NEWSLETTER
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Monday 2nd September, 2013

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- Support: Cathy Busch (Year 3J & 6)
- Integration: Robbie Bartlett

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Term 4 Commences
- Monday 7th October School Begins 8:55am

From the Principal’s Desk:

Happy Father’s Day
I hope all Fathers had a wonderful day yesterday. Thank you to all fathers and grandfathers who attended last Friday morning ‘Father’s Day Breakfast’. It was great to see so many people in attendance. Thank you to the Year 4 parents who organised the breakfast.

Parents and Friends Association
Thank you to Geraldine Warrington (President) and Katie Willoughby Gough (Vice President) for their organisation of the Parents and Friends Committee for the first half of the year. Unfortunately both Geraldine and Kate have had to resign their positions. For the rest of the rest year the Parent Representatives from each class will help organise the main activities. The next two functions of the Parents and Friends are the Election Day Cake Stall and Sausage Sizzle this Saturday and the Drinks/Art Auction on Friday 13th September.

Pupil Free Day
The Monday before Melbourne Cup (November 4) will be a pupil free day.

Footy Day
On Monday 16th September we will hold our traditional Footy Day. On this day the children will dress up in their favourite Australian Rules team colours and will participate in a number of Australian Rules activities during the day.

Inter-School Athletics Carnival
Congratulations to all the children who participated in the Interschool Athletics Carnival last week. The behaviour of the students once again was exemplary.
St Vincent De Paul Society – Celebrating 125 Years
Sunday 8th September, you are invited to attend 125 Year Celebration Mass for St Vincent De Paul. The Mass will commence at 10:30am in the St Mary’s Church. There will be refreshments after Mass in Christian Brothers College, Student Plaza at 11:45am. Please reply to Nancy on 9527 1028.

PCW Annual Art Show - Tuesday 17th September (6pm to 8pm)
View work from all students including VCE displays and Fashion Parade.

I hope you all have an enjoyable week.
Gerard Lewis - Principal

The Secrets of Happy, Creative, Confident and Competent Kids
On Monday 14th October we will be hosting the Catholic Education Office Melbourne (CEOM) Parent Seminar Series titled 'The Secrets of Happy, Creative, Confident and Competent Kids’. The presenter is Andrew Fuller a very engaging speaker, who has enormous expertise in this area. This evening is open to parents of both primary and secondary children.

Andrew will be talking about:
The genius in children often becomes hidden by a fear of making mistakes, anxieties, perfectionism or low motivation. Many bright children under perform and do poorly at school. Others do well at school but may not live up to expectations once they leave. Topics to support children to be confident will include:

- Building concentration and memory power
- Creative problem solving and ingenuity
- Planning and anticipation skills
- Sequencing and listening skills
- Increasing motivation and pleasure in learning
- Building self-esteem and dealing with set backs
- Developing a mindset for success

The cost of the evening will be $10.

If you are wishing to attend the evening please complete the registration slip below and return to school office by Thursday 19th September.
PUPIL FREE DAY  
MONDAY 4TH NOVEMBER  
No school for students

RETURNING IN 2014
If you haven’t returned your slip advising the school if your child is returning in 2014, please do so as soon as possible. A copy of the form is attached at the end of the newsletter.

SCHOOL FEES
A reminder that all school fees must be finalised as soon as possible. If you have any concerns please don’t hesitate to contact Erica in the office.

RE NEWS – PRAYER AND SOCIAL JUSTICE
Thank you to the boys and girls who read so beautifully during today’s Father’s Day Paraliturgy. Thank you also to Norm Feile and Luke O’Sullivan for sharing their thoughts on being a father at St Mary’s; it was very special to hear you read.

We will be gathering on the last day of school to celebrate another wonderful Term at St Mary’s. Please come along to 9.15am Parish Mass on Friday 20th September. It would be lovely to see you all there.

If any parent is a florist and would be able to donate a small flower arrangement for the Parish Feast day, could they please come and speak to me.

Claire O’Dowd - Religious Education Leader

LIBRARY NEWS
Book Swap Day
Hopefully you would have heard about our upcoming Book Swap Day. Children are asked to bring along a book they no longer want, to donate to our Book Swap Stall. Then on Wednesday 11th September we will be selling them with all proceeds going to the Indigenous Literacy Foundation. The children can bring a gold coin or coins to purchase a book of their choice. The stall will be held in the Library.

About the Foundation
The Foundation aims to raise Literacy Levels and improve the lives and opportunities of Indigenous children in remote and isolated regions. This is done by providing books and literacy resources to communities and raising awareness of Indigenous literacy issues.

Library Helpers
Thanks to our book coverers who keep coming and taking books to cover. You are a wonderful support to the school. More helpers wanted. If you have time at 9am or 3pm to come into the library I would love to see you.

Lots of work to be done!

Premier’s Reading Challenge
I am completing all reading lists this week. All children who have not finished the challenge will be deleted as all results need to be in by September the 6th.

Chess Club
Well done to all the chess clubbers who attend each week. They are well behaved and are really enjoying their lunch time sessions.

Anna Borella (Librarian)

STUDENT WELLBEING – ST. MARY’S ART AUCTION (Friday 13th September)
The BIG Night is almost upon us. It will be a night when we all gather together for one reason - THE CHILDREN. The Art Auction is one way of raising funds for them. Twelve lucky families will come home with a beautiful, original piece of art that has been created by your child and their classmates. Please come on Friday 13th September and support this wonderful event. It will be lots of fun and of course lots of good company. Some of the money raised will go directly back to each classroom for the children and teacher to decide what they would like to buy. The teachers are looking forward to seeing many families on the night. See you all on the 13th.

Tickets are on sale (order form attached).

Therese John – Student Wellbeing Leader

ELECTION DAY – CAKE STALL
Your children will be bringing home a plate and bag pack to be used for the Election Day Cake Stall this Saturday. If you are to contribute baked items for the cake stall please return to school using the bag this Friday or to the stall by 9.30am Saturday morning. Note that all ingredients must be labelled on the tag included with the bags. We ask that items do not contain nuts or be filled with fresh cream. Extra bags can be provided at the office if you need and you are not bound to use the bags if you would rather pack your items yourself. Many thanks

The Parent & Friends Committee
LITERACY WEEK - Readers' Theatre

Readers’ Theatre is a strategy used by teachers to enhance reading skills. There are no props, costumes or learnt scripts. Any text can be used for a performance. The text is divided up into parts for students to read as a whole group, small group or individually. In Readers’ Theatre, actors use vocal expression to help the audience understand the story rather than visual props. Readers’ Theatre helps build fluency, comprehension and clear articulation of words, phrases and sentences. It promotes working together as a team because everyone has their part to play in the overall presentation of the text. The use of Readers’ Theatre can offer a different context in which students are exposed to a variety of texts which may focus on different content areas of the curriculum. It creates interest in and enthusiasm for learning. The audience also benefits from Readers’ Theatre performances as it requires active listening and personal interpretation of the story. All classes at St Mary's use the Readers’ Theatre strategy in their Literacy programs.

Paula Incretolli – Literacy Co-ordinator

Year 6 - Writing

Literacy Day – Tuesday 20th August

On Tuesday 20th August, the whole school took part in Literacy Day! Students from Prep to Year 6 all wore their PJs to match our theme Bedtime Stories! All day we completed fun activities, these included preparing a readers theatre performance in our classrooms and shared this with the rest of the school. In the afternoon classes completed activities based on a chosen picture book and the Year 6 students visited all the other classes and read the students a bedtime story.

Written: William Green, Zeal Naik and Maxi Sam-Morris - Literacy Leaders

Numeracy Day 2013 - Wednesday 21st August

On the Wednesday 21st August, the whole school took part in Numeracy Day. We were put into groups of all ages and worked in different classrooms; there were 12 groups all together. Through the day the Year 6 Numeracy Leaders handed out stickers to hard working and well behaved children within these groups. In the morning the groups made pictographs and human graphs. With the pictograph each group chose a topic and make a pictograph about the topic. Some topics were favourite ice cream flavours and favourite footy teams. We also made human graphs, with the human graphs we chose a topic and chose where to stand based on the answer to the question being used to create the graph, for example what colour eyes do you have? After the graphs each group read a different picture book and completed a Maths activity based on the story. Some activities included drawing some included counting and one activity included a lot of water! After we finished the activities we had a shared lunch on the basketball court. In the afternoon we had an assembly and people from each group shared what they had completed throughout the day. It was very interesting learning what all the others groups had learnt.

Written: Cyrus Nguyen - Numeracy Leader

Interschool Sports Athletics – Thursday 29th August 2013

On Thursday 29th August, students from Years 4, 5 and 6 went to Duncan Mackinnon Reserve to participate in Interschool Sports Athletics. The events the students took part in consisted of different track and field events, these were Discus, Shot-put, Long jump, Triple jump, High jump, 100m, 200m, 400m, 800m, 1500m, Relay and Hurdles. We had many Victories as well as some injuries but we kept going and came in 5th place! The day was a big success and we all had a great time!

Written: Timothy O’Mahony and Fabiano Merenda - Sports Captains

Year 2 - Writing

Phillippa’s Baking Workshop

On Friday Phillippa taught Year 1 and Year 2 how to make dough. Phillippa is Anais’s mum. Year 2O got to make the dough first. We poured a whole pack of special flour into a bowl. Then we poured water and olive oil in the bowls. We also used yeast. Then we mixed it so it all came together in the bowl. After that, we took the dough out and kneaded it on the table. We put flour down so it didn’t stick. Everybody had a turn at doing something when we were baking. Everybody got to take some dough home to make their bread or pizza. Phillippa cooked one loaf in the oven so we could see the final product. We would like to say thank you Phillippa for teaching us how to make bread, we had a wonderful time.

By Anais, Jasmine, Alexander and John from Year 2O
Baking with Philippa
Last Friday Philippa visited our School to teach us how to make bread and pizza dough. Our class split up in to groups of four and five. The first person in our group poured a bag of flour in a big bowl. Next we punched a hole in the middle to put the yeast and oily water inside. Then the fourth person in our group had to mix the ingredients together to make it into dough. Then we played around with it so the dough would be less sticky. And the lucky last thing we did was rolling and pinching the dough. At the end our groups cut the dough up into separate parts so we could take home to bake. We loved making bread with Philippa.

Love from Alessia, Zara, Elias, Frankie and year 2C

St Mary’s Cake Stall - Hosted by Year 2
When: Thursday 19th September 2013
Time: 3.00pm – 3.45pm
Where: In front of the new building (or if it’s raining in the parent’s room)

There will be lots of yummy goodies on offer so please come along and support our fundraiser.

ITALIAN DAY
Wednesday 23rd October

St Mary’s Community will celebrate the Italian language and culture through a variety of exciting activities.

The children are invited to create a costume with an Italian theme. They can dress as a gondoliere, sports player, Roman soldier, Swiss guard, gelato, pizza, Carnevale character, Baci chocolate, Formula One racing car driver, musician, monument, scientist, artist, Marco Polo, Pinocchio, Michelangelo, etc.

Awards will be given for the children’s creativity and initiative.

To begin the day, there will be some performances by specific year levels in the Berchmans Centre from 9.10 until 9.45am. Parents are invited to attend. Later, the children will watch and interact with the performance by the very talented and professional theatre group “Spectacular Spettacolo.” They will also engage in making a model of an Italian icon, play a game of Tombola and Scale e Serpenti, and partake in a game of soccer.

As a special treat, they will have the opportunity to savour a gelato, one of the fine delicacies of Italian cuisine. A note with more details and the order form will be sent home early Term 4.

Thank you for your support.
We look forward to a great day!

Signora Vozzo
**Prep G’s Literacy Day**

Ginger – I liked ‘The Wrong Book’.
Isabella – I liked reading books.
Aine – I liked reading stories.
Mia – It was good because the Grade 6s read ‘The Wrong Book’.
Anna – I really liked the stories.
Aiden – I liked wearing my pyjamas.
Amelia – We got to play in our pyjamas.
Helena – I liked wearing pyjamas.
Jakayla – I liked it when the Grade 6s read ‘The Wrong Book.’
Hudson – I liked writing.
Mason – I liked ‘The Wrong Book’ because we got to keep saying, “You’re in the WRONG book!”

**Prep G’s Numeracy Day**

Thomas – I liked making the playdough cookies with Aiden!
Audrey – We made a graph and I also liked making boxes.
Ava – We read ‘Jack and the Beanstalk’ and we got 95 unifix cubes in the giant’s foot.
Shane – I made paper planes!
Ivor – I liked making graphs.
Takara – I liked it when we made the boats.
Geordie – I liked playing with the paper planes even though my plane didn’t fly fast.
Charlie – We made penguins.
Delilah – I liked making the boats.
Mark – I liked the book ‘The Very Hungry Caterpillar’.
Prep K
My Dad is the best because...

He gives me kisses and he loves me so so much. Mia.N.

He kisses me and does so much stuff for me. Archie

He lets us play in the dark with our friends. Vicky

He gives me cuddles. Mia.F.

He gives me lots of soft toys. Milly

He plays with me outside. Sarah

He always helps me. Kelly

He buys me video games for my DS3. John

He lets me go on the Internet. Leo

He makes lots of paper planes. Joel

He gives me treats when I’m not allowed to have them. Emanuelle

He cooks me yummy breakfasts to eat. Matthew

He lifts me up like a ballerina. Avery

He buys me some toys. Helen

He gives me lots of toys. Paris

He makes me yummy yummy spaghetti bolognaise. Amelia

He gives me junk food and drives me to McDonalds. Xavier

He makes me laugh. Hans

My Uncle Tony is the best because he lets me play with his video games. Sebastien
FROM PRIMARY SCHOOL TO SECONDARY
HOW CAN I HELP MY CHILD?

A FREE SESSION FOR PARENTS

What’s it about?
Your child’s successful transition from primary to secondary school is critical to their future.
YOU can make a real difference!
This session will present practical tips, advice and information to help you prepare and support your child.

Who should attend?
The session is aimed at parents or guardians with children in Years 5, 6 or 7.

Who will be speaking?
Angie Wilcock, a specialist in the area of parental support and transitions, will present the session.
Angie’s work takes her around Australia, addressing parents, teachers and students.
She is the author of the recently released book ‘The Transition Tightrope’.

How do I register?
Please register by Thursday 5th September by emailing or calling the IELLEN office.
PHONE: 9510 5444
EMAIL: iellen@iellen.org.au
www.iellen.org.au

Is there any charge?
No. The session is free. It is made possible by the Inner Eastern Local Learning Employment Network (IELLEN), a non-profit government funded organisation.
This session is run in partnership with CBC St Kilda. It is open to any parent who wants to attend. Your child doesn’t have to be enrolled in any particular school.

What are the details?
DATE: Tuesday 10th September
TIME: 6.30pm to 8pm
VENUE: CBC St Kilda - in the Markillie Library
11 Westbury Street, East St Kilda.
(near Dandenong Road)
Light refreshments provided.
This year, the St Mary’s Parents & Friends Committee have organised an Art Auction & Drinks Night to celebrate and auction the beautiful art pieces that the students have created! Each piece has a story to tell. Take the time to read what the pieces mean and the inspiration behind them. Some of the money raised on the night will go directly back to each individual class for the students and class teacher to decide what equipment is required. If we raise a lot of money, we will then be able to use this money for a bigger project.

Date: Friday 13th September, 2013
Venue: The Grosvenor Hotel, 10 Brighton Road, St Kilda East
Time: 7.30pm
Cost: $25.00 per person (includes finger food and a welcome beverage of beer, wine or soft drink)

Regards

Parents & Friends Committee

(Please detach and return this slip to school by Friday 6th September, 2013)

St Mary’s Auction Night tickets:

Child’s Name: __________________________ Year Level: ______

Parent’s Name/s: ________________________________

No. of tickets: _______ ($25.00 each) Total (Encl.):$ ____________
Thursday 8th August, 2013

Dear Parents,

Each year at this time we commence our planning for the following school year. Enrolment patterns influence staffing, class numbers and our response to enquiries about new enrolments. Therefore we ask that you complete the form below to advise us if your child is returning in 2014 so that our planning is as accurate as possible.

Please return the form below to the school by this coming Monday 19th August. Thank you in anticipation.

Yours sincerely,

Mr Gerard Lewis
Principal

(Please return by Monday 19th August, 2013)

FAMILY NAME: __________________________

CHILD/CHILDREN'S NAMES: __________________________  Grade (2013)

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Please tick the appropriate box.

☐  Yes, my child/children will be returning for the year 2014

☐  No, my child/children will not be returning next year and is attending __________________________

PARENT SIGNATURE: ___________________________  DATE: ______
Extend OSHC at St Mary's - Primary School

Our Fortnightly recap
Over the last 2 weeks the children have enjoyed a large variety of activities of their own choosing, including drawing, origami, using blocks and boxes to build cities, jewellery making, cubby houses, setting up shops and restaurants, as well as, basketball, football, soccer and running races. They also enjoyed watching Mulan Parts 1 and 2 and these movies sparked a lot of interesting conversation, where we discussed the importance of everyone being able to choose their own path in life and sometimes heroes are the people we least expect.
Perren organized a treasure hunt with many clues, each leading us closer to the prize. This was a lot of fun and his clues had us all thinking hard. Well done Perran!
Janelle will be back from her holiday to Queensland next week, so I’d like to say thank-you to Felicity and Caitlyn for working the extra shifts. Also, welcome to our new 2nd assistant, Bec who has settled in well and can be seen running around all over the yard with the children, keeping them fit and active!! Well done Bec and welcome to St. Mary's OSHC. - Debbie

Reminder of the Booking & Cancellation procedure
Bookings & Cancellations for the same day must be phoned directly to Head Office. Please contact us directly on 1300 366 437. All other bookings and cancellations can be made online at extend.com.au

Spring School Holiday Program bookings NOW OPEN! - Monday 16 September to Monday 14 October
We have heaps of jam-packed activities and incursions ranging from Footy, Cooking, plenty of games and sports and lots of Halloween activities! Visit the Extend website at extend.com.au for program timetables, booking forms, and activity descriptions.

Bookings close Friday 6 September – book now to avoid disappointment.

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

DIARY

Cuppa following 9.00am Sunday Mass in Pottery Room. All welcome.
Second Tuesday of the Month Community Lounge 7.30 – 9.00pm St Vincent De Paul
Pastoral Worker - Bernadette Milne – Tuesday, Thursday and Friday. Bernadette co-ordinates
Communion Services for Central Park, Villa O’Neill & Bupa Nursing Homes.

Feastdays:
Tue. September 3 St Gregory the Great
Readings
Next Sunday 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time
Wisdom 9:13-18; Philoemer 9-10, 12-17; Luke 14:25-33

Hymns
Entrance 486
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This week we will be using the Gather Australia Hymn Books. Please take a copy of The Bell & a Hymnal. Kindly remove hymnal at Mass end.

Thanksgiving Rec’d Aug 18th $732 Thank You
Computers for the Congo Completed Many Thanks

We pray for who died recently Marguerite Pound and for Frank Nagy, Eliseu Tavares whose anniversaries we recall.

Accommodation Request: Student (F) Master of Teaching, looking for Shared Accom. nearby St Mary’s. Please contact Shiny 0481305714

Campion 99 Studley Park Road Kew
Sunday 22 September - Silent Retreat or Fri 27 – Sund. 29th September - Retreat/discernment in Ignatian Spirituality 9854 8110 to book.

Facing the Truth Francis Sullivan [socialmedia@jhcouncil.org.au@createsend4.com] to follow news from Truth Justice and Healing Council – on the Special Commission of Inquiry into Child abuse.
CamNews advises first three of five videos featuring Fr Shane Mackinlay discussing the reforms that the Church in Victoria has proposed to the Parliamentary Inquiry, uploaded to the Facing the Truth website. www.cam.org.au has link or www.facingthetruth.org.au

Abba Father Dad Pa God Bless and keep them all!
First Reading Ecclesiasticus 3:17-20, 28-29
My son, be gentle in carrying out your business, and you will be better loved than a lavish giver. The greater you are, the more you should behave humbly, and then you will find favour with the Lord; for great though the power of the Lord is, he accepts the homage of the humble. There is no cure for the proud man’s malady, since an evil growth has taken root in him. The heart of a sensible man will reflect on parables, an attentive ear is the sage’s dream.

the word of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm Ps 67:4-7, 10-11
R. God, in your goodness, you have made a home for the poor.

1. The just shall rejoice at the presence of God, they shall exult and dance for joy. O sing to the Lord, make music to his name; rejoice in the Lord, exult at his presence.

2. Father of the orphan, defender of the widow such is God in his holy place. God gives the lonely a home to live in; he leads the prisoners forth into freedom.

3. You poured down, O God, a generous rain: when your people were starved you gave them new life. It was there that your people found a home, prepared in your goodness, O God, for the poor.

Second Reading Hebrews 12:18-19, 22-24
What you have come to is nothing known to the senses: not a blazing fire, or a gloom turning to total darkness, or a storm; or trumpeting thunder or the great voice speaking which made everyone that heard it beg that no more should be said to them. But what you have come to is Mount Zion and the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem where the millions of angels have gathered for the festival, with the whole Church in which everyone is a ‘first-born son’ and a citizen of heaven. You have come to God himself, the supreme Judge, and been placed with spirits of the saints who have been made perfect; and to Jesus, the mediator who brings a new covenant.

the word of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation Mt 11:29
Alleluia, alleluia!
Take my yoke upon you; Learn from me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart. Alleluia!

Gospel Luke 14:1, 7-14
On a sabbath day Jesus had gone for a meal to the house of one of the leading Pharisees; and they watched him closely. He then told the guests a parable, because he had noticed how they picked the places of honour. He said this, ‘When someone invites you to a wedding feast, do not take your seat in the place of honour. A more distinguished person than you may have been invited, and the person who invited you both may come and say, “Give up your place to this man.” And then, to your embarrassment, you would have to go and take the lowest place. No; when you are a guest, make your way to the lowest place and sit there, so that, when your host comes, he may say, “My friend, move up higher.” In that way, everyone with you at the table will see you honoured. For everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, and the man who humbles himself will be exalted.’

Then he said to his host, ‘When you give a lunch or a dinner, do not ask your friends, brothers, relations or rich neighbours, for fear they repay your courtesy by inviting you in return. No; when you have a party, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, the blind; that they cannot pay you back means that you are fortunate, because repayment will be made to you when the virtuous rise again.’

the Gospel of the Lord.
First Appointment
2013 has certainly been a year of huge growth and change for St Kilda Mums, and the Committee of Management is thrilled to announce the appointment of our first employee Jessie Macpherson as Chief Executive Officer. This 12 month appointment is possible thanks to a grant from Perpetual Trustees.

Jessie is one of the founders of St Kilda Mums and since our inception she has served on the Committee of Management. Since 2009, Jessie’s driving passion has been St Kilda Mums. She already dedicates a huge amount of time and energy to St Kilda Mums, is personally involved in all facets of the organisation. Jessie starts in her new position with St Kilda Mums this month.

Food, friends and fundraising
Earlier this month friends of St Kilda Mums got together at The Point restaurant in Albert Park for an evening full of food, fun and fundraising. Food writer and cookbook author Dani Valent and Megan Douglas showcased the versatility of the Thermomix appliance and we all enjoyed the delicious food the team produced. We also ran a silent auction with goods and services generously donated by more than 30 local businesses. We’re pleased to report the event brought in more than $6500 which we were delighted to put towards the Cots for Tots campaign.

Thanks to everyone who was able to come along on the night and to all those who made the evening a success. Clare, Christine, Dani Valent, Bianca and Kate (4 of the G-Team from Geelong Mums - our satellite branch that serves the greater region of Geelong)

Cots for Tots Update
The Cots for Tots campaign has kept us busy. Many of you will have seen the articles in the Leader newspaper group (if you’ve missed any, they can be found here).

We hope that the stories have put a face to the hundreds of people connected with St Kilda Mums – be it the families we help, the caseworkers we partner with, the businesses who support us or the hundreds of volunteers who give so tirelessly to our cause. As of today we are pleased to announce we have reached a total of 198 cots – only 2 to reach our goal! Cots have come from far and wide and there have also been some awesome efforts by youngsters who have been motivated to make a difference. Sophie and her class at Kostka Hall School held a lunchtime movie session and raised $100 towards a new cot. Amelia, Poppy and Emily held a cake stall in their street and had soon made enough money for one more cot. These cots will mean we are able to meet demand for the rest of 2013. Thank you to all of you for supporting our appeal – we couldn’t have done it without you. Jessie and Kristi with a Childcare Cot (photo courtesy of The Leader)

A word from the St Kilda Family
Who - Felicity Tucker Lives in - Heathmont

My family - myself, my husband, Mikey, Ruby 5 years, Alby 20 months, identical twins on the way and 2 sooky staffy dogs, Moses and Lenny. Type of volunteering - I started out attending working bees and then became a staging post for suburbs near me. Why I love it - I wanted my children to understand that we need to show compassion and kindness to people who need a little help and it feels good to be a part of an organisation that actually makes a very real difference to families.

I love reading on Facebook of all the families who have been helped by St Kilda Mums and the generosity of the people who donate their goods.

Why I got involved - Because it was a way I could actively participate and make a difference to society, whilst being at home raising my family. Looking forward to - Seeing St Kilda Mums continue to grow and expand with their new warehouse. Best moment so far - Seeing my daughter have a lemonade stand to raise money for St Kilda Mums - "for the mummies and the bubbies" and her willingness and understanding of the importance of giving and helping others.

By the numbers
Since the 1st June we have:

- meet with 288 case workers
- helped 616 families
- rehomed 154 prams
- given out 770 clothing bags
- and appointed one CEO!

We would like to thank you for your support and look forward to seeing you soon.

Cheers from all the mums at St Kilda Mums!

TPCC AFL, T20 Cricket and Soccer camps
23 to 26 September 2013 – special offer to St Marys Primary students

The Toorak Prahran Cricket Club is pleased to announce that it is running AFL, T20 Cricket and Soccer camps in September 2013. We are running community camp focused on skill development including fun games. This is a great opportunity to meet other kids in Stonnington as well as enjoy footy and cricket: Camp Registrations

To register a player to participate in the camp, please register through Trybookings – please click on the following link: http://www.trybooking.com/Embed.aspx?id=51987. - Payment is to be made by credit card (Visa/Mastercard).

When you register please enter “2001” in the promotional code when paying to reduce the daily payment to $20 ie a 50% discount.

The TPCC sporting camps are setup to make bookings by use of credit card - All bookings are through the Trybooking website. Please contact Jim Hallam (0414965442 or jendix@onthe.net.au) if you have queries regarding registration or if you do not have a credit card to make payment.
The Program

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<td>i) <strong>AFL footy camp</strong> Monday 23 September 9.30am to 12.30 – pickup by parents at 12.30pm Skills and fun games</td>
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<td>iv) <strong>Soccer</strong> Thursday 26 September 9.30am to 12.30 – pickup by parents at 12.30pm Girls and boys are split into groups of similar ages and abilities to maximise enjoyment – focus on skill development and match play.</td>
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The coaching staff for AFL and T20 cricket camps will be led by Steve Zayler (Prahran Junior Football Coach and TPCC junior cricket coordinator since 2008). Steve led our AFL and cricket camp program with over 400 children participating in the past 12 months. The coaching staff for soccer camp will be led by Abdelhadi Deroune (Junior Coordinator for South Yarra Soccer Club). Abdel led the TPCC soccer camp program in July this year. Abdel played professionally in Moroccan Premier League for over a decade, up until he left Morocco in 2010 to settle in Australia. Since then he has played in the Victorian Premier League, State League and has coached at numerous clubs, academies and schools around Melbourne.

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