NEWSLETTER
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Monday 3rd February, 2014

Principal: Gerard Lewis
Parish Priest: Fr Barry Moran
Admin Officer: Erica Nastopoulos
Officer Assistance: Robbie Bartlett & Dianne Pavlou

Teachers
Year PB: Gabrielle Berends
Year 1J: Therese John
Year 2C: Matt Callery
Year 3F: Ben Fahey
Year 4M: Maureen McDonald
Year 5T: Freda Tahtouh
Year 6M: Samantha Malin
Library: Anna Borella
Phys Ed (Junior): Chris Kidman
Support: Eleanor Colaneri (Years 3F & 2O)
Number Intervention: Anna Side
Library Tech: Dianne Pavlou
Reading Recovery: Paula Incretolli
Italian: Carmela Vozzo
Support: Jane Davy
Artist in Residence: Catherine LeHunt (Yr 3J & 4M)

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Tuesday 4th February: Camp Sovereign Hill – Years 5 & 6
Wednesday 5th February: Camp Sovereign Hill – Years 5 & 6
Thursday 6th February: Camp Sovereign Hill – Years 5 & 6
Friday 7th February: Swimming Program Begins for Years 3 – 6
Sunday 16th February: School Year Mass 5:30pm
Friday 21st February: Cake Stall Year 2
Thursday 27th February: Parent/Teacher Interviews 1:30pm onwards
Wednesday 5th March: Ash Wednesday
Monday 10th March: Labour Day Public Holiday
Monday 17th March: Catholic Education Week
Wednesday 19th March: Ride to School Day
Thursday 20th March: St Patrick's Day Mass 10:30am
Friday 21st March: Walk to School Day
Friday 28th March: Twilight Sports 4pm – 7pm
Friday 4th April: End of Term – Student's breakup at 1pm
                            After Care is available until 6pm, booking is essential
Friday 18th April: Good Friday
Saturday 19th April: Holy Saturday
Sunday 20th April: Easter Sunday
Monday 21st April: Easter Monday – Public Holiday

Term 2 commences
Tuesday 22nd April: School Begins 8:55am

From the Principal’s Desk:

Welcome to St Mary’s for 2014
I hope you all had a great holiday and are rested, ready to begin an exciting 2014. We have certainly had a great start to 2014. The Preps and the new children have settled in very well. As of Friday we now have 283 children attending St Mary’s.

New Staff
A big welcome to Samantha Malin (Year 6M), Stephanie Schultz (Year 4S), Brigitte O’Shea (Year 1O), Anna Side (Number Intervention), Matthew Ottobre (Senior Phys Ed) and Jane Davy (Teacher Support) who join the staff at St Mary’s this year. We hope that their time with us is an enjoyable and rewarding one.
Congratulations
Congratulations to Lisa Knowler who married Jonathan McCarthy on 28th December in Riverton New Zealand.

Sad News
Condolences are extended to Nigel Rodrigues (partner to Paula Incretolli) whose father George passed away last Friday. Our prayers and thoughts are extended to Nigel, Paula and their family at this sad time.

New Families
With the start of 2014 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 commenced at St Mary's last week:

Opening School Mass
The official opening Mass for the school year will be held on Sunday 16th February at the 5:30pm Parish Mass and will be organised by the Prep – Year 2 Classes. 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.

Individual Parent Information Meetings – 27th February for Years 1 – 6
Joint Prep Parent Information Meeting
This year we will continue with the Individual Parent Information Meetings with each teacher. It will be a great opportunity for you to meet the class teachers and talk about important information on your child/ren. There will be school on this day from 9:00am – 1:00pm. Please note that school will conclude at 1.00pm and the meetings will start at 1:30pm. I will negotiate with Extend to see whether After Care can commence earlier on that day for students who normally attend this program. A notice will be sent out next week where you will nominate your preferred time. The Prep Years will not have individual interviews. Instead they will have an information session on this evening. It will start at 7:30pm and conclude at 8:30pm.

Leadership at St Mary's
Congratulations to Lisa McCarthy who was appointed School Community Leader recently.
The following teachers are in positions of Leadership for 2014:

- Ben Fahey – Deputy Principal
- Ruth Crispin – Learning and Teaching
- Paula Incretolli – Literacy
- Therese John – Student Wellbeing
- Lisa McCarthy – School Community
- Claire O'Dowd – Education in Faith
- Freda Tahtouh – Mathematics.

Congratulations to the following students who were appointed to these areas at the end of last year:

**School Captains**
- Jeremy Truong and Gigi Maccagnini
- Max Willoughby-Gough and Isabella Desiderio

**Vice Captains**
- Athan Mallios and Stephen Regalo
- Yellow House – Kevin Kim and Charlie Brown
- Red House – Elizabeth Tran and James Xydias
- Blue House – Eva Hamilton and Themistocles Xydias

**Education in Faith Leaders**
- Georgia Stoupis, Izabella Pilsworth and Xavier Field

**Mathematics Leaders**
- Noa Rotstein and Jaime Minogue

**ICT Leaders**
- Fiona Akhourouva and Louis Timlock

**Performing Arts Leaders**
- Anastasia Barba and Lauren Oyston

**Visual Arts Leaders**
- Callista Nguyen and Emily Gordon

**Italian Leaders**
- Carla Ianchello and Ella Haywood

**Student Wellbeing Leaders**
- Macy O'Sullivan, Chloe Williams and Eleni Zapidou

**Sustainability Leaders**
- Valeriya Prochakov, Grace Clune, Solomon Deng and Lance Jones

**Community Leaders**
- Josh Cavallin, Bianca Crisostomos and Yangyang Zheng
Ruth Crispin, Samantha Malin and I are confident that these children will be fabulous leaders for our school.

School Assembly
The school assemblies will continue this year at 3.00pm each Monday afternoon. For Semester one, they will be held in the church. All parents are welcome to join us at the start of each week. At today's assembly the new students and teachers were welcomed into the community and were presented with an Indigenous plant which they will be able to remember their first week at St Mary’s. I hope that the new parents enjoy planting their new additions in the next few weeks.

Years 5 & 6 Camp
All children in Years 5 & 6 will be attending Sovereign Hill this week from Tuesday to Thursday. 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.

Twilight Sports Carnival
Our normal school athletics carnival which is held in the morning will this year be held late afternoon so that all members of our Parish school can attend. School will commence at 9.00am on this day and finish at 1:00pm. The children will be able to rest before they come back to school at 4.00pm. The athletics component will conclude at 7:00pm. You are welcome to bring a picnic for dinner and enjoy it from 7:00pm until 8:00pm. We hope that this change of time will allow more people to attend our important sports event. I will negotiate with Extend to see whether After Care can commence earlier on that day for students who normally attend this program.

Parents And Friends (P & F)
The Parents and Friends have undertaken a new structure for 2014. A new P&F Management Committee (P&F MC) was recommended at the last meeting of 2013. I welcome and thank Bernie Curtis, Magda Fay and George Dellas who have been appointed to the committee after their nominations were received late last year. They can be contacted on Bernie Curtis: Bernie@curtis.org.au, 0425 750 304 / George Dellas: george@in-focus.com.au 0404 882 569 / Magda Fay: Magda.Fay@uxcps.com.au, 0411 542 137.

The new Community Leader, Mrs Lisa McCarthy will be the point of contact for emails and questions for the P&F Committee. The email address to contact Lisa on is schoolcommunityleader@smstkildaeast.catholic.edu.au.

Thank you to the Class Representatives for their role last year and we are looking forward to nominations for this year.

Thank you to the Year 1 parents who organised morning tea for the new Prep parents.

Thank you to the P&F leaders (Geraldine Warrington, Naomi Haywood, Lucy Sparke and Kate Willoughby) for all their hard work last year. We also welcome our new treasurer Sharron Clarke to the P & F committee.

The P&F committee is open to all parents and friends of St Mary's primary school and this is reflected in the P&F Committee Mission Statement:

Encouraging and strengthening the school community and coordinating social and fund raising events for additional educational resources for our children.

I am grateful to the contributions of all parents, students, teachers and friends of St Mary's for last year’s P&F Committee fundraising activities which generated $15,000.00. These funds went to updating some of the wireless internet server and our first purchase of IPads. With the new structure we are looking at equalling and improving on this.

P&F COMMITTEE AGENDA

1. P&F Committee Fundraising Goals for 2014
   This year, the P&F Committee are aiming to raise $15,000 that will go towards:
   1. Purchasing hand held devices (for example iPads, tablets) for students
   2. Improving the school’s wireless network to accommodate the hand held devices
   3. Supporting the Year 6 graduation
   4. Contributing to the use of the parish hall

2. Nominations for being a Class Representative for your class in 2014
   Please consider nominating yourself for being a Class Rep for your child’s class.
   What’s involved with being a Class Representative?
   • being the main point of contact for your child’s class
   • co-ordinating social events for parents and children for the class
   • co-ordinating the fund raising events as outlined in the P&F calendar with the other class rep in that year
   • liaise with the P&F committee and other class representatives
• be involved with P&F committee meetings
• distribute communication to parents for the class regarding missing clothing or other relevant information
• maintain and distribute a contact list for your class

As there are two classes per year level, except for year 5, there will be two class reps for each year. Both class reps will be working together on the P&F calendar of events relevant to their year, the cake stalls and organising social activities associated with your year.

More details on the class representative role can be found at the school website shortly.

Should you wish to nominate yourself please contact the Community Leader, Lisa McCarthy, by email at schoolcommunityleader@smstkildaeast.catholic.edu.au by Friday 14th February 2014. Please include your name and your class.

3. P&F Calendar Of Events and Key Dates For Term 1:

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<td>A whole school event: Welcome Mass followed by a school family BYO picnic on the parish lawn</td>
<td>School</td>
<td>Mass: Sunday 16th Feb 5.30pm&lt;br&gt;School family picnic 6.30pm till 8.00pm</td>
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<td>Easter Egg Donations and Easter Raffle</td>
<td>Year 1 Class Reps</td>
<td>Tickets go on sale Tuesday 11th March 2014&lt;br&gt;Easter Egg Donations accepted from Tuesday 11th March 2014. Donations can be left in front office with Erica&lt;br&gt;Raffle Drawn on Friday 4th April at the end of Term assembly at 12:30pm</td>
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<td>Twilight Sports Carnival and School Family BYO Picnic</td>
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<td>Twilight Sports Carnival: Friday 28th March 2014: from 4pm to 7pm&lt;br&gt;Family Picnic: 7pm to 8pm</td>
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<td>Parent volunteers required for the various sports events. Forms will be sent home with your children as we get closer to the day.</td>
<td>Years 2 Class Reps</td>
<td>Friday 21st February at 3:30pm</td>
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<td>Cake Stall 1</td>
<td>Year 3 Class Reps</td>
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<td>Cake Stall 2</td>
<td>P&amp;F MC</td>
<td>Thursday 6th March 7:00pm</td>
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<td>P&amp;F MC</td>
<td>Friday 4th April 9:15am</td>
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A full Calendar of events will be published on the St Mary’s Primary School website.

4. P&F Committee Meetings:
The P&F Committee meetings are open to ALL parents, friends and teachers. The class representatives and the P&F Management Committee look forward to your participation at our first meeting for 2014 being Thursday 6th March at 7pm held in the Berchmans Centre kitchen.

I hope you have an enjoyable week.

Gerard Lewis
Principal

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
Lunch orders are available only on Mondays.

HEALTHY SCHOOL, HEALTHY MIND POLICY
It’s impossible to promise to be an allergy free school but our healthy food policy endeavour 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, please return the blue form as soon as possible.

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)
The form has been sent home via your child for the 1st instalment for this year. This form must be completed and returned no later than Friday 21st 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, 2014) are eligible for Education Maintenance Allowance.

RE NEWS - PRAYER
On Sunday 16th 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.

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. 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

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 in March for new helpers. Further information will follow. Paula Incretolli – Literacy Leader
SAFETY AND TRAFFIC
For the children’s safety, do not double park, reverse out of the flats driveway to let your child out. No U-turn is
allowed in front of the school crossing. 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 will commence on Thursday 28th February and new members are welcome. Student banking
will be processed on the last Thursday of each month with a minimum deposit of $10.00.

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

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<td>8:53 am</td>
<td>Music plays to assemble for start of school.</td>
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<td>School bell rings</td>
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<td>3:30 pm</td>
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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.

St Mary’s Cake Stall - Term 1
Hosted By: Year 2
When: Friday 21st February 2014
Time: 3.30pm
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.

Extend OSHC at St Mary’s - Primary School

Welcome back!
We hope you have had a fantastic summer holiday and are looking forward to what exciting possibilities 2014 holds. We can’t wait to see lots of familiar faces at Before & After School Care and to welcome lots of new faces as well. Please pop in and say Hi!

ENROL NOW & PAY LATER
NEW Enrolments must be received with 5 days notice
Great news! In order to make the enrolment process more convenient and affordable for new families, we have
decreased our annual enrolment fee from $30 to $20 per family. AND, you don't even need to pay this until you
first use the account! So if you enrol and never make a booking, then you never need to pay the enrolment fee. We therefore encourage ALL NEW FAMILIES to enrol with Extend so that the service is available to you if you need to use it later.

All active enrolments & permanent bookings roll-over each school year so you only need to enrol once! Just let
us know when you no longer require the service.

Please note all completed enrolments must be received with a minimum of 5 days notice before a booking is
required. For any enrolments that need to be processed with less than 5 days notice, an Express
Enrolment service is available at an additional charge. For further details please see our Terms and Conditions at extend.com.au.

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 driveway 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
## LUNCH ORDER MENU

*(Christian Brothers College - Tuckshop)*

**MONDAYS ONLY**

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Lunch orders should be written on a brown lunch bag with childs Name and Year Level

NO Brown Lunch Bags - NO Lunch