NEWSLETTER
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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- **Tuesday 5th March**: Swimming Sports – Years 4 to 6
- **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 – Year 6 Leaders
- **Monday 18th March**: Palm Sunday Celebration 2:45pm
- **Friday 22nd March**: Holy Thursday Celebration 2:45pm
- **Monday 25th March**: Good Friday Celebration 12:30pm
- **Tuesday 26th March**: Whole School Photos
- **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:

Parent Information Meeting
Thank you to all the parents who attended the Parent Information meetings. The teachers found it valuable to have these meetings at the start of the year to help them gain more information on the students they teach.

Contemporary Learning in a Catholic School Project
On Wednesday 27th February the Learning and Teaching Team (Ruth Crispin, Gabrielle Berends, Paula Incretolli) with Claire O’Dowd (Religious Education), Ben Fahey (Information Communication Technology – ICT) and myself attended the first day of the Contemporary Learning in a Catholic School Project. Participating in this project will enable the school to develop greater understandings, knowledge and capacities to design curriculum and learning in a distinctively Catholic context. Throughout the year I will be keeping you informed of the importance of this project for the school.

One of the major quotes that we examined on Wednesday was: “The Gospel and person of Jesus Christ is the reference point and inspiration for every aspect of Catholic schooling. It’s a process that seeks to introduce the learner to “a spiritual horizon broad enough to encompass the most profound human values. Values found in the light of Jesus Christ who in his fullness, assumes all human values”. (Cf. Cardinal Poupard : Pontifical Council for Culture, May 2001)
Sun Smart Policy
Children are encouraged to apply broad spectrum SFP 15+ / 30+ sunscreen before coming to school and are encouraged to reapply prior to recess and lunch. The school provides, in each classroom an Ultra protect 30+ pump pack, which the children are encouraged to apply. If your child is allergic to this sunscreen, please inform your child’s teacher in writing.

Holt District Swimming Carnival
Due to the inclement weather last week the inter School Swimming Carnival was cancelled. Therefore on Tuesday 5th March, twenty six children in Years 4, 5 & 6 will be representing St Mary’s at the Holt District Swimming Carnival. These children have been preparing for this event under the guidance of Chris Kidman and Jenny Avon. We wish these children all the very best.

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. This afternoon we have members from Prahran Auskick talking to the children about the benefits of participating in Auskick.

Christian Brothers College (CBC) St Kilda
Congratulations to Jethro Olivar, a past student of St Mary’s, who has been elected Year 12 Prefect for CBC in 2013. We wish him all the very best in his important leadership position this year.

I hope you have an enjoyable week.
Gerard Lewis
Principal

ENROLMENTS FOR 2014
We are currently taking enrolments for next year. If you have a family member who is scheduled to start next year please come to the office and obtain an Enrolment Form or download it from our website, as places are filling up quickly and numbers are limited.

SCHOOL PHOTOS - Tuesday 26th March
Information will go home regarding the school photos tomorrow. We ask that the children wear their correct school SUMMER UNIFORM – no coloured ribbons or socks. Girls navy socks and boys grey socks are the uniform colour. Family portrait envelopes can be collected at the office.

EDUCATION IN FAITH
Thank you to all the parents and children who came along to the Year 3 Baptism Paraliturgy on Tuesday night. Don't forget to pay your Sacramental Levy to the office as soon as possible, we cannot send the stole information off unless we have your child's Baptism date. Claire O'Dowd (Religious Education Leader)

LIBRARY NEWS
What a wonderful commencement to 2013.
Premier's Reading Challenge
This commences now! The Reading Challenge requires children from Prep to Year 6 to read a set amount of books from the Challenge list. It is easy to achieve and fun to take part in. The participants receive a Certificate at the end of the Challenge. We need to get all notes in and children onto the Challenge as soon as possible. We have till August to read the required amount of books so we will have plenty of time. Please read the accompanying Reading Challenge note and send back to school if your child is participating. Anna Borella (Librarian)

PARENT & FRIENDS NEWS
Easter Egg Raffle
We are calling for your Easter egg donations to help us create as many prizes as possible for the raffle. Don't forget to send in your raffle tickets. The raffle will be drawn on Monday 25th March at 2pm.

The next Parent & Friends meeting
Thursday 14th March at 9am
All families are welcome to come along
STUDENT WELLBEING

Ride To School Day

Ride to School Day is 22nd March and we are encouraging all children to ride, scoot or walk. It is a lovely way to come to school. Port Philip Council is offering a one day free workshop for parents “Kids who ride go further” on Tuesday 12th March for anyone who may be interested. Please read the invitation below. Thank you.

Therese John (Student Wellbeing Leader)

FREE course for parents
Kids Who Ride Go Further

Suitable for parents with kids and young teens.
Date: Tuesday 12 March 2013, 9:45am to 2:45pm,
Venue: St Columba’s Primary in Elwood

A parent’s guide to child bike riding course to make your child happier and healthier. Increase your confidence and techniques to better teach your child bike riding skills. An hour has been allocated at end of this course to address road rules and safety when riding on the road with your teen.

Contact Jess Carejo by phone 9209 6274 or email
enviro@portphillip.vic.gov.au

Extend OSHC at St Mary’s - Primary School

FORTNIGHTLY Recap

Last week has been very busy, with shop-playing the most popular activity. Tom, Charlie, Matthew and Sebastien made an amazing outdoor shop in the shade of the big tree behind the play equipment. Your purchases were delivered by an ingenious pulley device! Lots of other fun including making our own mobile phones, the Ninja game and tennis rounded out a lovely week. I am sad to say goodbye to Jess who has been a wonderful assistant for the last 9 months. We all wish Jess well with her new career in Early Child Care. Hello and welcome to Rachael, we look forward to getting to know you better, you are most welcome at St. Mary’s OSHC!... - Debbie

OUR EXTEND SUPERSTAR IS...
Ginger C. & Matthew D. for being super wonderful new preps in our group!

THIS WEEK’S ACTIVITIES:

Monday 4th March: Cooking muesli bars  
Tuesday 5th March: Making super sunglasses
Wednesday 6th March: Painting  
Thursday 7th March: Making a mural (part 1)
Friday 8th March: Making a mural (part 2)  

ONLINE BOOKINGS: extend.com.au  CALL OUR OFFICE: 1300 366 437
Year 4 has been working on place value and addition this term. Here are some of the games and activities we have been doing.

We practiced our skip counting by competing in the round robin ‘Skip Counting Championship’. Mia and Trinity won the day, using the most counters and skip counting the most.

We practiced adding using different materials to show our working out. Depending on what we’re using changed the way we worked out the sum. Adding 3 digit numbers is hard!
R.E NEWS - Project Compassion 2013
Donations to Project Compassion allow Caritas Australia, the Catholic Agency for International Aid and Development, to work with local communities around the world to alleviate poverty, hunger, oppression and injustice. Donation boxes can be found on the prayer table in every classroom and in the entrance foyer. You can also donate online via the website at www.caritas.org.au

The story of Salma. Project Compassion, Week 3
Salma and her husband live in Gazipur in Bangladesh. When she was 18 years old, Salma discovered that she was expecting a baby. There are no hospitals or doctors near Salma’s village, so having a baby can be very dangerous. Thankfully, in this part of Gazipur, Caritas Australia funds the training of local women like Pronoti to help mums who are expecting babies. Salma heard about Pronoti and that babies born under her care were strong and healthy. Salma was feeling weak, so Pronoti checked her health and told her she needed to rest and to eat foods that were rich in iron, like meat, brown rice and nuts. Pronoti stayed with Salma when her baby was being born and gave her exercises to help her make the birth easier and safer. Salma called her lovely baby girl ‘Maya’. She is strong and healthy. Thanks to your support for Caritas Australia, Pronoti and other women like her help lots of mums and babies stay healthy.

The story of Vannak. Project Compassion, Week 4
Vannak lives in Cambodia. He is 17 years old and is in Year 9. He has one older brother and two younger sisters. Vannak is very good at sewing and at printing words and pictures onto t-shirts. He is also very good at gardening. When he was 15 years old Vannak stopped going to school. He went to work on a building site to help his family, as they were very poor and both his parents were ill. The work was very hard and he earned just three dollars a day. Then Vannak heard about a partner of Caritas Australia, called Youth for Peace, or YFP. YFP taught Vannak how to print designs onto cloth and how to make gifts out of fabric to sell. He enjoyed learning new things and he enjoyed the snack at break time! Vannak also learned how to grow a vegetable, called Morning Glory, for his family to eat and to sell at the market. Vannak became a team leader at the project. Now he teaches other young people how to print and sew and garden. This means Vannak can go to school again. He says: “Education is so valuable to me!”

Please put your compassion into action this Lent by supporting the Project Compassion 2013 appeal.
Diary
Morning Cuppa in Pottery Room Sundays after 9.00am Mass all welcome.
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.
Bernadette co-ordinates Communion Services for Central Park, Villa O’Neill & Bupa Nursing Homes.

Readings
Next Sunday 10 March Fourth Sunday Lent

Hymns
Entrance 1
Kyrie 2
Gospel Acclamation 3
Pres. of the Gifts 5
Eucharistic Acclamation 4
Amen/Lamb of God 7
Communion 8
Recessional 3

Yielding to others is a virtue that makes one holy. May our daily prayer and works of charity help us to let go of our own egos.

We will be using the Hymn Sheets – Please pick up a copy of the sheet & a Hymn Sheet and return the Hymn Sheet at Mass end.

Thanksgiving Read Feb 24 $ 811.55 Thankyou

We pray for those who died recently and for Felicia Dias, Babette Stevens and Gladys Lanangan whose anniversaries are at this time.
We pray for restored health to Faris Virani – 7 y.o.

Campion Vic 99 Studley Park Road Kew
It is our hope that you will find with us an environment of prayer and guidance that will help you appreciate God's presence in your life.
Fr Stephen Curtin SJ Provincial.
Ignatian Spirituality (1) Retreat (s) March – May – Led by Robert Paterson over 2 weekends + 7 weeks (Retreat in Daily Life - with a guide visit each week)
(2) Listening with the Heart - Grace of the Seasons
Weekend Fri 12 April 7.30 - Sun 14 3pm Enq Simone Boyd Program Manager 9526 8110
secretary@campton.com.au

I believe - Year of Faith Event A personal story of faith Thurs. 7 Mar, 7pm Sacred Heart Church
St Albans (Chrs Winifred and Arthur Sts)
Bishop Vincent Long OFMConv.
Accompanied by Vietnamese Choir – RSVP needed please Mon 4 Mar 9526 5781

Stewardship Corner “He said to the gardeners, ‘For three years now I have come in search of fruit on this fig tree but have found none.’”
(Luke 13:7) Are we like the barren fig tree? What does God find when He searches for the fruits which we have given back? …….. asks you what you have done with all the gifts He has given you?

3 March 2013

Australian Catholic Youth Festival, Melbourne 2013 Join Us! Information Sessions
7 March Two sessions 3-4pm or 7.30-9pm
Annaliese 9412 3326 please RSVP/Enq or annaliese.ros@cam.org.au

Voices of Wisdom Brigid’s Well (Rear 39
Stanhope St. Malv. - Fri 8 March 10.00am -12 noon
Incl Light lunch Suggested Donation $10 Presenter Phillip Moore WATER COOPERATION IN THE MURRAY DARLING

Daniel Mannix: His Legacy – A Conference at the State Library of Victoria Sat 16 March 2013
9am for 9.30 am – 4.30pm Keynote Speaker: Prof. Dermot Keogh MRIA Professor Emeritus of History Ireland. $100 Conc $70 9926 5677 Rachel.
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Third Sunday of Lent

First Reading
Exodus 3:1-8,13-15
Moses was looking after the flock of Jethro, his father-in-law, priest of Midian. He led his flock to the far side of the wilderness and came to Horeb, the mountain of God. There the angel of the Lord appeared to him in the shape of a flame of fire, coming from the middle of a bush. Moses looked; there was the bush blazing but it was not being burnt up. ‘I must go and look at this strange sight,’ Moses said ‘and see why the bush is not burnt.’ Now the Lord saw him go forward to look, and God called to him from the middle of the bush. ‘Moses, Moses!’ he said. ‘Here I am,’ he answered, ‘Come no nearer!’ he said. ‘Take off your shoes, for the place on which you stand is holy ground. I am the God of your father,’ he said, ‘the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac and the God of Jacob.’ At this Moses covered his face, afraid to look at God.

And the Lord said, ‘I have seen the miserable state of my people in Egypt. I have heard their appeal to be free of their slave-drivers. Yes, I am well aware of their sufferings. I mean to deliver them out of the hands of the Egyptians and bring them up out of that land to a land rich and broad, a land where milk and honey flow.’

Then Moses said to God, ‘I am to go, then, to the sons of Israel and say to them, “The God of your fathers has sent me to you.” But if they ask me what his name is, what am I to tell them?’ And God said to Moses, ‘I am who I am. This’ he added ‘is what you must say to the sons of Israel: “The Lord, the God of your fathers, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, has sent me to you.” This is my name for all time; by this name I shall be invoked for all generations to come.’

The word of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm
Ps 102:1-4, 6-8, 11

R. The Lord is kind and merciful.

1. My soul, give thanks to the Lord, all my being, bless his holy name. My soul gives thanks to the Lord and never forget all his blessings.

2. It is he who forgives all your guilt, who heals every one of your ills, who redeems your life from the grave, who crowns you with love and compassion.

3. The Lord does deeds of justice, gives judgement for all who are oppressed. He made known his ways to Moses and his deeds to Israel’s sons.

4. The Lord is compassion and love, slow to anger and rich in mercy.

For us the heavens are high above the earth so strong is his love for those who fear him.

Second Reading 1 Corinthians 10:1-6,10-12
I want to remind you how our fathers were all guided by a cloud above them and how they all passed through the sea. They were all baptised into Moses in this cloud and in this sea; all ate the same spiritual food and all drank the same spiritual drink, since they all drank from the spiritual rock that followed them as they went, and that rock was Christ. In spite of this, most of them failed to please God and their corpses littered the desert.

These things all happened as warnings for us, not to have the wicked lusts for forbidden things that they had. You must never complain: some of them did, and they were killed by the Destroyer. All this happened to them as a warning and it was written down to be a lesson for us who are living at the end of the age. The man who thinks he is safe must be careful that he does not fall.

The word of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation
Mt 4:17
No one lives on bread alone but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.

Repent, says the Lord;
the kingdom of heaven is at hand.
No one lives on bread alone but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.

Gospel
Some people arrived and told Jesus about the Galileans whose blood Pilate had mingled with that of their sacrifices. At this he said to them, ‘Do you suppose these Galileans who suffered like that were greater sinners than any other Galileans? They were not, I tell you. No; but unless you repent you will all perish as they did. Or those eighteen on whom the tower at Siloam fell and killed them? Do you suppose that they were more guilty than all the other people living in Jerusalem? They were not, I tell you. No; but unless you repent you will all perish as they did.’

He told this parable: ‘A man had a fig tree planted in his vineyard and he came looking for fruit on it but found none. He said to the man who looked after the vineyard, “Look here, for three years now I have been coming to look for fruit on this fig tree and finding none. Cut it down: why should it be taking up the ground?” “Sir,” the man replied “leave it one more year and give me time to dig round it and manure it: it may bear fruit next year; if not, then you can cut it down.”

The Gospel of the Lord.