From the Principal’s Desk:

Confirmation

Last Sunday 27th July the Year 6 children celebrated the Sacrament of Confirmation with Bishop Elliott and Fr Moran. Thank you to Ruth Crispin and Samantha Malin for preparing the children so well; to Claire O’Dowd and Bernadette Milne who organised the Liturgy, Parent Meeting and logistics for the celebration. Well done to the children who sang in the choir. It really was a team effort.

Congratulations to the following children who made their Confirmation: Charlie Brown, Grace Clune, Isabella Desiderio, Xavier Field, Emily Gordon, Eva Hamilton, Ella Haywood, Gus Higgins, Carla Ianchello, Jaime Minogue, Eliza Motion, Callista Nguyen, Elizabeth Tran, Louis Timlock, Jeremy Truong, Chloe Williams and Max Willoughby-Gough.
School Uniform
On these cold mornings some children have been coming to school in jackets and head wear that does not form part of the colours of St Mary’s. Please note the following:

The children are allowed to wear a navy jacket and/or navy gloves and head wear (beanie). This forms part of the Winter School Uniform, but will be optional.

**GIRLS**
- Navy Tunic – T005 col 9009
- Skivvy (Sky)
- Navy School Jumper
- Navy tights or Navy knee-hi socks
- Black shoes

**BOYS**
- Grey Trousers
- Skivvy (Sky)
- Navy School Jumper
- Grey socks
- Black shoes

**OPTIONAL**
- Navy Jacket
- Navy gloves and/or head wear (beanie)

Any attire that is different to this does not form part of the uniform. A note must be given to the class teacher as to why the child/ren is not wearing the correct uniform and when this will be rectified.

2013 Annual Report to the School Community
The 2013 Annual Report to the School Community has been placed on the schools website for all parents to read.

State Cross Country Championship
Congratulations to Gigi Maccagnini who participated in the State Cross Championships Final. Gigi ran a fabulous race and finished seventh.

Pupil Free Day 15 August
On Friday 15th August at our staff in-service we will continue our emphasis on Faith Inquiry. A reminder that this day is a pupil free day.

I hope you have an enjoyable week.

*Gerard Lewis*
*Principal*

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**PUPIL FREE DAY**

**FRIDAY 15th AUGUST**

*No school for students*

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**SCHOOL CONCERT**

*Wednesday 17th September*

*Please note change of date*

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**SAD NEWS**

The St Mary's community were all very sad to hear of the passing of Gerard Lewis’ nephew Nicholas. We extend our sympathy to Gerard and his family.

**PREP 100 DAYS**

Congratulations to all the Prep students as they celebrated 100 Days at school last week. The children enjoyed all the fun activities.

**RETURNING IN 2015**

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. A form will be sent home this week and we ask that you complete the form to advise us if your child is returning in 2015 so that our planning is as accurate as possible.
**SCHOOL FEES**
A reminder that all school fees must be finalised by Wednesday 27th August, 2014. If you have any concerns please don't hesitate to contact Erica in the office.

**RE NEWS – SACRAMENTS AND PRAYER**
On Sunday 27th July, the Year 6 students received the Sacrament of Confirmation at the 10.30am Mass. Thank you to those staff, students and parents who came along to support these children as they took the next step in their faith journey.

This Wednesday, the 6th August, marks the Transfiguration of the Lord, where Jesus is transfigured on the mountain in the presence of Peter, James, and John. Every family has special moments that they remember and share. In sharing these stories, the meaning and importance of the events develops and deepens over time. This is how it was with the disciples’ remembrance of Jesus’ Transfiguration. The full significance of what they had seen and experienced could only be understood after Jesus’ Death and Resurrection. As Peter, James, and John reflected on the event and told other believers about the Transfiguration, their own faith deepened. Because Matthew, Mark, and Luke recorded the account of the Transfiguration in their writings, we too can deepen our faith in Jesus.

Gather as a family and think about some special memories that your family recalls over and over again. Talk about why these moments are important to you. Remember that in the Bible we find many important stories about Jesus. They have been recorded so that we too can learn about him and his teachings, so that we too can come to know and love Jesus, God’s beloved Son. Read Wednesday’s Gospel, Matthew 17:1–9. Discuss as a family how Jesus fulfills the promises that God made to Israel and how God glorified Jesus after the Resurrection. Talk about your family and the promises you have made to one another. Conclude by praying together the Lord’s Prayer so that as a family you continue to grow in faithfulness to one another and to your heavenly Father.

*Claire O’Dowd - RE Leader*

**CONCERT NEWS – Wednesday 17th September**
Our school concert is getting closer. The students are working very hard on their performances and can’t wait to show everyone all their hard work! Below is a list of costume requirements for each of the Year Levels. Please ensure you have completed the form that was sent home last week with your child’s clothing size and returned it to their classroom teacher. We are also looking for parent helpers to volunteer their time and talents, to assist with the preparation of the concert, especially with making costumes.

If you are available to help in any way with our concert, please talk to your child’s classroom teacher.

The items below need to be organised as soon as possible and sent to school labelled with your child’s name.

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| Year 2O | Girls: Plain Red T Shirt no logos  
Boys: Plain Blue T Shirt no logos  
If you have old T Shirts in those colours that are fine to be cut up they can be used too.  
If you have a pirate costume or accessories at home such as hats, patches, bandanas and hooks please bring that in too as you might be able to use some of your costume and accessories. |
| Year 2C | Boys: Plain blue jeans with no logos  
Girls: Plain coloured leggings; light blue, purple, lime green, yellow, fluorescent orange, fluorescent pink with no logos |
| Year 3 Boys | Different coloured skivvy or long sleeve T shirt, plain with no logos.  
Plain Baggy shorts with no logos: dark colours: brown, grey, black. |
| Year 3 Girls | Plain White shirt no logos |
| Year 4M | Girls: Plain coloured singlet with no logos, the colour of the singlet is to compliment the harem pants provided by the school, (the children know what colour harem pants they are wearing).  
Boys: Plain black T Shirt and Jeans |
| Year 4S | Girls: Plain black leggings no logos  
Boys: Plain black T Shirt and leggings |
| Year 5T | Girls: Plain black long T shirt and leggings  
Boys: Plain black shorts and long sleeved T Shirt |
| Year 6 Girls | Plain Black skivvies preferably or plain long sleeved T Shirt no logos  
Plain Black leggings  
Op Shop Flat Caps (not baseball caps) |
| Year 6 Boys | Plain black long sleeve T Shirt no logos |

*Ruth Crispin – Performing Arts Teacher*
LIBRARY NEWS
Premier’s Reading Challenge
The challenge ends at the end of the month. Many of the students are finished. We also have some students who need to complete it. You have 4 weeks to go so come and read at lunchtime in the library or read lots at home. You can do it!!! Come and see me if you are having any problems. I will be deleting those students who have not completed the challenge on the 31st August.

Happy Reading Anna Borella (Librarian)

STUDENT WELLBEING

Extend OSHC at St Mary’s Primary School

Our recap
We made stocking people last week, with some interesting outfits, hair and lots of sparkly stuff. When a set of finger puppets arrived, the children spontaneously decided to create a theatre, where we’ve had songs and some little plays. We’ll definitely keep the little ‘theatre’ - it’s a big hit. Congratulations to everyone that submitted a drawing to the Extend ‘cultural traditions’ competition. It was great to hear about so many different types of family feasts and celebrations. Our fingers are crossed for you all. - Sharn

Kids Club Art Competition! Win a Luna Park Family Pass!
Calling all Extend kids!
Enter now to be in the running to win a Luna Park Family Pass.
Theme: “My Cultural Tradition”
To enter: Create a piece of Artwork then visit our website at extend.com.au to upload and submit your entry. The top 5 winning entries selected in each year level category will be uploaded onto our website for online voting!
Don’t miss out! Enter today!
Entries close: Friday 8 August, 2014.
For further information and competition terms visit the Kids Club Competition page at extend.com.au

ONLINE BOOKINGS: extend.com.au
CALL OUR OFFICE: 1300 366 437
Parent & Friends Committee Update

P & F Mission Statement

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

Thank You to the Year 5 parents/guardians who hosted the first cake stall for term 3, inspite of the stormy weather! They started off the P&F events in great style baking an amazing array of yummy cakes and treats. Children (and parents) braved the weather, eagerly lining up not to miss out on their share.

The Year 5 Cake Stall raised $677.50

P&F Fundraising Goals

At the start of 2014 the following goals were established for the P&F Committee:

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

P & F Calendar of Events for Term 3: August 2014

P&F Committee Meeting: Thursday 7th August at 7.00pm at the Berchmans Centre. Come and join us at the fifth P&F Committee meeting for 2014. All parents and friends are welcome to attend these meetings. We look forward to seeing you there.

Year 5 P&F Fund Raising Event: ‘My School Raffle’

Last week your child would have received a ‘My School Raffle’ raffle book consisting of 10 tickets. Each ticket costs $2.00, with $1.50 of that ticket sale going directly towards the St Mary’s fund raising efforts and the remainder goes back to Scouts Victoria, the organiser of the raffle. The first prize is a new Toyota Prius C Hybrid valued at $29,002; with a variety of other great prizes, as organised by Scouts Victoria. All sold ticket butts, money collected and unsold tickets should be sent back to school in the envelope provided, and given to the teacher by Friday 29th August 2014 - the closing date for the raffle.

Keep an eye out for the posters which will be displayed at the school, listing all the raffle prize information.

P&F Fundraising Think Tank Workshop

Do you have great fundraising ideas that you would like to share with the rest of the P&F Committee? This augural St Mary’s Fundraising Think Tank Workshop is your opportunity to put new ideas forward and to drum up support for a new fundraising event for the 2015 calendar. On the night, the workshop will be run by a professional facilitator to assist us to develop our P&F vision and long term fundraising goals. Don’t miss out on this unique opportunity to make a difference.

The Fundraising Think Tank Workshop will be held on Wednesday 27th August at 7.00pm at the Berchman Centre. Please put this in your diary so you do not miss out. You can register your interest in participating by emailing George Dellas george@in-focus.com.au or Bernie Curtis bernie@curtis.org.au.

Footy Day Pie Day is coming up on Friday 29th August.

This event will be organised by the Prep parents / guardians to support the school’s Footy Day so please get behind the Prep Class Reps and their team as they prepare for their first major P&F fundraising event post their very successful Cake stall last term. Order forms will be coming soon so please keep a look out for your copy.

Father’s Day Breakfast: Mark your diary now for Friday 5th September 2014 at 7am. Keep an eye out for the Father’s Day breakfast order form that will come home with your children. Don’t miss out on enjoying the fun! It’s going to be a great morning with Year 4 parents organising the event this year.

2014 FUND RAISING GOAL $15,000

We reached our target ☺ The sky is our limit..... $16,355.85
GUITAR LESSONS AT ST MARYS PRIMARY
** MUSIC TUITION INCREASES CONFIDENCE, SELF ESTEEM AND HELPS TO IMPROVE SCHOOL SUBJECTS – MATHS, LITERACY, SCIENCE, READING ETC **

ST MARYS Primary School in association with Metro Music School is now offering GUITAR Lessons to students who are interested in learning an instrument at school every week. Lessons are held during school hours (30 mins/once per week) at suitable times. (Prep to Gr 6) Enquiries are welcome on 9460 4818 (Metro Music School). Discount Hiring and Purchase also available. Contact us for details or visit our online shop at www.metromusic.net.au. FROM $15.40 (inc GST) ENROLMENT forms can be obtained from the school office or contact Metro Music School direct on 9460 4818. You can also enrol online at the above web address.

TOORAK-PRAHRAN CRICKET CLUB
Toorak Prahran Cricket Club – registrations are now open for 2014/15 season

The Toorak Prahran Cricket Club (TPCC) is pleased to announce that it is accepting registrations for the 2014/15 season. Teams are finalised during September so please register early. We have cricket programs covering 5 to 60 year olds. Please follow the attached links to obtain more information on our club and register.

a) 2013/14 TPCC Annual report including the financial accounts of the club - TPCC annual report
b) TPCC Junior Registration (5 to 17 years) - TPCC junior registrations
c) TPCC Clothing store - TPCC clothing store

Cricket registrations and supply of club clothing have been setup to make bookings by use of credit card and through the Trybooking website. Orders made through the online clothing store will be filled in priority to those who what to just turn up to the club in season. We do not have paper registration forms. Please contact Jim Hallam if you have queries regarding the Trybooking registration process or if you do not have a credit card to make payment or access to the internet. Payment is to be made by credit card (Visa/Mastercard). You need to register each season (regardless whether you have previously played with TPCC before) to participate for the 2014/15 season. If you have any queries, please contact Jim Hallam on 0414965442 or jendix@onthe.net.au.

TOODLER TUCKER

This free information session will include information on:
- Mealtimes
- Fussy Eaters
- Healthy Food Choices
- Dental Care

Facilitator: Maude Ruegg, Dietician
Inner South Community Health Services

Date: Wednesday 27 August 2014
Time: 10 – 11.30am
Venue: Multipurpose Room
Bubup Nairrm Family and Children's Centre
99B Carlisle Street, St Kilda

Tea and Coffee facilities available

Bookings:
FY&CParentInfoSessions@portphillip.vic.gov.au or Ph: 9209 6250