NEWSLETTER
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Monday 13th October, 2014

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Year 2C: Matt Callery
Year 3F: Ben Fahey
Year 4M: Maureen McDonald
Year 5T: Freda Tahtouh
Year 6M: Samantha Malin
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Support: Eleanor Colaneri (Years 3F & 2O)
Number Intervention: Anna Side
Library Tech: Dianne Pavlou

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Tuesday 14th October: Book Swap Day
Tuesday 14th October: Eucharist Group 2 Meeting 6pm (Presbytery)
Wednesday 15th October: Book Swap Day
Thursday 16th October: 2015 Prep Orientation Morning (9:30am – 11am)
Thursday 16th October: Swimming Program Years Prep – 2
Friday 17th October: Swimming Program Years Prep – 2
Friday 17th October: Year 4 Excursion – CERES
Friday 17th October: Year 6 Excursion – IMAX & The Melbourne Museum
Sunday 19th October: Eucharist Mass Group 2 10:30am
Tuesday 21st October: Eucharist Group 3 Meeting 6pm (Presbytery)
Friday 24th October: Swimming Program Years Prep – 2
Friday 24th October: Cake Stall Year 1 Hosting
Sunday 26th October: Eucharist Mass Group 3 10:30am
Tuesday 28th October: Book Fair (Library)
Wednesday 29th October: Book Fair (Library)
Thursday 30th October: Book Fair (Library)
Thursday 30th October: Second 2015 Prep Orientation Afternoon (2pm – 3:15pm)
Thursday 30th October: Swimming Program Years Prep – 2
Friday 31st October: Swimming Program Years Prep – 2
Monday 3rd November: Pupil Free Day (Report Writing)
Tuesday 4th November: Melbourne Cup Public Holiday
Friday 7th November: Swimming Program Years Prep – 2
Friday 21st November: Cake Stall Year 4 Hosting
Friday 12th December: Pupil Free Day
Thursday 4th December: Carols on the lawn with CBC & PCW
Thursday 11th December: Carols & Disco (6pm – 9pm)
Monday 15th December: Year 6 Graduation Mass
Tuesday 16th December: Year 6 Graduation Dinner
Wednesday 17th December: Year 6 Celebration Day
Thursday 18th December: End of School Year - Student's breakup at 1pm

2015 Term 1 Commences
Thursday 29th January 2015 School Begins 8:55am
From the Principal’s Desk:

Welcome to Term 4, I hope you and your families had a restful and enjoyable holiday. We commence this important Term with vigour as we know it is a busy and exhausting three months ahead.

Welcome Laura Leung

We welcome Laura Leung to St Mary's. Laura is the new teacher for Prep M. She joins us for this Term from England, where she has been teaching for the last year and a half. Prior to her trip to England Laura taught at St Andrews in Clayton South. Laura brings with her great experience to the Prep room. I am sure you will wish her a big welcome to St Mary's. We hope that Laura's time here with us is an enjoyable one.

First Eucharist Sundays 12th, 19th and 26th October

Congratulations to Spencer Slaney, Fergus Willoughby Gough, Charlotte Bunn, Madeline Wilson, Jenson Varney, Gwendolyn Dewar, Mia Gordon, Anais O’Hara, Alex Morrison-Thyssen, Matthew Fitzgerald and Samantha Bautista who celebrated their First Eucharist on Sunday at the 10:30am Mass. Thank you to Ben Fahey and Bernadette Milne for all their organisation of the Mass on Sunday. Thank you also to Simon Raines for preparing the children and Claire O'Dowd for her support in organising the Eucharist program with Bernadette and Fr Moran for celebrating the Eucharist with the children. We wish Jasmine, Adele, Jack, Lulu, Ferris, Jaxon and Ali all the best as they make their First Eucharist on Sunday 19th October at 10:30am Mass.

Parish Thanksgiving Program

As part of the St Mary's Parish Thanksgiving Program, all families will receive a copy of the Parish Census Card, which I ask that you complete this week and return to the Office. This information is important as it gives information to the Parish of the details of the families within our school.

School Concert

Congratulations to all the children who participated in the School Concert at the end of Term 3. A very successful concert was viewed by more than five hundred people. Thank you to all the families who supported us on the night by attending the concert. Thank you to Ruth Crispin for all her outstanding work in preparing the concert and organising the children so well, to Robbie Bartlett who helped Ruth with the costumes, painting and scenery, the teachers for all their work and patience in preparing the children the many parents who assisted Robbie and Ruth with the costumes and Erica Nastopoulos for all her work behind the scenes. It was great to celebrate such an important and enjoyable night with our whole school community.

Prep Orientation

This Thursday we welcome our 2015 Preps to St Mary's from 9:30am – 11:00am. It will give the children the opportunity to meet their new teachers and classmates. The parents will have the opportunity to meet each other over morning tea in our new Parish Hall.

St Mary’s Parish Hall

In the next two weeks safety, asbestos and electrical inspections will be conducted in the Parish Hall. These three inspections will help determine the timeframe as to when the children can start using the hall.

I hope you have an enjoyable week.

Gerard Lewis
Principal

PUPIL FREE DAYS – Term 4
MONDAY 3rd NOVEMBER
&
FRIDAY 12th DECEMBER
No school for students
**SUMMER UNIFORM**

Summer Uniform is to be worn this Term. As we are a Sunsmart School – **HATS** are compulsory this Term. Only the school hat is to be worn. The Hat can be purchased at Primary School Wear in Cheltenham or online.

**SWIMMING PROGRAM**

Commenced last week for Years Prep, 1 and 2 for 10 lessons. They will be attending swimming lessons on a Thursday or Fridays at CBC.

**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**

In recent Gospel readings, Jesus was questioned by Jewish religious leaders about the source of his teaching authority. In an ideal household, family members know the rules and follow them consistently. Even the most conscientious among us, however, sometimes needs to be reminded of the rules and their importance. How we respond to such correction reveals our true character. It is an opportunity for us to consider how we respond to those who are God’s messengers today, calling us to correct our ways and return to the way of the Lord. As you gather as a family, talk about some of the most important rules of your household. Consider how consistently family members follow these rules. How are family members reminded when rules are not being followed? How do they respond? What are some of God’s rules that we must follow? How do we respond to God’s messengers today? Pray together as a family that you will heed God’s messengers and follow God’s ways. Pray together the Act of Contrition for the times when your family has not heeded God’s word.

**EUCHARIST**

Congratulations to Spencer, Fergus, Charlotte B, Madeleine, Jenson, Gwendolyn, Mia, Anais, Alex M-T and Matthew, who made their First Communion yesterday.

Please keep the children who are still preparing to receive their First Communion in your prayers. **We will celebrate as a Parish on Sunday 19th October and 26th October at 10.30am Mass.** It would be wonderful to see our community there to support our candidates.

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Claire O’Dowd - Religious Education Leader

**STUDENT WELLBEING**

Walktober-Australia’s Walking Month

It’s the ideal time to celebrate walking. October is that time of year when you feel a ‘spring’ in your step, the weather is warming up and it’s a great time to get outside. We want everyone to make an effort and walk to school. The children will keep a record of their walks through the month. Every day you walk, ride or scoot you will receive a tick next to your name.

**LIBRARY NEWS**

Library Classes

All classes will be participating in literature studies investigating various authors and texts. We will also be looking at Christmas stories later in the Term. Please remember library bags each week for borrowing. Books are to be returned after 7 days. They can be re-borrowed.

Book Swap

The book swap will be held this Tuesday 14th October and Wednesday 15th October. Please send in books and thank you to all those families who have sent in books, we should have lots to sell for the Indigenous School Community.

Book Fair

Our end of year Book Fair will take place in week 4, from Tuesday 28th to Thursday 30th October. I am sure there will be plenty of great books for all, so mark these dates in your diary. A note will be going out for volunteers, so if you can support us please fill in the note.

Happy Reading Anna Borella (Librarian)
Building deep relationships with kids

Building a strong relationship with their children is every parent’s dream. Here are some time-honoured ways of doing this ... if you can stick to them.

Every parent I know wants a great relationship with their children.

An effective way of promoting such relationships is through rituals and traditions. Rituals and traditions build close families.

For example, most strong families I know are underpinned by a strong food culture. In these families, every kid, no matter what their age, is expected to come to the meal table. Kids in these families are generally also expected to participate in other rituals and traditions.

This can require some parenting spine, but these rituals build wide relationships - that is, they gather the tribe together creating a wide relationship circle.

Individual parent-child relationships need to go deep. Deep relationships provide leverage. They also survive the potential storms of adolescence, during which relationships can become stormy and intense.

Certainly some ages are more amenable to positive relationship building than others. Developmentally, it's easiest to build deep relationships in the opportunity years of latency: five through to ten years of age.

The easiest way to build a deep relationship between yourself and each of your kids is to spend regular one-on-one time together.

- Go somewhere for a whole day with a child.
- Go away for a weekend with just one child. Do things you enjoy.
- If possible, go camping.

These shared experiences can have a magical impact on relationships. They can sometimes lead to vast improvements in children’s behaviour.

Another way to build deep relationships is to share an interest with a child. Having something in common, whether it's a shared love of sport, books or a hobby, creates an individual bond that goes deep. A shared interest also creates 'natural' opportunities for one-on-one time.

Make it happen

- One-on-one time needs to be organised.
- It generally won't happen by accident.
- It takes time. It takes energy. It takes a support mechanism to make it happen.
- Most of all it takes permission.
- But one-on-one time is so worth the effort.
- One-on-one time is the coat hook upon which each of your children will hang their memories of you.


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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.

Welcome back to school, term 4 and spring!
We hope you all had a good two weeks during the school holidays and are now into the swing of things again.

Community Event Invitation
You would have received the Community invitation from St Kilda Primary School to join them at the Astor Theatre along with Stonington Primary and St Kilda Park Primary School. This is an excellent community event opportunity not to miss out on, so please remember to buy your tickets by Wednesday 15th October 2014. We look forward to you joining us at the Astor cinema to watch the latest cinematic gem ‘Planes: Fire & Rescue’

WHEN: Saturday 18 October 2014
TIME: Arrive at 2.45pm to be seated. Movie screens at 3.45pm
WHERE: The famous Astor Theatre (corner Chapel St and Dandenong Rd)
Ticket Price: Tickets are only $10 with $5 per ticket sold being returned to the St Mary’s P & F fundraising fund.
Ticket Order forms: Return by the Wednesday 15th October 2014.

P & F Committee Funds New Sports Equipment For Our School
Following the fantastic fundraising efforts and support by parents/guardians and from our school community, we are pleased to inform you that the P & F Committee, with the approval from the principal Mr Lewis, will be using $1,000 from our funds raised to purchase new sports equipment for all children to play with during recess and lunch times. The new sporting equipment will be delivered sometime this Term. Without your ongoing support we would not be able to provide this extra equipment, so once again thank you to everyone who has contributed to the P & F Fundraising Events for 2014. We will post some photos of the children in action once the new equipment arrives.

School Wide Events Group (SWEG)
We have had three volunteers to date to form our new School Wide Events Group. There is still room for three more volunteers to form SWEG. This group will organise and coordinate next year’s P & F main social fundraising event. This year not only did we have a great time, we raised $7,000 for the P & F fund! We are looking forward to another great result in 2015, but in order to do this we need your help. If you have not yet considered it and would love the opportunity to be part of a fantastic team of people to assist our school community and children, please forward your expression of interest by this Friday 17th October 2014 to the P & F Management Committee (George Dellas george@in-focus.com.au or Bernie Curtis bernie@curtis.org.au).

P & F Calendar of Events for Term 4: October 2014
The Year 1 Cake Stall is organised for Friday 24th October at 3.00pm. Come and enjoy the yummy cakes, savouries and treats prepared by the Year 1 parents/guardians that will be available to purchase on the day.

Next P&F Committee Meeting
The 7th P&F Committee meeting for 2014 will be held on Thursday 17 November at 7pm at the Berchmans Centre. All parents and friends are welcome to attend these meetings. We look forward to seeing you there.

2014 FUND RAISING GOAL $15,000
The sky is our limit!!
$18,817.24
St Mary’s Parish  
208 Dandenong Road, East St Kilda
Reverend Barry Moran PP  
Bernadette Milne Pastoral Worker
Tel: 9510 7744  Fax 9510 5607
email: stmarys_estk@optusnet.com.au

Times of Services:
- Website: http://www.stmarysestk.org.au
  - 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
  - Opportunity to Adore the Lord in the Tabernacle daily

DIARY
Cuppa, following 9.00am Sunday Mass in Pottery Room. All welcome.
St Vincent De Paul Society  Second Tues. of the Month (October Ring Los 9510 2222 Venue and Time)

12 October, 2014

Wed. 15 October  St Teresa of Jesus
Fri. 17 October  St Ignatius of Antioch
Sat. 18 October  St Luke, Evangelist

Readings Next Sunday
29th Sunday in Ordinary Time Yr A
Isaiah 45:1, 4-8; 1 Thessalonians 1:1-5; Matthew 22:15-21

Hymns
- Entrance 3
- Gloria St Francis
- Presentation of the Gifts 7
- Holy Holy St Francis
- Eucharistic Acclaim When we eat...
- Great Amen St Francis
- Lamb of God St Francis
- Communion 1
- Recessional 5

Please take a copy of the Bell and a hymn sheet. Kindly return the hymn sheet at end of Mass.

We pray for those recently deceased and for David Brewster and Mario Plzano whose anniversaries are at this time.

Thanksgiving $334 Many thanks
Stewardship: "And my God will supply every need of yours..." Philippians 4:19
God really does provide for those that are grateful and generous. This is very difficult for people that don't live a stewardship lifestyle to believe...
suggestion try it, even for 1 month.

Columban Calendar for 2015 is now in stock - At $9.00 is very reasonable as planner or as a gift for family and friends.

The Jeweler's Shop  " Theatre Poetry and Music, all beautifully intertwined." Fri. 24 October 7.30pm
Kaleide Theatre, 360 Swanston Street
Melbourne RMIT University ARTES CRISTI with ACU 1300790250

Readers/Commentators

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Eucharistic Ministers

- 9.00am Maylene Clayton  
- 10.30am First Eucharist  
- 5.30pm Francis Loughran
- Welcoming Ministry
- 9.00am Laurie McGrath
- 10.30am First Eucharist
- 5.30pm Anthony Thumiger

First Eucharist being celebrated at 10.30am Mass, St Mary’s Parish today.

Prayers to be continued at request of those meeting at this time in Synod - with the focus on Family. — See Fridge Magnets/ Bookmarks at Exits

See Board - News Upcoming events
Jobs: smithm@mira.net and cam.org.au/ Jobs.aspx

Balnarring Weekend for Solo Catholics 17-19 Oct
Ph: Barbara 5995 8410

Various Seminars and Days training. — The Gift of Time Out $25 23 October Enq 9926 5761
The Archbishop’s Office for Evangelisation Getting it Rite – Advent 15th November, Christian Meditation: A Gift for Life 9th December.

Prevention of Family Violence – Leaflets CSS

2014 Southern sip Wednesday – Next Evening 22 October 7.30pm Pope Francis sheds Light amid darkness...Prof Joseph A Camilleri OAM
Book for 6pm Meal 9598 7255 Sandringham Hotel.
First Reading  Isaiah 25:6-10
On this mountain,
the Lord of hosts will prepare
for all people
a banquet of rich food, a banquet
of fine wines,
of food rich and juicy, of fine strained wines.
On this mountain he will remove
the mourning veil covering all peoples,
and the shroud enfolding all nations,
he will destroy Death for ever.
The Lord will wipe away
the tears from every cheek;
he will take away his people’s shame
everywhere on earth,
for the Lord has said so.
That day, it will be said: See, this is our God
in whom we hoped for salvation;
the Lord is the one in whom we hoped.
We exult and we rejoice
that he has saved us;
for the hand of the Lord
rests on this mountain.

The word of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm  Ps 22

R.  I shall live in the house of the Lord
all the days of my life.

1.  The Lord is my shepherd;
there is nothing I shall want.
Fresh and green are the pastures
where he gives me repose.
Near restful waters he leads me,
to revive my drooping spirit.

2.  He guides me along the right path;
he is true to his name.
If I should walk in the valley of darkness
no fear would I fear.
You are there with your crock and your staff;
with these you give me comfort.

3.  You have prepared a banquet for me
in the sight of my foes.
My head you have anointed with oil;
my cup is overflowing.

4.  Surely goodness and kindess shall follow me
all the days of my life.
In the Lord’s own house shall I dwell
for ever and ever.

Second Reading  Philippians 4:12-14, 19-20
I know how to be poor and I know how to be rich too.
I have been though my initiation and now I am ready
for anything anywhere: full stomach or empty stomach,
poverty or plenty. There is nothing I cannot
master with the help of the One who gives me
strength. All the same, it was good of you to share
with me in my hardships. In return my God will fulfil
all your needs, in Christ Jesus, as lavishly as only
God can. Glory to God, our Father, for ever and ever.
Amen.
The word of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation  Eph 1:17-18
Alleluia, alleluia!
May the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ
enlighten the eyes of our heart
that we might see how great is the hope
to which we are called.
Alleluia!

Gospel  Matthew 22:1-14
Jesus said to the chief priests and elders of the people: “The kingdom of heaven may be compared to
a king who gave a feast for his son’s wedding. He
sent his servants to call those who had been invited,
but they would not come. Next he sent some more
servants. “Tell those who have been invited” he said
“that I have my banquet all prepared, my oxen and
fattened cattle have been slaughtered, everything is
ready. Come to the wedding.” But they were not
interested: one went off to his farm, another to his
business, and the rest seized his servants, maltreated
them and killed them. The king was furious. He
despatched his troops, destroyed those murderers
and burnt their town. Then he said to his servants,
“The wedding is ready; but as those who were invited
proved to be unworthy, go to the crossroads in the
town and invite everyone you can find to the
wedding.” So these servants went out on to the roads
and collected together everyone they could find, bad
and good alike; and the wedding hall was filled with
guests.
When the king came in to look at the guests he
noticed one man who was not wearing a wedding
garment, and said to him, “How did you get in here,
my friend, without a wedding garment?” and the
man was silent. Then the king said to the attendants,
“Bind him hand and foot and throw him out into the
dark, where there will be weeping and grinding of
teeth.” For many are called, but few are chosen.
The Gospel of the Lord.
Welcome back to OSHC for Term 4 - how fast the year is going!

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

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

Toorak Prahran Cricket Club

A. Toorak Prahran Cricket Club – places available for TPCC Chemist Warehouse u/10s, milo cricket and T20 Blast – starts late October
TPCC is pleased to announce that there remain places available in the following programs:
1. Chemist Warehouse u/10s
2. Milo Cricket
3. T20 Blast.

There are also places available in some junior club sides (u/11s to u/17s). Please follow attached link to register:
TPCC cricket registrations

B. Kickstart Soccer

DEAR YOUNG SOCCEROOS AND PARENTS

KIDSKICK is offering your young stars of the future the opportunity to learn the various skills of SOCCER in a SAFE, structured, exciting and professional environment.

DINO MARNAKA has been conducting fun filled sports clinics for over 10 years in St. Kilda, Elwood & Brighton for boys and girls aged from 4 to 12.

Dino fosters a passion for the skills and the game. There is NO TRICKLING or rough play permitted. Instead the focus on skill development, in all age and ability levels, is nurtured. Respect for teamwork and the modified rules framework encourages fair play and self-confidence which builds courage and the opportunity to fulfill potential.

Each lesson has been specifically designed and streamed, through small groups, to develop players’ skills and understanding of the game.

Each session is led by qualified instructors and runs for 60 mins, comprising warm-up stretches, skills drills, concept games and a 15 minute game of soccer where EVERYONE gets a go.

The KIDSKICK program starts SATURDAY 18 OCTOBER @ 10.00am and runs over 8 Saturdays in TERM 4.
Venue: ST KILDA PRIMARY OVAL, Brighton Rd, ST KILDA.

TUITION FEE = $110 
DISCOUNTS APPLY

REGISTRATION & ENQUIRIES

Phone Dino: 0413172136 or email: macmarn@bigpond.net.au