Rumbug – Years 5 & 6
Friday 8th February Camp Rumbug – Years 5 & 6
Friday 8th February Swimming Program Begins for Years 3 - 6
Wednesday 13th February Ash Wednesday Mass 9:15am
Sunday 17th February School Year Mass 10:30am
Wednesday 20th February Pupil Free Day (Parent Information Meeting)
Monday 11th March Labour Day Public Holiday
Tuesday 12th March Eucharist Night (Presentation Family Project) 7pm
Thursday 14th March St Patrick’s Day Mass 10:30am
Monday 25th March Palm Sunday Celebration 2:45pm
Tuesday 26th March Holy Thursday Celebration 2:45pm
Tuesday 26th March Whole School Photos
Wednesday 27th March End of Term Mass 9:15am
Thursday 28th March Good Friday Celebration 12:30pm
Thursday 28th March End of Term – Student’s breakup at 1pm

After Care is available until 6pm, booking is essential

Term 2 commences
Monday 15th April School Begins 8:55am

From the Principal’s Desk:

Welcome to St Mary’s for 2013
I hope you all had a great holiday and are rested, ready to begin an exciting 2013. We have certainly had a great start to 2013. The Preps and the new children have settled in very well.

New Tuesday Dismissal Time
For 2013, Tuesday dismissal time will be at 3:30pm as the other days.

New Staff
A big welcome to Matt Callery who joins the staff at St Mary’s this year. Matt is teaching Year 2, and brings further experience of physical education and music to the school. We hope that his time with us is an enjoyable one.
Staff Returning
We welcome back Chris Todd and Rosemary Jeunet who are returning from extended leave. Chris is returning after overseas travel and will be teaching Year 4. Rosemary is returning from maternity leave and will teach Year 5 on Fridays.

New Families
With the start of 2013 we warmly welcome thirty one new families to St Mary’s. We hope that your time at St Mary’s is very enjoyable. The following children are new to the parish community:

Congratulations
It is with great excitement that Daniela Borgese and her husband Leigh announce that they are expecting their first child in July. Daniela has been teaching at St Mary’s for over five years and has added enormously to the St Mary’s community. She concludes her teaching this year on Friday 31st May. We wish Daniela and Leigh all the very best as they prepare for their new arrival.

Opening School Mass
The official opening Mass for the school year will be held on Sunday 17th February at the 10.30am parish Mass. At the conclusion of Mass we will have a picnic in the grounds in front of the presbytery. It will be great to see many families celebrate the commencement of the year with us. It will also be a great opportunity to welcome our new families into the parish community.

Parent Information Meeting – 20th February
In past years at the start of the school year St Mary’s has held a “Meet and Greet Night” in early February. This year instead we will be having Individual Parent Information Meetings with each teacher. This will be a great opportunity for you to meet the class teachers and talk about important information on your child/ren. A pupil free day on 20th February will be allocated to this day. A notice will be sent out next week where you will nominate your preferred time.

Leadership at St Mary’s
The following teachers were appointed to positions of Leadership for 2013-2014:
Ben Fahey – Deputy Principal
Ruth Crispin – Learning and Teaching
Paula Increttolli – Literacy
Therese John – Student Welfare
Claire O’Dowd – Education in Faith
Loretta Robertson – School Community
Freda Tahtouh – Mathematics.

We have changed the Year 6 student leadership structure for 2013. In the new structure we have aligned the Year 6 Leadership to our whole school leadership titles. As in past years the children nominated what areas of leadership that they would like to participate in. Congratulations to the following students who were appointed to these areas at the end of last year:
School Captains - Lucia Zimbardi and Jarrod Daniels
Vice Captains - Laura Smith and James Henderson
Sports Captains - Timothy O’Mahony: Green House
Fabiano Merenda: Yellow House
Karan Patel: Red House
Alessio Macali: Blue House
Education in Faith Leaders Isabella Aban & Grace Boyd-Quinn
Literacy Leaders William Green & Zeal Naik
Mathematics Leaders Vinci Nguyen & Cyrus Nguyen
ICT Leaders Costa Milonas & James Bosnich
Arts Leaders Ann Nguyen & Arli Giles –Watson
Italian Leaders Natasha Waine & Therese Dias
Student Wellbeing Leaders India Nash, Nicole Vasilev & Lim Nguyen

Ruth Crispin and I are confident that these children will be fabulous leaders for our school.
Ash Wednesday 13th February
We will be celebrating the start of lent with the parish community on Wednesday 13th February at the 9.15 am parish Mass. It would be great to see many parents join us at this celebration.

School Assembly
The school assemblies will continue this year at 3.00pm each Monday afternoon. All parents are welcome to join us at the start of each week.

Years 5 & 6 Camp
All children in Years 5 & 6 will be attending Camp Rumbug this week from Wednesday to Friday. St Mary's will certainly be quiet during this time. It will be a great way to commence the year for our senior classes. We hope that they have a great time.

I hope you have an enjoyable week.

Gerard Lewis
Principal

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**PUPIL FREE DAY**

**Wednesday 20th February (no school for students)**

**INFORMATION UPDATE**
This is a vital annual task, as we have to update our files. We must always have your correct up to date contact numbers in case of emergencies.

**SUNSMART SCHOOL**
We are a sunsmart school and the policy is ‘No Hat, No Play’. Only school hats are to be worn.

**SCHOOL UNIFORM**
All children must wear the correct school and sports uniform. Sneakers to be worn only with sports uniforms, as they are unhealthy for children to wear every day.

*School Uniform Shop* is open only on Thursdays (only items available are school jumper and school hat)

**Thursdays 8:45am to 9:00am & 3:15pm to 3:30pm**

Hair is to be neat and tidy and with long hair to be tied back with a navy ribbon or hair elastic. Girls wear navy socks with their uniform. For Health and Safety reasons, jewellery is to be kept to a minimum with no bangles or necklaces except for those of a religious nature. However remember that these can be lost or pulled through playing.

**LUNCH ORDERS**
CBC canteen is still being renovated and lunch orders will not be available until further notice.

**HEALTHY SCHOOL, HEALTHY MIND POLICY**
It's impossible to promise to be an allergy free school but our healthy food policy endeavours to make this as healthy an environment as we possibly can. The teachers supervise play and lunch eating and ensure that children don't share or swap food. No sweets or sugary drinks are allowed. We ask that children bring water only in drink bottles to sip on if needed. Birthdays will be celebrated in special ways in classes but not with birthday cakes, as we cannot know for sure what the ingredients are. Obesity is a childhood issue and our policy aims to teach children good food eating habits. We thank you for your co-operation.

**EXCURSIONS**
Throughout the year children will be going on excursions to various places. Most of the cost for these is covered by your Composite Levy. Details will be sent to you about each excursion and you will be asked to sign a permission form and return it to school immediately. No child can go on an excursion without your written consent. At various times, teachers will take children on short walking excursions around the neighbourhood.

**NEWSLETTERS**
Communication is very important between the school and parents. The newsletter gives you a general idea of what’s happening in our school. The school newsletter will be emailed each fortnight on a Monday, also a copy is placed on our website. Class teachers will also have a regular class newsletter.
MAINTENANCE ALLOWANCE (EMA)
Forms are attached for the 1st instalment for this year. These forms must be completed and returned no later than Friday 22nd February to claim the 1st instalment. Parents who are holders of a current Centrelink Pensioner Concession or Health Care Benefit Card or are a Veterans Affairs (TPI) Pensioner Card or be a foster parent as of the first day of Term 1 (1st February, 2012) are eligible for Education Maintenance Allowance.

RE NEWS - PRAYER
On Sunday 17th of February, all families are warmly invited to attend the celebration of Mass for the beginning of the school year. This will be our first opportunity to gather as a school community and we hope to see you all there. This will be followed by meet and greet picnic.

ASH WEDNESDAY AND LENT
Lent is the old English word for Spring. This is the period of forty days from Ash Wednesday to Holy Saturday. It is a time when we prepare for the greatest season in the Church’s Liturgical year – Easter. During Lent the Church asks that we:

- take extra time to pray – speaking and listening to God
- fast from foods or give up things that we normally enjoy
- generously give of ourselves, our money or our time to others.

Ash Wednesday:
This is the first day in the Lenten season. When we go to the Mass on Ash Wednesday our foreheads are marked with blessed ashes in the form of a cross to show that, as followers of Christ, we are entering into a time of repentance and prayer.
The school community will celebrate Ash Wednesday together by attending the parish Mass at 9.15am on Wednesday 13th February. Parents and families are warmly invited to join us.
In the weeks leading to Easter, all classes will be learning about Lent, the events of Holy Week and Easter. From time to time, talk with your child about this topic.

Claire O'Dowd – Religious Education Leader

STUDENT WELLBEING
This week the children in all levels are preparing to elect their new Student Representative Council (SRC) member for Semester One. The children who are successful will be presented with their badges at assembly next Monday 11th February at the 3pm Assembly.
Assemblies begin at 3pm. Everyone is Welcome.

Claire O’Dowd – Religious Education Leader

THERESA JOHN – Student Wellbeing Co-originator

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PARENT HELPERS WORKSHOP
If you wish to help in your child’s classroom during the Literacy Block you will need to attend an introductory workshop. You will also need to have a “Working With children Check”. If you have attended this workshop in the past and have had experience as a Classroom Helper you need not attend again. The workshop will be held on Tuesday 19th February at 2:30pm to 3:30pm in the Berchmans Centre. I look forward to seeing you there!

Paula Incretolli – Literacy Leader

SAFETY AND TRAFFIC
For the children’s safety, do not double park or let children out or in of double-parked cars. Please do not toot car horns as you drive past to attract your child’s attention. The police and council officers will patrol the area.

STUDENT BANKING
Student Banking commences this Friday and New Members are welcome.

BEFORE & AFTERCARE
Our School Care Program is operating again. Forms must be filled out with student's details before they are able to use this service.
SCHOOL ROUTINES

Times:
8:40 am   Gates opened.
8:45 am   Internal Doors open
8:53 am   Music plays to assemble for start of school.
8:55 am   School bell rings.
3:30 pm   Dismissal

Work will start punctually at 9:00am because we start our Literacy Block from 9:00am to 11:00am. During this time children are doing solid literacy work. It is in their best interests that they will need to make up this work if they are late. LATE PASSES will be handed out to those who are late.

Please collect your children as close as possible to dismissal times. After 3:45pm there is no teacher on duty and all children will then be placed into aftercare.

Welcome back!
Welcome back to another school year! The Extend team at St Mary’s are looking forward to another exciting and fun year at Before & After School Care. Watch this space for regular updates.

Have you secured your bookings?
As you would be aware, all enrolments from last year have been rolled over to 2013, including any permanent bookings from Term 4. If you need to change these bookings you can via our website or by calling our office.

ONLINE BOOKINGS: extend.com.au   CALL OUR OFFICE: 1300 366 437

DROP OFF AND PARKING DIRECTIONS FOR ST MARY’S SCHOOL

- Please keep the ROUND-ABOUT near the presbytery CLEAR AT ALL TIMES there is to be no parking or dropping off or picking up from this area.
- We ask that you observe the 5KM limit at all times while in the driveway.
- The drive way is ONE WAY ONLY.
- The painted ARROWS indicate the direction of the traffic flow.
- ENTER ONLY from Westbury Street.
- EXIT ONLY onto Dandenong Road.
- The PAINTED CROSSING is the point at which you stop. Your child is then able to cross safely in front of your stopped car on the crossing or alight from the right hand side of the car straight in the drop off section. (Marked on the map)
- Cars are asked not to stop after the CROSSING. There is to be NO dropping children off after the painted crossing.
- If you need to spend any time at your car unloading bags, hugging etc please PARK on the basketball courts in front of the Community Centre and walk over to the school using the crossing and the garden path.
- The GARDEN area is the only passage for pedestrians. The drive way is no longer accessible for walkers.
- Please keep to the paths at all times.

PLEASE DO NOT WALK ON THE GRASS AT ANY TIME.

FOR THE SAFETY OF YOUR CHILD AND GENERAL EFFICIENCY OF TRAFFIC FLOW WE ASK THAT YOU FOLLOW THESE DIRECTIONS
St Mary's Parish  
208 Dandenong Road, East St Kilda  
Tel: 9510 7744  Fax: 9510 5607  
email: stmarys_estk@optusnet.com.au  
Website: http://home.vicnet.net.au/~stmarys/

Times of Services: 
Sunday – Mass 9.00am, 10.30am, 5.30pm  
Weekdays – Mass or Morning Prayer - 9.15am  
Saturday – Mass or Morning Prayer - 8.30am  
Reconciliation: Saturday - following Prayer or Mass  
Adoration of the Lord – Sacred Heart Chapel every Wednesday from 9.45am

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Diary
Cuppa in Pottery Room after 9.00am Mass  
Thursdays 7.00pm – Legion of Mary.  
Second Tuesday of Month 7.30 - 9.00pm – St Vincent De Paul Society - Currently to be in Pottery Room  
Pastoral Worker – Bernadette Milne - Tuesday, Thursday and Friday.

Feastdays
5 Tue St Agatha  
6 Wed St Paul Miki & Companions

Readings
Next Sunday 10 February 2013  
Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time  

Hymns
Entrance 9  
Gloria Jubilee  
Pres. of the Gifts 1  
Eucharistic Acclam. Christ Has Died (M Haugen)  
Amen/Lamb of God M Haugen  
Communion 8  
Recessional 7  
We will be using the Hymn Sheets - Please pick up a copy of the bulletin & a Hymn sheet & return the Hymn Sheet at Mass end.

Thanksgiving  
Received Jan 27  
$948 Melb Overseas Mission  
Rec’d $400 Thankyou

This week we are asked to pray for  
Edward Ackerley, Jack Chenhall, Margaret D’Cruz and Tony Petrilli who died recently and for Babette Stevens whose anniversary is at this time.

Catholic Speed Dating Fundraiser Sat. 9 Feb.  
7pm 116 Cutham Road Keen $60 Booking  
Essential melbourne@catholics@hotmail.com

Free Meet the Organ Day Sun. 17 Feb.  
12pm – 6pm Melbourne Town Hall  
0410 844 552 - State Council of the Society of Organists wish to introduce young people to the instrument.

Thursdays from 14 February - 21 March,  
7:30pm CATHOLICS RETURNING HOME  
St Jude’s Community Centre George St  
Scoresby Contact: Colin Mashen 97634862

Rosters

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ROSTERS  
Readers/Commentators, Communion

Assistants and Welcomers Up To Date Rosters are ready for collection from the front of Church today.


22-24 Feb Retreat – Young Men – St Dominic’s East  
Camberwell 9912 6880

PALMS - Professional/Tradepeople sought for  
Assisting in Timor PNG Tanzania Kiribati  
www.palms.org.au Ph 9518 9551 Encounters(groups 8-10 visit on location)

Open Days Mary MacKillop Heritage Centre  
Anima Womens Network – February course

St Vincent de Paul Society Victoria 16th annual  
Ozanam Lecture Sunday 24 February 2013, 2pm  
The St Vincent de Paul Society Victoria invites you to the 16th annual Ozanam Lecture on the topic: "Would Frederic Ozanam join the St Vincent de Paul Society today?" by Robert Fitzgerald AM.  
Where: Australian Catholic University  
Central Hall, 20 Brunswick St Fitzroy  
(Car parking available via Young St)

RSVP: 15 February  
Contact: 9895 5935 or rsvp@svdp-vic.org.au

ACU ENGAGE YOUTH! Who is Eduardo Verastegui? See Notice Boards
PRESENTATION OF THE LORD

First Reading Malachi 3:1-4
The Lord God says this: 'Look, I am going to send my messenger to prepare a way before me. And the Lord you are seeking will suddenly enter his Temple; and the angel of the covenant whom you are longing for, yes, he is coming, says the Lord of hosts. Who will be able to resist the day of his coming? Who will remain standing when he appears? For he is like the refiner's fire and the fuller's alkali. He will take his seat as refiner and purifier; he will purify the sons of Levi and refine them like gold and silver, and then they will make the offering to the Lord as it should be made. The offering of Judah and Jerusalem will then be welcomed by the Lord as in former days, as in the years of old.'

The word of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm Ps 23:7-10
R. Who is this king of glory? It is the Lord!
1. O gates, lift up your heads; grow higher, ancient doors. Let him enter, the king of glory!
2. Who is the king of glory? The Lord, the mighty, the valiant, the Lord, the valiant in war.
3. O gates, lift high your heads; grow higher, ancient doors. Let him enter, the king of glory!
4. Who is he, the king of glory? He, the Lord of armies, he is the king of glory.

Second Reading Hebrews 2:14-18
Since all the children share the same blood and flesh, Jesus too shared equally in it, so that by his death he could take away all the power of the devil, who had power over death, and set free all those who had been held in slavery all their lives by the fear of death. For it was not the angels that he took to himself; he took to himself descent from Abraham. It was essential that he should in this way become completely like his brothers so that he could be a compassionate and trustworthy high priest of God's religion, able to atone for human sins. That is, because he has himself been through temptation he is able to help others who are tempted.

The word of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation Lk 2:32
Alleluia, alleluia!
This is the light of revelation to the nations, and the glory of your people, Israel.
Alleluia!

When the day came for them to be purified as laid down by the Law of Moses, the parents of Jesus took him up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord—observing what stands written in the Law of the Lord: every first born male must be consecrated to the Lord—and also to offer in sacrifice, in accordance with what is said in the Law of the Lord, a pair of turtledoves or two young pigeons. Now in Jerusalem there was a man named Simeon. He was an upright and devout man; he looked forward to Israel's comforting and the Holy Spirit rested on him. It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death until he had set eyes on the Christ of the Lord. Prompted by the Spirit he came to the Temple; and when the parents brought in the child Jesus to do for him what the Law required, he took him into his arms and blessed God, and he said:

'Now, Master, you can let your servant go in peace, just as you promised; because my eyes have seen the salvation which you have prepared for all the nations to see, a light to enlighten the pagans and the glory of your people Israel.'

As the child's father and mother stood there wondering at the things that were being said about him, Simeon blessed them and said to Mary his mother, 'You see this child: he is destined for the fall and for the rising of many in Israel, destined to be a sign that is rejected— and a sword will pierce your own soul too—so that the secret thoughts of many may be laid bare.'

There was a prophetess also, Anna the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was well on in years. Her days of girlhood over, she had been married for seven years before becoming a widow. She was now eighty-four years old and never left the Temple, serving God night and day with fasting and prayer. She came by just at that moment and began to praise God; and she spoke of the child to all who looked forward to the deliverance of Jerusalem. When they had done everything the Law of the Lord required, they went back to Galilee, to their own town of Nazareth. Meanwhile the child grew to maturity, and he was filled with wisdom; and God's favour was with him.

The Gospel of the Lord.